



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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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

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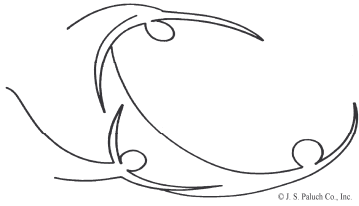
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**Thirteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
June 28, 2009**

*“You changed my mourning into dancing;
O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.”*
– Psalm 30:13

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *for the
Week*

Saturday, June 27 – 4:30 p.m.
Pat Blanco
(Family)

Sunday, June 28 – 8:00 a.m.
**In Loving Memory of
Rose & Arsenio D’Amata**
(Daughter Anna Stalgaitis)

Sunday, June 28 – 10:30 a.m.
Fr. Francis J. Browne

Monday, June 29 – 7:30 a.m.
Marjorie “Midge” Bishop
(Tony & Maria Sousa)

Tuesday, June 30 – 7:30 a.m.
Maureen Foley
(St. Christopher’s Adult Social Club)

Wednesday, July 1 – 7:30 a.m.
Edmond Guerin
(Wife & Family)

Thursday, July 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. John E. Rikteraitis

Saturday, July 4 – 4:30 p.m.
Patricia Clark - 5th Anniversary *(Family)*

Sunday, July 5 – 8:00 a.m.
John F. Wardwell, Sr. - 23rd Anniversary
(Wife Sandra)

Sunday, July 5 – 10:30 a.m.
Carolyn Brand - 1st Anniversary
(Ruth Sheehan & Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 21): \$ 6,494
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 5,660

Many thanks for all you do to support our parish and its many ministries!

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!

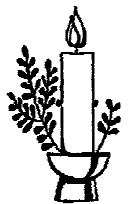
WEEKDAY MASS - CHAPEL

Please note that our parish chapel will be used during the summer months for the weekday celebration of our Mass. Our chapel, because of its size, is especially suited for our weekday celebration of the Eucharist.

Celebrating weekday Mass in our chapel is also part of our attempts to “go green” and to be good stewards of our energy resources.

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
Robert Fillatti**
(Wife Mary & Daughter Kathie)

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**God’s Healing Presence and Comfort for
Honore Gallant**
(Bev Connors)

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

O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through tsunamis and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O Lord, and have pity on me; O Lord, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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!



Please pray for:
Rev. Francis J. Browne
Stanley Mozdierz

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel are a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families can be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Just as you are rich in every respect, in faith and discourse, in knowledge, in total concern, and in our love for you, you must abound in your work of charity." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

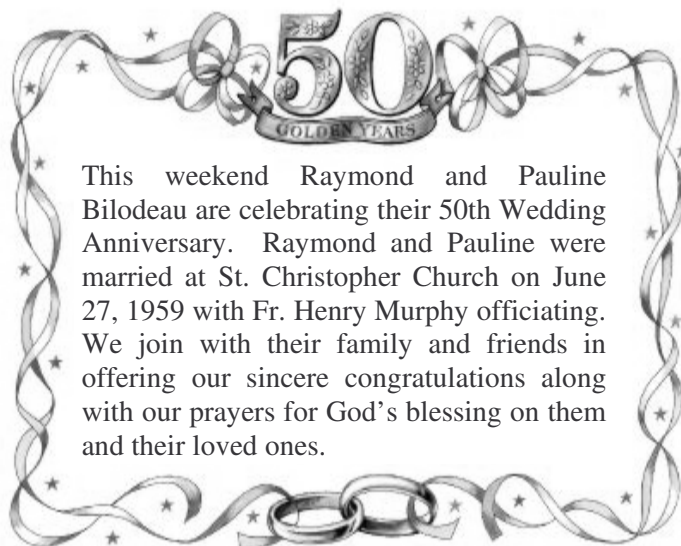
Paul reminds the people of Corinth of their many blessings and calls them to give charitably to others. We too are blessed in many ways. Are we as charitable?



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.



This weekend Raymond and Pauline Bilodeau are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Raymond and Pauline were married at St. Christopher Church on June 27, 1959 with Fr. Henry Murphy officiating. We join with their family and friends in offering our sincere congratulations along with our prayers for God's blessing on them and their loved ones.



Mass Times was developed in 1994 to help traveling Catholics find a church nearby to their destination. When you visit their website at www.masstimes.org, you can begin your search of locating parishes near to your destination. The search will show the church name, address, and phone number for all churches in the area. Worship times are maintained by the individual churches, so it is recommended that you call the church directly to verify their schedule of Masses.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The Adult Social Club will not meet in July. Information about our picnic on Monday, August 3, will be published in a few weeks. We wish our members an enjoyable and relaxing month of July. For those who will be traveling, we wish you a safe trip. We look forward to seeing you in August!



THANK YOU!

On June 19, in our Church Hall, a blood drive was held. On behalf of the American Red Cross, we thank everyone who came out to donate blood.

If you couldn't make it to this blood drive, perhaps you'll consider participating in the next blood drive being held here at St. Christopher's on Wednesday, August 19. **All eligible donors who present to donate at this blood drive will receive a coupon for a free carton of ice cream redeemable at any participating Friendly's restaurant.** This offer is made possible through the *Sweet Summer* promotion sponsored by the American Red Cross and Friendly's Ice Cream.

Won't you please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make your appointment today?

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Gift Card Program

Gift cards will not be sold after Mass for the months of July and August. **The last weekend to purchase cards after Mass is THIS weekend, June 27/28.** If you would like to continue purchasing cards during the summer months, order forms will be available in the church hall. The form will provide you with a list of cards available through the school. You may call Kathy Simeone with your order on Sunday and the cards will be available by Thursday. Please note that the school must place their order on Monday morning so any calls received after Sunday will not be entered until the following week. Kathy's contact information is on the order form and she can arrange the best pick up option for you.

The St. Christopher School community would like to thank the parishioners for their continued support of the gift card program!

Our Parish is growing! We welcome into our Christian community through the holy waters of baptism:

Milargos Afrifa Darko

Densu Samuel Darko



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses. – Rev. James Field, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co).

FATHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCES

In addition to the fathers - living and deceased - who were remembered in the Masses celebrated in our parish on Father’s Day weekend, the following fathers were also remembered.

Living

Robert Merrill

Deceased

- Antonio Botticello Michael McCarthy
- Kenneth A. Brasa Harris Merrill
- Raymond Carey Domenico Piccinini
- William Coiteux Vincenzo Serrutto
- Metro Cutler Stanley Venzlauskas
- Joseph LaBonte

“Blessed be all fathers who have come into our lives, whose kindness, care and loving remain with us to guide.”

NEW ADDRESS

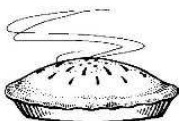
Rose Yergeau has asked that on her behalf we extend appreciation to all of you who have been so supportive over these past several months. Rose has now settled into a senior living community in Glastonbury. Her new address is Mountain Laurel, Room #104, 1177 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT 06033. May the Lord bless her in her new home.

I thank Rose for all her efforts on behalf of our Adult Social Club and for her love and service to our parish!

– Fr. Curran

DOMINICAN SISTERS’ BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters will be visiting our parish on the weekend of July 11/12 to offer for sale their homemade breads, apple pies, blueberry pies, and brownies. Everything is baked accordingly to the Dominican community recipe. The proceeds of their sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thank You



To the St. Christopher Parish and School Community,

Thank you for the overwhelming amount of cards, gifts, kind words, and support that was given to me by the St. Christopher parish and school community during the past weeks with the announcement of my retirement from St. Christopher School. Words cannot adequately express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you!

Sincerely yours,
Judith DeTuccio



15th ANNUAL GIANT TAG SALE

A Giant indoor Tag Sale with aisles and aisles of treasures will be held at the Sisters of Saint Joseph Convent, 27 Park Road in West Hartford on the following dates and times:

- Thursday, July 16: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**
(\$10 Admission - wine & cheese preview)
- Friday, July 17: Noon – 8:00 p.m.**
(\$1 Admission)
- Saturday, July 18: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
(Free Admission)

Clean and usable donations are being accepted (please...No books, No clothing, No large furniture, No computers). Donation drop off times are as follows:

- Monday, July 13: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This tag sale benefits Tabor House residences sponsored by Sisters of Saint Joseph for homeless men and women living with HIV/AIDS & AIDS Project Hartford. Call David at 523-9136 or Loretta at 563-9217 for more information.