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 24-26): $2,604*

*Includes $720 received through our Online Giving program and $1,884 from mail-in offerings.

Thank you for your support of our parish! We appreciate those of you who during the time our church was closed for weekend Masses mailed in your offertory envelopes, dropped your envelopes off at the parish office or made your donations using our Online Giving program. Your continued financial support of the parish was crucial for its ongoing operation and its many obligations.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Per the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese, collections will not be taken up during Mass in the usual way. Rather, you are asked to deposit your envelopes in the baskets placed at each aisle as you come in to the church. Ushers will then take the baskets to a secure place.

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.

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 a Safe and Enjoyable Summer for All Parish Families

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

to the Celebration of Weekend Mass!

The maximum number of persons allowed is 100 per Mass.

* At Saint Christopher’s, the church can hold 50 socially distanced person. The hall will be opened to hold 50 more.

* At Our Lady of Peace, the church can hold 50 socially distanced persons. Since there is no hall, two Sunday Masses will be scheduled at Our Lady of Peace.

Until further notice, the weekend Mass schedule will be as follows:

- **Our Lady of Peace Church**
  - Sunday: 7:30 am & 9:00 am
- **Saint Christopher Church**
  - Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
  - Sunday: 10:30 am

- **WEAR A MASK**
- Use your own hand sanitizer or use the one at the entrance to the church.
- Please sit in the places designated on the pews to maintain social distancing. The places are marked by a paper attached to the back of the pew. Those who live in the same house can sit together (i.e. husbands and wives, parents and children)
- All missalettes have been removed to avoid spreading possible viral contamination. You may bring your own worship book but take it with you. Leave nothing behind!
- Communion will be distributed only in the center aisle. Communicants should stand single file only, six feet apart (marked on floor). After receiving, do not return to the center aisle but walk around to the side aisle and enter the pew from that aisle.
- **At Our Lady of Peace only**: At communion, if you are coming from a pew closest to the windows,

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- after you leave the pew, turn to the back of the church and line up at the back to come down the center aisle, maintaining social distancing at all times.
- When the host is placed in your hand, step to the side, pull down the mask under your chin, receive the host and then pull up the mask.
- 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 come after them.
- Collections will not be taken in the usual way. As you walk in, please drop your envelope in the basket placed at each aisle. Ushers will then take the baskets to a secure place.

**IMPORTANT:**

- If you are a part of the population that is especially vulnerable to contracting the coronavirus, such as the elderly or those with underlying health conditions, you are strongly encouraged not to attend public Masses at this time but to follow carefully all precautions. This applies especially to those who go to the 4 o’clock Vigil Mass at Saint Christopher’s.
- The archbishop has dispensed anyone from attending public Mass who is part of the high-risk population or those who are concerned in any way about contracting the coronavirus.
- Those who care for anyone who is vulnerable are also strongly encouraged not to attend public Masses.

*Blessed Lord*

*we pray today for our nation...*

Give our country peace; let us live in joy
Give our country wisdom; let us live in faith
Bless everyone who celebrates today
A nation with generosity of spirit
And grace of purpose: Amen.
SAINT CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
MONTHLY COLLECTION
In the current envelope set there are two school collection envelopes – one dated July 12 and the other dated August 9. Although the school closed its doors permanently on June 30, there are still expenses associated with maintaining the building and grounds and the parish has been providing the school with subsidies to help cover their operating expenses. Furthermore, when it was announced that the school would be closing, Father John made a generous offer to the parents of the school children. To help soften the impact of the school closing, he suggested to Archbishop Blair that parents be given the chance to continue the Catholic education of their children by allowing them to enroll, for one year, in another Catholic school in the area at a tuition rate equal to the one our School Board settled on for the next school year and that the parish would make up the difference. To our delight and gratitude, Archbishop Blair agreed to this arrangement for parents who choose it. So, it is for these reasons noted above that we will continue to take up a monthly collection for the foreseeable future. We appreciate your support!

Archdiocese of Hartford
CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL
Now with distance learning options!
The Catholic Biblical School (CBS) invites adults to encounter Jesus in Sacred Scripture from the perspective of Catholic faith. On-site “hub” classes begin in Derby, Hamden and Bloomfield just after Labor Day. “Satellite” classes for simultaneous hybrid learning will be set up to accommodate geographically distant students. Visit this website to check out their brief promotional video:

https://catholicdaohct.org/prospective-students
You may also contact BJ Daly Horell at catholic.biblical.school@aohtc.org. Now enrolling new students through August 31, 2020. Need not be Catholic to enroll.

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.

2020 COOPERATIVE MISSION APPEAL
July 18 and 19
In light of the current Covid-19 pandemic and the fact that our friends in missionary communities are unable to travel during this crisis, we will NOT have “in-person” mission appeals in the Archdiocese this year. Instead, it was decided that every parish in the Archdiocese would take up a second collection on the weekend of July 18-19 for the Mission Cooperative Appeal.

Through this collection, our parish will be supporting the African missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers of the Sacred Heart are religious educators who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries. Your contributions will especially benefit young men who are preparing to enter religious life and needy students in the African countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Please be generous with your prayers and financial support for the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.

Donation envelopes can be found at the church entrances for those who wish to use an envelope.

St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday ~ July 10 ~ 9:00 am - 6:30 pm
To make an appointment visit
https://www.redcrossblood.org
SOCIAL JUSTICE WEBINAR SERIES
On behalf of the Archdiocese of Hartford Office of Catholic Social Ministry the Conference would like to encourage you to join a webinar addressing racism this **Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 p.m.** This webinar is the second in a series of webinars that will be presented as part of a year-long series to help us view the issue of racism from a Catholic perspective and 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](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.

To learn more about the webinar series and to register, please go here:


Registration if FREE, but you must register in order to be able to access the webinar through a special link that will be provided to you via e-mail.

“But racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts.” – “Open Wide Our Hearts - An Enduring Call to Love” U.S. Bishops Pastoral Letter November, 2018

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11:30)

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He asks is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

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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