



Parish church & school of

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Deacon Edward Giard

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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

PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

761-7456 www.vocationshartford.org

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

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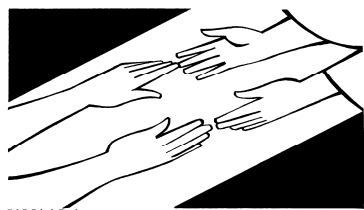
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PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001

COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396



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**Twenty-first Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 23, 2009**

*“As for me and my household, we will
serve the LORD.”
– Joshua 24:15b*



Saturday, August 22 – 4:30 p.m.
**Salvatore Carrabino - 15th Anniversary
and Antoinette Carrabino**

Sunday, August 23 – 8:00 a.m.
Joseph Veronese (Betty & Fran Zizzamia)

Sunday, August 23 – 10:30 a.m.
**Jerome “Jerry” Millstein
(Members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry)**

Monday, August 24 – 7:30 a.m.
Manuel Machado (Wife & Daughter)

Tuesday, August 25 – 7:30 a.m.
**Ethel B. Hart - 6th Anniversary
and Harold L. Hart
(Carolyn & Joe Kronen)**

Wednesday, August 26 – 7:30 a.m.
Paul E. Franklin (Wife Claire)

Thursday, August 27 – 7:30 a.m.
**Mary Rogosky Verotsky - In Memory of
Her Birthday and Charles George Verotsky
(Daughter Carolyn & Joe Kronen)**

Saturday, August 29 – 4:30 p.m.
Santo Boccaccio (“The Group”)

Sunday, August 30 – 8:00 a.m.
Claire Way (Daughter Maureen)

Sunday, August 30 – 10:30 a.m.
Mary Zukauskas (Gail Barrett)

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

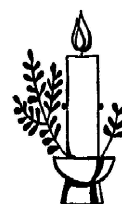
Weekly Collection (August 16): \$ 6,507
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,778

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
Jose Figueiredo - 2nd Anniversary
(Wife Maria)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Celebration of
Roch & Jeanine Girard’s
40th Wedding Anniversary**

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



Please pray for:

France Anderson
(Dear Friend of Claire Stetson)

Walter Leniart
(Husband of Aldea Leniart)

Michael J. Martino
(Nephew of Mary Ann Muscillo)

“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.



This weekend Roch & Jeanine Girard are celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. 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.

ATTENTION PRAYER WARRIORS!

PLEASE! We need your help Prayer Warriors!

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.



Peace, Phil Gosselin

THE ABC’S OF ANNULMENTS

“The ABC’S of Annulments”, an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments, will be held on Friday, September 25 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the church hall at St. Laurent Church, 121 Camp Street, Meriden, CT. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel Church, Milford, will be the presenter. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. The event is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Attendance at this session is required to attend the five follow up Annulment Writing Sessions. For further information, please call Brother Larry at (203) 937-7040 or Deacon Eyles at (203) 467-3538. Sponsored by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR
CUB SCOUT PACK 161**



August 30 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass

Since 1910, Scouting has helped mold the future leaders of this country by combining educational activities and lifelong values with fun. The Boy Scouts of America believes and, through nearly a century of experience, understands that helping youth puts us on a path toward a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society.

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday anyone interested in learning more about the St. Christopher Church Cub Scout Pack 161 can join us in the church hall to get more information and to have some snacks with us! Boys must be in first grade or 7 years old to join the Cub Scouts program. **A raffle ticket will be given to parish members who stop by their table. The raffle prize is a Fall Yard Cleanup.**

Each year the Boy Scouts of America sell a variety of popcorn to help support the children’s activities throughout the year. 70% of our popcorn sales go back to our Pack 161!! There will be popcorn for immediate pick up or orders can be placed for delivery. And finally, for those folks who aren’t fond of eating popcorn, popcorn can be purchased for the armed forces. Your purchase will be shipped directly to the brave men and women of the US military. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 30!!

Boys from Pack 161 are asked to wear their scout uniforms to Mass.

SEMINAR



A *Life in the Spirit* seminar will be offered at St. James Church in Manchester starting Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m. This eight-week program will show you how God is alive in your life! All are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Carlson at 643-1365.

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD’S SERVICE

In the ancient world, “household” was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn’t think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the “households” of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many “strangers” every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are “next door” to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a “household” that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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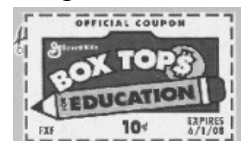
**EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT
OUR PARISH SCHOOL**

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!

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!!



RECRUITMENT OF C.E.R.T. MEMBERS

Dear Parishioners,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am Beverly Plefka, a member of Saint Christopher Parish and a C.E.R.T. Team member (Community Emergency Response Team). I have been asked to recruit new members for the team and feel this is an excellent communication link to East Hartford residents. As a C.E.R.T. member, you would provide support to our community, neighbors and families in time of disasters. You are trained in safety, search and rescue, medical triage, emergency preparedness, and staffing the Salvation Army truck. This is an eight week course, twenty hours basic training, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. The class is given in the Fire Training room at the Public Safety Complex on 31 School Street in East Hartford. For more information, please contact Kristen Dube at 860-881-6942.

Thank you,
Beverly Plefka

P.S. Ham radio course will be given to the C.E.R.T. team members.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Aim at heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither.”

– C.S. Lewis

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

♦♦ Update ♦♦

Due to Labor Day, the next gathering of the Adult Social Club will be Monday, August 31 at 1:00 p.m. We will have an ice cream social. The cost is a mere \$1.00 per member to cover the cost. Please plan to join us as we enjoy music and games from the past. If you have any questions, please contact Helen Little at 568-3080.

Reminder: Donations of nonperishable food items will be collected at this gathering for St. Christopher’s Food Bank.

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.



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, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 895-8692 or by e-mail at religioused@stchris-eh.org. Returning families are asked to complete a new registration form each year.