

First Holy Communion

*May the Holy Spirit light the way
as these young people receive
the Body of Christ for the first time.*

St. Christopher Church
May 16, 2010

Austin Abrahamson

Andrew Kelly

John Cassandra

Christopher LaCour

James Christ

Jakob Mumford

Adam Dadinis

Deanna Pace

Angelina DeDominicis

Summer Patterson

Noelle Flores

Celine Pham

Logan Godreau

Anthony Reveron

Sebastian Grano

Sarah Richardello

Matthew Heath

Mara Schofield

Jonathan Hollis

Samantha Zuidema

*Body of Christ, true Bread of Life,
stay always in my heart.*





**Seventh Sunday
of Easter**

May 16, 2010

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

– Revelation 22:13

Mass  *for the
Intentions* *Week*

Saturday, May 15 – 4:30 p.m.

Mary Harden
In Celebration of Her Birthday

Sunday, May 16 – 8:00 a.m.

Joanne Landry - 10th Anniversary
(Son, David Landry)

Sunday, May 16 – 10:30 a.m.

**For the Children of
Our First Communion Class**

Monday, May 17 – 7:30 a.m.

Mark Tardiff *(Family)*

Tuesday, May 18 – 7:30 a.m.

Ken Harrison, Jr. *(Family)*

Wednesday, May 19 – 7:30 a.m.

Paul E. Franklin *(Wife Claire)*

Thursday, May 20 – 7:30 a.m.

Paula Huston
(The Altar Committee)

Saturday, May 22 – 4:30 p.m.

Dinis Leonardo *(Wife & Family)*

Sunday, May 23 – 8:00 a.m.

Edward J. Goss, Sr.
(Family & Friends)

Sunday, May 23 – 10:30 a.m.

George Caron
In Remembrance of His Birthday
(Family)

OUR TITHING PARISH

Weekly Collection (May 9): \$ 6,623
Same Sunday in 2009: \$ 6,478

Many thanks for your generous support of our parish! Together, we make St. Christopher’s the vibrant and welcoming faith community Christ calls us to be.

with Gratitude, Fr. Curran

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The second collection this weekend will support the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Through your generous donations, CCC is able to spread the gospel message in our community and all over the world. To learn more about the CCC, visit www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus’ goal is that the love of God the Father and the Son may be in us through the Holy Spirit. He does not simply desire that we know the love of God; he wants us to pour this godly love out on others. As we know the love the Father and Son have lavished on us, we will also share that same sort of self-denying, sacrificially generous love with others, as Jesus commanded.

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 God’s Comfort and Healing Presence
For a Parishioner**

The candle in the chapel burns this week

**In Loving Memory of
Janet Kapish**
(The Connors Family)

For information on scheduling a weekly dedication, please call the Parish Office at 860-568-5240.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Readers Still Needed!

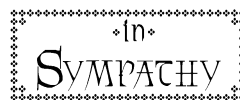
We are seeking individuals who would be interested and willing to serve as readers at our 10:30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Several readers are needed to proclaim the Old and New Testament readings as well as the General Intercessions in different languages! The variety of languages expresses the Church’s catholicity, that is, her universality. People of every race, nation, and tongue enrich the Church. At Pentecost, from many languages and peoples, God brought together in unity the Church. If you would like to assist us, please call the parish office at 860-568-5240.

WORTHY WITNESSES

It may seem odd that, so soon after celebrating Jesus’ glorious ascension into heaven, we hear the gruesome tale of Stephen’s martyrdom. But even in our most celebratory times, Christianity is a faith that always recalls the difficulties of living the will of God in the world. That is why the Church places Stephen’s feast day, December 26, immediately after our celebration of the birth of Christ.

In the rhythm of today’s readings, the account of Stephen’s martyrdom is a reminder that, with Christ ascended into heaven, the mission of giving witness to him – including his suffering and death – falls to those who have been baptized into the Holy Spirit and bear his name. In his final moment, Stephen shows himself a true namesake of Jesus, as he echoes the words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. The prayer we hear Jesus offer in today’s Gospel was also a prayer for Stephen, who came to believe in Jesus through the word of the apostles.

No matter what fate life holds for us, we always have this consolation of our Easter faith: Christ has prayed to the Father on our behalf. Let us, like Stephen, be worthy witnesses to our name “Christian.”



Please pray for:

Salvatore “Sam” Boccaccio
(brother of Fran Tebecio)

HOMEFRONT LOST & FOUND

A blue Husky jackknife type device was left at our HomeFront site. I’m sure it belongs to one of our crew members, so please contact me if you are the owner of this implement. Contact Phil Gosselin at 860-568-5001 or imgoose@comcast.net.

**JOIN US TO HONOR
BISHOP PETER ROSAZZA!**

The Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry will host the **FIRST ANNUAL Bishop Peter Rosazza Social Justice Conference**, “Rooted in Faith: Cultivating the Common Good,” on **Saturday, June 12** from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. Join with others to celebrate Bishop Rosazza’s legacy of commitment to Social Justice, as we explore current issues and challenges, and develop strategies to live as Christians working for the common good. The conference fee of \$40 includes lunch and materials. For more information and to register online, visit www.catholicsocialjustice.org or call (203) 777-7279.

Birthright

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Our parish’s Pro-Life Committee wishes to thank all the families who took a baby bottle after Mass last weekend. On behalf of Birthright we will collect the bottles filled with coins, cash or check next weekend, May 22/23. If you use the insert inside the bottle to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, Birthright will send an acknowledgement card of your gift of life. This is an opportunity to support a project that saves the lives of unborn children and makes a lasting difference in the mothers’ lives. Any help you can give is much appreciated!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

*Registrations for All Campers,
Crew Leaders & Crew Assistants
due by May 31*

*(Registrations received after this date
are subject to a late fee.)*



Are you ready for the voyage of a lifetime? The theme for this year's Vacation Bible Camp is "High Seas Expedition," where your child can learn cool bible songs, make bible point crafts, play team building games, and so much more. The camp will run from June 28 - July 2. Each day we will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. This year we have reduced the cost to only \$30.00 per child with discounts given to families with more than one child. We invite all children who will be entering grades K-12 this fall to join on our adventure. Grades K-5 will be crew members, grades 6-8 will be our assistant crew leaders, and grades 9-12 will serve as our crew leaders or as station helpers.

High Seas Expedition will be leaving port before you know it so don't wait to register your child! Registration forms are available in the church hall as well as online at www.stchris-eh.org. For more information contact Kevin Hadyka, Camp Director at 860-895-8692. *Ready to set sail!*



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

Kaylee Danielle Correa

Benjamin Brian Renouf

Braelyn Paige Tena

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by Bud Ozar

In the gospel Jesus prayed "that all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you." Unity is the goal of families, not uniformity. With uniformity everything is exactly alike. With unity, differences are accepted and reconciled. In a family we do not lose our individual personalities but create something greater, a family which is a sign of God's presence.

Today is "Commitment Weekend" at our parish for the 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please pray about your decision and make a pledge or one-time gift. For your convenience, you will find pledge cards and pencils at the ends of each pew. Thank you in advance for your support!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL CANDIDATES

The Archdiocese of Hartford is seeking committed, energetic, visionary principal candidates interested in leading Catholic elementary education into the future. Successful candidates will possess at a minimum the following qualifications: practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church; Master's Degree in Education Administration or Catholic School Leadership from a regionally accredited college/university; and five years successful teaching and/or administrative experience.

Interested candidates should contact Sister Kathleen Fitz Simons, CND at 860-242-4362 or at kfitzsimmons@adh-ocs.org or at 467 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To view available openings, visit <http://catholicschoolshartford.org>.



St. Christopher Church Hall

Friday ~ June 18, 2010

1:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Please call **1-800-Red Cross** (1-800-733-2767) to make an app't. or log onto redcrossblood.org.

VOCATION REFLECTION

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphans." Pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life. If you are thinking about priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Michael Dolan, Director of Vocations, Archdiocesan Center at St. Thomas Seminary, Tel 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@stseminary.org, or visit the web at www.vocationshartford.org.

**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S
CUB SCOUT PACK 161**

Boys from our Cub Scout pack enjoyed their first Mystic Aquarium sleepover last month! The event was very educational and lots of fun. The boys wish to thank everyone from the parish who supported their popcorn sale and made donations. Your support makes it possible for our boys to enjoy these types of events. If you see a Cub Scout around, ask him about the Squid!!!

CREDO CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENT

Evening of Prayer
Tuesday ~ May 25 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Credo Catholic Singles continues their monthly gathering of prayer in our Parish Center on Tuesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. (This is the last gathering of the school year. Gatherings will begin again in September.) This is an evening of prayer, reflection and conversation led by Credo member Andrea M. who has an MA in Spirituality and is a Spiritual Director trained through the Mercy Center. All are welcome. No RSVP necessary. Come and deepen your faith and experience of God in a safe, supporting group.

**JCPenney is Collecting
CRAYONS FOR CANCER**

Crayons for Cancer is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting families of children fighting cancer. 100% of the proceeds from *Crayons for Cancer* goes to the Family Fund in the Oncology unit at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC) of Hartford. This organization has a simple mission – reclaim used crayons, melt them down, and mold them into fun shapes. These new crayons are then sold and the money donated to CCMC. Even the simplest concept can have a profound impact on people.



Please help by donating your used crayons. There will be a box placed in the Church wing with the *Crayons for Cancer* symbol on it. The collection will go for the entire month of May. Thank you for your kindness!

– Lori Brunette



GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Volunteers from our parish school are selling gift cards after the 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Masses this weekend. We will resume selling gift cards after all Masses beginning next weekend. Your support of our parish school is greatly appreciated! Please see our school volunteer after Mass to learn more about this program. You may also contact our parish school office at 860-568-4100. We appreciate your support!

**ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL
PRESENTS**

Our 20th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Calling all golfers... June 5th is the date for the St. Christopher School's Twentieth Annual Golf Tournament. The place is the Long Hill Country Club. It's a great day to get out with some friends, hit a round of balls, and cap the night off with a great dinner. History tells us this is a great event and not one to be missed.

Teams interested in participating should contact Bob Gionfriddo at 860-568-5625 or call St. Christopher School at 860-568-4100. The cost for this great day is only \$99 per person. A round of golf, cart, beverages, lunch, and dinner are all included in this price.

Also, there are opportunities for company and individual sponsorships. Any company or individual interested in being a sponsor may also call the numbers listed above. Sponsorships will be reflected on attractive signs that are prominently displayed on the course. Each sign will recognize the level of participation, and sponsors will receive special recognition in the tournament handbook and dinner. In the past, proceeds from this event have helped to purchase textbooks, library materials, and new computers, as well as, provide tuition assistance to deserving families.

We hope you are able to join us!

