



*Parish church & school of*

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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## **PARISH TRUSTEES**

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Sandra Bonfiglio, Martha Gaudreau  
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## **CHURCH CUSTODIAN**

Roger Dube

## **MASSES**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Monday – Friday: 7:30 AM

Holy Days: As announced in the  
preceding Sunday Bulletin

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday afternoon: 3:15 – 4:00 PM  
or Anytime by appointment

## **SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Kathleen Madej – 568-4100

## **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Karen Santacross – 568-4975

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Audrey Bjorkman – 568-4100

## **SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT**

Alice Gosselin – 568-5001

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Ellen Rudzis – 289-5598

## **SCHOOL'S WEBSITE**

[www.saintchristopherschool.org](http://www.saintchristopherschool.org)

## **PARISH & SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT**

Dianne Rumsey

## **ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

## **BAPTISMS and PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM**

By appointment with Deacon Bill Gilles  
- 633-8997

## **MARRIAGES**

Please contact Parish Priest at least  
six months in advance at 568-5240

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Toni Amberg – 568-9069

## **COORDINATOR OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Cathy Reynolds

## **COORDINATOR OF PRAYER TREE and TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY**

Bev Connors – 432-1530 or 966-1388

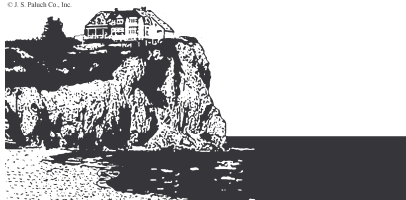
## **COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK**

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396

## **COORDINATOR OF PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE**

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**Ninth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
June 1, 2008**

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine,  
and acts on them will be like a wise man  
who built his house on rock.”  
– Matthew 7:24

*Mass Intentions*  *for the Week*

Saturday, May 31 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Albert Dumez** (*Family*)

Sunday, June 1 - 8:00 a.m.  
**Settimo & Mary Tamiso**  
**Tom & Rose Del Rocco**  
(*Family*)

Sunday, June 1 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Anna Andre** (*Eugene & Anne Morin*)

Monday, June 2 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Vito Botticello - 2nd Anniversary**  
(*Sister-in-Law Marianne Botticello*)

Tuesday, June 3 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Jacqueline Schempp**  
(*Darlene & Lester Graham*)

Wednesday, June 4 – 7:30 a.m.  
**God’s Blessings and Healing Presence for  
Bobbie Boney**  
(*Darlene & Lester Graham*)

Thursday, June 5 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Lucia & Gennaro Viglione**  
(*Daughter Jean Walker*)

Saturday, June 7 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Jose Figueiredo** (*Wife Maria*)

Sunday, June 8 - 8:00 a.m.  
**Joseph Botticello - 3rd Anniversary**  
(*Wife Marianne Botticello*)  
**Vito Botticello - 2nd Anniversary**  
(*Sister-in-Law Marianne Botticello*)

Sunday, June 8 - 10:30 a.m.  
**Michael Serignese** (*Family*)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (May 25): \$ 6,480  
Same Sunday in 2007: \$ 7,374

Your generosity to our parish is appreciated.  
Many thanks for all you do to help our parish!

with Gratitude,  
Fr. Curran

**THE 2008 CATHOLIC  
RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

This weekend our parish will participate in the 2008 Catholic Relief Services Collection through our second collection. Please see the insert in this Bulletin for further information. You have been very generous in your support of this Appeal in the past, and we ask for your continued support and prayers as we help our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
OF ORDINATION!!!**

We extend our congratulations to Fr. Curran as he celebrates his 10th year of Ordination. We also congratulate Fr. James Manship who grew up in St. Christopher’s parish and was ordained alongside Fr. Curran in 1998. Fr. Manship is the son of our parishioners Calvin and Theresa Manship. May our Lord’s blessing, His joys and His graces be a rich reward for Fr. Curran, Fr. Manship and their families for their selfless dedication in His service, and may their hearts be filled with peace.

The Parish Council will be sponsoring a reception honoring Fr. Curran on **Sunday, June 29 immediately following the 10:30 Mass**. The reception will be held in the Church Hall. Sunday Brunch food donations for the reception will be appreciated. Coffee, tea, juices and hot chocolate will be available. Let’s make Fr. Curran’s anniversary reception a most memorable one for him!



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**Please pray for:**  
Phyllis Lombardo  
Rev. Charles J. MacDonald  
Vivian Matava  
Frances Ouellette

**1st ANNUAL PARISH  
TALENT SHOW & POT LUCK DINNER**

**Saturday, June 21 - School Gym**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Talent Show at 7:00 p.m.

**Talented individuals of all ages are needed.**

Contact Scott Gay at 569-0617 or by e-mail at [scottgay95@gmail.com](mailto:scottgay95@gmail.com). More information will be announced in next weekend's bulletin.

**TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY**

*To My Friends at St. Christopher's,*

*Thank you very much for the prayer bear. It meant so much to me to receive it.*

*I know how powerful prayer can be and it makes me feel very comforted to know so many people are remembering me in their prayers.*

*I deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*God Bless,*

*Rita Fitzgerald*



If you would like to learn more about St. Christopher's Teddy Bear Ministry, please call Bev Connors at 432-1530 or 966-1388 or send an e-mail to [bcrc2@hotmail.com](mailto:bcrc2@hotmail.com).

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar**

Today's gospel is Jesus' "Walk the Talk" speech challenging us to be who we profess to be. Build your family on fidelity: to God, your family and self. Then you will have foundation to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life.



(I) Melissa Lora & Brian Renouf

(II) Nicola Nall & Andrew Medlock

(III) Kimberly Gaughan & Christopher Collibee



**SANCTUARY LAMPS**



The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of  
Patricia Scamuzzi - 3rd Anniversary  
(Husband & Family)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Our Brothers and Sisters Around the World  
Who Experience Disease, Famine, War,  
Poverty, Persecution and Injustice**

For information on scheduling a weekly dedication, please call the Parish Office at 568-5240.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB**

The Adult Social Club will meet on Monday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. Our special guests will be East Hartford Police Officer Dave Rhoades and his K-9 companion Charlie. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Rose Yergeau at 568-4029.

Please Note: A Board Meeting will be held on Monday, June 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Reminders: Members are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food donation to the June meeting for the East Hartford Food Bank.

Members who are able to park in the lot behind the church are asked to do so.

There is NO Social Club meeting in July. We will meet in August on Monday the 4th at 5:00 p.m. for our annual summer picnic.



In Memory of  
Scott Cattanach  
St. Christopher Church Hall  
**Friday ~ June 20  
1:45 - 6:30 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to make an app't.

**GOSPEL INSIGHTS***Matthew 7:21-27*

It helps in our understanding of the gospel text today to realize that it forms the conclusion of Matthew's first great discourse, the Sermon on the Mount.

The whole of the Sermon on the Mount has been about the essential qualities to be found in the disciples of Jesus. We are not to be measured simply by what we do and say, however religious or "holy" we seem to be. It is not enough, for instance, to keep saying "Lord, Lord..." That by itself will not bring a person under the kingship of God. Translating that into contemporary terms, it means that just spending a lot of time in church, attending Sunday Mass regularly, going on pilgrimages, joining in novenas, saying rosaries does not necessarily make one the kind of disciple that Jesus is looking for. Church-going and discipleship are not synonymous.

Something more is required of the true disciple. He or she is someone who is totally united to God in heart, soul and mind. We can say a lot of prayers and be very busy doing the Lord's work and yet not be such a person. The problem is that such persons do not really have "the mind of Christ", they do not think like Christ nor have they totally submitted themselves to his way of seeing and doing things. They are not really in touch with his will because they are so busy talking (even to him), and by doing that, they have never really listened. So much so that at the end of time when they come face to face with the Lord he will not recognize them. "You did your (holy) thing but you were not doing mine."

The true disciple, Jesus tells us, is one who listens to Jesus' words and carries them out. What do we mean by "listening" to Jesus? It includes four interacting qualities, all of which must be present:

First, we have to hear what Jesus is saying. We can only do that by being in touch with the Word of God which we find above all in the scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, but especially in the New Testament.

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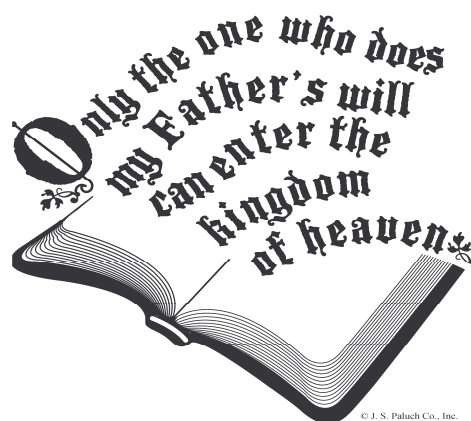
**(Gospel Insights - continued)**

Secondly, we need to understand what we hear and read in the Word of God. It is very possible to hear (e.g. during the Mass readings) or read (privately) and not understand the inner meaning. This understanding does not come without some effort. A lifetime of reading and reflecting constantly reveals new insights and understanding. It is what makes the Bible such an exciting book.

Thirdly, we need to accept fully and to assimilate into our very being what we have come to understand. It is possible to hear well, to understand clearly but not to accept or assimilate. We have not reached full discipleship until the thinking of Christ becomes our own.

Fourthly, when we have fully assimilated as part of our own thinking what we have heard and understood, we will naturally act accordingly. It will not be possible to act otherwise. His will and mine totally coincide; his vision and mine are exactly the same. So, contrary to what many people feel, being a Christian and following the Gospel is not as difficult as it sometimes seems. It is not a question of will power. It is a question of seeing things in the same way as the Gospel. When we see life and relationships the way the Gospel does, our behavior is likely to follow quite naturally. It is only when all this becomes a reality in our lives that we can say we are truly disciples of Jesus and, as he says, that is the only sure foundation on which to build our lives.

– The Liturgy Committee





**Dwarf Alberta Spruce Trees**

Our parish school has 30 Dwarf Alberta Spruce trees remaining from their winter sale that they will be selling this weekend at the TCP table after all Masses. They are available for \$5 each. They retail for approximately \$20 at local nurseries. They grow to be about 3-4 ft. tall and 2 ft. wide. They make beautiful landscaping trees. Call Sarah Poirier at 568-0632 with questions.

**Gift Card Fundraising Program (TCP)**

Gift cards are available this weekend after all Masses. We invite you to learn more about this fundraising program that benefits our parish school by seeing our volunteers after Mass or by contacting Lisa Evans at 568-8944 / lisamarie313@comcast.net.



☞ **WANTED: GOLFERS** ☜

**St. Christopher School's  
18th Annual Golf Tournament**

**Saturday ~ June 7, 2008**

Brochures are available at the entrances to the church and provide information about this year's golf tournament and sponsorship opportunities. All proceeds from this event will benefit the young people of our parish school. Your support is needed and essential!

**SUMMER VACATION  
BIBLE CAMP**

**June 23 - June 27, 2008  
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Registrations are now being accepted for this year's Summer Vacation Bible Camp – *Power Lab* – being held here at St. Christopher's. Children entering grades K-6 this coming fall are invited to register as Lab Crew Members. Registration deadline is June 1st. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please call Steve DiMotta, Camp Director, at 895-8692 or 558-3413. Register today so your child can discover Jesus' miraculous power this summer at Vacation Bible Camp!!

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

❖ **Bottles being collected this weekend** ❖

The Birthright baby bottles are being collected this weekend. You may place your bottle in one of the specially-marked baskets at the front of the church. If you forgot yours at home, you may bring it back within the next couple of weeks. Our Pro-Life Committee wishes to thank all those families who participated in this fundraising effort for Birthright of Greater Hartford. Your generosity will make such an impact on the families that seek support from Birthright. The lives you are helping to save are also going to be eternally grateful.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven."*

(Matthew 7: 21)

It is not enough to know God. As the catechism of the Church teaches, we are called to know, love, and serve God in this world if we wish to be with Him in the next. Stewards recognize that in the sharing of our gifts, we come to know, love and serve God.

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**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. The next retreat in our Archdiocese is scheduled for June 6-8. For more information or to register for this retreat weekend, please contact Mary Hayden at 203-882-1326 or at mmhdfc@sbcglobal.net.