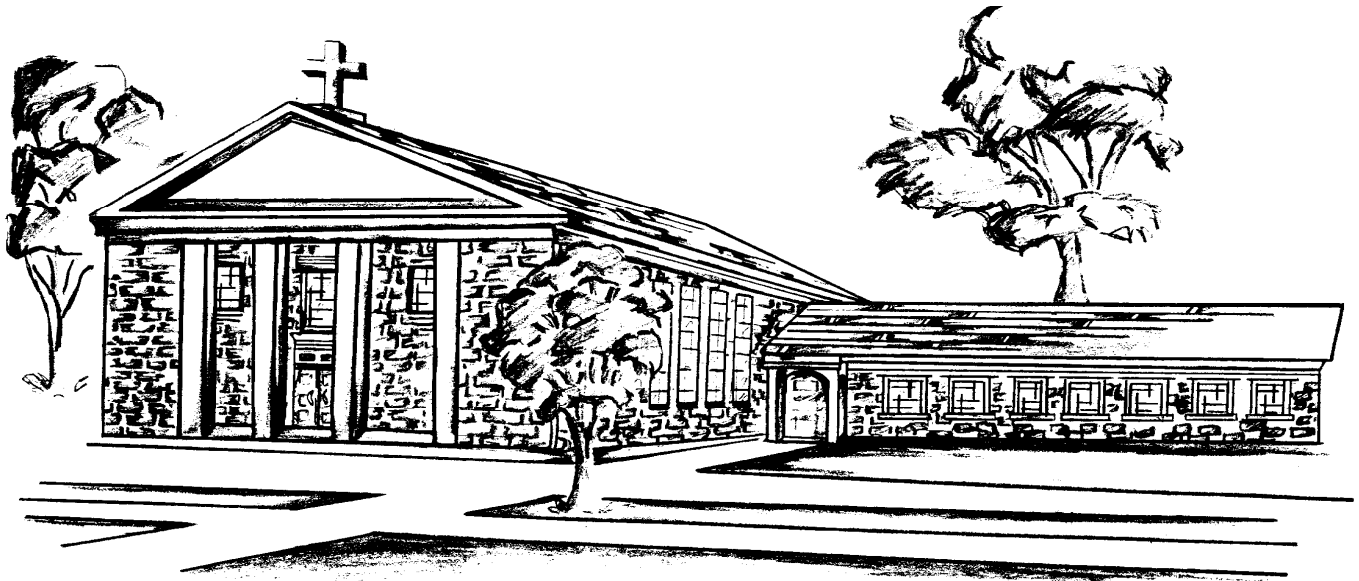


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Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

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

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Wednesday: 7:00 PM - Chapel

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**Fifteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
July 12, 2009**

*“Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.”*
– Psalm 85:12

*Mass for the
Intentions Week*

Saturday, July 11 – 4:30 p.m.
Frank & Emeline Cosker (*Daughter*)

Sunday, July 12 – 8:00 a.m.
Aurore Belanger - 40th Anniversary
(*Granddaughters*)

Sunday, July 12 – 10:30 a.m.
Helen Cadorette
(*Neighbor, Sandra Wardwell*)

Monday, July 13 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Felix H. Maguire

Tuesday, July 14 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. David McDonald

Wednesday, July 15 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. Walter A. Vichas

Thursday, July 16 – 7:30 a.m.
Rev. John F. Edwards

Saturday, July 18 – 4:30 p.m.
Pauline Therrien
(*Family*)

Sunday, July 19 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Riley
(*The Zaccardelli Family*)

Sunday, July 19 – 10:30 a.m.
Ed McNamara - 5th Anniversary
(*Wife Jean & Family*)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (June 28): \$ 6,575
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,073

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



**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!

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The lamps beside our tabernacles remind us of the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



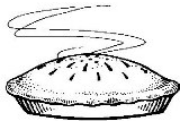
The candle in the church burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
George Kochanowicz**
(*Sister, Betty Yorio and Brother-in-Law, Al Yorio*)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Thanksgiving for Our Deacons:
Deacon Bill Gilles
and
Deacon Ed Giard**

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



DOMINICAN SISTERS' BAKE SALE

The Dominican Sisters are visiting our parish this weekend 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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"It is in Christ and through his blood that we have been redeemed and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us". (Ephesians 1:7)

God has been generous to each of us. Does God's generosity elicit a grateful response of sharing our time, talent, and treasure?

PRAYER TREE NETWORK



Our Prayer Tree Network is available to receive your prayer requests! All prayer requests are handled with care and in a confidential manner. Requests may be called in or sent by e-mail to our Prayer Tree coordinator, Bev Connor: 432-1530 or bcrc3@hotmail.com.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things." "Today's gospel challenges us to look at the "things" crowding our lives. We collect, possess, argue over, and worry about "things." Often we are so busy doing "things" we don't have time for the people closest to us. Are "things" separating you from your family?

Birthright

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

I just received the figure donated to Birthright through the baby bottle fundraiser by St. Christopher Church. You wonderful people donated \$2,453.00!!! I am so proud of your generous support of Birthright's mission to help women in crisis pregnancies give their babies life. Thank you and God bless!

Peace,

Phil Gosselin
Pro-Life Coordinator

OPERATION KID-TO-KID

Each year our Vacation Bible Camp children participate in *Operation Kid-to-Kid* by supporting efforts that assist children in need. This year the participants are teaming up with East Hartford Social Services Department to help children right here in our own community. They are seeking donations of new school supplies to help local students start the new school year off on the right foot. These supplies will be distributed by the Social Service staff to pre-identified students entering grades K-12 in the fall, whose families are experiencing hard times. Especially needed NEW supplies include: backpacks, spiral notebooks, filler paper, highlighters, colored pencils, markers, crayons, pens and erasers. **Donations are needed by August 2** and may be left on the specially-marked bucket in the church hall. We thank you for your support of *Operation Kid-to-Kid*.



II Cheryl Hooker & Peter Abrahamson

“NEW DAY” PROGRAM***A Journey from Grief to Healing***

Grieving the loss of a loved one is one of the most emotional and traumatic events we experience in life. By finding healthy ways to manage and face our grief, over time, we can accept the loss and continue to live.



“New Day” is a 9-week program for those who have lost a loved one in death. It is a time to come together to pray, to understand the grieving process and to experience the support of a caring community.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings starting September 8 and will take place in the Parish Center from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. For more information and/or to register, please contact Toni Amberg, our Bereavement Coordinator, at 568-9069.

CALLED BY GOD

Today’s scriptures invite us to listen to two calls. The first is the call issued by the Lord to the prophet Amos, the “shepherd and a dresser of sycamores” (Amos 7:14). The second is the call the Lord Jesus issued to the Twelve, whom he sent out “two by two” (Mark 6:7). These faithful people responded to the call, prophesying and preaching to the people to whom they had been sent. Each of us received a call when we were baptized. The second reading invites us to ponder that call as we are reminded that we are chosen in Christ and that, in love, God “destined us for adoption” (Ephesians 1:5). As adopted daughters and sons of God we are called to bring the presence of Christ into our marriages, families, schools, and places of work. Let us be inspired today to say “yes” to the call we hear once again through God’s living word. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“It’s not who you are that holds you back, it’s who you think you’re not.”

– Anonymous

**EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT
OUR PARISH SCHOOL**

Gift Card Program

Gift cards are still available during the summer months! Simply call Kathy Simeone by Sunday evening to order your cards. Kathy’s phone number is attached to the order form that is available on the long tables at the main entrance to the church. Thank you for continuing to support our parish school during these summer months!

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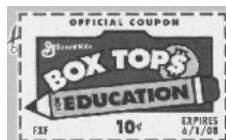
This program is new to our parish school and it’s a great way for our school to get FREE merchandise. To meet our goals, we need to collect 4,000 points.



Participating in the program is easy – simply save proofs of purchase (the UPC and logo) from participating Campbell products and place them in the weekly offering baskets. Thank you!!

Box Tops for Education

Our school can earn up to \$20,000 per year from the Box Tops you clip! Please look for products with the official coupon, clip and place in the weekly offering basket. Please Note: The official coupon is the only part of the packaging that is accepted. Thank you!!

***Funding Factory Recycling***

Students of our parish school have been earning money by participating in the Funding Factory Recycling Program. We collect empty laser and inkjet cartridges and used cell phones from the community and send them to the Funding Factory in exchange for cash. All proceeds are used to support our technology program. Please help us by donating your used cartridges and cell phones. A blue collection bin has been placed in the church wing for your convenience. Thank you for your support!



Please pray for:

Peter Cascone
(Father of Paula Hannon)

Marie DeLisle

Rev. Martin J. Scholsky

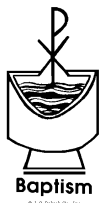
Lois M. Taylor

Grace M. Vigneau

OUR BULLETINS ARE ON THE WEB!

This is just a reminder that our weekly bulletins can be viewed on our website. In the event the weekend finds you out of town, you can still be informed of what's happening in the St. Christopher Parish and School community. Visit us at:

www.stchris-eh.org



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

Sara Rose Miranda

St. Christopher Church Hall

Wednesday, August 19

1:30 – 7:00 p.m.



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?



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 recommended that you call the church directly to verify their schedule of Masses.



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.