

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am Weekend: Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm and anytime by appointment. Sacrament of the Sick and

Please call the rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Ministry to the Sick:

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.

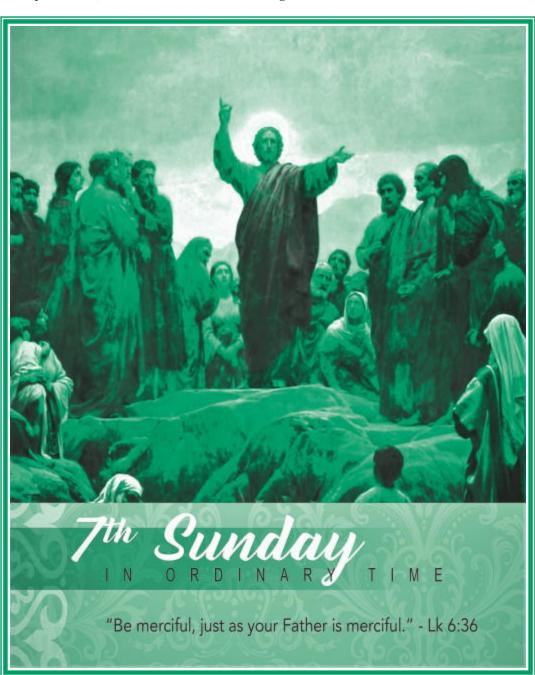
Sacrament of Confirmation:

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 Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the parish library.

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Fr. Joe Ashe and Fr. Walter Nagle at the Rectory: 860-434-1660
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Sexual Misconduct Services: 1-800-624-7407

Winter Weather

If there is a school cancelation or delay due to snow, morning Mass will be celebrated at 12pm Noon.

MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Feb. 23

4:00pm Conrad Brault r/b his wife Judy

SUNDAY Feb. 24 SEVENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME

8:00am The Broken Wing Society Wives r/b Peter Intagliata

10:30am Patricia McCarthy r/b Marylin Clarke

Mathilda VanGorden r/b her family

Mon. Feb. 25

7:30am Jean Pernal **Tues. Feb. 26**

7:30am Mrs. Joseph Turano

Wed. Feb. 27

7:30am Conchetta Marca Antonio r/b Salva Lacana

Thurs. Feb. 28

7:30am Siro and Ellen Ann Toffolon

Friday March 1

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Saturday March 2

4:00pm Mr. Gerry Mandry r/b Pete and Betty Gallagher

SUNDAY March 3 EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Catherine and Agnes Martin 10:30am Gertrude Kwasniewski

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of February will be lit for Nicholas, Santino, and Joseph Miano.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: I read in the catechism that marriage is indissoluble. Why then does the Church issue annulments?

<u>A</u>: Sacramental marriage is indeed indissoluble. You can find this in several places in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Indissolubility is foundational to the union of marriage (CCC 1646) and required by spousal love (CCC 1644). This quality of marriage draws its meaning from the fidelity of Jesus to his Bride, the Church (CCC 1647). Spouses give themselves forever to each other. Through the vows and their consummation, the spouses form a covenantal bond that binds them as one. Indissolubility presumes and depends on this sacramental bond between the spouses.

Sometimes, however, there are impediments to marriage that are overlooked, poorly understood, or unknown. It is possible that at the time of the vows, something was either present or absent that made the consent invalid. The ceremony itself does not bring about the sacrament. The priest is the official witness of the Church, but he is not the minister of the sacrament. The husband and wife are the ministers of the sacrament to each other. Without the full, free, and able consent of the man and the woman, no sacrament takes place. An annulment does not destroy the marriage bond. It is an acknowledgement that the sacramental bond did not form in the first place.

Parish Council News Update

Ballots have been counted this past week by the two Parish Trustees. The names of those parishioners selected for the Parish Pastoral Council will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

GOSPEL MEDITATION (Luke 6:27-38)

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Arcade Basketball!



Middle School Game Night



At CTK, in Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall

SAVE THE DATE!

* Friday, March 1st, 6 - 9 pm *

\$ 5.00 per person

...a night of fun with games and karaoke. Middle School CCD students can invite one additional friend. Games to include ping pong, arcade basketball, and various board games. Light refreshments will be served. Questions? 860 434 9873



RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT WEEKENDS

If you are silently grieving or suffering from a past abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.

- March 1 3, 2019 in CT
- March 15 17, 2019 in Stockbridge, MA

The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass. Participation is confidential and offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

It is not too late. For more information call Marie at 203-631-9030; email: mlaffin@prolfeministry or visit the

website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.

Think about it, pray about it. Let God heal your whole self.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Sunday March 3 at 1:00pm

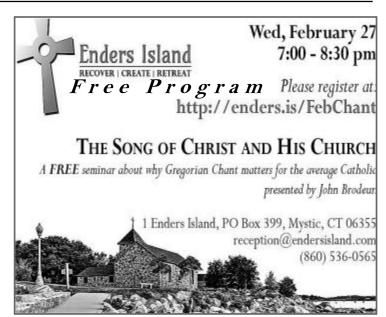
YOU ARE INVITED to the 4th annual program sponsored by the Willimantic District of the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. This year's topic is entitled HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS. Please join us on SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019 AT 1 P.M. IN ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL, 99 Jackson Street, Willimantic, CT, for this very important topic which we hope will give you an Awareness of what is happening in our own backyards. OUR SPEAKER: Yvette Young is a licensed Professional Counselor and Project Director, Human Anti-Trafficking Response Team Coordinator for the Village for Families and Children in partnership with DCF. Coffee and refreshments will follow.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

February 17, 2019

\$ 6,571.91

Thank You for your continued generosity!



*If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin, please note the deadline is Monday at noon. Thanks!



Scripture Readings: Week of Feb. 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12

-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Mon: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29

Tues: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wed: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168,171,172,174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thur: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50

Fri: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12 **Sat**: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 /Mk 10:13-16

Next Sun.: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor

15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



St. Mark's Church, Westbrook

Come and join us at our annual

Haiti Fellowship Luncheon

Salmon or Chicken Dinner

When: Sunday, March 3rd, 1:30pm Where: St. Mark Church Hall, 222 McVeagh Rd, Westbrook

Suggested donation: \$15 / \$8 kids

Tickets: on sale

at the Parish Office, @ Christ the King

or contact Rachel: 860-767-1503 Rachelhiggins88@gmail.com **PROCEEDS BENEFIT**

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Sacristan Help Needed:

Our parish is in need of someone to serve as a sacristan at the 10:30am Mass. Commitment is once a month. If interested in learning how to set up before, and clean up the altar area after Mass, please contact Meg Cunningham at 860 388 3585, or email her at mmcngham@comcast.net. *Thank you!*

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Rosary Every Tuesday 4:30 pm Bible Study Every Thursday 9:00am Parish Pot Luck Supper Last Friday of every Month 5:45pm Holy Trinity Pro-Life Meeting 1st Wednesday 7:00pm 1st Thursday 6:00pm Men's Club Every Tuesday 6:15 -7:15pm Children's Choir Every Tuesday 7:30pm Adult Choir N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up 1st Sun., odd-numbered months N.L. Soup Kitchen Serve 2nd Sun., odd-numbered months Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up 2nd Sun., even-numbered months Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve 3rd Sat., even-numbered months "New Life" Prison Ministry of South Eastern CT 2nd Thursday 9 am

To report inappropriate contact of any kind by a representative of the Diocese of Norwich or for assistance to victims, please call: 800-624-7407

LENTEN SCRIPTURE PROGRAM



Make plans for a great Lent.

Register now for an enrichment series focusing on the Book of Revelation being offered to Christ the King and St. Padre Pio (St. John & St. Mark) parishioners, <u>Tuesday starting February 26 through April 16, 2019</u> in the Sheridan Center, which is the building between St. John Church and St. John School.

Morning sessions will be from 10:00-11:45 a.m. Evening sessions will be from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Choose whichever is more convenient for you. You may register at the first session. The fee is \$10.00.

Collection Counters Needed

Parishioners are needed one Sunday per month

to count collections *after* the 8am or 10:30am mass. You will work in a pair with another counter. If interested, please contact the parish office at 434-1669 or email ctkoldlyme@aol.com. *Thank you!*

Discover HOPE & STRENGTH this Lent A Journey with Mary Through Her Seven Sorrows

If you are seeking to find hope, strength and comfort from a loss, burden or sorrow, join us this Lent for a 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.

Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 P.M. March 12, 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cathedral of St. Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT 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.

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 call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: I McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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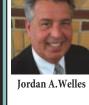
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