



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

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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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

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**Eighteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 2, 2009**

*“Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life..”*
— John 6:27a

*Mass  for the
Intentions  Week*

Saturday, August 1 – 4:30 p.m.
Jude Pomerleau—4th Anniversary
(Family)

Sunday, August 2 – 8:00 a.m.
Vincent Baltas
(Dorothy Turmel & Family)

Sunday, August 2 – 10:30 a.m.
Eleanor Spears—6th Anniversary
(Family)

Monday, August 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Leo Tardiff *(Family)*

Tuesday, August 4 – 7:30 a.m.
Mr. & Mrs. Anselme Gagnon
(Jean-Luc & Laurette Belanger)

Wednesday, August 5 – 7:30 a.m.
Conceição “Connie” Barros
(Maria Barros)

Thursday, August 6 – 7:30 a.m.
Catherine & Jeremiah Sullivan
(Daughter)

Saturday, August 8 – 4:30 p.m.
John Vignone—7th Anniversary
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, August 9 – 8:00 a.m.
Irma McCarthy *(Family)*

Sunday, August 9 – 10:30 a.m.
Helen Martocci - 10th Anniversary
(Husband & Family)

UNITED WAY DONATIONS

Another Way to Help Our Parish Community!
Many of you participate in the United Way campaign at your workplace. When you are asked to make a pledge to the United Way through employee contributions, please consider making a contribution to our church and/or school through the Donor Choice program. Please use the appropriate designation code(s) when completing your paperwork.

Designation Codes

St. Christopher Church: #AG10062

St. Christopher School: #AG0953

For more information, please contact our parish office at 568-5240.

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OUR TITHING PARISH

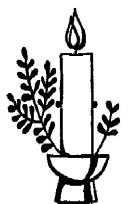
Weekly Collection (July 26): \$ 6,511
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,991

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

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

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
Joseph Veronese
(Kay McNamara)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week for

**In Loving Memory of
Grace Vigneau
(Helen Little)**

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

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

The next gathering of the members of the Adult Social Club will be the annual summer picnic which will be held this **Monday, August 3**, at **5:00 p.m.** in the church hall. Hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream and beverages will be provided. All members should have been contacted in order to coordinate the additional food items needed for the picnic. Please call Helen Little at 568-3080 with any questions.

Reminder: Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at this picnic for the St. Christopher Food Bank. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth.” (Ephesians 4:24)

The distinction of being a beloved son or daughter comes from imitating Christ. When we are baptized, we put on a new self. This is a self that is lived in imitation of Christ.

“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.



Please pray for:
Evelina Ford

GOD’S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being “God’s work.” But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God’s work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is “God’s work?” “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:29).

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WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY MASS

A special Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in Hartford. All couples celebrating their 25th, 50th and other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend. Archbishop Mansell will be the main celebrant, and he sees this annual event as one specific way to positively support sacramental marriage.

A simple reception will follow. Family members and friends are encouraged to attend. Please call the rectory at 568-5240 to respond to this invitation and to register. **All registrations received by September 30 will appear in the program booklet.**



ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Registration Deadline Coming Near!

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.

**SO YOU WANT TO BE A
GODPARENT OR
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR?**

One of the most disappointing events that can occur is when you have been asked to be a godparent or a confirmation sponsor and you find out that you are not eligible because you have not received the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you are 18 years of age or older, a baptized Catholic who has received your First Communion but have not been confirmed, you can attend six sessions of adult education classes and then celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at St. Thomas Seminary Chapel in Bloomfield at 7:30 p.m. with registration at 6:30 p.m.

Classes will be held at the Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield on Tuesdays (9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. or on Thursdays (9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22) from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc in Hamden.

There is a \$15 book fee that is payable at the time of registration.

If you are interested in registering for either of these classes, you may call the parish office at 568-5240 to obtain the registration form. Additional information can be found at www.orehartford.org.

**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!

Labels for Education™

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.

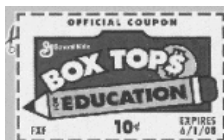


Participating in the program is easy – simply save proofs of purchase (the UPC and logo) from participating Campbell products and place them in the weekly offering baskets. Thank you!!

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!



Religious Education

Registrations Now Being Accepted

Now is the time to register your child(ren) for the religious education school year which begins on Sunday, September 20. If you have a child entering Grades K - 8 who is not yet registered for this coming school year, please contact Maria Sousa, our Coordinator of Religious Education, by phone at 895-8692 or by e-mail at religiously@stchris-org. Returning families are asked to complete a new registration form each year.



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!

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?

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

Jesus tells us in today's gospel: "I am the true bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." If we are what we eat, then perhaps it is time to put your family on The Gospel Diet and devote more time and energy to the "bread of life."

A SECRET

"The secret to happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles."

– Anonymous

ANNUAL LAWN FESTIVAL

The Felician Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels Convent will hold their annual Lawn Festival on their grounds at 1315 Enfield Street (Route 5) in Enfield on Saturday, September 12, from 10:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m.

The Festival will feature delicious Polish and American food, Kiddie land, lobster, homemade bread and pastries, tag sale and games for everyone to enjoy. The Eddie Forman Polka Band from Hadley, Massachusetts will entertain from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The Annual Lawn Festival is for the benefit of the infirm and elderly Felician Sisters. Everyone is welcome. Free parking and free admission. Because this is a fundraising event, the Sisters kindly ask that food and drinks be purchased on the grounds. Please refrain from bringing animals and coolers to the Festival. For more information, please call 745-7791 between 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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