

September 20, 2020

**SACRAMENTAL
LIFE**

Eucharist:

Mass: Mon-Fri:

New Time: 8AM

Sat. Vigil: 5:00pm

**Sunday: 8:00am &
10:30am**

**Reconciliation :
(Confession)**

**Saturday: 4:00pm -
4:30pm and anytime by
appointment.**

**Anointing of the Sick :
(& Ministry to the Sick)**

Call the rectory anytime a
person is sick and would
like anointing or a visit

Baptism:

Please call our parish
office to arrange pre-
Baptismal instruction and
the time of the ceremony.

Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want to *learn
more about becoming a
priest or deacon*, or,
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,
Vocations Office:
860 887 9294.

Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage
must begin at least six
months before actual
ceremony. Please call our
parish office.

Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade
and the sacrament is
received in the 10th grade.
Adults can join the **RCIA**.

Holy Days of Obligation:

8:00am & 6:30pm

(No evening Mass the day
before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed
Tuesdays at 4:30pm.

Sexual Misconduct Services:
800-624-7407

**Faith Formation Registration is underway!
Forms are available in the narthex, office & online.**



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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?”
Thus, the last will be first, and the first
will be last.” - Mt 20:15-16

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Sept. 19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
 5:00pm Jimmy McAlarnen r/b Margaret Jane DeRisio
SUNDAY SEPT.20 25th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday

8:00am Dan Hogan
 10:30am Visitacion Busto r/b Tom and Jim Ashe
 and Donna Vanderoff

Mon. Sept. 21 St Mathew, Apostle & Eveangelist
 8:00am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Sept. 22
 8:00am Roy Lynch r/b Tom & Tina Lynch and family

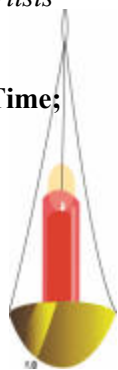
Wed. Sept. 23 St Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest
 8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory r/b The St. Elizabeth of the
 Trinity Community of Descalced Carmelite Seculars

Thur. Sept. 24
 8:00am Kathleen Toole r/b The McNamara Family

Fri. Sept. 25
 8:00am Athena Kiritsis Susi r/b Ted and Claire Kiritsis

Sat. Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs
 5:00pm Zachary Ryan Fappino r/b friends
SUNDAY SEPT.27 26th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time;
 8:00am David Spring r/b his wife, Rita
 10:30am Ellen Behrens r/b Agnes O'Connor

*The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be
 lit for the deceased parishioners of
 Christ the King Church.*



WELCOME BACK!!!

COME TO SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL MASS!!!

(Public WEEKEND Masses began again on July 4 & 5)

SAT @ 5PM and SUN @ 8AM and 10:30AM

...OR COME TO WEEKDAY MASS!!!

(began on June 8th) M – F at a NEW time: 8AM

In coordination with the Archdiocese of Hartford, parishes of the Diocese of Norwich may resume the public celebration of **Sunday Mass, including any anticipated Mass(es) on Saturday evening, beginning the weekend of July 4 and 5.** Please note: the limitation on gatherings for religious worship, as amended by Executive Order No. 7SS of Governor Lamont, remains in effect. By this order, indoor gatherings are limited to **25% of capacity of the indoor space or a maximum of 100 people. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 150 people.**

We are complying with state orders by limiting attendance, social distancing, many pews are taped off and unused, **masks are to be worn, hand sanitizer at entrance.** The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, dispensed of the Sunday Mass obligation. Please see norwichdiocese.org for further information.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - Matthew 20: 1-16

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue.

But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

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Women's Bible Study Starting SEPT. 23 & 26

Walking With Purpose

Grow in your faith through fellowship with other women and learn how scripture applies to your everyday life. Join Walking With Purpose – a 22-week women's bible study (2 sessions avail: Weds or Sat mornings 9:30AM-11AM) Questions & registration, please contact Renee (949) 337-3426 or Suzanne (860) 759-6769



Opening Mass: 9/22 @ 7p

St. Patrick's

CTK's Adopted Day:

Mon. 9/28

Prayer Campaign:

9/23 - 11/1



40daysforlife.com

The Norwich 40 Days-For-Life campaign will begin with a Vigil Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Tues., September 22, at 7 PM.** Following Mass, the 40 Days for Life Team will answer any questions and distribute campaign signage and materials.

This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd through Nov. 1st.** Please sign up to *Peacefully Pray* OUTSIDE the "Planned Parenthood" Abortion Facility at 12 Case St., Norwich. Our parish has adopted Sept. 28th. Please sign up at the table in the narthex. Or, sign up for **any day of the prayer vigil** at **40daysforlife.com**



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Announcing the Annual Saint John School Raffle 2020!

Four fantastic prizes to be awarded December 19, 2020. The ticket price is \$100 with a maximum of 2000 tickets to be sold.

* **First prize** is a 2020 Corvette Stingray.

* **Second prize** is a \$10,000 travel gift certificate.

* **Third prize** is a Peloton Stationary Bike.

* **Fourth prize** is a Solo stove bonfire portable fire pit.

All money goes directly to the operating costs of our school.

There are many ways you can purchase a ticket: Purchase online at: www.stjohnstmark.weshareonline.org.

To use a credit card call 860-575-7553 or email: sjsluxuryraffle@gmail.com.

You can also walk-in to make your purchase at St John School, 42 Maynard Rd. Old Saybrook, CT or the St John Rectory Office, 161 Main St. Old Saybrook, We hope to hear from you soon! Thank you for supporting our local, beloved Catholic school.

Lillian Rita Scheel
daughter of Craig and Amy,
was baptized on September 13 2020.
We joyfully welcome her to the
family of God at Christ the King Parish. *Alleluia!*



A SQUARE AND A PRAYER MINISTRY

Now available from the Diocesan Square and Prayer Ministry: Individually wrapped, knitted "prayer squares" with prayer cards - for distribution to convalescent homes, hospitals, etc. "Prayer squares" are free of charge and on a first come first serve basis.

If you are interested in distributing squares or volunteering your crocheting/ knitting skills please contact Marianne at the Office of Faith Events:

860-848-2237 ext. 304 or manicholas@norwichdiocese.net

2020 ACA Update:

As of August 24th, Christ the King Parish of Old Lyme has donated \$50,137.81 or 54.13% of its goal, and 14.37% of our parishioners have donated.

We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. Please contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. Thank you to everyone for your support!



Do you want to register with the parish?

Welcome!

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please contact the office, 860-434-1669, or ctkoldlyme@aol.com. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

_____ New registration _____ Envelopes

_____ Change of address

If you are in need of a priest, please contact Fr. Joe and/or Fr. Walter at the rectory, 860-434-1660.

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- Go to relevantradio.com/54-day-rosary-novena/ to sign up.
- Receive "Daily Teaching Minute" via email beginning Sept. 8
- Tune in each evening at 6pm ET to pray the "Family Rosary Across America" with us, or pray the Rosary on your own.
- Bonus: Invite your family and friends to pray with us.

With everything going on right now in the Church and the world, now is a very good time to pray. Our Blessed Mother is a powerful intercessor and we call upon her protection and guidance as we face mounting tension, division, and unrest in our nation. We pray that she might guide us and promote peace, not violence and unity, not division in our nation and in our Church.


If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us for A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows,

a virtual seven-week program that will explore each of the seven sorrows of Mary's life and the message of strength and encouragement each one contains.

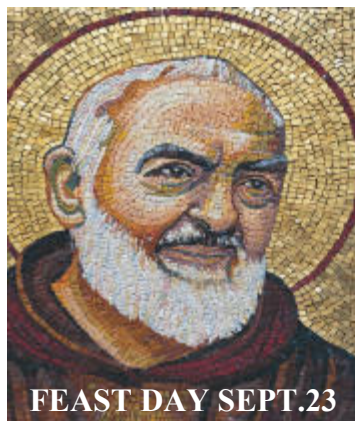
The program will be offered in two sessions:

- **Tuesday nights from 7-8:15 P.M. Sept. 15, 22, Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3 -or-**
- **Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-2:45 P.M. Sept. 16, 23, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4.**

Each week will include a reflection on one of Mary's sorrows, guided prayer imagery and discussion. ***The program is free, but registration is required.*** To do so, or, for more information, contact the Catholic Family Services Office, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.



Prayer Line
Intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous. To request prayers for **any** intention, need, or in thanksgiving, call Michele, 860-434-



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PIO of PIETRELcina

FEAST DAY SEPT. 23

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

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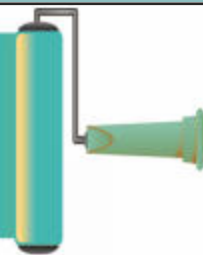
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