


Schedule of Christmas Masses & Confessions



Saint Christopher Campus (SC)
538 Brewer Street
East Hartford, Connecticut

Our Lady of Peace Campus (OLOP)
370 May Road
East Hartford, Connecticut

Christmas Vigils ~ Monday ~ December 24

4:00 pm (SC) & 10:00 pm (SC)

Our Chancel Choir will present a Prelude Program beginning at 9:40 pm

Christmas Day Masses ~ Tuesday ~ December 25

9:00 am (OLOP) & 10:30 am (SC)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ December 30

Vigil Mass (Dec. 29): 4:00 pm (SC)
Sunday Masses (Dec. 30): 7:30 am & 10:30 am (SC)
9:00 am (OLOP)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ January 1

A Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass (Dec. 31): 5:30 pm (SC) • Holy Day (Jan. 1): 8:00 am (SC)

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 6

Vigil Mass (Jan. 5): 4:00 pm (SC)
Sunday Masses (Jan. 6): 7:30 am & 10:30 am (SC)
9:00 am (OLOP)

The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 13

Vigil Mass (Jan. 12): 4:00 pm (SC)
Sunday Masses (Jan. 13): 7:30 am & 10:30 am (SC)
9:00 am (OLOP)

Confessions Before Christmas

Saint Christopher Campus

Wednesday, December 19: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 22: 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm
Monday, December 24: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Saint Edmund Campion Parish

*The merged parishes of Blessed Sacrament,
Our Lady of Peace and Saint Christopher*



My dear friends,

As we get closer to celebrating Christmas this year, our thoughts often turn back to celebrations of the past, usually those from childhood. For me that means memories of traditions rooted in my Polish heritage.

In my family, Christmas began with the supper meal on Christmas Eve. First we would share with family members and guests the “oplatek,” a Christmas wafer. After breaking off a piece, we would wish each other God’s blessings. Then we would sit down and enjoy a delicious meal of mushroom borsch, pierogies, rye bread, and fish.

After the meal we would gather around the tree to open presents because our house was one of Santa’s early stops. The next morning we would go to church for the celebration of Mass and then begin visits to the homes of relatives and friends where we would enjoy more meals and plenty of laughter.

One of the greatest gifts a child can receive at Christmas is a happy memory. I treasure the ones I have and I try to bless my great-niece and great-nephew with happy memories of their own.

As a family of Christ, we celebrate the first Christmas in Bethlehem, a memory that has been handed on from one generation to another for more than two thousand years. We remember with great joy the birth of a baby who would grow up to save us from the sins that afflict us and bless us with a peace the world cannot give. This baby, of course, is God’s gift to us, the gift of himself in the child Jesus.

May we join our voices with our brothers and sisters in faith and offer one chorus of praise to the Christ child, “who is Emmanuel, a name which means God is with us!” (Matthew 1:23b)

May God be with you all,

Father John
Christmas 2018