



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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Maria Sousa – 895-8692

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Sarah Poirier, Martha Gaudreau and
Kevin Hadyka – 895-8692

E-mail: youthministry@stchris-eh.org

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

ROSARY and MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

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.saintchristophersschool.org

PARISH & SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

Dianne Rumsey

BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

By app't. with Deacon Bill Gilles
633-8997

MARRIAGES

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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

(860) 761-7456

www.vocationshartford.org

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Toni Amberg – 568-9069

COORDINATOR OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Cathy Reynolds – 214-9287

COORDINATOR OF HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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Eleanor Domler – 569-7396

COORDINATOR OF PRO-LIFE

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001



**The Baptism
of the
Lord**

January 11, 2009

“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!”

– Isaiah 55:1

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *for the
Week*

Saturday, January 10 – 4:30 p.m.

Stan Traynor

(The Traynor Family)

Sunday, January 11 – 8:00 a.m.

Richard Bourie

(Jackie & Donald Luizzi)

Sunday, January 11 – 10:30 a.m.

Helen Mintel

(Barb & Howard Wilmes)

Monday, January 12 – 7:30 a.m.

William Petroccia

(Wife & Family)

Tuesday, January 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Joseph Mullooly

(Martha Shea)

Wednesday, January 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Harriet Reynolds

(Dave & Chickie Amberg)

Thursday, January 15 – 7:30 a.m.

Conrad Fenick

(Charles & Angela Olson)

Saturday, January 17 – 4:30 p.m.

Gene Tirinzonie *(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, January 18 – 8:00 a.m.

Alice Barone - 8th Anniversary *(Family)*

Sunday, January 18 – 10:30 a.m.

Norman Parent *(Jean-Luc & Laurette Belanger)*

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (January 4): \$ 6,996
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 7,795

Holy Day: Mary, Mother of God: \$ 2,334
Same Holy Day in 2008: \$ 2,394

Weekly Collection (December 28): \$ 6,100
Same Sunday in 2007: \$ 6,294

My sincere thanks for all you do to make our parish a place where Christ is encountered and where His joy and life are shared with and for others!

with Gratitude,

Fr. Curran

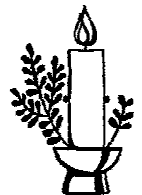
STEWARDSHIP!

We thank a devoted parishioner for her anonymous end of the year gift to our parish of \$1,000, and for all our generous end of the year gifts. These gifts, as all gifts, are appreciated!

– Fr. Curran

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



The candle in the church burns this week for

All Men and Women

Considering a Call to a Religious Vocation

The candle in the chapel burns this week

In Thanksgiving for All Men and Women

Who Have Answered

the Call to a Religious Vocation

We have several weeks available during 2009 for your dedication. For information about scheduling a dedication, please call the parish office at 568-5240.



NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Monday marks the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. How fitting that the Church highlights this event to begin on the special feast of the Baptism of the Lord. On that day, we identify with Jesus as he begins his public ministry. As his followers, we are invited to accept our own missions and to renew our baptism in the Spirit. Consider the gifts of the Spirit that have been given to you. How are those gifts being used to serve and to build God's kingdom? Is God calling you to serve as a husband or wife? Will you be a parent? Perhaps your happiness will be found as a single person. Might God be calling you to a Church vocation – lay, consecrated, or ordained? As Jesus heard his father's voice, let us listen for God's invitation for us.

If you would like to speak with someone regarding a possible vocation to the Priesthood, or other Church vocation, please call Fr. Michael Dolan at the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 761-7456 or visit their website at www.vocationshartford.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS COLLECTION

In this difficult economy, Catholic high schools remain a sound financial investment. 100% of Catholic high school students graduate, and 100% go on to pursue higher education. These young people will provide the foundation for the Church in years to come. A contribution to the 2009 Catholic High School Collection next weekend, January 17/18, will be a contribution to the future of our Church.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Local Boy Scout Troop #61 will be hosting an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, January 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at South Congregational Church, Forbes Street, East Hartford. Ticket prices are \$6.00 adults, \$4.00 ages 3 -12. \$20 per family maximum. Pre-registration is encouraged, but tickets will be available at the door. To register, please call Debbie at 568-4199.

January, 2009

Dear Father and Parishioners,

It is with gratitude and sincere appreciation that I thank you on behalf of the retired Religious Priests, Sisters and Brothers of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

Your donation to the annual appeal will assist retired religious, those who taught in our schools, those who served in our hospitals, and those who gave of their talents in countless programs and ministries.

Fund will be distributed through grants to help with the rising costs of retirement and health care.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Sister Mary Kelly, C.S.J.

Director of the Office for Religious



MARCH FOR LIFE

The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, January 22 to express support for human life and opposition to the Supreme Court's 1973 decision to permit abortion. A bus trip to Washington has been organized by the Connecticut Right to Life Corp. Flyers with further information and instructions on how to register are posted on the Bulletin Boards at the church entrances.

For those who are unable to make the Washington trip, there will be a March for Life in Connecticut on Thursday, January 22 at the State Capitol at 11:30 a.m. Before that there will be a 9:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church, 53 Capitol Avenue, followed by one hour of Adoration.

For further information about either March for Life, please call Jean Sipper at 860-379-1543.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If someone you know is hospitalized, recovering at home or homebound and would like a visit from a member of our pastoral team, please call our parish's Homebound coordinator, Barbara Casey, at 568-4638.



**St. Christopher School
Open House
Tuesday, January 27**
(Snow Date: Wed. January 28)

St. Christopher School invites you to attend our Open House for prospective families of Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Eight students on Tuesday, January 27. There will be two sessions:

- 9:00 -11:00 a.m. (while school is in session)
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (includes tour)

You can attend one or both sessions. Come and learn about our program of excellence and meet some of the staff, students, and parents. St. Christopher School provides a value-oriented education in a safe and comfortable environment. Learn more about our:

- Religious Education Program
- Full-day Kindergarten
- Strong Academic Program
- Caring faculty & staff
- Foreign Language & Algebra
- Instruction in Art & Music
- State of the Art Computer Classes for all grades
- Physical education & sports program
- Extra curricular activities
- After-School Program

Our graduates leave St. Christopher’s prepared to excel in higher education. St. Christopher School is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Applications are now available for enrollment for Fall 2009. We hope to see you there.

If you have any additional questions or are unable to attend this Open House but would like more information, please call the school office at 568-4100 or visit www.saintchristopherschool.org

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

This is a reminder that volunteers from our parish school are available in our church hall every weekend, after every Mass for those who wish to purchase gift cards. To learn more about how you can help support our parish school, please visit our school’s volunteers.

RAFFLE

to benefit

St. Christopher School

In celebration of its 45th anniversary, our parish school is holding a raffle with the following prizes to be awarded:

- 1st Prize: \$500 gift card redeemable at Exxon/Mobil
- 2nd Prize: \$500 gift card redeemable at Stop & Shop

◆◆◆ Only \$10 per ticket ◆◆◆

The drawing will be held on January 27, 2009. If you would like to purchase a chance to win one of these great prizes, please complete the following form, make your check payable to *St. Christopher School HSA* and place the form and your payment in an envelope marked “raffle tickets.” You may either mail your envelope to our school at 570 Brewer Street, or you may place it in the collection basket. If you have any questions or would like to request tickets to sell, please call George at 568-4126.

St. Christopher School Raffle

(Please note: all information is required)

Name:

Address:

Town:

State / Zip:

Phone Number:

Thank you for your support!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Christopher Council Forming**

Congratulations to the following new members:

David Charron
Jack Ramsey
Raymond Simeone

Six more men are needed before the council is official. Membership requires as little as 24 hours a year to participate. If you are not currently a member, please consider joining this month. An information meeting is planned for Thursday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM, in the Church wing followed by an Initiation (First) Degree. For more information, call Bob Falkevitz, DD at 568-5452.

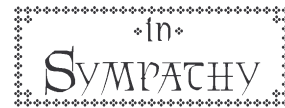
WOMEN'S RETREAT

A retreat is a break from our everyday lives and a chance to restore our connection to God, our ultimate source of strength. Holy Family retreats offer prayer services, workshops, private conferences and free time to explore the retreat theme. By remembering that we are part of the Christian community and beloved of God, we become grounded and better prepared to meet life's challenges. We emerge feeling at harmony with others. We are spiritually renewed and revitalized. Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford is offering their next retreat weekend for women on January 23-25. The retreat offering is \$200-\$225 (more if you can, less if you can't). For more information or to register, please call the retreat office at 521-0440 or visit www.holyfamilyretreat.org. *Come away and rest awhile...*

**ARCHDIOCESAN MASS
*Honoring the Dream and Legacy of
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

Monday ~ January 19, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Joseph
140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford

All are welcome!



Please pray for:

Rev. Joseph Donahue

Raul Pomerleau
(grandfather of David Landry)

Rev. Stephen Ptaszynski

CATHOLIC BOOK STORE

The Catholic Book Store will be visiting our parish the weekend of February 21 and 22 with their large inventory of products. This is a great opportunity to purchase books or other items for Lent and Easter. Please plan to stop by our church hall before or after all Masses that weekend.

MAKE-UP ENTRANCE EXAM

East Catholic High School will give a make-up entrance exam on Saturday, January 24 at 8:00 a.m. to all eighth graders who were unable to take the December exam. The exam will be given at the school. Pre-registration is recommended but not required. A fee of \$25, which covers the cost of processing the exam, is required. ECHS continues to accept transfer students from other high schools as well. Please contact the Admissions Office at 649-5336, ext. 238 or ext. 456 with questions.

CREDO SINGLES EVENT!

Mass & Bowling

Saturday ~ January 24 ~ 4:00 p.m.

Join Kathy and other Credo members for the 4:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Trinity Church in Wallingford. Then onto Wallingford Bowl at 5:30 p.m. for disco bowling. The cost of \$15 per person covers shoe rental, two games of bowling, and a light dinner of hamburgers, hot dogs, pizza or chicken strips, fries and drink. Single adult persons of all ages are invited to attend this event. For more information, please call Rose at 229-4405 or by e-mail at smedleyrosemary@yahoo.com.