



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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MARRIAGES

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

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**Pentecost
Sunday**
May 31, 2009

“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit.” – 1 Corinthians 12:4

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

Saturday, May 30 – 4:30 p.m.
In Thanksgiving

Sunday, May 31 – 8:00 a.m.
Vincent Donato - 4th Anniversary
(Children)

Sunday, May 31 – 10:30 a.m.
Marcel Dulude - 1st Anniversary
(Bob & Jeanne Rawlinitis)

Monday, June 1 – 7:30 a.m.
Msgr. Robert D. Bergin

Tuesday, June 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. John E. Rikteraitis

Wednesday, June 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Thursday, June 4 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Felix H. Maguire

Saturday, June 6 – 4:30 p.m.
**Deceased Members of the
Barone & Carrabino Families**

Sunday, June 7 – 8:00 a.m.
Settimo & Mary Tamiso
Tom & Rose Del Rocco
(Family)

Sunday, June 7 – 10:30 a.m.
John Barrett - 2nd Anniversary
(The Barrett Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 24): \$ 6,425
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,480

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

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

REMEMBERING ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Please consider remembering St. Christopher Church by making a tax deductible donation or including us in your will.

Benefits:

- Provide a spiritual legacy
- Provide a tax deduction
- Avoid Capital Gains Tax

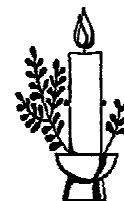
Your contribution will enable St. Christopher's to continue to bring Christ to our parish family!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous donations to the Catholic Communication Campaign totaling \$1,471. Because of parishioners like you, the Church is able to minister and evangelize through local and national communications efforts to keep the world connected to the Word.

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
Albert Dumez - 14th Anniversary**
(Family)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Marcel Dulude - 1st Anniversary**
(Wife & Family)

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!!!

We extend our congratulations to Fr. Curran as he celebrates his 11th year of Ordination this weekend. We also congratulate Fr. James Manship who grew up in St. Christopher's parish and was ordained alongside Fr. Curran in 1998. Fr. Manship is the son of our long-term parishioners Calvin and Theresa Manship. May our Lord's blessing, His joys and His graces be a rich reward for Fr. Curran, Fr. Manship and their families for their selfless dedication in His service, and may their hearts be filled with peace.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The Adult Social Club will meet on Monday, June 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the church hall. A Teacup Raffle will be held. Members are encouraged to bring an item to donate to the raffle. Items need not be new. Is there an item in your home you no longer desire, but could be a treasure for someone else? Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Helen Little at 568-3080. (Please remember to leave both your name and phone number. Thank you.)

Reminder: Non-perishable food donations will be accepted for the St. Christopher's Food Bank.



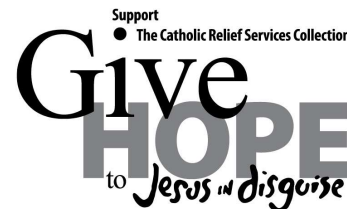
Please pray for:
Melvin "Bampa" Boughton

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ gave us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and He expects us to use this gift. Let's turn off the distractions and tune into the Holy Spirit who "will guide us to the truth." Let us "testify" to our children that true happiness is found in service, forgiveness and love for one another.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In addition to funding the important international relief work of CRS, The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports legal and resettlement services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief.



When you donate to the Catholic Relief Services Collection, through our second collection next weekend, you give hope.

ALL ARE SENT

Fifty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the fulfillment of all God's promises in the feast of Pentecost, a feast that has sometimes been called the birthday of the church. One last time we are reminded that we Christians have received the Holy Spirit, not for our own benefit, but to enable us to follow our Christian vocation.

The centerpiece of the scriptures for Pentecost is the account in Acts of the Apostles of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. The other readings for this Sunday help us to understand what it means to live out our Christian vocation. Paul's letter shows us the gifts and fruits that the Holy Spirit gives to us. John's Gospel reminds us that Jesus has sent all his disciples to share his forgiveness and peace, through the power of the Holy Spirit. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

BIBLICAL DEPTH

The words of the Bible find me at a deeper level of my being than any other book does.

-Samuel Taylor Coleridge

**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. **We are seeking gift cards and gift certificates from your local business or from other local businesses to be used as prizes. Please drop off your donation at the parish office. Thank you!**

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.



St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ June 19, 2009

1:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to make an app't.

Come away and rest awhile

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

In January the men of the parish enjoyed their weekend retreat. This golden opportunity is presented to the women over the weekend of June 5 -7 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. Not only is it convenient, but you will experience wonderful hospitality, comfortable beds, delicious food (that you don't have to prepare or clean up after), a variety of presentations, outdoor meditation, a joyful liturgy -- all within reasonable affordability (\$200.00). What's there not to like!!!!!! Come away to rest in the comfort of prayer and community. It is an opportunity to be Mary, to rest at the feet of Jesus, to just BE, instead of the ever busy Martha.

For more information or to register call Toni Amberg at 568-9069 or the Holy Family Retreat office at 521-4440 or online at www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

**SUMMER VACATION
BIBLE CAMP**

**June 29 - July 3
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



Have your children sink their teeth into the faith filled adventure this year at St. Chris' VBC "Crocodile Dock." They will play games, make arts and crafts, go on daily bible adventures, have snack, meet new friends, and see their old ones too! We will also have live animals to help us make some of the bible points come to life. This all happens during the week of June 29 - July 3, and the registration deadline is coming faster than a croc can close it's mouth. To register for this year's Vacation Bible Camp, please contact Steve DiMotta, the camp director, by phone at (860) 558-3413 or by e-mail at stevefd77@cox.net.

We look forward to seeing you down in the Bayou!



45th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC CELEBRATION!

*This Weekend
Sunday - May 31*

Everyone is invited to attend our parish school's 45th Anniversary Picnic being held this weekend (Sunday, May 31) 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. There will be game and activity booths, a dunk tank, a "Moon Walk" and other fun things for children of all ages! You not only get to eat, but you get to play, too! Tickets for hot dogs and hamburgers will be sold at the door. We hope to see you there!



CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES

Credo is a community of single, widowed and divorced Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford. Through planned events that are spiritually, socially and service-oriented, our members are invited to grow in their relationship with God and one another. No one with faith stands alone.

Several summer events are being held – Savin Rock Boardwalk/The Creamery, Alex's Lemonade Stand and Rock Cats Baseball, Riverfront Walk/Bushnell Park Carousel, Savin Rock Beach Party. For more information about these events, please take one of their latest newsletters which are available at the entrances to the church or you may visit www.credocath.com.

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Gift cards are available for purchase every weekend after every Mass. 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.

Birthright

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

❖ Bottles being collected this weekend ❖

The Birthright baby bottles are being collected this weekend. You may place your bottle in one of the specially-marked baskets at the front of the church. If you forgot yours at home, you may bring it back within the next couple of weeks. Our Pro-Life Committee wishes to thank all those families who participated in this fundraising effort for Birthright of Greater Hartford. Your generosity will make such an impact on the families that seek support from Birthright. The lives you are helping to save are also going to be eternally grateful.

2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Half-Price Sale!

Our Youth Ministry office has a small supply of 2009 Entertainment Books. These books, which are filled with tons of coupons, are still good for five more months...so there is still plenty of time left to take advantage of the money-saving offers! Get yours today for only \$15! Books are available at our parish office during normal business hours or by calling the parish office at 568-5240. All proceeds benefits our Youth Ministry program.

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Are you or is someone you know ready to explore the Bible? Registrations for the fifteenth anniversary class of the Archdiocesan Catholic Biblical School are already coming in and will be considered through August 15, 2009. Classes will be held at locations around the diocese and both in the evening and during the day.

Coming to know God's Word in the Bible will have a profound impact on your life and faith – at least, that's what participants have been telling us for years, and what last October's Vatican Synod on the Word of God confirmed. For more information about all that the Biblical School has to offer, contact Barbara Jean Daly Horell at cbs@orehartford.org or 243-9465, ext. 11.