

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

No Masses are being celebrated
at Our Lady of Peace
at this time.

Saint Christopher Church

538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, CT 06118

Mass Schedule Beginning
June 8, 2020:
Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am

Visit us on the web: stedmundcampionparish.org

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CONFESSIONS

(Saint Christopher Church)

Resumes Saturday, June 13 @ 3 pm



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 30

✠ **Rev. Thomas W. Hickey**

Sunday, May 31

✠ **Reggie & Irene Sherwood**
(Family)

Sunday, May 31

✠ **Catherine Moran**
(Family)

Monday, June 1

✠ **Gloria Barbosa**
(Maria Milheiro)

Tuesday, June 2

✠ **Dinis Leonardo**
(Wife & Family)

Wednesday, June 3

✠ **Diane Olinatz**
(Family)

Thursday, June 4

✠ **Levi LeBlanc ~ 5th Anniversary**
(Wife & Daughters)

Saturday, June 6

✠ **Leona Pelletier ~ 2nd Anniversary**
(Family)

Sunday, June 7

✠ **Jean Riley ~ 2nd Anniversary**
and ✠ **Richard Riley**
(Family)

Sunday, June 7

✠ **Marcel Dulude ~ 12th Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (May 24): \$ 3,813*

*Includes \$1,349 received through our Online Giving program and \$2,464 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 <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1754>.

St. Christopher Church Hall

Tuesday ~ 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>



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
Marcel Dulude ~ 12th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. The suggested offering is \$15.

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday ~ May 31 ~ 10:00 a.m.
LIVE on Facebook
from our Parish's Chapel
Father John ~ Celebrant
Deacon Bill ~ Homilist

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2020 NJHS INDUCTEES**

The Saint Christopher School chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held its 2020 Induction Ceremony on May 26. Students who were inducted went through an application process during which a faculty council looked at their academics, service, leadership, citizenship and character. These students are truly the best of the best. Congratulations to the newest members of the National Junior Honor Society:

Urielle Afoakwa-Abrokwa	Daniel Mitchell
Renee Carras	Andrea Monteza
Delaney Kowal	Ava Rosa
Sebastian Mardales	

Happy 70th Anniversary

This Wednesday, June 3, our parishioners Anthony "Bud" and Elsie Wetmore will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary. Bud and Elsie's love for one another and their commitment to the sacrament of marriage is a shining example for all married couples. We join with their family and friends in offering our sincere congratulations, along with our prayers for God's blessing on them and their loved ones.

CHURCH TO REOPEN FOR DAILY MASS

The public celebration of **weekday** Masses only will resume on Monday, June 8. Until further notice, our weekday Mass will be celebrated Monday through Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in Saint Christopher Church. There will be no public celebration of weekend Masses at this time. We invite you to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for the celebration of Mass via Facebook Live.

If you'd like to view the Guidelines for Opening Churches for Public Worship in the Archdiocese of Hartford, please go here:

<http://stedmundcampionparish.org/GuidelinesforReopening.pdf>

To read an Important Notice for Parishioners about attending Mass, please go here:

<http://stedmundcampionparish.org/>

FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

It is with great joy that I have received word of the decree of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints approved by Pope Francis on May 26 regarding a miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God, Michael McGivney (1852-1890), a priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford and Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Having been born in Waterbury and having died in Thomaston, his whole life and ministry as a priest were devoted to the people of his home state of Connecticut, and as the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, his legacy of pastoral charity was destined to embrace our country and the world. We look forward to the joyful celebration of his beatification, so that venerating him as blessed in heaven, Fr. McGivney may, by his intercession, continue to accompany us on earth.

– Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

The Knights of Columbus have gone live with a new website to promote Fr. McGivney and to share news of the occasion. <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

MAGNIFICAT As the Church begins transitioning back to the celebration of public liturgies, there is concern about using worship aids that have been handled by others. Aware of these concerns, the Archdiocese of Hartford is eliminating printed missalettes from its pews. We encourage our parishioners to download digital editions or to carry a personal worship aid. One such aid is the MAGNIFICAT which is currently offering special \$5 subscriptions to enable the faithful to follow the liturgy with personal copies of either a printed or digital edition. Details are available at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

HOMEFRONT UPDATE

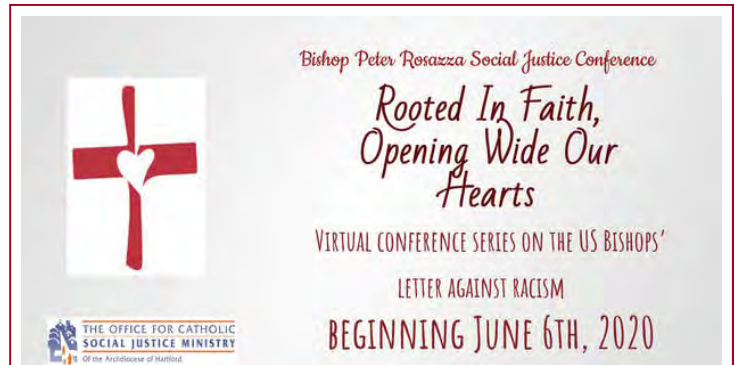
HomeFront Day was supposed to be Saturday, May 2, 2020 but the coronavirus has made it necessary to reschedule this little miracle. The HomeFront organization is leaning towards a new date of September 12, 2020 and we will operate under the assumption that this will be the actual date unless something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



The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford has been working as hard as ever this year to prepare for the annual Bishop Rosazza Social Justice Conference. This linchpin event of our office brings together those involved in social ministry from across our own archdiocese and beyond for formation, inspiration and connections.

As you know, concern about the coronavirus and the risk it poses for major gatherings has caused the cancellation of many events. With regret, we are cancelling our physical gathering in June out of concern for the health and well-being of our attendees and speakers in these uncertain times.

BUT - we have GOOD NEWS! Instead, we will launch a new ON-LINE experience on June 6, the original conference date, and attendance will be **FREE and open to all!**

Our theme, Open Wide Our Hearts, will be offered as a year-long “online conference” in response to the recent US Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Racism. The topic is too important, and too timely, to let it go.

We will begin on Saturday, June 6 with a 60-minute webinar featuring our scheduled keynote speaker, Alejandro Aguilera-Titus.

Registration is Free but is Required

You will be asked to provide an e-mail address so a link to sign on can be sent to you.

For more information and to register, please visit here:

<http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html>



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 1:

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7;
Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, June 2:

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18;
Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday, June 3:

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12;
Ps 123:1b-2;
Mk 12:18-27

Thursday, June 4:

2 Tm 2:8-15;
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Mk 12:28-34

Friday, June 5:

2 Tm 3:10-17;
Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6;
Mk 12:35-37

Saturday, June 6:

2 Tm 4:1-8;
Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22;
Mk 12:38-44

Sunday, June 7:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9;
Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13;



Pentecost

SUNDAY

MAY 31, 2020

THE SPIRIT MOVES US

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit was given by Jesus and received by the disciples. The readings from Acts and the Gospel of John offer accounts of that day while First Corinthians offers an analysis of the many gifts that resulted from the infusion of the Holy Spirit. The psalm and the sequence read today are filled with praise for the work of the Spirit. Today represents a culmination of all the difficult days that have gone before, the triumph of Holy Thursday, the death and despair of the Cross, the astonishing Resurrection, and the appearances of a familiar but transformed Jesus to his disciples. It represents the pivotal transition for the disciples from people of uncertainty and fear to people of commitment and action. The Spirit moves the disciples and moves us as well.

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

The apostles and all the believers in Jesus have been through a tumultuous time. They have experienced the heights of Holy Thursday and the depths of Good Friday, the uncertainties of Easter Sunday, and the multiple appearances of Jesus after his death and resurrection. They have not recognized Jesus, and when they have, they have demanded reassurance from him. Throughout most of this time they have stayed together. Acts describes them all in one place, together, when wind fills the house and tongues of fire rest on each of them. They then find themselves able to communicate with and be understood by those who had not understood them. Everyone recognizes this as a mighty act of God. John reminds us and the disciples that receiving the Spirit brings with it peace and the need for action. They receive the Spirit so they can be sent into the world to forgive sins.

ACTION IN THE SPIRIT

When our world has been turned upside down, when we are faced with uncertainties about what is real, when we are unsure about what lies ahead for us, when we don't know what we should do next, we do not want to be alone. Neither did the apostles and all those who loved Jesus. They wanted to be together when they needed to make sense of what was happening to them and what was going to be asked of them. There is safety in numbers but neither the apostles nor we can remain huddled together. The Spirit requires that we act. All the manifestations of the Spirit are given in order to benefit us and our world. The many different gifts given by the Spirit demand that we do many kinds of work, many forms of service. But we do not work alone. The Spirit is always with us.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

Jesus breathed on them and said to them,
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained."

John 20:22-23

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.

 **DONATE**

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

Your support will assist the Archdiocese of Hartford to continue its mission of service

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Amount Pledged = **\$7,098,027.04**

Gifts = **27,440**

% of \$10M Goal = **70.98%**

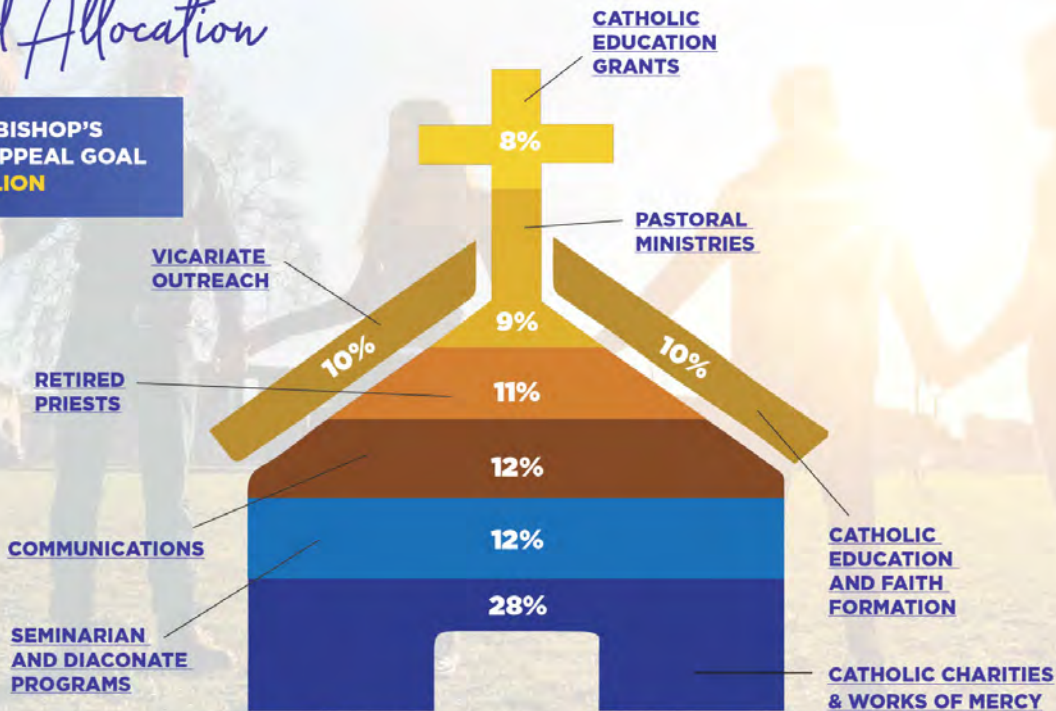
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Fund Allocation

THE ARCHBISHOP'S
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