



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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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

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Audrey Bjorkman – 568-4100

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Corrinne Lomazzo – 214-3500

HOME / SCHOOL ASSOC. PRESIDENT

Bridget Cooke – 202-3692

SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

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 – 214-9287

COORDINATOR OF PRAYER TREE and TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

Bev Connors – 432-1530 or 966-1388
bcr2@hotmail.com

COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396

COORDINATOR OF PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001



**The Dedication
of the
Lateran Basilica
in Rome**

November 9, 2008

*“The LORD of hosts is with us;
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.”*

– Psalm 46:8

Mass  *for the
Intentions* *Week*

Saturday, November 8 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, November 9 - 8:00 a.m.

Carolyn Brand
(Madeleine Bradstreet)

Sunday, November 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Louis Sciarra, Jr. - 3rd Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Monday, November 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Deceased Clergy Who Served St. Christopher’s
Fathers Henry Murphy, Raymond Gallagher,
Francis Mayock, William Mann, William McGrath
and Deacon Edward Balda

Tuesday, November 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Dick Whalen
(Members of St. Christopher’s Adult Social Club)

Wednesday, November 12 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin (Wife Claire)

Thursday, November 13 – 7:30 a.m.

John & Louise Olinatz (Children)

Saturday, November 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Manuel Machado (Wife & Daughter)

Sunday, November 16 - 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Leonardo (Mom, Dad & Daughters)

Sunday, November 16 - 10:30 a.m.

Edmond Guerin (Wife & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (November 2): \$ 6,756

Same Sunday in 2007: \$ 7,264

All Saints: \$ 1,496 All Souls: \$ 1,344

My personal thanks for your generous support
which is so essential for our parish!

with Gratitude,
Fr. Curran



We offer our thanks and appreciation to Toni Amberg, Jean Nowik and their committee who helped make our Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance for our deceased

loved ones so powerful. This special liturgy gave us the opportunity to remember in a very special way our beloved family members and friends who departed this life during this past year.

– Fr. Curran

LOST AND FOUND

We recently found in our church a silver necklace with a dolphin pendant. If you believe you are the owner of this necklace, please call our parish office at 568-5240.



**SANCTUARY
LAMPS**



The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Louis Sciarra, Jr. - 3rd Anniversary**
(Wife Jeanne & Family)

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

Our Newly Elected Officials

For information about scheduling a dedication,
please call the parish office at 568-5240.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES



The summer months have left our food bank shelves quite empty and it's time to be thinking about our holiday food boxes. On Thursday, November 20 we will be packing the Thanksgiving food boxes for delivery on Sunday, November 23 to our neighbors in need.

We hope you will be able to help us fill our shelves to ensure that our neighbors do not go hungry this holiday season. We are in desperate need of:

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| Canned Vegetables | Cereal |
| Instant Potatoes | Peanut Butter |
| Tuna | Jelly |
| Cake Mix | Frosting |
| Canned Soup | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Gravy | Pasta |
| Mac & Cheese | Baked Beans |
| Canned Fruit | Stuffing Mix |
| Cranberry Sauce | Jello |

TURKEYS

Non-perishable donations may be left in the area in front of the baptismal font. Please DO NOT leave turkeys in these baskets. Call Eleanor Domler at 569-7396 or Kay McNamara at 568-5650 to pick them up. We are most appreciative of your continued help and support.

**JOIN YOUR FRIENDS,
MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

They're taking off Friday evening, January 9, 2009 for our Parish Men's Retreat at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. It'll be a relaxing weekend of peace and quiet. Good rest, good food, inspiring talks to bring you closer to Christ. You'll come away with a new perspective on your life. A wonderful inner peace to face problems with new courage. Come on out! Reservation forms are available on the bulletin boards or call Phil Gosselin, 568-5001, to get a form or ask any questions.

**NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

More than 600 members and friends of the National Council of Catholic Women gathered at a successful General Assembly in Salt Lake City, September 24-28, 2008, for leadership development, education and spiritual formation. The Most Reverend John Wester, Bishop of Salt Lake City, welcomed the group at the opening Mass at the Cathedral of the Madeleine. The theme of the assembly was "Women of Faith, Women of Action." Fr. Curran is the spiritual moderator for the Council for the Province of Hartford.

CT CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

There's still time to register!!

The first CT Catholic Men's Conference is set to be held on November 15, 2008 at the Convention Center in Hartford. This event promises to be fun, exciting, and informative. For more information, please take home a copy of the flyer available at the main entrance to the church, or you may call our parishioner Bob Mazurkivich at 568-5030 or visit www.ctcatholicmen.org. Register today and take your faith to the next level!

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic High School will hold an Open House on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. for eighth graders and their families. The entrance exam for eighth graders will be given on Saturday, December 6 at 8:00 a.m. at East Catholic High School. Pre-registration for the exam is advised but not required. To pre-register or to get more information, please call Ms. Gryphon, Admissions, at 649-5336 ext. 238 or visit the school's website at www.echs.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Christopher Council Forming

The Knights of Columbus is not a building and is not a bar. It is a Catholic fraternity of men dedicated to performing works of charity for its Church, community, families and youths. The new council has initiated new members but more are needed before it can become an official council. For those of you who have never been a Knight, please consider joining by coming to an information meeting. Please express your interest by filling out a card at the bulletin board in the vestibule at the main entrance to the church.

GUILD OF ST. AGNES HOME Annual Membership Drive

Dear Parishioners,

The Guild of St. Agnes Home is having their annual membership drive at this time.

The Guild, through donations, helps to support the unwed moms and babies at St. Agnes Home in West Hartford. The care, education and training the mothers receive help make them productive members of society and knowledgeable caregivers for their babies.

By supporting this membership drive, it gives us the opportunity to speak out against abortion. Any amount you contribute qualifies you as a member of the Guild.

If you did not receive a flyer in the mail and would like to join, please make your check payable to The Guild of St. Agnes Home, and mail it to Kay McCarthy, 11 Jay Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. If you have any questions, please call me at 569-3869.

Please keep The Home and The Guild in your prayers for continued success.

Thank you for your support,

Kay McCarthy
St. Christopher Church
Membership Representative

Music Ministry

Choir Members Needed!!

St. Christopher's Adult and Children's Choirs are seeking new members (especially Bass and Tenors) who wish to offer their talents to help enhance the sung prayer of our parish community during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please join us this coming week. The following is our rehearsal schedule:

Adult Choir (high school – adult)

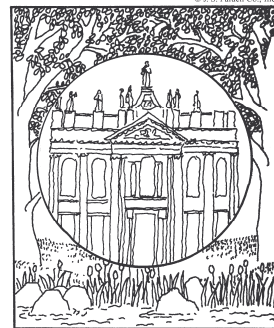
Thursdays ~ 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Children's Choir (grades 2 – 8)

Thursdays ~ 4:30–5:30 p.m.

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

This weekend is the celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. On November 9, 324 AD, this Cathedral was dedicated. This dedication meant that people could practice their Christian Faith without the fear of death. People were finally free to worship Jesus out in the open -- in their places of worship -- in their Churches. St. John Lateran Cathedral is the seed of the Diocese of Rome, and is thus the Bishop of Rome's Church. Why is this feast day so important?



This feast day is an opportunity to remember the importance of our freedom to practice our Christian Faith. The Lateran Basilica's dedication marks such freedom. People today tend to take for granted the fact that we can openly practice our faith, yet there are still people in different parts of the world who cannot practice their faith without the fear of imprisonment or death. Perhaps we need to reflect on how much we truly appreciate the freedom we enjoy. And then we can take a moment to thank God for the right to publicly practice our Catholic Christian faith.

The Lateran Basilica had to be built on a great foundation to have lasted all of these years. Likewise, the Church itself had to be built on a solid foundation. St. Paul tells us that we are the temple and that Christ is the foundation, which makes perfect sense.

We are the Church -- the temple. But our actions, guided by the Holy Spirit, move the Church forward. Yet in order for the Catholic Church to continue to thrive after more than two thousand years, it must have Christ as the foundation. How could we exist any other way?

So on this feast day, let's spend a few moments thanking the Lord for the freedom we often take for granted. And let's celebrate in the knowledge that Christ is our foundation, ensuring that His Church will continue to grow and thrive.

HAPPENINGS

This past Tuesday I helped conduct a retreat morning for our parish school teachers and staff. We gathered at the Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford for prayer, reflection and liturgy. Members of our parish were prayed for and thanked!

Fr. Curran

HOLIDAY SUPPORT PROGRAM

D'Esopo – East Hartford Memorial Funeral Chapel will sponsor the fourth annual Holiday Support Program and Service of Remembrance at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, at South Congregational Church, Charrier Hall, 1301 Forbes St. All are invited; no admission charge. For information and to RSVP, call D'Esopo's at 568-9420.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The Social Club will be meeting this Monday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. BINGO will follow our short meeting. We will be serving pumpkin pies. **Please bring a non-perishable food donation for the Food Bank.** If you have any questions, please call Helen Little at 568-3080.

Reminder: Social Club members, who do not require use of the handicap spaces, are asked to park in the area at the back of the church to create a safer environment for our school children.

Please note: Tickets will go on sale at the November meeting for our annual Christmas Party to be held on Monday, December 1 at 12:00 noon in the church hall. The luncheon will be catered by Krause Caterers. Tickets for members are \$13.00 per person and \$23.60 per person for non-members. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door, so you must purchase your tickets in advance, but no later than Nov. 24. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Joe Martocci at 568-5124.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL 45th ANNIVERSARY DANCE Saturday ~ November 22, 2008 7:30 p.m. - Midnight

St. Christopher School is celebrating its 45th Anniversary during the 2008-2009 school year. One of the first events marking this occasion is a dance taking place in our school's gym. It's a casual, adults-only event where you can kick off your shoes and dance the night away. If you are interested in attending, there are flyers on the tables at the main entrance to the or you can call Karen Santacross at 569-4975. We hope to see you there!



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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!



Are you looking for a perfect gift for your family, friends or relatives, or something for yourself? Consider purchasing an Entertainment Book for \$30.00. The book is full of discount coupons for many area restaurants and stores and can be used immediately. All proceeds benefit the Youth Ministry fund. Books may be picked up at the Parish Office during normal business hours. If you would like more information, please contact the Youth Ministry Office at 895-8692 or by e-mail at youthministry@sbcglobal.net.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, a friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now? The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Archdiocese of Hartford is offering until November 15 the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to four years at St. Mary Cemetery in East Hartford, Holy Cross Cemetery in Glastonbury and St. James and St. Bridget Cemeteries in Manchester. Mausoleum entombment space is also available at St. Mary and Holy Cross Cemeteries. For more information, please call their office at 646-3772.