

# First Holy Communion



*May the Holy Spirit light the way  
as these young people receive  
the Body of Christ for the first time.*

St. Christopher Church  
May 3, 2009

Owen Adams-Mejia  
Jacob Airas  
Julianna Alfonso  
Nygel Champagne  
Jarod Dalrymple  
Mackenzie Dodge  
Isabella Germano  
Taylor Gilnack  
Johnny Herzog  
Christopher Herzog  
Matthew Hohenthal  
Malia Hunt  
Jillian Mercado  
Madison Nolting  
Krystal Penfield  
Robin Simeone  
Evan Zoppoli



**Fourth Sunday  
of  
Easter  
May 3, 2009**

“See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.”

– 1 John 3:1

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

Saturday, May 2 – 4:30 p.m.

**Henry Therrien**  
(Family)

Sunday, May 3 – 8:00 a.m.

**Vincent Baltas**  
(Lucien & Joan Lavertu)

Sunday, May 3 – 10:30 a.m.

**Special Intention for the Children  
of Our First Communion Class**

Monday, May 4 – 7:30 a.m.

**Maria & Francis Pasternak**  
(Family)

Tuesday, May 5 – 7:30 a.m.

**Jacinta Augusta Moura**  
(Angelo Barros)

Wednesday, May 6 – 7:30 a.m.

**Michael Cassella**  
(Fran, Sally, Sarah and Heather Vernile)

Thursday, May 7 – 7:30 a.m.

**Laurentine Turgeon**  
(Mrs. Lise Fenter)

Saturday, May 9 – 4:30 p.m.

**Dennis Daigle - 7th Anniversary**  
(Mom, Dad and Family)

Sunday, May 10 – 8:00 a.m.

**Dinis Leonardo** (Wife and Family)

Sunday, May 10 – 10:30 a.m.

**Marguerite Nadeau & Bernice Tardiff**  
(The Tardiff Family)

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (April 19):	\$ 7,235
Same Sunday in 2008:	\$ 6,292
Weekly Collection (April 26):	\$ 6,110
Same Sunday in 2008:	\$ 7,402
Peter’s Pence Collection:	\$ 1,936
HomeFront Collection:	\$ 874

My sincere thanks for your generosity to our parish!  
Together we bring Christ’s saving presence to our  
community and to our world.

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

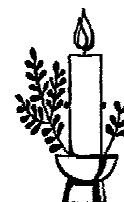
**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*“I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays  
down his life for the sheep. The hired hand catches  
sight of the wolf coming and runs away.... That is  
because he works for pay and has no concern for the  
sheep.” (John 10: 11- 13)*

Unlike the hired hand, the good steward/shepherd  
feels personal responsibility for the Owner's  
property. The image of the good shepherd teaches us  
that stewardship is not about money, but about  
responsibility and commitment.

**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  
Marianne Harden**  
(St. Christopher’s Prayer Tree/Line)

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Our Parish School Families**

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

**“ST. PAUL, APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES”**

**Program Begins This  
Monday, May 4**

St Christopher’s three-week program entitled “St. Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles” will begin this Monday, May 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in our church hall and will continue on the following Mondays of May 11 and 18. St. Paul is one of the most extraordinary and influential Apostles to emerge after the death and resurrection of Jesus. A theological genius, he is nevertheless sometimes difficult to understand and often accused of being contradictory and inconsistent. His writings make up over one-third of the New Testament and he is read almost every Sunday during the Liturgy of the Word at our Eucharistic Celebration.

Our program hopes to unravel some of the history and mystery that surrounds St. Paul and his writings and to delve into the profound theological meaning of his letters for today’s church. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this informative and exciting series. Watch the bulletin for further announcements.

**ADULT SOCIAL CLUB**

The Adult Social Club will be meeting this Monday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Our special guest will be Eugenia Nowik, a member of St. Christopher’s Bereavement Committee. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Helen Little at 568-3080.

Reminders:

Donations of nonperishable food items will be accepted for St. Christopher’s Food Bank.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

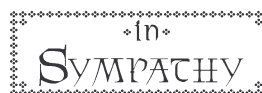
The American Cancer Society is in critical need of drivers. Can you help your neighbor get to his/her much needed treatments? Drive as much or as little as you like. Please, we need your help. Call 800-227-2345.

**MOTHER’S DAY GIFT IDEA**

Are you looking for an awesome gift idea for your mother? Our parish school has just the thing - a package of services offered by Artistic Images Salon on Hebron Avenue in Glastonbury. The package includes the following services:

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| Manicure          | Haircut             |
| Heat Styling      | Eyebrow Shaping     |
| Lip wax           | Hand Paraffin       |
| Deep Conditioning | Sunburst Highlights |

**All these services for \$80.** (Services total over \$350 when purchased separately. Must be a new client of Artistic Images Salon.) If you wish to purchase this package, please call our school office at 568-4100. Our parish school receives \$5 for every book sold.



**Please pray for:**

- Catherine Vera Keane
- Maria Silveira

**Birthright**

**BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Next weekend we have the opportunity to support Birthright’s service to pregnant women in crisis. Members of St. Christopher’s Pro-Life Committee will distribute baby bottles (one per family) after Masses next weekend, Mother’s Day weekend, as part of a fundraiser for Birthright.

We ask that you take the bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check and return it to a Birthright volunteer stationed after Masses the weekend of May 30/31. As you will see from the insert inside the bottle, you may make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life.

This is a great opportunity for our church families to have hands-on involvement in a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers’ lives. Birthright thanks you for any help you can give.

### BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangement with the J. S. Paluch Company, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers - many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. *A strong and vibrant parish is good for our community and a strong business community is good for our parish.*

### SIGN OF PEACE

Due to the concern over the recent outbreak of a flu virus, we understand if you wish to refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace. Another gesture of kindness is appreciated.

### CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENT

The Credo Catholic Singles invites all single, widowed or divorced Catholics to join them at their next event. Join host Joe D. at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, for a round of golf at the Safari Mini-Golf in Berlin followed by a good meal at the American Steakhouse. Rain or shine! For further information about this event or other events sponsored by Credo, please call the parish office at 568-5240 or visit [www.credocath.com](http://www.credocath.com).

### ARE THERE ANY WHO ARE SICK AMONG YOU?

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 Barbara Casey, coordinator of our Homebound Ministry, at 568-4638.

### LAST CHANCE...to purchase tickets for *Joey & Maria's Wedding*

••• Don't Miss Out on the Fun!! •••

Our parish school is proud to announce that it will be presenting the hilarious *Joey & Maria's Wedding* on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at Marco Polo Restaurant in East Hartford. The fun begins at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 per person (cash bar) and includes the dinner and show. Some of you may have joined us in the past for *Joey & Maria's Family Reunion* and *O'Malley's Wake*. Now, you will get to see how this crazy family began. If you haven't been out for a while and you need a good laugh, this may literally be the ticket. It's a great night out!. For tickets, please call our school office at 568-4100.

### GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards are available for purchase every weekend after every Mass, with some exceptions. **Please note:** cards will not be sold after the 10:30 Mass this weekend, May 3, and after the 10:30 Mass on May 17. Cards are available for your use at 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](mailto:tcmart@comcast.net). We appreciate the support you have given this program.

### 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.



### LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

Saturday ~ May 9

One of the nation's largest food drives to combat hunger will be conducted this year on Saturday, May 9. On that day, letter carriers will collect non-perishable donations from homes as they deliver mail along their postal routes. Donations that are collected along postal routes in this area are given to the St. Christopher's Food Bank for distribution to those in need in our community. We encourage you to support this food drive by placing your donations near your mailbox next Saturday. Thank you!



### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

Choosing a family cemetery lot is inevitable. Instead of leaving this decision to a loved one, friend or perhaps even a stranger, why not make this a family decision now?

For a limited time all Catholic families have the opportunity to purchase pre-need graves with upright monument rights or shrine graves with interest-free installment payments up to 4 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.

This offer will conclude on May 15, 2009. Please call the office at St. James Cemetery at 646-3772 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As the active portion of the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal draws to a close, we wish to express our gratitude towards those who have already secured their pledge. If you have not yet made your contribution to the Appeal, we ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. Your help is still very much needed. Each contribution ensures the social services and missions of the Church remain strong in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Appeal packets can be found on the long tables at the main entrance to the church.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Sisters of Notre Dame are looking for an Administrator of Julie House in Windsor. Licensed by the state as a Residential Care Home, this 19-bed residence is sponsored by the CT Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame for its retired but independent members. There is also an opening for a Director of Resident Services. Both are full-time positions with salary and benefits in the state approved range. For more information, please contact Sr. Mary Rose Crowley, SND at (860) 688-1832 or at mrcsnd@aol.com.

### 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."

### ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL - HARTFORD

St. Augustine School in Hartford celebrates 80 years of excellence with a reunion on Saturday, May 16, 2009. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St. Augustine's Church at 4:00 p.m. followed by social hour and station dining at the school from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person; cash bar. Contact Marie Burke at (860) 721-1204 or at staugustinegrads@gmail.com.