Saint Edmund Campion Parish

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

Our Lady of Peace Church
370 May Road
East Hartford, CT 06118
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

CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Suspended Until Further Notice

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(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
(Our Lady of Peace Church)
Suspended Until Further Notice

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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**PARISH SUPPORT**

What We Collected (May 3): $ 6,478*

*Includes $1,864 received through our Online Giving program and $4,614 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish! We appreciate those of you who are mailing in your offertory envelopes, dropping your envelopes off at the parish office or making your donations using our Online Giving program. Your continuing financial support of the parish is crucial for its ongoing operation and the obligations to employees, etc.

**ONLINE GIVING**

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. If you’d like more info, please visit our secure website at www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 10**

**10:00 a.m. Live from Saint Christopher Church**

Father John Presiding


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**SANCTUARY LAMP**

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

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

**FOR MOTHERS OF THE PARISH - LIVING & DECEASED**

† The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH CHITWOOD**

(Plot Parent & Wife, Jean Nowik & Joe Martocci)

Please call the parish office to schedule a Sanctuary Lamp dedication. Suggested offering is $15.
MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER
Thank you God for all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and those who have provided love, support, time and talents to each of us. We ask for your blessing on mothers living and not living and for mothers to be. We pray they always turn to you in times of joy and sorrow and that they continue to be a source of strength in leading us to you. May all mothers know your loving and gentle presence. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Father John, Deacon Bill, Deacon Phil and the entire parish staff wish all the mothers of our parish a Happy Mother’s Day!

THE WAY
Today we sense the apostles’ trepidation as they begin to realize that the Lord would soon be leaving them. In their fear, they ask, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” (John 14:5) Jesus tells that the he is the way. The Easter season has been a time of growing in Easter faith so that we, too, may learn to know that Jesus is the way.

‡ IN MEMORIUM ‡
Please pray for the following parishioners who passed on to eternal life during the month of April.
Joseph Beaulieu • Rita Romano
Margaret “Peggy” Shuckerow

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

HOMEFRONT UPDATE
HomeFront Day was supposed to be Saturday, May 2, 2020 but the coronavirus has made it necessary to reschedule this little miracle. The HomeFront organization is leaning towards a new date of September 12, 2020 and we will operate under the assumption that this will be the actual date unless something unexpected happens.

For those who are not familiar with the HomeFront project, it is a community outreach, a one-day repair blitz (7:00 am to about 4:00 pm) for a neighbor in need, where Saint Edmund Campion Parish will form a crew to perform necessary home repairs and the HomeFront organization provides the required materials. The typical HomeFront recipient is elderly, disabled or a single parent and their total household income must qualify as low-income within their community.

We have not been matched with our HomeFront recipient yet but we need begin to assemble our crew.

If you would be willing to assist, there are many ways to get involved. We will need skilled persons such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc., but we will also need folks who can do common homeowner tasks such as raking, painting, pulling weeds, mowing the lawn, cleaning, etc.

We can make a difference, but it won’t happen without you. Please say YES! For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house

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As a spiritual gift, these mothers – some of whom have gone on to their heavenly home and some of whom are still with us – will be remembered in the Masses that Father John celebrates this weekend.

Lee Aboumrad
Victoria Aillon
Elizabeth Arnold
Lillian G. Barry
Maria Beauler
Pauline Bertrand
Antoinette Boivin
Elsie Bosco
Sarah Boudreau
Eva Bragdon
Mary Bradley
Josephine Charon
Marie-Blanche Charron
Dorothy Cleaves
Anna M. Coppinger
Marlys Daugherty
Mrs. Madeline DelCanto
Mary Derohanian
Maureen Desrosiers
Clarrine Drouin
Mrs. Alma Dube
Helen Duffy
Ethel Fiaschetti

Frances Fronczek
Kristen Galica
Lillian Genga
Virginia Genga
Carmen Golas
Clara Konicki Golas
Alice M. Gosselin
Mae Grieco
Rachel Harden
Mary Harden
Carlee Harden
Amelia Hebert
Rose Jandreau
Lillian B. Jones
Rita C. Kelly
Jacqueline Kennedy
Krystyna Knap
Ruth Knotts
Agnes Labieniec
Gertrude Lariviere
Ann Livingstone
Jeannette Macchi
Mrs. Emily Manship

Emma Marcel
Mrs. Cecile Marquis
Mrs. Hortense Mason
Marie Morrow
Rita Murzyn
Diana Oliveira
Sarah Parent
Laura Paszek
Mrs. Anna Rice
Beatrice Rioux
Rita Romano
Mary Ann Santacroce
Mary B. Schultz
Louise Shea
Evangelina Sousa
Maria Sousa
Kim Spatz
Illean Stark
Anna Swaiko
Delina Thibodeau
Angela Trevison
Eva Brochu Tremblay
A SPIRITUAL LIFE IN A CONCRETE WORLD

Today’s readings describe the complexities of trying to live a spiritual life while still living in a world that demands concrete action. Acts tell us about disagreements beginning to emerge in the early Christian communities over divisions of labor. Some people are praying and preaching while others are feeding the hungry. In First Peter we are reminded that Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus was rejected yet is the very foundation for building the community, and yet he is also a stumbling block for those who do not follow the path laid out by his life and works. In John we hear again the contrast of the spiritual and the concrete, of houses with many rooms, of truth and life. Is it surprising that the apostles and we are sometimes confused about how to live the life Jesus intended for us?

FINDING REALITY IN FAITH

The readings today describe a faith community struggling with the realities of preaching, teaching, praying, and spreading the word of God while others are concerned about putting food on the table and a roof over their heads. In Acts decisions are made about a division of labor. Some will preach and others will ensure that the community is fed. In First Peter there is talk of spiritual houses, builders, and cornerstones, of faith and stumbling blocks. In John, Jesus begins to prepare the apostles for his departure. Jesus talks about his Father’s house but the apostles want concrete answers to their questions. They want to see the Father. They don’t know the way. Jesus’ response is both spiritual and concrete. His answer is both faith and works.

FINDING FAITH IN THE REAL WORLD

The tensions within the readings are tensions we feel every day between our faith and the world in which we live. We stumble over stones that litter the way, over lies that hide the truth, even over the reality of death. We want our faith to be solid, so we can test its permanence and reality. But faith is not concrete. Faith is a living thing, a leap into the unknown. Works are concrete. The works of the apostles are what sustained them even as they struggled with their own faith. We must feed the hungry and shelter the homeless even as we speak to ourselves and others of faith beyond brick and mortar. While we live in a world of harsh realities, we must remember there are realities beyond those we see but not beyond our belief. We know that the faith born of love for others and lived out in caring for the sick and sorrowful, the hungry and homeless, the poor and imprisoned is real.

TODAY’S READINGS

Acts 6:1–7
Psalm 33:1–2, 4–5, 18–19
1 Peter 2:4–9
John 14:1–12
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

**SUN 5/10**  
Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

**MON 5/11**  
Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

**TUE 5/12**  
Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

**WED 5/13**  
Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

**THR 5/14**  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**FRI 5/15**  
Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

**SAT 5/16**  
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-21

**SUN 5/17**  
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 [1]/1 Pt 3:15-18/ 
/Jn 14:15-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2020

Sunday:  5th Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day
Tuesday:  Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr
Wednesday:  Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday:  St. Matthias, Apostle
Friday:  St. Isidore
Saturday:  Armed Forces Day
Next Sunday:  6th Sunday of Easter

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week
What do you imagine the resurrected life of heaven to be like? When we try to get our minds around such an enormous concept, we can easily find ourselves at a loss. For some folks, the enormity of the question actually causes them to ignore the reality of heaven or even conclude that it does not exist. Jesus knew that the magnitude and grandeur of eternal life are really too much for us to grasp. He kept it simple and described it in terms of relationship. The disciples treasured their relationship with Jesus, and he assured them, “Where I am you also may be.” Ultimately, that was enough for them to know. They would be with him. Strengthen your relationship with God as He is the way, the truth, and the life. Is the assurance that you will be with Him enough for you as well?

“**My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God**”

-OUR LADY OF FATIMA

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments
Witness for Jesus

This journey of faith is not always easy. Sometimes the greatest wounds are those we suffer when family members and friends wander away from God and leave us behind. The faith they had when they were younger is now strained, or they see the daily walking with Jesus to be too difficult. For them, Jesus becomes what Peter wrote about when he described Jesus as the stone that causes people to stumble and the rock that makes them fall. Our journey is hard enough, but watching a loved one stumble and fall is heart-breaking.

What are we to do in such a situation? Most importantly, we pray. We must realize that God is more powerful than us, and even if we can’t make them see the truth, He can. Then we witness to the transformative power of Jesus by our own lives. We need to serve him in word and deed. We should let a joy of being a disciple enlighten our faces. Allow Jesus to work through us so that others may be drawn to him. Lastly, we must never lose hope. Many have walked long journeys alone only to find God far down the road. What will it take to bring someone to Christ? It might be an action, a word, or an emotion. We never know how certain people will be touched. That loved one is a gift from God in your life. Place them back in God’s hands, and let Him pick them up if they have stumbled and fallen.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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.

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