



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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Rev. Vincent J. Curran, Pastor

DEACONS

Deacon William Gilles (RCIA Director)
Deacon Edward Giard

PARISH TRUSTEES

Kay McNamara / Stephen Kleva

PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Roch Girard – 568-5879

FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Michael Munley – 683-8594

OFFICE MANAGER

Bonnie Szalay – 568-5240

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Carol Waterman – 521-7411

COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS ED.

Maria Sousa – 895-8692

E-mail: religioused@stchris-eh.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sarah Poirier, Martha Gaudreau and
Kevin Hadyka – 895-8692

E-mail: youthministry@stchris-eh.org

CHURCH CUSTODIAN

Roger Dube

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

Mrs. Kathleen Madej – 568-4100

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Karen Santacross – 568-4975

SCHOOL SECRETARY

Audrey Cesana – 568-4100

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

Corrinne Lomazzo – 214-3500

HOME / SCHOOL ASSOC. PRESIDENT

Bridget Messier-Cooke – 202-3692

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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

761-7456 www.vocationshartford.org

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Toni Amberg – 568-9069

Jean Nowik – 568-8873

COORDINATOR OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Cathy Reynolds – 214-9287

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Barbara Casey – 568-4638

PRAYER TREE

and TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

Bev Connors – 432-1530 or 966-1388

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

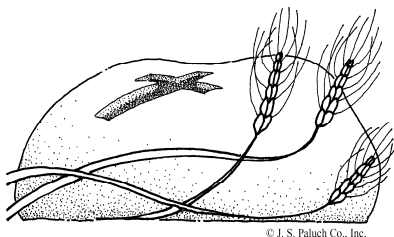
Toni Amberg—568-9069

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001

COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396



Nineteenth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 9, 2009

*"I am the living bread that came down
from heaven."*
— John 6:51

Mass  for the
Intentions *for the Week*

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)

Monday, August 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Kenneth J. Frisbee

Tuesday, August 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin
(Wife Claire)

Wednesday, August 12 – 7:30 a.m.

Rev. Joseph A. Graziani

Thursday, August 13 – 7:30 a.m.

Deceased Members of the Garvey Family
(Marion Sullivan)

Saturday, August 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo
(Wife & Family)

Sunday, August 16 – 8:00 a.m.

Roger Paradis (Family)

Sunday, August 16 – 10:30 a.m.

Rosemary Whalen
(Mr. & Mrs. Robert Parisi)

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.

(Please clip and save for easy reference.)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (August 2): \$ 5,858

Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 5,949

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

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 for a
Special Intention
for God's Healing Presence for a Parishioner

The candle in the chapel burns this week

In Memory of
the Deceased Members of our Parish
and for Those Who are Grieving for Them
(Bereavement Ministry)

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



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 15

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Although it is a Holy Day of Obligation, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated this year due to the Holy Day falling on a Saturday. Therefore, no Masses are being celebrated for the Holy Day. (Our Vigil Mass on August 15 will be celebrated as usual.)

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make our summer picnic such a success. Thanks to all the wonderful cooks for the delicious side dishes, to the men who operated the grills, to our custodian Roger Dube for setting up the hall, to the ladies for making all the calls to our members, and to everyone who helped to clean up the hall. It was a wonderful evening!

– Helen Little & Board Members

Please Note:

Due to Labor Day, the next gathering of the Adult Social Club will be Monday, August 31 at 1:00 p.m. Please plan to join us as we take a look back at the '50's.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Marcel D. Girard
(brother of Roch Girard)

John F. Gleason
(dear neighbor of John & Mary Carney)

Richard C. Reilly
(father of Christopher & Marguerite Reilly)

Volunteers Needed

ALTAR MINISTRY

Our Altar Ministry is seeking new members to help prepare our church and sanctuary for the liturgies celebrated here at St. Christopher's.

Altar Ministry chairperson, Barbara Wilmes, and members Bev Connors and Sally Labieniec have recently stepped down after many years of dedicated service. We are most grateful to these ladies for the wonderful job they did in assuring that our church was a lovely place for us all to worship.

We are pleased to welcome new members Martha Shea and Moira Traynor to this ministry, but we'd love to welcome more new members!

If you are available on Friday afternoons for 1-2 hours and would be interested in helping these ladies in this very special ministry, please call Bonnie at the parish office at 568-5240. Thanks!



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 religioused@stchris-org. Returning families are asked to complete a new registration form each year.

Job Posting

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR
St. Christopher School**

Our parish school is seeking an enthusiastic, organized person for the position of the Director of the After School Program. The Director is responsible for the day-to-day activities of the program. These activities include implementing the daily activities for the children, overseeing staff, purchasing snacks and maintaining accurate attendance and staff records. Experience with children is preferred. Hours are 1:30 – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; extended hours on early dismissal days. If interested, please contact our school’s principal, Kathleen Madej, at 568-4100 or send a resume to mrsteach89@hotmail.com.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL PRESENTS
*Jimmy & Jenny’s Wacky Western Wedding***

St. Christopher School is proud to announce that it will be presenting the hilarious *Jimmy and Jenny’s Wacky Western Wedding* on Friday, October 9, 2009 at Maneeley’s in South Windsor. If you have seen *Joey and Maria’s Wedding*, you know just how much fun this family is when they get together for some nuptials. The cost is \$50.00 per person (cash bar) and includes the dinner and the show. So, mark your calendar now. There will be more information shortly on how to obtain tickets.

There are also opportunities for companies and individuals to sponsor a table. The cost is \$100. A nice display with the company’s or individual’s name will be provided at the table. For tickets or to sponsor a table, please call the school office at 568-4100 (summer hours for the school are Tuesday -Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon).

**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™

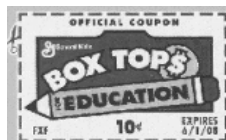
This program is new to our parish school and it’s a great way for our school to get FREE merchandise. To meet our goals, we need to collect 4,000 points.



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!!

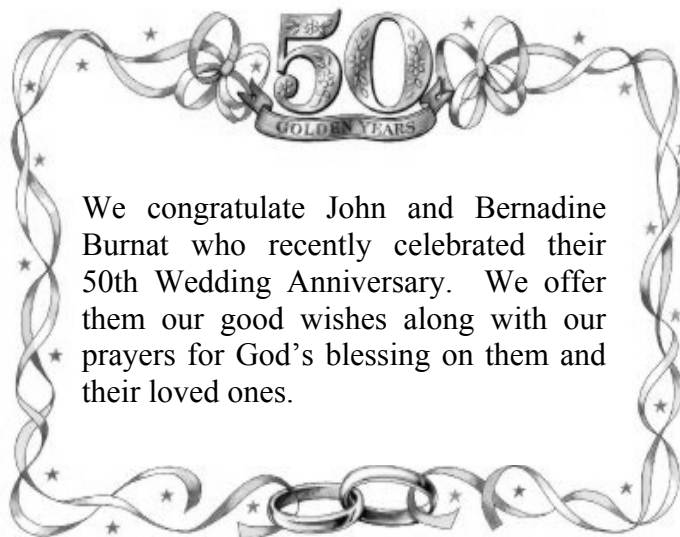
Funding Factory Recycling

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!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

St. Christopher Church will be participating in the *40 Days for Life Campaign* again this year. Last year we had tremendous support! During this 40 day campaign, parishes will be engaging in Eucharistic Adoration, as well as, prayerful vigil at the abortion clinic in Hartford. This year we will be partnering with Helpers of God's Precious Infants to inspire folks to be Prayer Warriors for this wonderful campaign to support life at all stages. On Saturday, September 26, 2009, we are seeking at least two people to pray for life in our church for each one hour time slot beginning at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 27, 2009. We will complete the campaign with 12 more hours of prayerful vigil next to the abortion clinic in Hartford beginning on Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 6:00 a.m. and concluding at 6:00 p.m. Once again, we are seeking at least 2 people for each one hour time slot. Please help us bring our prayers for life to God in this special way. Thank you! For more information or to reserve a time slot please call Phil Gosselin at 568-5001 or by e-mail at imgoose@comcast.net.

Shalom,
Phil Gosselin



We congratulate John and Bernadine Burnat who recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. We offer them our good wishes along with our prayers for God's blessing on them and their loved ones.

“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.



St. Christopher Church Hall
Wednesday, August 19

BLOOD DRIVE **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? **Walk-ins are welcome!**



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

Maci Lorraine Fagan
Ryan Jerry Hollis