



Parish church & school of

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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

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Dianne Rumsey

BAPTISMS / PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

By app't.w/Deacon Bill Gilles 633-8997

MARRIAGES

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

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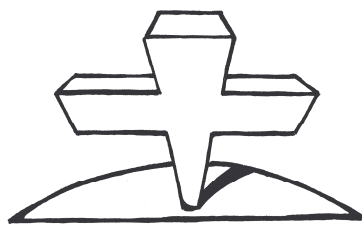
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**Divine Mercy
Sunday**

April 19, 2009

“Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”

(1 John 5:5)



Saturday, April 18 – 4:30 p.m.

Shirley D’Aloisio - 3rd Anniversary
(Husband & Family)

Sunday, April 19 – 8:00 a.m.

Bernard Casey - 2nd Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, April 19 – 10:30 a.m.

Brett Richle
(Ed, Bev, Eric & Nicole Miller)

Monday, April 20 – 7:30 a.m.

Eudore Nadeau & Joseph Tardiff
(The Tardiff Family)

Tuesday, April 21 – 7:30 a.m.

Kenneth Harrison *(Family)*

Wednesday, April 22 – 7:30 a.m.

Louise Olinatz -
In Remembrance of Her Birthday
(Children)

Thursday, April 23 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff *(Family)*

Saturday, April 25 – 4:30 p.m.

Dale Corbin *(Family)*

Sunday, April 26 – 8:00 a.m.

Ronald Bollacker
(Ed, Bev, Eric and Nicole Miller)

Sunday, April 26 – 10:30 a.m.

Réal Grenier - 6th Anniversary
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (April 12): \$ 11,990

Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,292

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

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Today our parish participates in the 2009 Peter’s Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. Please help the Pope provide immediate disaster relief and emergency aid to those suffering the effects of war, natural disaster, or oppression throughout the world. In doing so, we join one billion Catholic brothers and sisters in acting to share God’s love in the world.

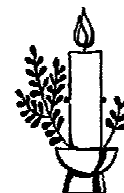
STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"The community of believers were of one heart and one mind. No one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common." (Acts 4:32)

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced total stewardship. The believers did not claim personal ownership but held everything in common. Stewardship not only involves sharing our possessions with others, but also sharing our ownership of those possessions with God.

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

**In Loving Memory of
Richard Macsuga**
(Family)

The candle in the chapel burns this week for the
Members of our Bereavement Committee

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

OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will be operating on a reduced schedule this coming week. The schedule is:

- Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The Holy Week and Easter celebrations were well attended. My sincere thanks to all who helped to

make these celebrations so powerful and prayerful! Special thanks to Deacon Bill Gilles for all his assistance and to Carol Waterman, the cantors, and the adult and children's choirs for the beautiful way in which they carried out their ministry. The music added so much to the prayerful spirit of the liturgies. Thanks also to the Altar Committee and our custodian, Roger Dube, for the wonderful job they did in beautifying our church; to Sarah Poirier for sharing her artistic talent by decorating our liturgical boards and to all the others who participated in special ministries – Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers and Counters – we offer our sincere thanks!



We wish to thank Sandy Bonfiglio and Phil Gosselin for the fantastic job they did in coordinating the Living Stations of the Cross; Charleen Miele, Toni Intel, Carol Waterman and the choir for sharing their musical talents with us all; and the actors and readers for their willingness to participate in this presentation. A great job by all!



Thanks to all of you for your generosity to the Easter collection, to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and to the other requests for financial assistance which are presented to our parish. Your kindness and willing giving are signs of real faith and concern for others.

in the joy of our Risen Lord,
Fr. Curran

EASTER SACRAMENTS

We joyfully welcome Donna Chavez to the Catholic Church. At the Easter Vigil, Donna received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.



We congratulate Rebecca Cook, Ariel Diaz, Fernanda Fernandez and Deborah Hampton who, at the Easter Vigil, were sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

We joyfully welcome George Barrow, Luis Figueroa, Eden Gataretse and Cameron Lewis to the Catholic Church. At the Easter Vigil, these young people received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion.

Our congratulations and prayerful best wishes to you all!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We thank all those who have been participating in the Rice Bowl program during Lent. Please return your Rice Bowls to the church by April 26 and place them in the special collection container that will be placed at the front of the church. Thank you!



Please pray for:
Josephine Kania
J. Henri Lagueux

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Our parish is actively seeking students in Grades 5 and above who are interested in becoming an Altar Server. If you would like to learn more about the Altar Server ministry, please contact Deacon Bill Gilles at 633-8997. A training session will be held in the near future. Please note: Even if you have already expressed an interest in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Deacon Bill so he's sure to have you on his list.



FOOD BANK

On Holy Thursday, April 9, the food boxes for Easter were packed by the following people:

Dick & Eleanor Domler	Helen Little
Melissa Bush	Mac McCarthy
Nancy Fox	Velma Peila
Corinne Freeman	George & Elaine Tryon
Phil Gravel	Charlotte Turner
Kevin Hadyka	Carolyn Williams

After the perishable items – bread, eggs, hams, margarine, milk – were packed along with Easter candy baskets for family members under the age of 12, the following people delivered the boxes:

Melissa Bush	Mac McCarthy
Frank Forrest	Barbara McNamara
Afmar Lawrence	Sarah Poirier
Michelle Lawrence	Rita Schaefer
Ray LeBrun	Rev. Albert & Charlotte
Helen Little	Turner

The boxes were delivered to 30 families comprised of 50 adults and 37 children and contained enough food to provide these families with a total of 1,044 meals. 27 Easter candy baskets were provided for the children in the families under 12 years of age.

Thanks to all who so generously supplied food, candy, monetary donations, and those who helped pack and deliver the boxes. Thank you and God Bless!

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

If you have not yet returned the pledge card asking for your support to this year’s Archbishop’s Annual Appeal with a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider your response. Please know that your financial sacrifice will touch the lives of thousands of people who are served through the Annual Appeal. Extra Appeal packets are available on the long tables at the main entrance to the church.

INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us.

– St. Augustine

WE’RE IN THE HomeStretch for HomeFront!

HomeFront is a one day project of neighbor helping neighbor that links St. Christopher Church with AmeriCares to create a little miracle for an East Hartford neighbor in need. It will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2009.

Plea for specific skills: We are asking any parishioner that is a **mason** or a **professional painter** to please give me a call. Thank you!

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

EASTER FLOWERS

We neglected to include the following loved ones in last weekend’s bulletin. They, too, will be remembered in the Masses of the Easter season.

John R. Nixon
John A. Telesmanick



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

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 our school office at 568-4100 or e-mail Tracy at tcmart@comcast.net. We appreciate the support you have given this program.

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL PRESENTS...

Joey & Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding

Saturday ~ May 9 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Marco Polo Restaurant - East Hartford

\$50 per person

Includes full dinner and the hilarious show!

To make reservations or to get more information, please contact Cynnamm Hebert at 568-7501.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The next monthly Children's Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, April 26 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.



UPCOMING CONCERT

John Michael Talbot, the Catholic Church's best-known musician, will appear in a solo concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 26, at My Father's House Retreat Center in Moodus, CT. Tickets are only \$10. For tickets or information about the concert, please call (860) 873-1581 or visit www.MyFathersHouse.com.



ST CHRISTOPHER CHURCH WILL SPONSOR PROGRAM IN RESPONSE TO THE "THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL"

Pope Benedict XVI has declared the year from June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009 as "The Year of St Paul" in the hope that people would become more familiar with St. Paul and his letters and the influence he has had on the church.

In response to the Pope's request, St. Christopher Church will sponsor a three week program entitled "St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles" which will begin in our church hall on Monday, May 4, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. and continue on the following Mondays of May 11 and May 18.

St. Paul is one of the most enigmatic, influential and exciting figures to emerge from the First Century Church. While his influence on Christian theology is pervasive, few are aware of his struggles, his successes and failures or the meaning and interpretation of his letters. Bring your Bible, other materials will be supplied. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this informative and exciting series.



NEWS FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

The members of our Children's Choir are reminded that they will be singing at both First Communion Masses (May 3 and May 17).

We are always seeking new members to join our choirs. The children's choir is open to all children in grades 2 - 8. The adult choir is open to all high school students and adults - we are especially seeking "a few good men" to join us.

If you would like to learn more about our music ministry, please call Carol Waterman at 521-7411.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR CHILDREN

The annual Mass of Remembrance for children who have died will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Bernard Church in Enfield. Father John Melnick, the Pastor of St. Bernard's, has graciously offered to host this event. This Mass, sponsored by the Pro-Life Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford, is an opportunity to remember children who have died as the result of miscarriage, abortion, accident or illness and is an important step in healing, remembering and recognizing the precious gift of life. Refreshments will follow the Celebration of the Mass. All are invited.



MOTHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

As Mother's Day approaches, you may have your mother (living or deceased) remembered in a special way during our Masses on Mother's Day weekend. For your convenience, an envelope has been included with your weekly envelopes for May. Please **print** the name(s) on your envelope, indicate whether living or deceased, and place it in the collection basket or have it to the parish office **by May 5**. You may also print the information on a piece of paper and put in in an envelope marked "Mother's Day Remembrance."