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 21): $ 6,180*

*Includes $589 received through our Online Giving program and $5,591 from mail-in offerings, includes one family’s offering of $1,875.

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 Antonio Freitas
(Jean Nowik & Joe Martocci)

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.
**THE CELEBRATION OF MASS**

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday ~ June 28 ~ 10:00 a.m.  
LIVE on Facebook  
from Our Lady of Peace Church  
Father John ~ Celebrant & Homilist  


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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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**Our Churches are Reopening for Weekend Mass**  
Beginning July 4 and 5

For more information about the celebration of weekend Mass and to view the weekend schedule we will follow until further notice, please go here:  

[http://stedmundcampionparish.org/weekendmassnotes.pdf](http://stedmundcampionparish.org/weekendmassnotes.pdf)

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**FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCES**

In addition to the fathers who appeared in last weekend’s bulletin, these fathers – 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.

Donald Bates  
Amadeu Marques  
Louis Grilli  
Richard Marques  
William Kennedy  
Frank Perrone  
Patrick Mahoney, Sr.  
Albert E. Raibeck  
Patrick J. Mahoney  
Eric S. Raibeck
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 Wednesday, July 8.

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 US 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 5 of this bulletin.

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness.” “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

To read more about the webinar series and to register please go here:
http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/open-wide-our-hearts.html

Registration is Free

### 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/ Another easy way to access the daily readings is to download the free Laudate App* from the Apple App store or Google Play.

**Monday - June 29**
Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:2-9; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday - June 30**
Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Psalm 5:4b-8; Matthew 8:23-27

**Wednesday - July 1**
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24; Psalm 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday - July 2**
Amos 7:10-17; Psalm 19:8-11; Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday - July 3**
Ephesians 2:19-22; Psalm 117:1bc, 2; John 20:24-29

**Saturday - July 4**
Amos 9:11-15; Psalm 85:9ab, 10-14; Matthew 9:14-17

**Sunday - July 5**
Zechariah 9:9-10; Psalm 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30
ADULT BIBLE ADVENTURE with Social Distancing

We will begin meeting again on Wednesday, July 1 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 finish up chapter 19 in the Acts of the Apostles at this 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.

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ June 28, 2020

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 through 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, 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.
GRACE AND HOPE

Which should we do? Turn our backs on our loved ones, or offer hospitality to all who come to us as Christ? Today we are told to do both, and yet there is no inherent contradiction here. Following Christ might mean that we need to be aware both that Christ comes first in our lives, and that losing our life for Christ’s sake means to find it. We also are reminded that when we were baptized, we died with Christ, to sin and to the pull of the world, and live with him in a new life. No contradiction, no necessary confusion. Just grace and hope.

DYING AND RISING

The words of Saint Paul hit us smack in the face: “Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” (Romans 6:3). This epistle is one of the choices to be read at Catholic funerals. It generally comes as something of a shock to the listeners. But the reading goes on to offer great comfort to us as Christians. “[w]e have died with Christ . . . we shall also live with him . . . raised from the dead, [Christ] dies no more . . . [Christ] lives for God . . . you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.”

HOSPITALITY

One of the ways we live in God is to extend God’s hospitality to all. As an old Irish rune says, “Often goes the Christ in the stranger’s guise.”

The woman of Shunem offered hospitality to the prophet Elisha in the form of dinner and a place to stay. He rewarded her hospitality with the promise of a son. Christ explains to us just what hospitality means: “Whoever receives you receives me” and shall not lack for a reward. As theologian Paul Wadell teaches, when we offer hospitality, we not only offer food and drink, or a place to stay, or other kindness, we offer ourselves; we offer our attention to a stranger’s story, wherein we learn another person’s perspective, and in doing so we listen to God’s story.

In warning us that “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me . . .” and also, “Whoever finds [their] life will lose it, and whoever loses [their] life for my sake will find it” Jesus proposes that we cultivate detachment from things that we now consider primary in our lives. Christ loves us and wants us to put him first before other commitments or desires. Our hospitality to strangers puts Christ before ourselves in just this way.

TODAY’S READINGS

2 Kings 4:8–11, 14–16a
Psalm 89:2–3, 16–19
Romans 6:3–4, 8–11
Matthew 10:37–42
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/

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

Follow Our Progress
Amount Pledged = $7,763,835.33
Gifts = 30,320
% of $10M Goal = 77.64%
as of June 19, 2020

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Thank you to our generous donors!

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THE ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL GOAL IS $10 MILLION

All funds contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.