The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2019

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:
Weekdays: Mon-Fri:7:30am
Weekend: Sat. Vigil:4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Sacrament of
Decenciliation

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm and *anytime* by appointment. Anointing of the Sick and Ministry to the Sick: Please call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

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

Sacrament of Holy Orders: Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or

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

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

Sacrament of Confirmation: Confirmation preparation begins in the 9th grade and the sacrament is received in the 10th grade. Adults can join the RCIA program; contact the parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation:
7:30am& 6:30pm
(No evening Mass the day before the Holy Day.)

The Rosary is prayed

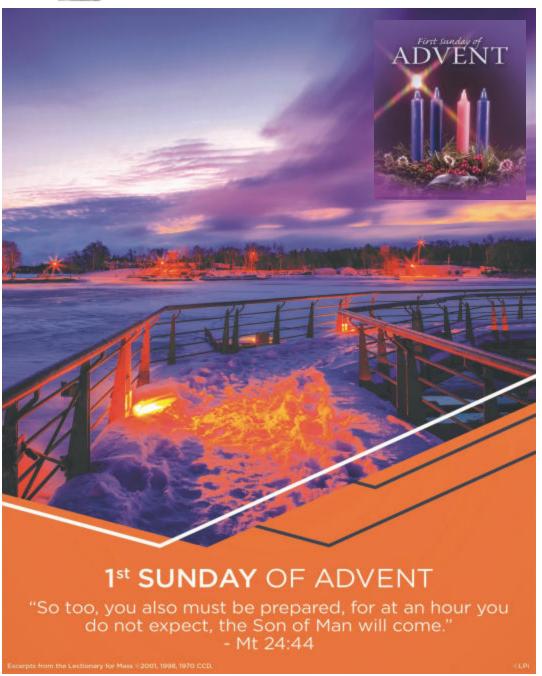
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MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Nov. 30 St. Andrew, Apostle

4:00pm Thomas Keogh r/b his wife Cissie Dennis Munday r/b The Family

All Souls in Purgartory

SUN. Dec. 1 THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am Pat Roser r/b Kathy Fulton

10:30am Deceased Members of the 1960 Class of St.

Bernard School

Christine Ballard and David Ballard r/b their father

Dr. William Hostnik r/b his Family

Mon. Dec. 2

7:30am John Caitlaine r/b a friend

Tues. Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

No Mass -

Wed. Dec. 4 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

No Mass -

Thurs. Dec. 5

7:30am Joseph Janell, Jr. r/b Hope Juckel-Regan

Fri. Dec. 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:30am Ron Moran r/b Todzia Family

Saturday Dec. 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

4:00pm Bill Balocki Sr. r/b his daughter Judy

Elizabeth K. Planeta r/b her family

SUNDAY Dec. 8 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am Margaret Congdon

10:30am Debra O'Meara and Thomas Smegelski

r/b Bill & Jan O'Meara

Donald Morel r/b Patricia Shippee

Christianne Webber r/b Mom & Dad

The SANCTUARY lamp in DECEMBER will be lit for all families.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

What's the story behind the Advent wreath?

A: Each season in the liturgical calendar comes with its own local and regional rituals. During the Advent season, wreathes adorn church sanctuaries and family dining room tables. You may have said Advent wreath prayers in childhood or taken a turn lighting the candles. The Advent wreath is full of symbolism about Christ and his coming at Christmas. The wreath is made of evergreen boughs, reminding us that the life of grace doesn't falter with the changing seasons. It remains always remains fresh and new. Similarly, a circular wreath reminds us of the eternal, never-ending nature of God's love.

Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who "shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we're roughly halfway through the season. The

Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation! Whatever the color and whatever the day, the Advent wreath is a beautiful practice to focus our attention on Christ's coming at Christmas.



MICHOLAS DAY GOSPEL MEDITATION

(Matthew 24:37-44)

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. "In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and

giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left." When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is LPi coming soon.



Sister Mary McCarthy, RSM, President of Mercy High School, proudly announces the Honor Roll for first quarter for members of your parish.

> **High Honors - Catharine Harrison** Congratulations Catharine!

Readings for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf.

1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-

7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk

10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt

15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a

[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt

9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/

Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

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Celebrate with Music!

The Old Lyme Town Band, under the direction of Carolyn Whinnem, will perform an hour-long free concert on Sat., Dec. 7 @ 6:30 p.m.

following the December pot luck. Numbers may include Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"; "A Christmas Festival," by Leroy Anderson; "And All the Bells Shall Ring"; among others.

The 40 band members range in age from 10 to 80+ and come from several towns along the shoreline. The band will welcome new members without audition when rehearsals start again in January. They rehearse at CTK parish hall, Mondays 7-9 pm. Please visit our website at www.oldlymetownband.com or at the speak to our director or president, saxophonist Christine Repasy, to get on our mailing list. Thank you for joining us tonight, and Best Wishes for the holiday season!

Morning Eucharistic Adoration

M - F 6:15 - 7:15 am

before the 7:30am Mass
... a great way to start your day.

Have you been thinking about praying the Rosary with a committed group praying for peace and other's needs?

Give us a try... we are a very small group who meets regularly (**Tuesday @ 4:30pm**). We

welcome more devotion to Our Lady as she urges us to "Pray the Rosary". As of Nov. 19 Tuesday Rosary meets at 4:30pm for the winter months.

The Thursday Bible Study, 9:00 - 10:30am



The regular meeting place will be in the room across from the parish office. Deuteronomy is the subject of this year's study. Come join us - we can loan you a Bible if you do not have one. All are welcome!

BLESSING of ADVENT

At Christ the King Parish

- Get a copy of the "Little Blue Book" Advent reflections for everyday of the season.
- Have the Best Advent Ever! Sign-up for daily Advent inspiration at DynamicCatholic.com/bestadventever
- Light an Advent Wreath to mark each week of the season and use an Advent calendar in your home.
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- Let Jesus give you and your family the gift of the healing this Advent in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.









Congratulations to Andrew Labrie and Rachel Gaudio



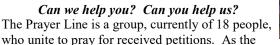
married on November 22, 2019, at Christ the King Church.

May they continually draw close to the Lord, and so draw ever closer

A new group, a **Small Christian Community** has just begun meeting at **7pm, Wednesday evenings,** at Christ the King Church.

Open to *any adults interested in discussing the past Sunday's scriptures* and what effect these readings have on their lives. Any questions please call Peter Kulas at 203-490-7766. Hope to see you there!

Christ the King Prayer Line





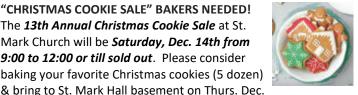
request moves down the phone chain, those two individuals often pray together, then each person keeps petitions in their daily prayers. To request prayers for any intention, for help or in thanksgiving, please call Michele Dickey at 860-434-8529. We are also seeking new members to add to our chain. The time required is small—sometimes we may get three requests in one week, but we received NO calls in April or May. We are a people of faith. Prayer can make a difference. Please consider adding your name to our chain. Thank you.

Women's Bible Study, Wednesday 9:30-11:30am

"Walking With Purpose", a 22 week Bible Study with refreshments & childcare. Grow in faith through fellowship with other women & learn how scripture applies to your everyday life. Contact Suzanne 860-759-6769, SuzanneWWP@gmail.com, or Renee 949-337-3426, ReneePray@hotmail.com

"CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE" BAKERS NEEDED!

The **13th Annual Christmas Cookie Sale** at St. Mark Church will be Saturday, Dec. 14th from 9:00 to 12:00 or till sold out. Please consider baking your favorite Christmas cookies (5 dozen)



12th between 9 and 5. In addition to cookies there will also be beautiful items for raffle prizes and Christmas gifts. All proceeds support the Walk with Haiti Ministries. Please call Mary W. @ 860-399-9788 for more information. Thank you in advance!

The Annual Convocation for Priests

will be held from December 2-4, 2019, at Gurney's Newport Resort on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days.

> Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.



Sunday, December 8, 2019 10:00am - 3:00pm

Please register at:

http://enders.is/DecBereavement

BEREAVEMENT DAY RETREAT

with Fr. Ed Dempsey

1st Sun, odd months

2nd Sun, odd months



SPEAKER at ST.MARK CHURCH DEC. 3, at 7:00PM

St. Pio Parish has invited Kathleen Irr, a noted retreat leader. to speak at St. Mark Church Hall in Westbrook.

The topic Kathy will share with us is "Living Gloriously, Gratefully and Abundantly". This Advent season we are challenged to look at the whole world with a Jesus centered Life.



DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE MASS Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019, 8:30am at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich

Pray for the pre-born, the sanctity of all human life,

and healing for all who have suffered because of abortion. Join Fr.Ray Introvigne, celebrant. The Power of Prayer is Endless.

Regularly scheduled parish events:

N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up

N.L. Soup Kitchen Serve (Sun. Supper)

Tuesday 6:15pm Children's Choir Adult Choir Tuesday 7:30pm Tuesday 4:30 pm Rosary 1st Thursday 6:00pm Men's Club 1st Wednesday 7:00pm Holy Trinity Pro-Life Group Small Christian Community (scripture sharing) Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study (for all) Thursday 9:00am Women's Bible Study Wednesday 9:30am Parish Pot Luck Supper last Friday of month 6:00pm 'God Squad' Prayer Group M-F mornings after 7:30am mass Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up 2nd Sun, even months Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve (Sat. breakfast) 3rd Sat, even months

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