



Parish church & school of

SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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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

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Carol Waterman – 521-7411

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Maria Sousa – 895-8692

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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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

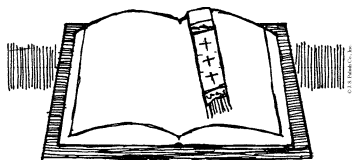
Toni Amberg—568-9069

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

Phil Gosselin – 568-5001

COORDINATOR OF FOOD BANK

Eleanor Domler – 569-7396



Welcome the Word

Twenty-second Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
August 30, 2009

*“Humbly welcome the word that has been planted
in you and is able to save your souls.”*

– James 1:21b

Mass  for the
Intentions  Week

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*)

Monday, August 31 – 7:30 a.m.
Claire Way

In Remembrance of Her Birthday

Tuesday, September 1 – 7:30 a.m.
Antoine Martel - 12th Anniversary
(*Wife Suzanne*)

Wednesday, September 2 – 7:30 a.m.
Tracy Ann Martin
(*Grandparents Harold & Madeline Martin*)

Thursday, September 3 – 7:30 a.m.
Krystyna Knap
(*Diane Ruskys & Helena Kosior*)

Saturday, September 5 – 4:30 p.m.
Dinis Leonardo (*Wife & Family*)

Sunday, September 6 – 8:00 a.m.
Jerome “Jerry” Millstein
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(*His Family*)

Sunday, September 6 – 10:30 a.m.
Rosetta Perazella - 1st Anniversary
(*Daughter, Bobbie Palen and
Son, John and Becky Perazella*)

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 23): \$ 5,902
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,611

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 for a

**Special Intention
for Surgery**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Memory of
Princess Diana - 12th Anniversary**
(*Suzanne Martel*)

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

**HELP SUPPORT OUR
CUB SCOUT PACK 161**

August 30 ~ 10:30 a.m. Mass

Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass this 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.



It's Choir Time Again!

New Members Needed And Welcome!

You don't have to know how to read music!

Adult Choir (Adults and High School Students)

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 17, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the church. We will begin the evening with a short prayer service, followed by our rehearsal and will conclude with some refreshments.

Children's Choir (Children in Grades 2-8)

Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 17, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. This week the time will be extend by an extra half hour (to 6 p.m.) so we can enjoy a pizza party after rehearsal.

For more information, please call our Music Director, Carol Waterman, at 521- 7411.

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB

Due to Labor Day, the next gathering of the Adult Social Club will be this 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.



Please pray for:

Lilly M. Austin

Rev. Walter J. Kaminski

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



“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.

Catholic Youth Spectacular

Sunday ~ September 20, 2009
Rock Cats Stadium - New Britain

Keynote: Steve Angrisano
House Band: eXaudio
Special Guests: Destiny Africa Youth Choir
Catholic Idol • Big Picnic
Reconciliation • Mass with Archbishop Mansell

For ages 7th grade and up
\$30 per person by September 11
\$35 at the door

Great way to celebrate Catechetical Sunday!

For more information or to purchase tickets,
please contact Shawnee Baldwin at the
Archdiocesan Office of Religious Education
at 860-243-9465, ext. 20.



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

- James Joseph Ivancso**
- Kristen Nneka Nwafor**
- Brandon Warren Rice**

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

You may have noticed that some painting has been done around here, especially the wood surrounding the church windows and the front doors, as well the doors at the rear of the church. This work is being done as part of our ongoing need to maintain and beautify our church building and to be good stewards with the resources God has given us.

If you are interested in supporting our efforts of making continued improvements to our buildings and grounds, please consider making a donation for this purpose to St. Christopher Church. Your donation may be placed in the collection basket in a separate envelope marked “Building & Grounds” 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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Susan Gordon Lydon, author of THE KNITTING SUTRA, says: "throughout history, handcrafts have often been fashioned with the aid of prayer, one prayer for each bead or each stitch, while keeping good thoughts to enhance the spiritual purpose of the object." The ladies in the Prayer Shawl Ministry in St. Christopher Parish agree. The spiritual practice of knitting /crocheting begins with the selection of yarn, continues with the knitting and meditating upon its purpose, and is carried right through to blessing the final product. Sometimes this process is soft and meditative, punctured by the click of the knitting needles; at other times, it incorporates the sound of our voices sitting in a circle talking, laughing, crying, and sharing. The giver also receives. Some of our rewards of creating these gifts are new friends, reduced stress, tranquility, creative inspiration and an overall sense of well-being. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our ministry of prayer and love. We meet in the Church hall on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 1-2:30 PM. Our starting date is September 8, but feel free to join us at any time. Beginners are welcome. If you wish to receive a shawl, please contact Toni Amberg at 568-9069.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Responsible, enthusiastic person who enjoys working with people wanted to join the bookmobile ministry at the Catholic Book Store in Hartford. Approximately 25-30 hours a week (Saturday, Sunday and two weekdays). Driver's license required. Some heavy lifting. Contact Donna at 860-246-5628 or e-mail a resume to donnacbs@aol.com.

Religious Education

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.

**FROM THE DESK OF...
The PIN Committee**

Dear Parishioners,

Six months have passed since our Parishioner In Need fund was formed and we wish to provide our parish family with some mid-year news. As you know, we were able to directly assist Margaret Bennett's family, after Margaret suffered an aneurysm last winter. Margaret has been hospitalized or under medical care since that time and is currently at Bishops Corner Health and Rehabilitation in West Hartford. According to the family, Margaret will remain there for further rehabilitation, possibly into next year, when a permanent placement facility will be arranged. Adjustments are being made by all her family, who ask for our continued prayers.

PIN has also assisted several other referrals by redirecting them to resources, both in and outside our parish. We wish to remind parishioners that a resource bulletin board, in the church hall, provides information on how one can obtain help in our parish, our archdiocese, and our community. There is also a referral form application should one know of a parishioner in need. PIN donation envelopes for contributions and commitments continue to be available at all entrances.

In addition to having assisted past referrals directly or indirectly, PIN also established a fund which provides some initial assistance for future emergencies. Envelopes are at all entrances for those who wish to contribute and help sustain this fund.

In closing, we thank you all for your past prayers and contributions. May the 'flowers' in our hall and church loft remind us that every seed planted and nourished with care, always results in something beautiful.

Sincerely,

PIN committee

