CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Suspended Until Further Notice

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
Tuesdays During Lent
(Saint Christopher Church)
Suspended Until Further Notice
Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction • Perpetual Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal • Scriptural Rosary

THURSDAY PRAYER GROUP
Resumes after Easter 2020

FUNERALS
Once arrangements are made with a funeral home, we will help you plan the Mass of Christian Burial.

BAPTISM
By appointment; please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE
Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance of your intended wedding date.

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Saint Edmund Campion Parish
The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher

Our Lady of Peace Church
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Mass Schedule:
Sunday: 8:30 am
Monday: 8:00 am

Saint Christopher Church
538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, CT 06118
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 10:30 am
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00 am

Find Us on Facebook: Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford
PARISH SUPPORT
What We Collected (April 5): $ 5,940*

*Includes $1,637 received through our Online Giving program and $4,303 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish!
Thank you to those of you who are mailing in your offertory envelopes. Your continuing financial support of the parish is crucial for its ongoing operation and the obligations to employees, etc.

ONLINE GIVING
We welcome another new family who this past week opened an online giving account. Are you interested in supporting our parish through the convenience of Online Giving? You can make a one-time gift or you can sign up for recurring gifts. You may cancel at anytime without any penalty. If you’d like more information, please visit our secure Online Giving website at https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754. You can also contact the parish office for assistance.

SANCTUARY LAMP
The lamps beside the tabernacles in our churches remind us of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

крыт The light at the Our Lady of Peace Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Jim Arnold ~ 20th Anniversary
(Carmella)

крыт The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Joseph Chesery ~ 25th Anniversary
(Daughter Madeline & Sam Cassarino)

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

– Pope John Paul II
EASTER PRAYER
Dear Lord Jesus Christ, by Your radiant and magnificent resurrection, You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a conqueror. You reconciled Heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence, and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love!
— Saint Gregory the Great

Father John, Deacon Bill, Deacon Phil and the entire parish staff wish you a blessed Easter season. We look forward to the day when we can be together again in our beloved churches celebrating God our Father as the one family he calls us to be through Jesus Christ our brother and united by the Holy Spirit. May the hope of our Easter faith sustain us now and help us to recover fully. “Be not afraid,” says the Lord. “I am with you always, now and forever.” Amen!

SAINT EDMUND CAMPION SOCIAL CLUB
Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Social Club will not meet on April 20. As of this time, our next meeting will be held in May as scheduled. For more information about the Social Club, please contact Frank and Joan Perrone at 860-568-6229.

‡ IN MEMORIUM ‡
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of March.

Joseph Chitwood • Timothy Moynihan
Richard Riley

“If Christ is my life, then death is my gain.”
— Philippians 1:21

SAKRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Suspended Until Further Notice
Archbishop Blair has suspended the Sacrament of Reconciliation (hearing of confessions) in every parish in the archdiocese because of the virus and to protect the priest and penitent. This is likely to be the case world wide. Until further notice, this suspension will stay in effect. You are encouraged to make a sincere Act of Contrition, bringing to mind your sins, asking God for forgiveness, and trusting in God’s mercy. Those aware of serious sin should go to confession after the ban is lifted.

Act of Contrition
My God,
I am sorry for my sins
with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

MARIAN GARDEN
We are pleased to report that after we announced that production changes had been made to the Marian Garden, several brick orders have already been received and installed in the Garden. The turnaround time is quicker than ever! Bricks can be engraved to memorialize a loved one, honor someone special, commemorate an event (i.e., baptism, First Communion, graduation, anniversary) or you can even have your own name engraved on a brick. Donation levels begin at $50. If you’d like to learn more about ordering a brick, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240 or visit our website at stedmundcampionparish.org/mariangarden.php.
I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of our Food Bank. I am grateful to those who volunteer their time, those who make monetary donations and those who make food donations. We were able to supply food baskets for the Easter holiday to many families in need in our community. We could not have done this without your support, so thank you! If you would like to make a monetary donation you can do so by sending to the parish office a check payable to St. Edmund Campion Parish Food Bank. Non-perishable food donations can continue to be dropped off at Saint Christopher Church.

If you are in need of food assistance at this time, please contact the town’s Social Services Department at 860-291-7226 to sign up. We will receive notification from the town as to when we can expect you to come by the Food Bank to pick up your food. Our Food Bank is located at South Congregational Church at 1301 Forbes Street. If you have any questions, you can reach me at 860-202-8462.

– Diane Warner, Food Bank Coordinator
WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

SUN 4/12 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

MON 4/13 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

TUE 4/14 Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18


THR 4/16 Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48


OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2020

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Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our world wants us to believe that life is only what we make of it. Today, we realize how untrue that is. Life is ultimately about what God makes of it, and the resurrection of Jesus reveals this. Alleluia, Christ is risen! Who do you understand yourself to be? What we did yesterday, are doing today, and may do tomorrow pretty much determine how we perceive ourselves. We even perceive Jesus this way in limiting our vision of him to his earthly accomplishments. But, we know through today’s triumphant celebration that Christ is much more than his earthly legacy. The transfigured and resurrected Christ is the beginning, the end, and the fulfillment of all things and every person. All that Jesus did stands in second place to who we now know him to be. Do we realize that this will be our journey too? Christ is risen. Alleluia, alleluia!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020 | EASTER SUNDAY
READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

FIRST READING:
“He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.” (Acts 10:42)

PSALM:
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) or Alleluia

SECOND READING:
When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. (Col 3:4)

GOSPEL:
Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (Jn 20:8)

Alternate Second Reading: 1 Cor 5:6b-8

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REFLECT

FIRST READING
Peter’s speech about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus offers us a glimpse into the Church’s earliest kerygma (oral proclamation) about Jesus. How is Peter’s speech persuasive to you?

SECOND READING
Using the metaphors of yeast and unleavened bread, Paul viewed the death and resurrection of Jesus as bringing a new life of “sincerity and truth” to the community of believers. How does the celebration of Easter unite your faith community?

GOSPEL READING
Mary Magdalene is the first to realize that Jesus had risen from dead, and twice is told, “Do not be afraid.” What fears are alleviated in you knowing that Jesus rose from the dead?
What impact do my Baptismal vows have on my everyday life?

This Easter season, spend some time each week pondering the questions below to discern how your ordinary world might better reflect the Baptismal promises you renewed on Easter Sunday.

Week One: Do you renounce Satan?
Where does Satan work on your life and your heart? Where does temptation meet you? Food? Social media? Anger? What can you do to break the cycle and reject Satan’s hold?

Week Two: And all his works?
Satan’s work is to divide. Where in your life is division rampant? What issues do you approach in an all-or-nothing way, leading to judgment and acrimony? What can you do to bridge division when you encounter it in daily life?

Week Three: And all his empty show?
Which of Satan’s promises are hardest for you to resist? Comfort, power, admiration, prestige, luxury, self-righteousness? When do you find yourself unwilling to sacrifice those things in order to see God’s kingdom of justice made real on earth? What stands in the way of truly rejecting these empty promises?

Week Four: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?
If God made all things, then we must treat the created world with reverence. List three ways you can treat God’s creation with greater reverence and better stewardship.

Week Five: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead, and is seated at the right hand of the Father?
Because of Jesus’ incarnation, death, and resurrection, everyone on earth is invited to the heavenly banquet. What does this mean for your interactions with those on the margins of your ordinary life: philosophical/political opponents, those of other cultures or religions? How can you better honor them as bearers of God’s image?

Week Six: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
The Spirit moves every person in a unique way. Do you invite the Spirit to dwell in you, or are you afraid? Where in your life do you need the Spirit’s guidance, discernment, or healing?

Week Seven: Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?
Belief manifests in action. What gifts can you offer to the Church? What prevents you from giving of your time? What can you do to change that?

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Christ is Risen!” Even though we have to practice “social distancing” we are always spiritually close as members of the one Body of Christ. Baptism makes us a family in faith, and at Easter we joyfully proclaim the glorious news that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. In the midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Easter this year may be unlike any other, but the light of the resurrection remains undimmed, the cause of our joy undiminished, and the strength of our faith unbroken.

The world turns on the fundamental Easter truth that changes everything and that explains who we are and where we are headed: “Christ, yesterday, today and forever!” On Easter Sunday the Church exults in the joyful proclamation that He is truly risen from the dead. God gave His Son to be the sacrifice that takes away our sins, and has raised Him up as the victor over sin and death, so together we cry out: Alleluia!

In a world filled with uncertainty, doubts and darkness, where bitter division appears to be getting the best of us, where, out of indifference to faith and worship, so many people are faced with inner spiritual and moral destitution, we have a duty to proclaim from the housetops: “Christ is Risen.” He is the answer to the deepest longings of the human heart, and he never abandons us. He is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. As he told us: “No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Our mission is always to make the Gospel credible to others by loving God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for Him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

Along with you I look forward to the day when we can once again celebrate the Holy Eucharist and the other sacraments together. In the meantime, please be assured of my prayers with you and for you, especially for all those suffering grievously as a result of the pandemic. May the Risen Lord deliver us from all evil and bestow on us the peace and joy that only he can give.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford
The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal changes lives through service. In addition to assisting the underserved of our communities, your gift helps those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Your gift to the Appeal is an investment in the future of our Church and our faith. Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge to the 2020 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider a gift today. Please know that every dollar of your gift will have a positive impact in someone’s life.

https://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org/donations/

Your support will assist the Archdiocese of Hartford to continue its mission of service.
He is not here. He has risen!

Words taken from John 20:1-18 (NIV)

ACROSS
2. To shed tears
4. The opposite of alive
8. A heavenly being
9. The thing that covered the entrance to Jesus' tomb
10. The color that is the opposite of black
12. A person who takes care of plants and flowers
14. The name of the woman who discovered Jesus' empty tomb

DOWN
1. The male parent
3. Return to an upright position after lying down; to return from the dead
5. The opposite of late
6. A period of seven days
7. An adult female person
11. A place where someone is buried; another name for grave
13. The opposite of light

Words Used

early angels gardener rise
week white Mary dead
dark woman tomb
stone cry father
Easter Word Search

APOSTLES  CHURCH  CROSS
CROWN  FAITH  JESUS
LAMB  MARY  MIRACLE
PRAYER  REDEMPTION  REJOICE
RESURRECTION  RISEN  SAVIOR
SON  SUNDAY  SAVIOR

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I am the Resurrection and the Life