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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Find Us on Facebook: Saint Edmund Campion Parish, East Hartford

CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Resumes Sat., June 13 @ 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Resumes Wed., June 10 @ 6:00 pm
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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The Most Holy Trinity ~ June 7, 2020

Mass 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, 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)

Monday, June 8
♀ Rev. David John Lewandowski

Tuesday, June 9
♀ José Andrade
(Tony & Maria Sousa)

Wednesday, June 10
♀ Daniel Cabral, Sr.
(Sister, Maria Leonardo)

Thursday, June 11
♀ Mark Tardiff & Debbie Fallacaro
(Family)

Saturday, June 13
♀ John Fournier ~ 2nd Anniversary
(Wife & Daughters)

Sunday, June 14
♀ Barbara DeRoehn
(Family)

Sunday, June 14
♀ Joseph Leonardo
(Mom & Daughters)

PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (May 31): $ 6,229*

*Includes $1,334 received through our Online Giving program and $4,895 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
Friday ~ July 10
9:00 am - 6:30 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

For All Cancer Survivors
(In Recognition of National Cancer Survivor’s Day ~ First Sunday in June)

Please contact the parish office to schedule a sanctuary lamp dedication. The suggested offering is $15.
THE CELEBRATION OF MASS
The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday ~ June 7 ~ 10:00 a.m.
LIVE on Facebook
from our Parish’s Chapel
Father John ~ Celebrant & Homilist

CHURCH TO REOPEN FOR DAILY MASS
The public celebration of weekday Masses only will resume this 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/ImportantNotice.pdf

If you plan to attend daily Mass at Saint Christopher Church beginning this Monday, June 8, please take a minute to read the things to keep in mind when you come to daily Mass found on page 6 of this bulletin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS
Resumes on June 10
Our weekly devotions will resume this Wednesday, June 10 in Saint Christopher Church. If you are looking for quiet time with Our Lord and prayers to our Blessed Mother, then join us for our Wednesday Devotions. At 6:00 pm the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration followed by benediction at 6:50 pm. It is then followed by Novena Prayers of the Miraculous Medal of Our Lady. This prayerful time concludes with recitation of the Scriptural Rosary in which passages from the Bible help us to meditate on the Mysteries of Our Lord according to the liturgical season: the Joyful Mysteries during the weeks of Advent and Christmas, the Sorrowful Mysteries during Lent, the Glorious Mysteries during the weeks of Easter, and the Luminous Mysteries during Ordinary Time.

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.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Due to the current restriction of social gatherings of more than five people, we will not be meeting during this month of June. The next time we are scheduled to meet is for our annual summer picnic on Monday, August 17. We expect to know in the coming weeks if we will be able to hold the picnic this year. For more information about the Adult Social Club, please call 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 May.

Carol Blain • Lauria Blais
Mary Camarco • Sharon Daddona
Barbara Sander • Jeanne Sylvestro

“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.

ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE

with Social Distancing

We will begin meeting again on Wednesday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. with proper social distancing and face masks. We will meet in the chapel at the Saint Christopher campus. (The chapel is located inside the school building – a.k.a. the Parish Center, 580 Brewer St.). We will continue with chapter 18 in the Acts of the Apostles at the next session. We begin with music to center ourselves and then we have opening prayer. We then read sections of our chosen scripture and discuss it. Sometimes our discussions are supplemented with audio or video commentary. We end with a closing prayer and return home with joyful hearts because we’ve encountered God’s truths in the scripture and strengthen our bonds with each other. Please join us! All are welcome! Our group typically meets every other Wednesday from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Bring your Bible! If you have any questions please contact Deacon Phil at 860-568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net or Steve Cadwallader at 860-568-5477.

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/

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life...the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them” (CCC 234). It is one of the mysteries of faith “that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God” (CCC 237, quoting Dei Filius 4). And once this mystery is revealed to us in God’s divine goodness, even though it seems an impenetrable paradox — one God in three Persons — we recognize that the reality of the Triune God is exactly what we need...what we were made for.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Members of the Faith,

Yesterday, Chief Mello (Milford, CT Police Department) issued a statement on behalf of the Connecticut Police Chief’s Association (CPCA), of which he is President, and Connecticut Police Officer Standards and Training Council (CPOST), of which he is Chairman. The East Hartford Police Department is a longtime member and participant with CPCA, and also subscribes and adheres to CPOST standards and policies. Although this statement has been shared by some local media, Chief Sansom, the entire Command Staff, and all of us at East Hartford Police wish to share it with you:

We have all seen the videos from Minneapolis, where a man has lost his life during an encounter with the police, as well as the aftermath of those actions.

These images are beyond disturbing and cast a stain over the law enforcement profession and the dedicated men and women who strive to protect and serve their communities with honor. As Law Enforcement Officers we recognize that the behavior in these videos reflect failures in police tactics, judgement and training.

Of equal concern is the lack of intervention by other officers on the scene. We are reminded that we are leaders in our communities, especially during a time of crisis. Our oath and our ethics require us to act whenever we are witnessing an unjust act, even by another police officer.

Unfortunately these actions in Minnesota erode the layers of trust, confidence and goodwill that so many police officers have built within their communities, especially those who lead agencies in fragile communities.

Every person deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, this is the foundation of our profession. Any violation of these core tenets is inexcusable.

“Every day, Every Incident Matters”

Please feel free to share. As progress continues to be made regarding COVID-19, we anticipate being able to meet again in-person soon, and it’s important that we do. In fact, just yesterday Governor Lamont announced a slight easing of social gathering restrictions, which is great news, as this will soon allow us to discuss this matter and ways we can continue to ensure our amazing community continues to move forward, together. We’ll be in touch with details on when/where we can meet. In the meantime, please stay well and stay safe. Yours,

– Lieutenant Joshua Litwin
Executive Officer - Office Of Chief of Police
East Hartford Police Department
May 30, 2020
Things to keep in mind when you come to daily Mass starting on June 8th:

- **WEAR A MASK!**
- Bring your own sanitizer if you can because they are hard to find now.
- Hand sanitizer will be placed in the center aisle in the back of the church.
- Please sit in the places designated on the pews so you can maintain social distancing. The places are marked by a white paper taped to the back of the pew. Members of a single household (husband/wife, parents/children) can sit together.
- Father John will be the only one in the sanctuary: no lector or server, and he will be the only one distributing communion.
- All missalettes have been removed to avoid contamination. You may bring your own worship aid but take it with you when you leave. Leave nothing behind!
- Communion will be distributed only in the center aisle. Communicants should stand single file only. After receiving, do not return to the center aisle but walk around to the side aisle and enter the pew from that aisle.
- When lining up single file, communicants should stand six feet apart at the lines marked on the floor.
- Pull down the mask to receive communion and then pull it up again.
- Communion should be received in the hand only. Those who insist on receiving on the tongue must be the last in line to avoid contaminating the ones who would come after them.
- Do not socialize before or after Mass in the church to maintain social distancing.
Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

SPEAKING OF THE TRINITY

The Holy Trinity is one of those mysteries that we will never understand, yet we still believe. A homiletics teacher once warned never to speak of the Trinity for more than ten minutes, or for sure you would get into heresy. Good advice. It is easy to talk in circles around this great mystery and never get close to understanding three Persons in One God. We are only one person each, and never one in being with another person. So how can we possibly understand this? We can’t. But we can contemplate the varied faces of Father, Spirit, and Son as they are presented to us in today’s scriptures, and give glory to God and believe.

GLORY AND PRAISE FOREVER

When Moses went up Mount Sinai, God revealed the divine Self to him by name. “The Lord, the Lord, a merciful and gracious God” (Exodus 34:6). In the Old Testament, we are accustomed to assuming that the “Lord God” indicates the Father only. But in the retrospect with which we look at these readings, we can see that the title is inclusive of the three persons of the Trinity. Never has there been any separation of the three persons in one God, and although there may be mention of only one person, it is understood that all three persons are present. Jesus taught many times that he and the Father are one, and that the Holy Spirit would come upon us and remind us of all things. We believe in God, creator of all that is, the Son, redeemer of our human lives and giver of eternal life, and the Holy Spirit, inspiration of the prophets and lover of all humanity; holy Wisdom, inspiring in us the understanding of all things holy.

GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

When we hear in the oft-quoted text in John 3:16 that “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life,” we begin to see how language that expresses the sending of the Son fails to express the unity of the Holy Trinity. This failure of human language in the presence of the mystery of the Trinity is what makes it so hard to explain and comprehend.

So how can we respond when we see a reference to “God”? We can strive to remember that God is three persons, not just one as we are, but one in being. Our best response is praise to the Holy Trinity. “Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, to God who is, who was, and who is to come.” And we can bless each other when we pray with Saint Paul, “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you” (2 Corinthians 13:13).

TODAY’S READINGS

Exodus 34:4b–6, 8–9
Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55
2 Corinthians 13:11–13
John 3:16–18
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/

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