



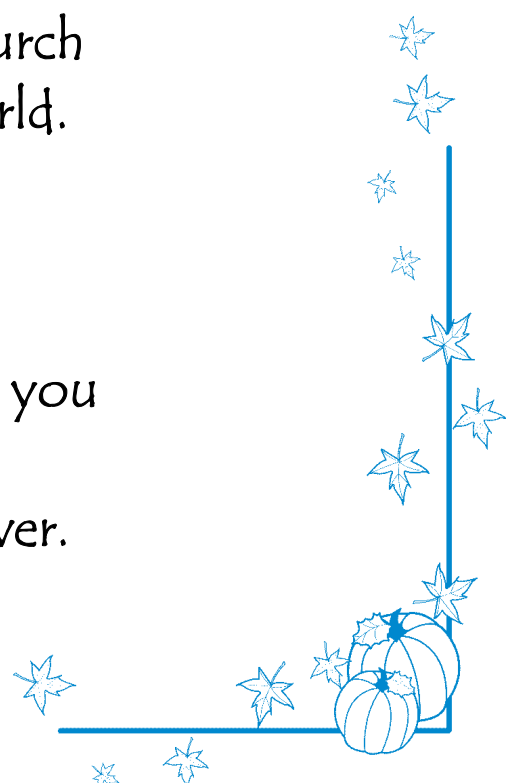
STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

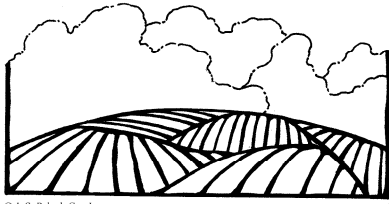
O God, our loving Creator and Giver
of all our good gifts,
bless our parish,
strengthen our faith
and grant us the spirit
of Christian Stewardship
so that we may
give generously
of our
time, talent and treasure
to the spreading of your
kingdom here in our church
and throughout the world.

This we ask
through Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Time, Talent and Treasure





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**Thirty-second
Sunday in
Ordinary time**
November 8, 2009

“The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.”

– Psalm 146:7

*Mass for the
Intentions for the
Week*

Saturday, November 7 – 4:30 p.m.

Manuel Machado

(Wife & Daughter)

November 8 – 8:00 a.m.

Doris Donato - 19th Anniversary

(Children)

Sunday, November 8 – 10:30 a.m.

Louis Sciarra, Jr. - 4th Anniversary

(Wife & Family)

Monday, November 9 – 7:30 a.m.

Antonio Jacques *(Jean-Luc & Laurette Belanger)*

Tuesday, November 10 – 7:30 a.m.

Deceased Clergy who

Served St. Christopher Church

Fathers Henry Murphy, Raymond Gallagher,

Francis Mayock, William Mann,

William McGrath and Deacon Edward Balda

Wednesday, November 11 – 7:30 a.m.

Thaddeus Drag *(St. Christopher Parish Family)*

Thursday, November 12 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin *(Wife Claire)*

Saturday, November 14 – 4:30 p.m.

Henry Therrien *(Family)*

November 15 – 8:00 a.m.

Edmond Guerin

(Wife & Family)

Sunday, November 15 – 10:30 a.m.

Marcel Dulude *(Cindy & Don Lowell)*

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (November 1): \$ 7,401

Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 6,756

All Souls: \$ 1,162

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

With gratitude, Fr. Curran

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.)

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

The Deceased Members of the Boccaccio Family

(Mr. & Mrs. Francis Tebecio)

The candle in the chapel burns this week

In Loving Memory of

Edwin Jones

In Remembrance of His 95th Birthday

(Wife & Daughter)

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

Thanks

Last weekend our parish celebrated two very special liturgies – Confirmation and our Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance. We offer our thanks and appreciation to those who helped make these liturgies so special.

We thank our Youth Ministers, Sarah Poirier, Kevin Hadyka and Martha Gaudreau and our coordinator of Religious Education, Maria Sousa, who along with the teachers, peer ministers and parents shared their faith with our young men and women to help them prepare for receiving and living out the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our special thanks also to Toni Amberg, Jean Nowik and their committee who helped make our Annual Memorial Mass of Remembrance for our deceased loved ones so powerful. This liturgy gave us the opportunity to remember our beloved family members and friends who have departed this life. We thank the members of our Parish Council for hosting the reception that was held following this liturgy and those who so generously provided the wonderful food items.

Our appreciation also to our Deacons, Bill Gilles and Ed Giard, for their help and support, to our Music Director, Carol Waterman, and our Adult Choir whose music enhanced these liturgies so beautifully and to all those who participated in special ministries.

May God bless you all!

– Fr. Curran



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY November 8, 2009

On this Stewardship Sunday, may we keep in mind that the way we find joy amidst the struggles of this life is through a life of generosity. Jesus tells us “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). May you find authentic joy and discover the wisdom of Our Lord’s words as you live a life of good and faithful stewardship.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES



We hope you will be able to help us fill our shelves to ensure that our neighbors do not go hungry this upcoming holiday season. On Thursday, November 19, will be packing the Thanksgiving food boxes for delivery on Sunday, November 22, to our neighbors in need. We would appreciate donations of:

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| Canned Vegetables | Cereal |
| Instant Potatoes | Peanut Butter |
| Tuna | Jelly |
| Cake Mix | Frosting |
| Canned Soup | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Gravy | Pasta |
| Mac & Cheese | Baked Beans |
| Canned Fruit | Stuffing Mix |
| Cranberry Sauce | Jello |
| TURKEYS | |

Non-perishable donations may be left in the area in front of the baptismal font. Please DO NOT leave turkeys in these baskets. Call Dick and Eleanor Domler at 569-7396 to pick them up. We are most appreciative of your continued support and help

HARTFORD PRAYER BREAKFAST

You are invited to attend the Greater Hartford Multi-Faith Prayer Breakfast which will be held on Thursday, November 29, from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. at The Artists Collective in Hartford. The Collective is on the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street, 1200 Albany Avenue.

This Prayer Breakfast is for all persons who simply want to join together and pray for our city, our region and our world. At the past eleven annual breakfasts, an average of 400 people from business, government, education, church and civic organizations have gathered to pray together.

For more information about this breakfast please visit www.hartfordprayerbreakfast.org. **Early registration is highly recommended** as it is expected that this will be a sold-out event. Suggested offering is \$10.

EAST CATHOLIC HALL OF FAME

This weekend East Catholic High School held a dinner to honor their 2009 Hall of Fame Inductees. We congratulate our Deacon Ed Giard and our parishioner Howard Thiery (father of Sarah Poirier) for being two of the ten people inducted into this year's Hall of Fame. Congratulations!!

- Fr. Curran

TEEN MASS - NEXT SATURDAY

The Youth Ministry will be sponsoring its first Teen Mass of the school year next Saturday, November 14, at the 4:30 Vigil. The teens of the parish will be ministering as lectors, greeters, collectors, and musicians during the Mass. This is an opportunity for the youth of our parish to experience liturgy in a way that speaks to them personally. If you have a teen in your house, please consider joining us for this liturgy. Teen Masses will be held again in January, March and May.

Please note: All confirmation students are required to attend two Teen Masses a year. Please sign-in at the church hall when you enter for Mass that Saturday. Thank you!

- Youth Ministry Team



HELP SUPPORT OUR CUB SCOUT PACK 161

St. Christopher's Cub Scout Pack 161 will be winding down this year's popcorn campaign next Saturday, November 14, in the church hall following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. **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. Proceeds from this campaign help to support Boy Scout activities throughout the year. 70% of our popcorn sales come right back to our Pack 161!!

GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Volunteers from our parish school are selling gift cards every weekend, after every Mass. If you are unfamiliar with this program and want to learn more about how easy it is to help our parish school, please see one of our volunteers after Mass next weekend. You may also contact our school office at 568-4100 or Tracy Martinez at tcmart@comcast.net with any questions. Your support of our parish school is greatly appreciated!

ADULT SOCIAL CLUB


The next meeting of the Adult Social Club will be held this Monday, November 9, at 1:30 p.m. BINGO will follow a short meeting. If you have any questions, please call Helen Little at 568-3080.

Reminders: Non-perishable food donations will be accepted at this meeting for the St. Christopher Food Bank. (Please refer to article in next column for suggested food items. Thanks!)

In order to ease the congestion in the parking lot for the school parents who pick up their children, we ask that those who can to please park in the rear of the church. Thanks!

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
by Bud Ozar**

The widow in today's gospel invested "everything she had." We are called to totally invest our trust, love and forgiveness in our family because this is the currency which glues a family together. Marriage and parenting are not for part-timers; they are full time careers demanding total investment.

 **American Red Cross** St. Christopher Church Hall
Friday, December 4
BLOOD DRIVE 1:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Won't you please call 1-800-GIVE LIFE to make

**ATTENTION --
TRAVELERS' EMPLOYEES**

Enclosed in our bulletin this weekend is information about the Community Action Awards program that is funded by Travelers and administered by The Travelers Foundation. If you or someone you know is a Travelers employee, we encourage you to read and/or share this information about this program and how it can benefit our parish school. Other large companies may have similar Foundations. Ask your employer for more information. For more information about the Travelers Program, please contact the Foundation at 877-320-6796 or our parishioner Randy Walker at 860-461-2050.

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, or perhaps you'd like to refer back to something you saw in a previous bulletin. Please visit us at:

www.stchris-eh.org

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They, too, give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

**GUILD OF ST. AGNES HOME
Annual Membership Drive**

Dear Parishioners,

The Guild of St. Agnes Home is having their annual membership drive at this time.

The Guild, through donations, helps to support the unwed moms and babies at St. Agnes Home in West Hartford. The care, education and training the mothers receive help make them productive members of society and knowledgeable caregivers for their babies.

By supporting this membership drive, it gives us the opportunity to speak out against abortion. Any amount you contribute qualifies you as a member of the Guild.

If you did not receive a flyer in the mail and would like to join, please make your check payable to The Guild of St. Agnes Home, and mail it to Kay McCarthy, 11 Jay Street, East Hartford, CT 06118. If you have any questions, please call me at 569-3869.

Please keep The Home and The Guild in your prayers for continued success.

Thank you for your support,

*Kay McCarthy
St. Christopher Church
Membership Representative*

**PARISH MEN'S RETREAT
Join Your Friends,
Make New Friends!**

They're taking off Friday evening, January 15, 2010 for our Parish Men's Retreat at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. It'll be a relaxing weekend of peace and quiet. Good rest, good food, inspiring talks to bring you closer to Christ. You'll come away with a new perspective on your life. A wonderful inner peace to face problems with new courage. Come on out! Reservation forms are available on the bulletin boards or call Phil Gosselin, 568-5001, to get a form or ask any questions.