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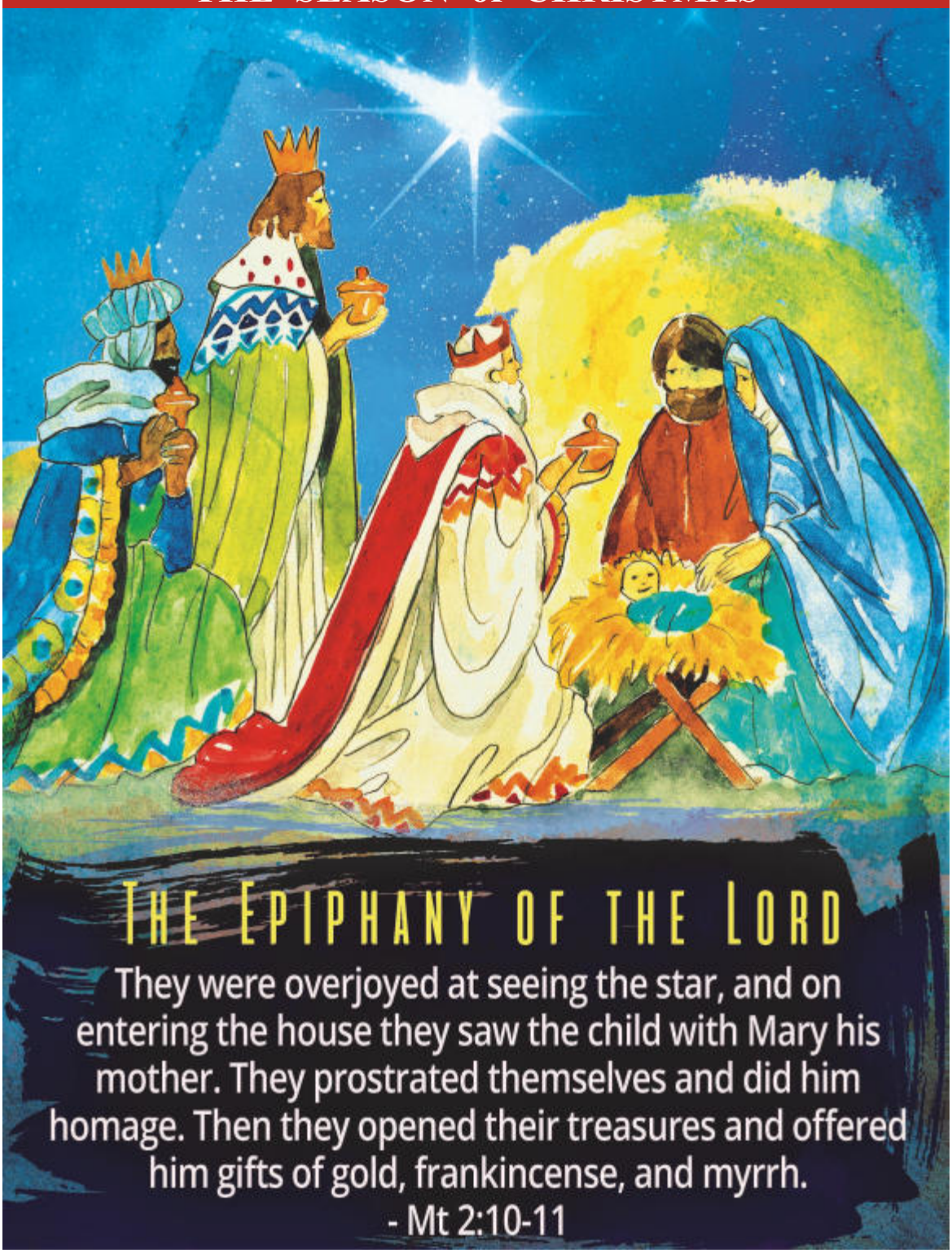

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Eucharist:

Mass:
Mon. -Fri.:
***New Time* 8AM**
Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM
Sunday: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

Adoration:
M-F: 6:30-7:30AM

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

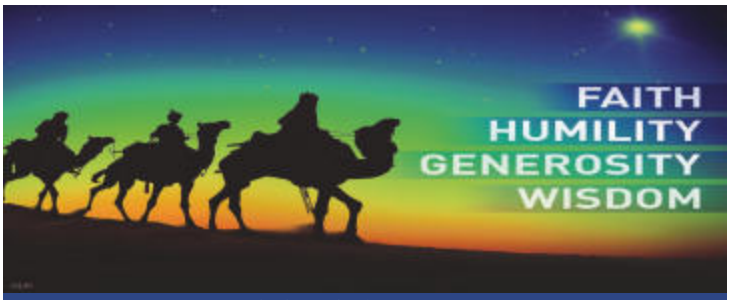
Baptism:
Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

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.**

Sexual Misconduct Services:
800-624-7407



MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 2 **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**
5:00pm John Torrenti, Jr. r/b Bob & Patti Whitcomb

SUNDAY Jan. 3 The Epiphany of the Lord
8:00am Harold Capone r/b The Mather family
10:30am Frederick Geary r/b family
Arlene Pennella r/b friend at Woman's Exc.

Mon. Jan. 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am Robert and Marguerite Graves

Tues. Jan. 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00am The parishioners of CTK

Wed. Jan. 6 St. André Bessette, Religious
8:00am Frederick Rubelmann, Jr. r/b his daughter & family

Thur. Jan. 7 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
8:00am Anson "Buzz" Clinton, III

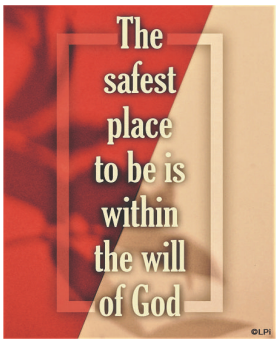
Fri. Jan. 8
8:00am John Wilcox r/b his family

Sat. Jan. 9
5:00pm John Torrenti, Jr. r/b a friend

SUNDAY Jan. 10 The Baptism of the Lord
8:00am
10:30am Richard and Josephine Dell'Erba r/b Elizabeth Flanigan
Anson "Buzz" Clinton, III

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit in memory of the deceased members of Christ the King Parish.

This is a great time to start, or continue praying the rosary, especially as a family.

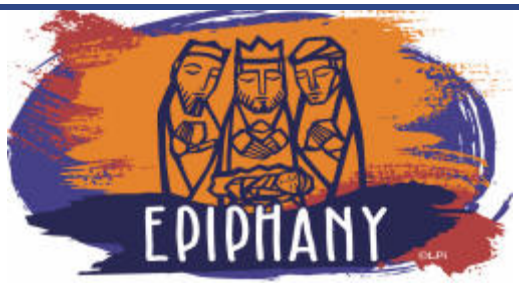


WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH !

COME TO SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL MASS
(Public WEEKEND Masses began on July 4 & 5)
SAT @ 5pm and SUN @ 8am & 10:30am
***...OR* WEEKDAY MASS**
***(began June 8th)* M–F *NEW time*: 8AM**

The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, Bishop of Norwich, has *dispensed of the Sunday Mass obligation*.

UPDATE: As of Nov. 6, limitations on religious worship are now 25% building capacity or 100 people as amended by CT's Governor. We comply with state orders by social distancing, every other pew is taped and unused; **masks are to be worn by attendees and hand sanitizer used at the entrance**. **norwichdiocese.org**.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

"Where is that thing?" mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. "I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!" Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, "Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear." The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God's tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God's salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God's healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for! LPi

Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church?

IS RCIA FOR YOU? There are many reasons why you may want to become involved in the RCIA. Do any of these fit you?

- I have never been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I have been baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments.

Do you know someone who might be interested? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step!

Contact Fr Joe & Fr. Walter: 860 434 1660, or contact Mark or Jo Ann Staves: 860 434 4374, markstaves1122@gmail.com

To all our parishioners and contributors, thank you for your generosity and support throughout the challenging year of 2020. We appreciate your kindness!

Advent Giving Tree

Thank You!

Thank you all for helping make our ***Advent Giving Tree Project*** a great success!

On behalf of **St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, Madonna Place, and the Pediatric Cancer Center** thank you for helping make a Very Merry Christmas for those less fortunate.

If you have any questions or would like to help out next year please contact Sue Ellen Perry at seperry17@gmail.com or 860-451-8145.

Readings for the week of January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)]/1 Jn

Walking With Purpose

Grow in your faith through fellowship with other women and learn how scripture applies to your every-day life. Join Walking With Purpose – a 22-week women's bible study

(2 sessions: Wed. - OR - Sat. mornings 9:30- 11am)

Questions & registration, please contact Renee (949) 337-3426 or Suzanne (860) 759-6769

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THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

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

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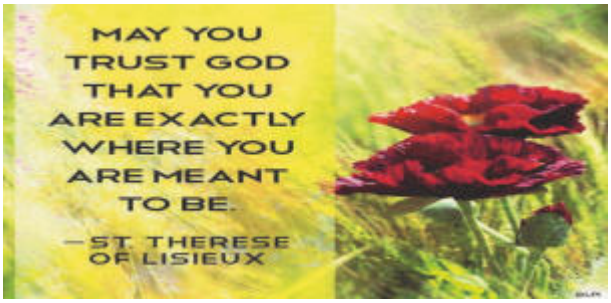

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Catholic Charities would like to THANK you for your generosity in assisting us to care for those who are in need. Your donations of prayers, monetary donations, much needed baby & personal care items, food donations and volunteering at our locations are greatly appreciated, especially during this year of uncertainty. Because of the pandemic, we have experienced a huge increase of people looking for a helping hand, and because of your donations, we are able to assist everyone who comes to us in need. Catholic Charities would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a healthy & Happy New Year! Visit ccfsn.org for more information on how you can help!

Family Bible Challenge

The **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** is pleased to share a special invitation from **Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport** to participate in the (free!) Family Bible Challenge! **Visit familybiblechallenge.org to sign up.** *Sundays: families receive an email with a chosen passage and reflection questions to consider together. * Wednesdays: families receive an email with a quiz, questions for the week's passage & general Catholic knowledge. SIGN UP TODAY!

Parish Prayer Line

Intentions are shared via first name only, but can be completely anonymous. To request prayers for ***any*** intention, any need, or in thanksgiving, call Michele, 860-434-8529.

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