



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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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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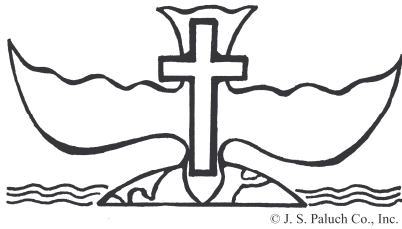
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The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 2009

“Go . . . and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

– Matthew 28:19

Mass Intentions  *for the Week*

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)

Monday, June 8 – 7:30 a.m.
Lucy, Gennaro & Susan Viglione
(Jean Walker)

Tuesday, June 9 – 7:30 a.m.
Joan Mullooly
(Moirra & John Traynor)

Wednesday, June 10 – 7:30 a.m.
Joaqin DeSousa Barros
(Maria Barros)

Thursday, June 11 – 7:30 a.m.
Margaret Boisvert
(Alicia Lynn)

Saturday, June 13 – 4:30 p.m.
Ray Stanizzi *(Family)*

Sunday, June 14 – 8:00 a.m.
Jack Cosker *(Martha Shea)*

Sunday, June 15 – 10:30 a.m.
Michael Serignese *(Family)*

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 31): \$ 7,207
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 8,271

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

With gratitude, Fr. Curran



A STEWARDSHIP SUMMER REMINDER

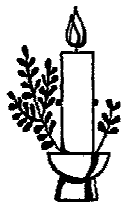
For those families who summer “away” from St. Christopher’s, please remember our parish relies on your support even during the summer months. Envelopes can be mailed or a summer offering can be made directly to the church at 538 Brewer Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. Thank you for your stewardship of our parish!

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend our parish will participate in the 2009 Catholic Relief Services collection through our second collection. You have been very generous in your support of this Appeal in the past, and we ask for your continued support and prayers as we help our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank 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

**In Loving Memory of
Jeannine Belliveau - 1st Anniversary**
(Maurice & Yvette Dionne)

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**Special Intention for
God’s Healing Presence for a Parishioner**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
DEACON BILL**

Please join me in congratulating Deacon Bill and his wife Eileen on Deacon Bill's 18th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate. Deacon Bill was ordained June 8, 1991 and has served the people of the Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully in this important role of service in the Church for the past 18 years, having served here at St. Christopher's since July 1997. We thank Deacon Bill and his wife Eileen for their generous service to our parish and the Church.

in Christ,
Fr. Curran

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have a car and some time to spare during the work week, during business hours? If so, you can make a world of difference in the life of a cancer patient in our community. Volunteer drivers receive simple training and an orientation from the Society. You can drive as little or as much as you want. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, please call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"And know that I am with you always, until the end of the world." (Matthew 28:20)

God is always with us. How often are we with God? Our relationship with God is like our relationship with our children. What our children really want from us is our time. The same is true of God. In our stewardship of time, how much time do we set aside for God in prayer?



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.

**EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP
SERVICE PROJECT THANK YOU**

Dear Parishioners,

My landscaping project at the rectory is nearing completion. All of the plants are in the ground, the mulch has been spread and watering continues. I would like to thank the following people for their contributions: Fr. Curran for his idea and support; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Riley, Martha Shea, Bonnie Szalay, The Hannon Family, Mr. and Mrs. George Grivois, Deborah Thorpe and Wayne Thorpe for their help and donations; my fellow Troop 57 Scouts and their parents for their hard work and assistance; the Evans, Gosselin and Simeone families for their help with the planting; and my Scout Leaders, Ken Walters, Ed Mirek, John Masse, and Hank Skowronek for their support and guidance. Also, thank you to all St. Chris parishioners in general for supporting and encouraging me. I hope you will agree that the landscaping looks very nice and is an awesome improvement to the beauty of our church grounds!

Sincerely,
Evan Thorpe



On behalf of our parish family I would like to thank Evan and all those who were involved in this Eagle Scout Leadership Service project.

Great job!
Fr. Curran



Please pray for:

Ruth Cadwallader
(mother of Steve Cadwallader)
Rev. Leo J. Daily
Sarkes Garabedian
(father of Keith Garabedian)

**THANK YOU
FROM
ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL**

To the Parishioners of St. Christopher Church,

Thank you so much for the kindness and generosity you have shown St. Christopher School in this our 45th anniversary year. In December, we were blown away by the support shown us at our 45th Anniversary Mass Celebration and Reception. Archbishop Mansell was truly impressed by the number of parishioners who attended this celebration. Then on this past Sunday at our 45th Anniversary Picnic and Carnival, you were there again. It's not like your generosity is new to us, we see it every year with your ongoing support of our Annual Fund. It's just that we want to thank you all and let you know how much we appreciate what you do for our parish school. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Kathleen E. Madej, Principal

GOD HAS A POSITIVE ANSWER

<u>You say</u>	<u>God says</u>
It's impossible	All things are possible
I'm too tired	I will give you rest
Nobody really loves me ...	I love you
I can't go on	My grace is sufficient
I can't figure things out	I will direct your steps
I can't do it	You can do all things
I'm not able	I am able
It's not worth it	It will be worth it
I can't forgive myself	I forgive you
I can't manage	I will supply all your needs
I'm afraid	I have not given you a spirit of fear
I'm always worried	Cast all your cares on Me
I'm not smart enough	I give you wisdom
I feel all alone	I will never leave you or forsake you

**ST. CHRISTOPHER
SCHOOL GRADUATION**



Our parish school will hold graduation ceremonies on Friday, June 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. We ask that you keep these eighth grade students and their families in your prayers.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OUR FAITH

Today is a day simply to ponder the fact that in baptism we were claimed by God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy prompts us to fix in our hearts the truth that God is the Lord of both heaven and earth and there is no other god. Saint Paul reminds us that, because we received the Spirit of adoption in baptism, we are now children of God. In the Gospel Jesus charges us with the responsibility to make other disciples. These realities make today's solemnity a day of praise, adoration, and responsibility. It is a fitting day to thank God for the absolutely free gift of faith that we were given in baptism. It is also a day to ask God for strength to take on the responsibility of sharing that faith with others.

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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.

2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

One Book Left !!!

Our Youth Ministry office has one 2009 Entertainment Book left to sell. This book, which is filled with tons of coupons, is still good for five more months...so there is still plenty of time left to take advantage of the money-saving offers! **This book is being sold at half price - only \$15!** Please call the parish office at 568-5240 if you are interested. All proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry program.

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!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus told his disciples "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot hear it now." Jesus has the same problem with us as we do with our children. Our advice is not always welcome. Timing was a challenge for Jesus as it is for us as parents.

FATHER'S DAY MASS REMEMBRANCES

As Father's Day approaches, you may have your father (living or deceased) remembered in a special way during our Masses on Father's Day weekend. For your convenience, an envelope has been included with your weekly envelopes for June. 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 June 16**. You may also print the information on a piece of paper and put in in an envelope marked "Father's Day Remembrance."

ARCHDIOCESAN BOOK SALE

A Book Sale will be held at the Archbishop O'Brien Library beginning Tuesday, June 9 through Friday, June 12. Pre-sale hours will be 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Regular sale hours will be 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Wed. – Fri.

Items for sale will include many books on saints, spirituality and classics in theology, as well as religious videos and audiotapes and religious reference sets. In addition there will be fiction, books on health, history, biography, literature, reference sets, videos, books on tape and more. Library tote bags, cards, gift items will also be on sale. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$5 per book.

The Archbishop O'Brien Library is located at The Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, 467 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield. Please call (860) 242-5573, ext. 114/115 for directions or view the Seminary's website at www.stseminary.org/obrienlibrary and click on directions. All proceeds from the sale will benefit the Archbishop O'Brien Library. All are invited.



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.