



*Parish church & school of*

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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## **PRIEST**

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## **PARISH TRUSTEES**

Kay McNamara / Stephen Kleva

## **PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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Michael Munley – 683-8594

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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

## **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 Messier-Cooke – 202-3692

## **SCHOOL'S WEBSITE**

[www.saintchristophersschool.org](http://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](http://www.vocationshartford.org)

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Toni Amberg – 568-9069

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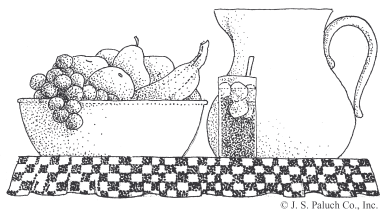
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## **COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK**

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396

## **COORDINATOR OF PRO-LIFE**

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001



**Sixth Sunday  
in  
Ordinary Time  
February 15, 2009**

“Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God.”

– 1 Corinthians

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, February 14 – 4:30 p.m.

**Stella Dylag Dzedzic**

*(Jean Nowik)*

Sunday, February 15 – 8:00 a.m.

**Peter Sauve & Pauline & Joseph Sauve**

*(Celine Sauve)*

Sunday, February 15 – 10:30 a.m.

**Ann & Donald Sheldon**

*(Family)*

Monday, February 16 – 9:00 a.m.

**Antoine Martel**

*(Wife & Family)*

Tuesday, February 17 – 7:30 a.m.

**Nancy Tammaro**

*(Antonietta Torretta)*

Wednesday, February 18 – 7:30 a.m.

**Paul E. Franklin**

*(Wife Claire)*

Thursday, February 19 – 7:30 a.m.

**Steven Tyberski**

*(St. Christopher’s Prayer Shawl Ministry)*

Saturday, February 21 – 4:30 p.m.

**Dennis Daigle** *(Mom, Dad & Family)*

Sunday, February 22 – 8:00 a.m.

**Anthony Zizzamia**

*(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, February 22 – 10:30 a.m.

**Harriet Reynolds**

*(The Mintel Family)*

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (February 8): \$ 5,977  
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,167

Many thanks for your generous support of our parish! Together, we make St. Christopher’s the vibrant and welcoming faith community that Christ calls us to be.

with Gratitude,

Fr. Curran

**PRESIDENTS’ DAY**

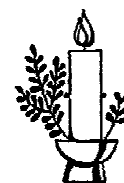
In keeping with our holiday schedule, a Mass will be offered at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 16.

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In observance of Presidents’ Day, the parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 17 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

**In Loving Memory of  
Mark Tardiff  
(Family)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Those Who Work to Change Our Laws  
to Reflect the Gospel of Life**

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

**THANK YOU FROM "PIN"**

Thank you for contributing in so many ways to our newly formed *Parishioner in Need* fund. We had a wonderful response to our bake sale last weekend. Some baked....some bought....some simply made donations! In addition, our PIN fund has been planted and is growing with your continued contributions. And that's not the only planting going on. Look around. Every dollar donation or voluntary service offered has been represented by a heart-shaped petal in recognition of Margaret Bennett.

Flowers bloom when care is given and much care was provided last weekend!

Thank you again,  
The PIN Committee



**Please pray for:**

Edward R. Clark  
Raymond E. Tessier

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The next monthly Children's Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, Feb. 22 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.



**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"Whether you eat or drink - whatever you do - you should do all for the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31)

St. Paul zeros in on the essence of stewardship, "do all for the Glory of God." If we see stewardship as a life in gratitude to God, all we do, say, or give is a thankful response that gives glory to the Giver of that very life.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Confirmation classes for adults aged 18 or older, baptized Catholic and have made their First Communion, will be held at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. The classes will meet from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on the following six Tuesdays: March 31, April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12. Preparation classes will also be held at St. Joan of Arc in Hamden at the same time on the following Thursday nights, April 2, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 and 14.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m., with registration/rehearsal beginning that evening at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in participating in either of these classes, please call the parish office at 568-5240 or go to [www.orehartford.org](http://www.orehartford.org) to obtain an information sheet that must be sent in prior to the first day of class. There is a \$15 fee to cover the cost of the books.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**by Bud Ozar**

The key words in today's gospel were spoken to Jesus by the leper: "IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN!" How many people are waiting to be "made clean" by your understanding and forgiveness? Remember: IF YOU WISH, YOU CAN!

**2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

*We're close to selling out our supply...  
but we need your help!!!*

Our Youth Ministry office has several Entertainment Books still available. Most offers in these books are good through the end of October, so there is still plenty of time to save at many area restaurants and retailers! In the present economy, who couldn't use an extra coupon to save a dollar or even twenty?! All profits benefit our Youth Ministry program. Purchase one today - for yourself or as a gift. Please come to the Parish Office during normal business hours or call the office at 568-5240.

## CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENTS!

### *Evening of Prayer*

*Tuesday ~ February 24 ~ 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.

## DIACONATE INQUIRY SESSIONS

The Archdiocesan Office of Diaconate Formation is now preparing to admit a new class of candidates for the Diaconate in the fall of 2009. Any Catholic man between the ages of 35 and 60 who may be interested in the Diaconate is encouraged to speak to him pastor.

Two inquiry sessions will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Bloomfield on Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, March 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Both sessions must be attended, and spouses must also attend. Please call the Diaconate office at 860-761-7447 no later than February 26 in order to pre-register.

## A "NUN RUN"

A *Nun Run* is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-45 are invited to visit different Sisters' houses (convents) to share life with us. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, hear our stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided at no fee for the weekend. A Nun Run is scheduled for March 7th at 12:00pm to March 8th at 12:00pm. Call Sr. Maria Iannuccillo, SSND at 203-762-4152 or email [miannuccillo@amssnd.org](mailto:miannuccillo@amssnd.org) to receive a flyer and to register. **Registration must be received by March 2, 2009.** Sponsored by the Connecticut Vocation Council.

# RAFFLE

St. Christopher School would like to thank all who participated in our most recent raffle. The winners were drawn at the school's Open House on Tuesday, January 27. There was a definite air of excitement as one of the prospective new parents donned a blindfold and reached into the container and drew the winners' names - Corrinne Lomazzo and Bridget Cooke, two St. Chris parents. The prizes were \$500 gift cards (one to Exxon/Mobil and the other to Stop & Shop). Congratulations to Corrinne and Bridget! The students, parents, and staff of St. Christopher School would also like to say thank you again for your ongoing support of our parish school. It is really appreciated.!

## EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH SCHOOL

### Gift Card Program

The support of this program by our parishioners has been wonderful, and we are most grateful to you!! Gift cards are available for purchase every weekend after every Mass. Cards are available for your use for hundreds of major retailers and restaurants, and they make perfect gifts. Please see our school volunteers after Mass for more information or call Tracy at 568-0464. Thank you!!

### Labels for Education™

This program is new to our parish school and it's a great way for our school to get FREE merchandise. To meet our goals, we need to collect 4,000 points. Participating in the program is easy – simply save proofs of purchase (the UPC and logo) from participating Campbell products and place them in the weekly offering baskets. Thank you!!

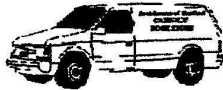


## COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY

*Let your heart feel for the afflictions and distress of everyone, and let your hand give in proportion to your purse.*

– George Washington

**CATHOLIC BOOK STORE**



The Catholic Book Store will be arriving on the weekend of Feb. 21/22. There will be spiritual books (on every topic), religious gifts for all occasions, crucifixes, Rosaries, medals, CD's and DVD's, children's books and seasonal items.

Don't miss this opportunity!!

**Bring this ad to the Bookmobile and receive a 20% discount on any item of your choice. Please, one coupon per person.**

**EAST BERLIN YOUTH THEATRE**

The East Berlin Youth Theatre will be holding open auditions for *Annie, Jr.* next Sunday, February 22, at Sacred Heart Church, 48 Cottage Street, East Berlin. Rehearsals will be at Sacred Heart Church every Sunday from 1 - 4 p.m. If interested please contact Alicia Vercher 203-499-9316, Ivonne Fontanez 860-966-4441 or Linda Wilkinson 230-641-7064.

**HOMEFRONT PLEA**

HomeFront is a tremendous project that partners St. Christopher Church with AmeriCares to provide much needed home repairs to a member of our East Hartford community that is financially and many times, physically unable to themselves. Members of our leadership team recently attended a meeting sponsored by AmeriCares that provided us with critical information about the process leading up to the big day...Saturday, May 2, 2009! Within the next week or so, we will know the actual address of our HomeFront recipient and the scope of the repairs that we will be undertaking. In the meantime, please contact me to volunteer to be a member of our St. Christopher HomeFront crew. I will keep the parish apprised of our progress and needs as we move forward to create this little miracle for a neighbor in need.

For more information or to volunteer, please call me at 568-5001.

- Phil Gosselin, Volunteer Coordinator



**February Youth Group  
is  
Game Night!**

Game Night will be held on Wednesday, February 18, from 6 - 8 p.m. in the church hall. Youth Group is open to all high school students. Suggested donation is \$3. Come play games with your friends, and meet some new friends! Contact Martha Gaudreau at the Office of Youth Ministry if you have any questions. You can reach Martha at 895-8692 or at [youthministry@stchris-eh.org](mailto:youthministry@stchris-eh.org).

**GIVE GOD THE GLORY**

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes: he was doing it for the glory of God - not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



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Margaret Repass  
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Robert Spak