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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

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

PARISH & SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

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BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

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

MARRIAGES

Please contact Parish Priest at least
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**Second Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
January 18, 2009**

“Your body is a temple of
the Holy Spirit within you.”
– 1 Corinthians 6:19a

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

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)

Monday, January 19 – 9:00 a.m.

John Olinatz
(Children)

Tuesday, January 20 – 7:30 a.m.

Lucille Serruto
(Gail Barrett)

Wednesday, January 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Gerry Martin
(Wife Jan & Family)

Thursday, January 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Gennaro Viglione - 1st Anniversary
(Daughter Jean Walker)

Saturday, January 24 – 4:30 p.m.

Paul & Theresa Boulay (Lucien & Joan Lavertu)

Sunday, January 25 – 8:00 a.m.

Helena Clarke (Rich & Cathy Reynolds)

Sunday, January 25 – 10:30 a.m.

Joseph Wolk - 30th Anniversary
(Wife & Children)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (January 11): \$ 3,932
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 5,436

You will note that our weekly tithing offering was down once again due to last week’s snowstorm. I have spoken to the Lord about the timing of these storms, but have yet to get his response!

Fr. Curran

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to all who throughout the year and at year’s end tithed and made sacrificial gifts to support our parish mission to be and to become the body of Christ.

Bless you,

Fr. Curran

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

In keeping with our holiday schedule, a Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 19.

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In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m.

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 Who Work to Defend Life

The candle in the chapel burns this week

For Christian Unity

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

ARCHDIOCESAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS COLLECTION

••• *This Weekend* •••

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 this weekend, January 17/18, will be a contribution to the future of our Church.

WHAT IS FOCA?

FOCA is the "Freedom of Choice Act." FOCA would eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists; force American taxpayers to fund abortions; force every state to allow partial-birth abortions; run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds; and strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

Simply put, if FOCA becomes law, it will put at risk all the widely-supported laws that for 35 years have promoted women's health, ensured informed consent, protected minors, ensured parental involvement, safe-guarded rights of conscience, and respected the desire of most citizens not to support abortion with their tax dollars.

Within the next few weeks, we will be conducting an anti-FOCA Post Card Campaign. Please continue to pray for an end to abortion and please participate in this campaign by simply signing one of these Post Cards. All the signed Post Cards will be shipped to our U.S. Representative and our two Senators.

Thank you.

Phil Gosselin
Parish Pro-Life Representative



A DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

January 22, 2009 marks the 36th "birthday" of the Supreme Court's abortion-approving decision, *Roe v. Wade*, a ruling that has denied a birthday to millions of American children. Who can comprehend the height and depth of the devastation this single legal decision has brought to men, women, communities and society at large?

In observance of this day of prayer, the following pro-life Mass and March for Life will be held in the Hartford area:

- A Mass for Life will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 22 at Holy Trinity Church, 53 Capitol Avenue in Hartford followed by one hour of Adoration.
- A March for Life will be held at the State Capitol in Hartford at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 22. For more information, call Jean Sipper at 860-379-1543.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next monthly Children's Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m. All are invited! Hospitality will follow in the church hall. Anyone who wishes to provide a baked good is asked to leave their donation in the hall prior to Mass.



SAVE THE DATE!

The Catholic Bishops of Connecticut
invite you to

Catholic Awareness Day

Monday ~ February 9

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

State Capitol ~ Hartford

ST. CHRISTOPHER CHURCH BULLETINS ARE ON THE WEB!!

This is just a reminder that our weekly bulletins can be viewed on our website. In the event the weekend takes you out of town or a snow storm keeps you in, you can still be informed of what's happening in the St. Christopher Parish and School Community. Please visit us at:

www.stchris-eh.org



**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

Six more men are needed before a St. Christopher 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.

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 others items for Lent and Easter. New this year...the Catholic Book Store is offering a 20% off coupon. Watch for it to be published in future bulletins. Please plan to stop by our church hall before or after all Masses that weekend.

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENTS!

Mass & Bowling

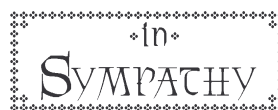
Saturday ~ January 24 ~ 4:00 p.m.

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 at smedleyrosemary@yahoo.com.

Evening of Prayer

Tuesday ~ January 27 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Credo Catholic Singles continues their monthly gathering of prayer in the Community Room at our Parish Center. This is an evening of prayer, reflection and conversation led by Credo member Andrea M. who has an MA in Spirituality and is a Spiritual Director trained through the Mercy Center. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Come and deepen your faith and experience of God in a safe, supporting group.



Please pray for:

Joseph Duarte
William Gillanders
Doris L. Picano

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER FAIR

The Office of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Hartford announces a Teacher Career Fair for qualified candidates to teach in the Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven counties. The Fair will be held on Thursday, January 29 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Northwest Catholic High School, 29 Wampanoag Drive in West Hartford. Interested applicants should access application information online at www.catholicshools Hartford.org. For more information, call Larry Duffany at 860-242-4362. (Snow date: Thursday, February 5, 4-7 p.m.)



CHRISTIAN UNITY

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Sunday, January 18, and continues through next Sunday, January 25. Begun in 1908, these days have been set aside each year so that Christians the world over may share the prayer of Jesus: "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21) The theme for 2009 is "That they may become one in your hand." inspired by Ezekiel 37:15-19, 22-24a.

OUR MISSION

The mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ is to always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. Even though we do not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ, that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church—one, holy, catholic, and apostolic—is to bring others to Christ. We do not seek attention, glory, or followers for ourselves, but only for the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Behold the Lamb of God!