

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

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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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Mass Intentions for the Week

While our churches are closed for the public celebration of Mass, Father John is celebrating Mass alone each day for the intentions noted below.

Saturday, May 16

† **Adrienne Brumbaum**
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
(Sister, Omerine & Elmer Gendreau)

Sunday, May 17

† **Dinis Leonardo ~ 15th Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 17

† **Moises Roque, Jr. ~ 5th Anniversary**
(Mom, David, Jennifer, Willow & Evelyn)

Monday, May 18

† **Diane Olinatz ~ 7th Anniversary**
(Family)

Tuesday, May 19

† **Jose Maria & Evangelista Sousa**
(Family)

Wednesday, May 20

† **Dinis Leonardo** (Wife & Family)

Thursday, May 21

† **John C. McKeone ~ 6th Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

† **Mary Rogosky Verotsky ~ 23rd Anniversary**
and Charles George Verotsky
(Daughter Carolyn V. Kronen)

Saturday, May 23

† **Jack & Lucille Rogers** (James Morin)

Sunday, May 24

† **Edward Kelly ~ 30th Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, May 24

† **Joseph Leonardo** (Mom & Daughters)

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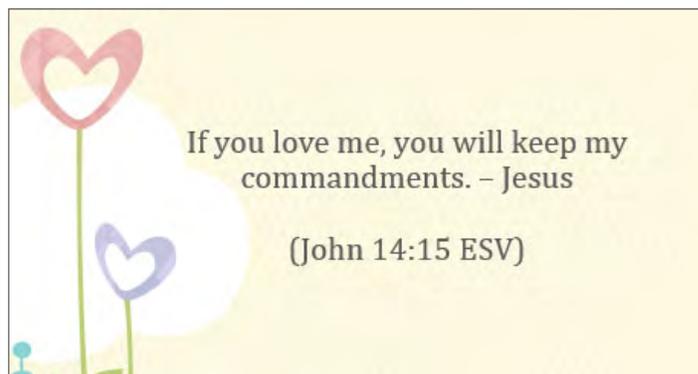
What We Collected (May 10): \$ 11,855*

*Includes \$1,269 received through our Online Giving program and \$10,586 from mail-in offerings which includes one family's biannual donation of \$7,257.

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.



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 All Victims of the Coronavirus

† The candle at the Saint Christopher Church burns this week

In Loving Memory of
Mrs. Sonya Wells
(Ernie & Antoinette Mintel)

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

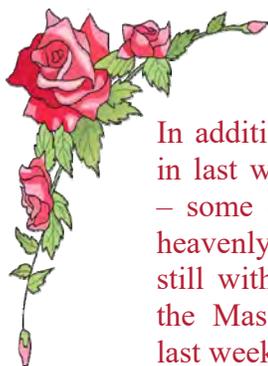
THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Last Sunday we aired the celebration of Mass on Facebook Live. Unfortunately, we experienced some technical glitches throughout the airing and the acoustical environment in the church made it difficult for some viewers to hear what was being said.

We are pleased to announce that this Sunday we will be uploading to our parish's Facebook page the celebration of Mass that we pre-taped this week in our parish's chapel. Please plan to join us at 10:00 a.m. this Sunday for the celebration of Mass!

**The Celebration of Mass
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday ~ May 17 ~ 10:00 a.m.
Pre-Taped in Our Parish's Chapel
Father John ~ Celebrant
Deacon Phil Gosselin ~ Homilist**

<https://www.facebook.com/Saint-Edmund-Campion-Parish-East-Hartford-481193219036731/>



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

In addition to the mothers who appeared in last weekend's bulletin, these mothers – some of whom have gone on to their heavenly home and some of whom are still with us – were also remembered in the Masses that Father John celebrated last weekend.

Elizabeth Arnold
Maria Claussen
Jean Collins
Letizia Della'Nave
Helen Raibeck Gioscio
Jeannette Macchi
Eileen Mahoney

Edith Mantie
Antoinette Minelli
Nadine Nixon
Josephine Pino
Dorothy Turmel
Maryanna Zocco

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.

St. Christopher Church Hall
**Friday ~ June 2, 2020
11:15 am - 4:45 pm**

To make an appointment
Call **1-800-Red Cross** or visit

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/
find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)





PRAY THE ROSARY

Recite the rosary daily during the month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. There is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more efficacious in asking for her intercession. Pope Francis is asking Catholics to make a special effort to pray the Rosary asking for Mary's intercession in stopping the coronavirus pandemic. The month of May is traditionally devoted to Mary and many Catholics already pray the Rosary during the month. Pope Francis has written a prayer to Mary that specifically references the pandemic, which can be recited at the end of the Rosary. (see below)

If you are seeking guidance on how to Pray the Rosary, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops offers this information on their website which can be accessed here: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/rosaries/how-to-pray-the-rosary.cfm>

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.
We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*



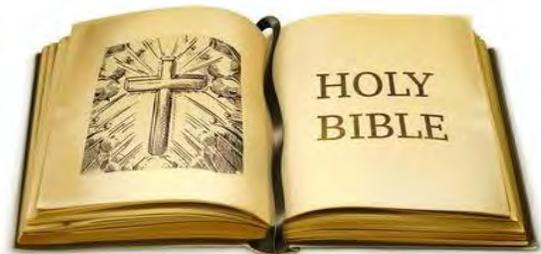
Christ Our Hope

“What is the reason for your hope?” Imagine somebody coming up to you and asking you that question. Not “What are you hoping for?” or “What are you hoping to do?” No, this isn’t about our desires for possessions or aspirations for life, it’s “Why do you hope?” Peter today tells us that we ought to be ready to give an answer to this question. Truth be told, few of us spend much time thinking about why we hope. Luckily, the scriptures today give us our answers. We hope because Christ suffered for us, in order that we might come to God. We hope because we know that, in the Spirit, God grants us another Advocate through Christ to remain with us always. No matter what we might hope for, whatever we might hope to do, we must always first know and proclaim the reason for our hope: the presence of God in Christ, with us through the power of the Spirit.

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a; or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17- 23; Mt 28:16-20





SIXTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY 17, 2020

A TIME OF TRANSITION, INSTABILITY, AND HOPE

Today's readings describe that period when the apostles are getting used to acting on their own. Acts describes the spreading of the word to Samaria, curing the sick, and their reception of the Holy Spirit. First Peter reminds us that our response to evil must be to do good and to speak of our hope with gentleness and reverence. The psalm is joyous with praise for God and a reminder of God's saving of those held captive in Egypt long, long ago. John talks not only about the Father and Jesus but also another Advocate, who will remain even when Jesus leaves. The readings also contain the promise of continued love and comfort. The readings today reflect a time of transition, instability, and hope, much like we are experiencing in these days of the pandemic.

WHEN YOU ARE MALIGNED

Each of the readings describes a time of transition and uncertainty. In Acts, the apostles are learning how to respond to those seeking to share in the joy of healing the sick and casting out unclean spirits. In First Peter, the new Christian community is reminded that they will be maligned. Their response to such suffering is shaped by Jesus' example of gentleness and reverence. The Gospel offers Jesus' words of consolation to those who are being left behind. All those who had lost Jesus once through crucifixion must prepare to lose him again. But this time they are promised that they will not be abandoned. They are left with the promise that Jesus' new commandments are the continuing guide to a life that, through death and resurrection, unites those who believe in Jesus, the Father, and the Spirit.

KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS

If keeping Jesus' commandments is the key to loving him, being loved by the Father, and accompanied by the Spirit, then what choice do we have but to keep his commandments? It seems simple, but unlike the commandments carried down the mountain by Moses, Jesus did not leave us with ten statements of conduct to guide our actions. Jesus left us with a much more complicated commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. This commandment requires that we first love ourselves as Jesus loved us. We must see in ourselves what Jesus saw in each one of us. Jesus saw that we too are made in the image and likeness of God and that we carry with us the fragility of our humanity. We must see that same Godliness and humanity in every person we encounter. It is not just ourselves we see in the face of our family, friends, acquaintances, and strangers. It is the face of God. We should act accordingly, especially during this pandemic.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me
you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

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.

Thank you for considering a contribution to the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

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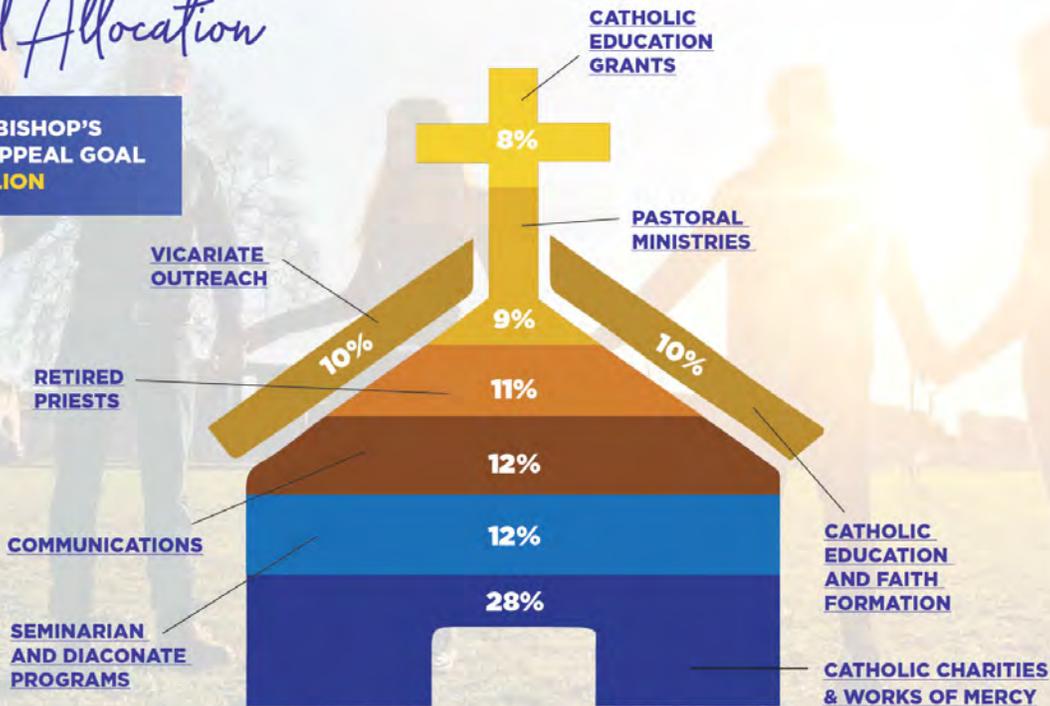
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