CONFESSIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
Saturday ~ 3:00 pm

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONS
(Saint Christopher Church)
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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PARISH SUPPORT

What We Collected (June 7): $5,070*

*Includes $964 received through our Online Giving program and $4,106 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.

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

In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Sullivan Family (Marion Sullivan)

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

*While our churches remain closed for the public celebration of weekend Mass, Father John is celebrating this Mass alone for the scheduled intention.
AUCTION ITEMS AVAILABLE
Since our parish school is unable to hold an auction this year, they have available for purchase items that had already been donated. Items available for purchase at a good price include toys, books, wine and many kitchen items. All proceeds benefit Saint Christopher School. Please call the school to arrange a time to stop by to look at these items. 860-568-4100.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS
We are always most grateful when families request that donations be made to Saint Edmund Campion Parish in memory of their loved ones. The family of Barbara Sander was kind enough to do this and $205 has already been donated to Saint Edmund Campion Parish in Barbara’s memory. May God bless them for their generosity and we pray that Barbara’s soul, by the mercy of God, rests in peace.

WEDNESDAY EVENING DEVOTIONS
Our Wednesday Evening Devotions have resumed and are held 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.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB
Due to the current restriction of social gatherings of more than ten 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.

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF MASS
The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
Sunday ~ June 14 ~ 10:00 a.m.
LIVE on Facebook from our Parish’s Chapel
Father John ~ Celebrant & Homilist

THE Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 14, 2020

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.
On behalf of the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Catholic Social Ministry, the Conference would like to encourage you to join the second webinar addressing racism on Saturday, July 11.

The purpose of these webinars is to help us view the issue of racism from a Catholic perspective. This year long series of webinars is based on the U.S. Bishops’ pastoral letter against racism issued on November 14, 2018. (This letter can be read by going here: http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf.) The exploration of the Bishop’s letter, through this webinar series, is very timely considering the current events facing our nation.

Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop Peter Rosazza, from the Archdiocese of Hartford, gave the closing prayer at the end of the first webinar on June 6. We encourage you to use this prayer in your daily prayer life and reflect on its message concerning racism.

**Bishop Peter’s Prayer**
Can be found on page 6 of this bulletin.

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**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.

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**TRUST IN JESUS**

Today’s feast celebrates another central mystery of our faith — the mystery of the Eucharist. Like the mystery of the Trinity, the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist can never be fully understood, but can only be believed. Just as the Israelites in the desert were invited to put their trust in God’s word to them, we are invited to trust wholly in the word of Jesus. In today’s Gospel Jesus promises to give us a share in his very own flesh and blood, and a share in eternal life besides. We are called to take him at his word and open our hearts to receive true nourishment and life from our participation in the Eucharist.
Congratulations to the Class of 2020! This final graduating class of Saint Christopher School held a parking lot graduation ceremony on Friday evening, June 5. The following academic awards were distributed. Mathematics: Marylyn Afoakwa-Abrokwa; Science: Anjolie Truong; Literature: Phillip Truong; Language Arts: Alyssa Cook; Religion: Gianna McKeone; History: Peter Melnikov; World Language: Anjolie Truong. The Saint Christopher Award which celebrates an outstanding, well-developed character was awarded to Victoria Brito. The Rev. Henry J. Murphy Scholarship which is awarded annually to the student with the highest grade point average was awarded to Anjolie Truong. We are so proud of this wonderful group of young men and women and wish them the very best in high school.


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Daily readings can be easily accessed on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ website by going here: [http://usccb.org/bible/readings/](http://usccb.org/bible/readings/)  Another easy way to access the daily readings is to download the free Laudate App* from the Apple App store or Google Play.

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CLOSING PRAYER FOR 1ST VIRTUAL SESSION
A Pray to Open our Hearts and Minds to the Reality of Racism
Saturday, June 6, 2020
By Bishop Peter Rosazza

Lord Jesus, we thank you for working though our Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry to address the pressing problem in our society of racism and its disastrous effects both on those who operate from this nefarious perspective and especially those who for too long have suffered under its yoke.

Your Father created all our sisters and brothers in his image and likeness. Unfortunately, we have caused one another great harm by operating without the power and guidance of your Holy Spirit. This always produces disastrous results.

Our faith in you, however, brings us hope because your love poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit impels us to treat one another as true brothers and sisters including struggles for justice for those who suffer under the yoke of racism.

As the bedrock of our efforts we need from you the gift of humility so we can see how we have hurt one another both as individuals and through racist structures. Though most have been eliminated, there are even today attempts to exclude persons of color from exercising their right to vote and to make it uncomfortable for them in some social settings.

Racism is also at the heart of the fear afflicting black people and other people of color of being singled out by law enforcement officials and, as we have sadly experienced, being arrested or even killed. We pray for the day when a black man need not fear for his life when being pulled over for a routine traffic stop. We pray for the day when a Hispanic woman need not fear being stopped and questioned about her legal status.

In this context, we as Catholics must acknowledge the many times we have failed to live as Christ taught and for this we express deep sorrow. We ask forgiveness from all who have been harmed by these sins committed in the past or present.

Finally, we believe that, with the power of your Holy Spirit, good will overcome evil, truth will overcome falsehood and light will overcome darkness. And we ask the intercession of Our Blessed Mother to obtain from her Divine Son the grace we need to overcome the evil of racism and to build a society worthy of the great dignity of every woman and every man.

Amen.
HOW TO REPORT AN INCIDENT OF SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD

If you have knowledge or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult (an adult with an intellectual disability) has been sexually abused, in any manner, by personnel of the Archdiocese of Hartford, you are urged to report this information to:

Kathleen D. Nowosadko
Victim Assistance Coordinator
860-541-6475
kathleen.nowosadko@aohct.org

In addition, you will be asked to follow up in writing with a detailed description of the facts involved in the incident. Specifics of this written report can be found in the Policies and Procedures of the Archdiocese of Hartford Relating to Allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults. This document is also available online at www.archdioceseofhartford.org. The Archdiocese of Hartford will report any and all incidents to the proper civil authorities.

Mandated reporters in the State of Connecticut are required by law to report any incident of sexual abuse involving a minor or vulnerable adult. We encourage any Non-Mandated persons to report such incidents to the proper authorities as well. We support your right to do so.

Incidents involving sexual abuse of minors (persons under the age of 18) should be reported to:
State Department of Children and Families Care-line
1-800-842-2288

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 18 – 59 should be reported to the:
Connecticut Department of Developmental Services – AID Division for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities
1-844-878-8923

Incidents involving sexual abuse of vulnerable adults aged 60 and over should be reported to:
Department of Social Services for the Elderly
1-888-385-4225

Once a written report of an incident of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult has been received, an investigation will be undertaken by, or on behalf of, the Archdiocese of Hartford.
Statement by the Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Regarding the Killing of George Floyd  

June 1, 2020

The tragic killing of George Floyd has inflicted yet another deep wound not only on his family and local community but on our entire nation. I pray for the repose of his soul and for those scarred by his death. What happened was senseless and brutal and only underscores once again the crying need for racial justice, equality, and the acceptance of every person as possessing equal rights and dignity under God, and under the law.

The United States Bishops have reflected long and hard over many years on the reality of racism in America, most recently in Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, a Pastoral Letter Against Racism. More than just a letter, it gave rise to many listening sessions in cities around the country, including one attended by members of the Archdiocese of Hartford. The goal was to provide critical insight into how we might better respond to the realities of racism in our country.

This coming Saturday, June 6, our Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Social Justice Ministry begins its yearlong online conference entitled “Rooted In Faith, Opening Wide Our Hearts.” The goal is to provide perspectives for addressing the sin of racism and the urgent need for our nation to address it.

The reform of society and its institutions has to begin with individuals who are motivated to do what is right and who are prepared to work with others in a common cause for what is right and just. As the bishops point out, if we say we believe in God, that we love God, then we need to obey God by loving our neighbor, whatever his or her race, ethnicity or religion. And we cannot be silent or inactive when the dignity and rights of others are threatened.

In what may sometimes seem like an unending uphill battle, we can take inspiration from these powerful words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. This is why right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil triumphant.”

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair  
Archbishop of Hartford
LIVING, LIFE-GIVING BREAD

The unifying motif of this year’s readings for today is God’s gift of living, life-giving Bread. Prefigured in the manna, which not only nourished individuals but defined Israel as a community under God’s special care, Jesus, the living bread, bestows on us—individually and as a community—eternal life that, in John’s perspective, begins here and is fulfilled hereafter. This “already/not yet” theme is alluded to by the Communion invitation’s reference to Revelation’s vision of the kingdom-feast: “Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb” (Revelation 19:9) once slain who lives forever. For Saint Paul, the eucharistic bread and cup are both sign of what the community is called to be and source of the community’s strength to live that ideal.

FLESH AND BLOOD

Today’s Gospel verses, John 6:51–58 are a “eucharistic version” of the previous verses, 6:35–50, in which Jesus asserts, “Whoever believes has eternal life” (6:47). Now Jesus replaces “believes” with “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (6:54). This parallelism is mirrored in the complementarity of the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the intimate relationship between ambo (lectern) and altar, “the table of God’s Word and the table of Christ’s Body.”

But today’s Gospel presents a further parallel, the complementarity of flesh and blood. By using “flesh,” a word he sometimes uses to denote the whole of human nature rather than “body,” John seems to suggest that, in receiving Christ’s Body in the Eucharist, we disciples are to assimilate the whole of Jesus’ humanity, his own radically self-sacrificing-onto-death lifestyle as our distinctive manner of being human. Moreover, the very reason the law forbade partaking of sacrificial blood is precisely why Jesus says we must drink his blood, “for the blood is life” (Deuteronomy 12:23). By partaking of Christ’s Blood in the Eucharist, we “have eternal life” here and now; that is to say, we live by Christ’s victory over death in this life, a victory that will be made permanent when Jesus raises us up on the last day (6:54).

WE ARE ONE

As we partake of this gift, we become one with Christ in reality. But there is more. We also become one with each other. As we all partake of the mystery, we are united in flesh and spirit—in the Holy Spirit—with each other as well. As Paul says, “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf” (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Today we celebrate this wonderful gift. Even though we do not fully understand it, we believe and accept it with joy. We are one with Christ and one with each other. We too become the Body of Christ in the world.
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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