



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

Mrs. Kathleen Madej – 568-4100

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Karen Santacross – 568-4975

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Audrey Bjorkman – 568-4100

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SCHOOL'S WEBSITE

www.saintchristophersschool.org

PARISH & SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT

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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

(860) 761-7456

www.vocationshartford.org

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Toni Amberg – 568-9069

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COORDINATOR OF PRO-LIFE

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**Fifth Sunday
of
Easter
May 10, 2009**

“Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.”

– 1 John 3:18

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

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)

Monday, May 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Susan Viglione

(Sister, Jean Walker)

Tuesday, May 12 – 7:30 a.m.

Joseph Bernard Burns - 18th Anniversary

(Carolyn & Joe Kronen)

Wednesday, May 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Gerry Martin

(Wife Jan & Family)

Thursday, May 14 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin

(Wife Claire)

Saturday, May 16 – 4:30 p.m.

Shirley Carbonneau - 1st Anniversary

(Daughters)

Sunday, May 17 – 8:00 a.m.

Joseph Leonardo (Mom, Dad & Daughters)

Sunday, May 17 – 10:30 a.m.

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

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 3): \$ 6,984
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 7,998

My personal thanks for your generous support of our parish. By sharing your time, talent and treasure, you enable us to further the mission of bringing Christ to our families, our young people, our community and our world!

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

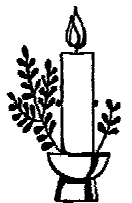
Next weekend our second collection will support the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. To learn more about the CCC, visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We are pleased to report that a total of \$969.97 was donated to support Operation Rice Bowl. We thank those who participated in the Operation Rice Bowl program during Lent. Your participation will make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters here in the Archdiocese of Hartford and in areas around the world. May God bless you!

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
Theodore and Angela Pawelec
(Their Children)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

All Mothers - Living and Deceased

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

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Thank you God for all mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, and those who have provided love, support, time and talents to each of us. We ask for your blessing on those living and not living and for mothers to be. We pray they always turn to you in times of joy and sorrow and that they continue to be a source of strength in leading us to you. May all mothers know your loving and gentle presence. We ask this in your name. Amen.

Fr. Curran, Deacon Bill Gilles and the entire parish staff wish all the mothers of our parish a Happy Mother's Day!



“ST. PAUL, APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES” PROGRAM Continues Monday, May 11

The second session of St Christopher's program entitled "St Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles" will be held this Monday, May 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in our church hall. This week we will explore the Letter to the Galatians and the Letter to the Romans, two of St Paul's most theological works which have challenged exegetes for centuries.

Join us as we unravel the mystery and history that surrounds these writings. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this informative and exciting series. You need not have attended the prior session to attend this session.

This series is being led by Walter Twachtman, a scripture scholar and long-time parishioner of St. Dunstan's in Glastonbury.

HEALING PRAYER FOUNDATIONS WORKSHOP

A Healing Prayer Foundations workshop will be held on Saturday, May 16, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. Learn how to pray effectively for your loved ones. For more information, please call the Charismatic Renewal Office at (860) 243-8234.

EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Evan Thorpe. I am 16 and a Boy Scout with Troop 57 in East Hartford. I have also been a member of St. Christopher's all my life. I attended St. Christopher School and am an alumna of the school. I have also attended the bible camp program since its beginning at this church. As my Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, I am going to landscape the sides and rear of the rectory, planting various shrubs and plants. My troop will be assisting me in this effort. If anyone cares to donate funds to this project for the purchase of plants or has any questions, you can call me at 569-8301. Work is expected to begin at the end of May. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Evan Thorpe

FIRST COMMUNION

Children from St. Christopher's Religious Education program and St. Christopher School will receive First Holy Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy next Sunday, May 17. Please keep these children and their parents and family members in your prayers.



FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

There is a First Communion rehearsal scheduled for this Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. This rehearsal is for the parents and the children who will receive First Holy Communion next Sunday.

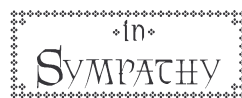
Please pray for:

David Braga
(Cousin of Maria Sousa)

Rev. Joseph A. Graziani

Jerome P. Millstein
(Husband of Elena Millstein)
(Father of Sharon Walker)

Joseph A. Veronese





PENTECOST SUNDAY

We are seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve as readers at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 31. Several readers are needed

to proclaim the Old and New Testament readings as well as the General Intercessions in different languages! At Pentecost, from many languages and peoples, God brought together in unity the Church. If you would like to assist us, please call the parish office at 568-5240.

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENT

Mini-Golf & Dinner

Saturday ~ May 16 ~ 4:00 p.m.

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.

EVENING OF PRAYER

Tuesday ~ May 19 ~ 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to the parish families who have made a gift or pledge commitment to the 2009 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to help the many charitable programs administered in the community that no single parish can operate on its own. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so. Every gift makes a difference!

19th ANNUAL ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT



Saturday ~ June 6

Calling all golfers, June 6 is the date for our parish school's 19th Annual Golf Tournament. The place is the Long Hill Country Club in East Hartford. It's a great day to get out with some friends, hit a round of golf balls and cap the night off with a great dinner. History tells us this is a great event and not one to be missed!

Teams interested in participating should contact Bob Gionfriddo at 568-5625 or call our school office at 568-4100. The cost for this great day is \$99 per person. The round of golf, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner are all included in this price. What more can you ask for? Oh yes, the prizes! There will also be opportunities to win some terrific prizes during the raffle and with contests like Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive and several Team Awards.

Also, there are still opportunities for company and individual sponsorships. Any company or individual interested in being a sponsor may call one of the numbers listed above. Sponsorships will be reflected on attractive signs that are prominently displayed on the course. Each sign will recognize the level of participation and sponsors will receive special recognition in the tournament handbook and in the dinner program. In the past, proceeds from this event have helped to purchase textbooks, library materials and new computers, as well as, provide tuition assistance to deserving families.



45th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC CELEBRATION!

Everyone is invited to attend our parish school's 45th Anniversary Picnic - rain or shine - on Sunday, May 31 (after the 10:30 a.m. Mass) from 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the field behind our school. The Picnic is the last event that will be held in celebration of our parish school's 45th anniversary. If you would like to attend, please complete a picnic form (located at the church entrances) by May 27. If you have any questions, please call Karen Santacross at 568-4975. We hope to see you there!

**HOMEFRONT THANK YOU,
THANK YOU, THANK YOU...**

On our 5th anniversary of being involved with HomeFront, I have many people to thank. First, I want to thank Fr. Curran for his enthusiastic support of this project. Next, our House Captain, Norm Cote, who joyfully expended so much energy and time to help make our HomeFront ministry successful and our Assistant House Captain, Tony Sousa, who was such a valuable asset to the success of this project. Although an aggregate thank you to our tremendous crew might be adequate, I feel compelled to mention each by name; our Youth Ministry volunteer, Ashleigh Sargent; adults, Dave and Toni Amberg, Scott Gay and his dad, Mike Gay, Roger Dionne, Claudette and Larry Flanigan, Mary and John Lawson, David Boardman, Doug Churchill, Ann Bradley, Jennifer and Steve Araujo, Diana Cote, Debbie and Paul Fitzgerald, Madeline and Sam Cassarino, Bill Kirschner, Frank Vignati and Kevin Hadyka. I hope I didn't miss anyone...but if I did, Thank You!

A huge thank you must go to Gil and Carol Albert of Albert's Dependable Plumbing in Southington for the tremendous amount of time and skill they gave to our project again this year! Thank you to our Appliance Fairy (this wonderful family wishes to remain anonymous) who donated and delivered a brand new electric stove to our HomeFront recipient. Thank you to Sue Kleva and all the wonderful folks from the St. Christopher Adult Social Club who prepared and delivered lunch for our crew! Thank you to Tony Sousa's friend Joel Grout who brought so much talent and enthusiasm to our crew! Thank you to Mike Walsh for helping to get approval for some of our crew members to park at Miller Gardens apartments so we could reduce the vehicle congestion on the street. And last, but not least, thank you to the parish community for financially supporting our efforts through the special collection for HomeFront!

Thank you and God bless you all!

– Phil Gosselin, HomeFront Volunteer Coordinator



We extend our thanks and appreciation to Phil Gosselin and all the HomeFront volunteers and to all those who helped to make the day a great success! Thanks!

– Fr. Curran

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We wish to congratulate the following parishioners who were recently commissioned as new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our parish.

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| Barbara Casey | Helen Little |
| Fred and Pat Clark | Eugenia Nowik |
| Alma Dulude | Martha Shea |

We welcome each of them to this ministry and offer to them our prayers. May God bless them in this ministry.

Birthright

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Today we have the opportunity to support Birthright's service to pregnant women in crisis. Birthrights guiding principle is that it is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright is located in East Hartford and is staffed by volunteers dedicated to offering encouragement and practical support to expectant mothers in crisis. Birthright has served our area since 1972!

We ask that each family take a bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check and return it to the specially marked basket in the church on the weekend of May 30/31.

Birthright thanks you for any support you can give to help them to accomplish their mission.

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 next Sunday, May 17. 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.