



*Parish church & school of*

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S

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## **PRIEST**

Rev. Vincent J. Curran, Pastor

## **DEACONS**

Deacon William Gilles (RCIA Director)  
Deacon Edward Giard

## **PARISH TRUSTEES**

Kay McNamara / Stephen Kleva

## **PARISH COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

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## **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 – 860-568-4100

## **SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

Karen Santacross – 860-568-4975

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Corrinne Lomazzo – 860-214-3500

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Bridget Messier-Cooke – 860-202-3692

## **SCHOOL'S WEBSITE**

[www.saintchristophersschool.org](http://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 860-568-5240

## **PRIESTHOOD-OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

860-761-7456 [vocationshartford.org](http://vocationshartford.org)

## **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

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Cathy Reynolds – 860-214-9287

## **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

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## **PRAYER LINE**

### **and TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY**

Bev Connors – 860-432-1530

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Eleanor Domler – 860-569-7396



**The Holy Family  
of  
Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
December 27, 2009**

*“Beloved, we are God’s children now;  
what we shall be has not yet been revealed.”*

– 1 John 3:2a

*Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week*

Saturday, December 26 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Stanley Corbin (Family)**

Sunday, December 27 – 8:00 a.m.  
**John Stebbins (Family)**

Sunday, December 27 – 10:30 a.m.  
**John & Margaret Grogan (Daughter)**

Monday, December 28 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Santo Pappalardo - 2nd Anniversary  
(Family)**

Tuesday, December 29 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Paul E. Franklin (Wife Claire)**

Wednesday, December 30 – 7:30 a.m.  
**In Thanksgiving for  
Father Bill McCarthy’s 50th Anniversary  
(Suzanne Martel)**

Thursday, December 31 – 7:30 a.m.  
**Rev. John F. Edwards**

Saturday, January 2 – 4:30 p.m.  
**Roger Yergeau (Wife & Family)**

Sunday, January 3 – 8:00 a.m.  
**John F. Colgan  
Emery, Rena & Cliff Vaillancourt  
Richard DeForge  
(The Vaillancourt & Colgan Families)**

Sunday, January 3 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Grace Vigneau (Dave & Chickie Amberg)**

**OUR TITHING PARISH**

Weekly Collection (December 20): \$ 4,559  
Same Sunday in 2008: \$ 5,029


Due to the deadline imposed by our bulletin publisher for this weekend’s bulletin, we are unable to provide a recap of the offerings from the Christmas Masses. We will provide this information in next weekend’s bulletin.

**END-OF-THE-YEAR GIFTS**

As we head into a new year, I’m thankful for your stewardship of our parish!

Your end-of-the-year gifts and bequests to the parish will be especially helpful and appreciated.

With gratitude, Fr. Curran



**FEAST OF THE  
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday, January 1, is the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. We will offer the following Masses for the Holy Day:

Thursday, December 31: 4:30 p.m.  
Friday, January 1: 10:30 a.m.

**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 & Felicia Chesery  
(Daughter Madeline &  
Son-in-Law Santo Cassarino)**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**For All: a Happy, Healthy & Peaceful New Year**

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our parish office will be operating on a reduced schedule this coming week. The schedule is:

Monday, December 28: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 29: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, December 30: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Thursday, December 31: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Friday, January 1: Closed

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MUSEUM

Are you looking for an inexpensive day trip to take with your children while they are home on vacation? Consider a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum at 1 State Street in New Haven. The museum offers Free admission and Free onsite parking! The exhibits that are currently on display are:

#### A Latino Christmas

For the fifth consecutive year, the museum is pleased to offer a Christmas exhibition of Latin American Nativity scenes and crèches. A number of extraordinary works are on display until January 31.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Festival

Nearly 500 Connecticut students (kindergarten through fifth grade) from 24 schools took part in the Knights of Columbus Museum's ninth annual Christmas Tree Festival. Their decorated trees are on display at the museum until January 31.

For more information, please call 203-865-0400 or visit [www.kofcmuseum.org](http://www.kofcmuseum.org).

### PRAYER LINE

Our Prayer Line is available to receive your prayer requests! All prayer requests are handled with care and in a confidential manner. Requests may be called in or sent by e-mail to our Prayer Tree coordinator, Bev Connors: 432-1530 or [brc3@hotmail.com](mailto:brc3@hotmail.com).



One of our prayer warriors, Fran Tebecio, continues to pray over all the prayer request sheets she's received over the past 10+ years. That's 500 sheets!

### ST. CHRISTOPHER SOCIAL CLUB

The Officers and Committee Members welcome back all current members and invite them and prospective new members to attend our next get together on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m..

We have an exciting year planned, and look forward to seeing everyone again. As always, we will have the popular 50/50. There will be a brief business meeting, followed by a short program. After the program, we will enjoy some refreshments.

Just a reminder...2010 dues of \$10.00 per person is due and payable January 1<sup>st</sup>. Please plan on bringing your dues payment with you on January 4th. If you are not able to come to the meeting, or plan on being away for several months, please feel free to drop your check for dues in the collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked "St. Christopher Social Club."

See you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

### 2010 CALENDARS

We are grateful to the Callahan, Newkirk & Whitney Funeral Home for supplying us with calendars for the year 2010. They can be found at the entrances to the church.

### FAMILY IN CRISIS

Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear.

### JUST DO IT!

Many men have only been thinking about making this great men's retreat...but now is the time to make it happen. Our parish Men's Retreat will be January 15-17, 2010. Please consider joining us at Holy Family Retreat House in West Hartford. Please don't let the cost of the retreat offering keep you from attending; the important thing is that you attend...you need only pay what you can. Deciding today, on this Holy Family Sunday, to attend the Retreat is one of the best things fathers can do for their families.

Reservation forms can be found on all the Church bulletin boards. For more information, you may contact Phil Gosselin at 568-5001.

### ABC'S OF ANNULMENTS

"ABC'S of Annulments" is an informational program designed to answer questions about the process of Annulments. The program will be held on Friday, January 8, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM, at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 80 Taylor Avenue in East Haven. Pre-registration is not required. This program will be held in the Church Hall. Brother Larry Lussier, CSC, Pastoral Associate at St. Gabriel Church, Milford, will be the presenter. Questions and answers will be provided following the presentation. The event is open to all seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church. Attending this session is required to attend the six follow up Annulment Writing Sessions. For further information, please call Brother at 203-937-7040, Deacon Eyles 203-467-3538. Sponsored by the: Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

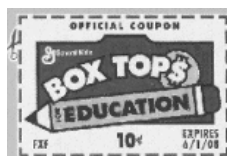
### WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 Message for the World Day of Peace (January 1), "If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation," is the latest in a long tradition of Church teaching on our obligation to care for creation. Quoting Pope John Paul II and Pope Paul VI throughout his message, the Holy Father affirms that environmental degradation is "a wide-ranging social problem which concerns the entire human family." The full text of his message can be found at [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/messages/peace/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/peace/index_en.htm).

### EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH SCHOOL

#### 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!!



#### GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Please note: Gift cards will not be sold after Masses the weekends of December 26/27 and January 2/3. We will resume the sale of gift cards after all Masses the weekend of January 9/10.



#### GROCERY STORE COURTESY CARDS

Can we interest you in helping our parish school earn points and cash for every dollar you spend at your favorite grocery store? If so, please fill out the form that can be found on the tables at the main entrance to the church. The form can be placed in any weekend's collection basket. **If you've already signed up, please take a form and ask a family member or a friend to support our school.** Stop & Shop card holders can also join the program by registering online at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus). There is no cost to you to participate in the Courtesy Cards Program and it does not affect any benefits you receive with your cards. Thanks for your support!

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!





We thank all who made donations for Christmas flowers and decorations in memory of the following loved ones. They will be remembered in our Masses during the Christmas season.

Clifford Amirault	Mr. & Ms. Couch	Edmond Guerin	Mary & Walter Matheson	Shirley Silverman
Albin & Nellie Anderson	Madeleine Courtois	Catherine Gula	Bill McCarthy	Richard Siska
Gus & Rita Audibert	The Cowing Family	James Gula	Rev. William McGrath	Edward Sochon
Vincent Baltas	Katharine & Harold Crouse	Ethel B. Hart	The McMahon Family	Katherine & Nicholas Sochon
John J. Barry, Sr.	Paul Crowley	Harold L. Hart	Eleanor McMahon	Ray & Millie Stanizzi
Elizabeth B. Bastow	Patrick & Aline Cyr	The Harden Family	The McNamara Family	Jennie & Angelo Stanizzi
Dominick Battaglio	Dennis Daigle	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Heney	Lewellyn McPherson	Frank Stanizzi
Leo & Flora Belanger	Helen D'Alessandro	Christopher & Anna Hicks on	Theresa McWilliams	Ralph & Elsie Stanizzi
Flora Belanger	Henry & Eleanor Dawson	Lad & Rick Hlavaty	Rich Michalski	Angelo & Sophie Stanizzi
Aurore Belanger	The DelRocco Family	Alden Hobart	Dennis Michalski	The Stetson Family
Anthony Charles Berardone	Joseph W. Dellaripa	Mable Hogan	Lena Michaud	The Stepien Family
Rogert Anthony Berardone	Lorraine & Raymond DeMaio	Bill & George Hogan	Sarah & John Milne	Patricia R. Stewart
Charles Bernard	Robert DePietro, Sr.	John & Lena Homyak	Jerry Mills tein	David Stevens
Russell & Leona Bilodeau	Leon & Annie Deschaine	Mr. & Mrs. John Hunlow	Jeffrey Morin	Bill Stone
Pat Blanco	Sandra Leonard DeVivo	Lew J andrea u	The Murphy Family	Jeremiah & Catherine Sullivan
The Boccaccio Family	Lill & Raymond Dion	Penny Johnson	Rev. Henry J. Murphy	Margaret & James Sullivan
Santo, Bridget & Thomas Boccaccio	Anna Donahue	Edwin G. Jones	John R. Nixon	John M. Sydor, Sr.
Bridget & Thomas Boccaccio	The D'Onofrio Family	Edwin J. Jones	Stella Novak	Mark Tardiff
Emanuella Bonomo	Helen Dorak	Richard A. Juergens	The Nowik Family	The Tamiso Family
The Borowiec Family	Stephen Dorak	Jan Kaminski	The Oliveira Family	The Tarza Family
Mary Boulay	John Dorak	Stefania Kaminski	John & Louise Olinatz	John A. Telesmanick
Jane Bowen	Seth Dupras	The Keegan Family	The O'Meara Family	Gene Tirinzonie
Mr. & Mrs. W. Bradley	Ebony & Mica	Sara, Ralph & John Kirkpatrick	Witold Parys	Rose & Sal Toce
Mary Bradley	Helen S. Ellis	The Knap Family	Peter and Matilda Peila	Stan Traynor
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bugbee	Eileen Fagen	The Kochanowicz Family	Rose Rogosky Pendley	The Tudesco Family
Joseph Bernard Burns	Gerald Fargo	Helen Kosiorek Kronen	William L. Pendley	Fern Turmel
John Bumat, Sr.	Mr. & Mrs. Ben Fauteux	Stanely W. Kronen	Rosetta & John Perazella	Frank Vallone
Stella Bumat	Barbara E. Fennelly	Louis Lachapelle	Alexander F. Pleafka, Sr.	William & Albina Vasko
Jozef Burzawa	Patricia Ferriter	Mary & Charles Lafleur	Anna Pleafka	Charles George Verotsky
Stefan Burzawa	James J. Ferriter	Mary & Alfred LaFontaine	Kathryn Pleva	Mary Rogosky Verotsky
Eugeniusz Burzawa	Noel & Alice Femandes	The Langenfeld Parents	Paul Potkaj	Pauline Vezina
Jadwiga Burzawa	Donald Fleming	Mary Ledversis	Lewellyn & Marion Priest	Evangelista Villanueva
Katherine Bymes	Donald J. Forte	Eva Lekouses	Zofie & Stan Pyszny	Susan Stark Vincek
Herman & Helen Cadorette	The Fronczek Family	Mr. & Mrs. John Leonard	Robert Rawlinitis, Sr.	Vinze & Pinuccia
Thomas P. Camarco	The Gagliardi Family	John & Lillian Leonard	Margaret Redfern	Ralph & Rose Viola
George & Bemice Canavan	James Gallery	Geno Libera	Relatives & Friends	Lois Waite
Thomas Cantone III	Helen Gallo	The Lombard Family	José & Maria Ribeiro	John Wardwell, Sr.
Joe & Mary Carron	Anthony Gallo	Sari & Lucy Lucca	Albert & Beatrice Rioux	Don White
Lydia Castillo	Salvatore Gallo, Jr.	Julia & John Luizzi	Paul C. Roadman	Howard J. Wilmes
Bernard Casey	The Gallo Family	Ruth Lux	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Robert	Mary Wilmes
Salvatore & Concetta Cas sarino	Carmelo & Margaret Gallo	Joe Luzzi	Albert Romano	Durward Willis
Placido & Lucy Cavallaro	George Gardner	Lionel Lynch	Catherine & Richard Russell	Donald W. Willson, Sr.
Joseph & Felicia Chesery	The Gaudette Family	Richard S. Lys ik	Bill Sander, Sr.	Gail E. Willson
B. Joe Chitwood	The Gentile Family	William Mallon	Hector & Adeline Saucier	Annie N. Willson
Catherine R. Claffey	Gerard & Yvonne	Lori Ann, Stephinae,	Stanley & Helen Savis ke	Joseph Wolk
George & Margaret Claffey	The Germaine Family	Michael, Margaret,	Patricia Scamuzzi	Frances Wons ewicz
William Coiteux	The Giard Family	Victoria, Mary Malinoski	The Schultz Family	The Yacovino Family
Judith F. Collins	The Giansanti Parents	The Manship Family	Dorothy Schofield	The Yorio Family
Msgr. Daniel F. Colbert	Alcide Girard	Helen Martocci	Alan Schultz, Sr.	Joseph Zack
The Conroy Family	Marcel Girard	Pearl & Louis Martin	The Schaefer Family	Sophie & Roman Zadurski
Robert Connors	Mark Girard	Antoine Martel	Louis Sciarra, Jr.	John & Josephine Zalewski
Ida Mae Corrado	Mae & Frank Goguen	The Marszalek Family	Lucille Serruto	Michael Zdrok
Frank A. Corrado	Clara & Alex Golas	Mr. & Mrs. James Martino, Sr.	Rene Sevigny	Joseph, Frances & Carrie Zocco
The Coroso Family	Maria Grace	Tracy & Michael Martin	John & Agnes Shannon	Steven Zocco
Lillian & Paul Cordilico, Sr.	Réal Grenier	The Marquis Family	Patrick & Bridie Shea	Carmen Zocco
Louis & Leona Cormier	Florence Grondin	The Mathiau Family	Dawne "Bunny" Sigan	Vera & Ed Zwalinski
The Cote Family	Theodora Grzesiak			