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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 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:**

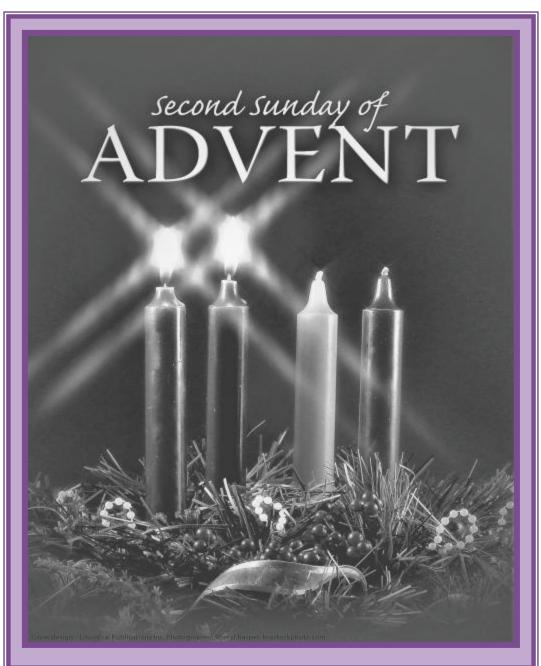
Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

#### **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 Tuesdays at 4:30pm in the parish library. Open to all!



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Fr. Joe Ashe and Fr. Walter Nagle at the Rectory: 860-434-1660
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#### MASS Schedule this Week

## Sat. Dec. 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

<u>9:00am</u> The Parishioners of Christ the King (THIS is the Mass for the Holy Day)

(11:00am Mass for the Order of Malta with Bishops)

4:00pm Fr. William F. Myers r/b Msgr. Richard LaRocque

#### SUNDAY Dec. 9 SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00am Margaret Congdon and Adelaide Kathe r/b
James McClave and family

10:30am Deborah O'Meara r/b Bill and Jan O'Meara Thomas Smegelski, Sr. r/b Bill & Jan O'Meara Bob Perry and Neil Holek r/b Sue Ellen Perry

and family

Mon. Dec. 10

7:30am Thomas D. Smith r/b Bob and Sue Staab

Tues. Dec. 11 St. Damasus I, Pope

7:30am Margaret Congdon

Wed. Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30am Eleanor Rickel r/b Richard and Jo Oeschger

Thurs. Dec. 13 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

7:30am Carroll Conley r/b her cousin Ralph Sturges

Friday Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the

Church

7:30am The parishioners of Christ the King

Saturday Dec. 15

4:00pm Rosemary Strekel r/b her family

Eileen Torrenti r/b a friend

#### SUNDAY Dec. 16 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00am George Rickel

10:30am CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF

CONFIRMATION

For the Confirmandi of Christ the King and

Sacred Heart Parishes

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of December will be lit for Joseph Elnisky.

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

**Q**: On many Sundays, especially during Advent and Lent, we hear a reading from one of the prophets. What is significant about them for us? Didn't Jesus fulfill all their predictions?

<u>A</u>: Lent and Advent are the times of the church year when the prophetic word forms an important part of the liturgical season. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, and Zephaniah are just some of the prophets who offer powerful and essential lessons for Christians of any era. Prophets do not predict the future. They are very much concerned about the present, calling Israel to follow once again the word of God.

The prophets witness to a life of faith. In the midst of an intense relationship with God, the prophets are very aware of their unworthiness to embrace this call from God and struggle to accept the mission God entrusts to them.

The prophets speak on behalf of God. Each testifies that the word spoken is not from them but from God. At times, this lands them in trouble with their audience. Jeremiah, for example, felt betrayed by God as the prophetic message was delivered. People did not like the message because of their sin-filled lives, and their displeasure was taken out on the prophet. While tempted at times to "throw in the towel," the prophets remained true to the life of faith and persevered in the proclamation of God's word. In modeling these virtues and calling us to greater fidelity, the prophets offer an example and message that are still important to us today.

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



#### Don't take flight at signs of adversity

In 1776, when a new California mission was named in honor of John Capistran by Junipero Serra, perhaps it was to honor a vital, hardworking, and optimistic fellow Franciscan of the 15th century when church and world were torn by everything from plague to heresy. Amazingly energetic, John was a force for renewal and fidelity in a fiercely divided church. And then there are the swallows. They return to the abandoned mission every spring and leave around this time. They, too, were optimists when they began to settle at the mission after a local innkeeper destroyed their unseemly muddy nests. Ask yourself: Can I hold on to the joy and optimism of a dauntless swallow or a dedicated reformer, even when things do not unfold as I'd like? (takefiveforfaith.com)

#### Scripture Readings: Week of Dec. 9, 2018

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6 /Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/

Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9-14 /Lk 5:17-26

<u>Tues</u>: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-3 and 10-13 /Mt 18:12-14

**Wed:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10/ Jdt 13:18, 19/

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Thur:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9-13/Mt 11:11-15

**Fri:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4 and 6 /Mt 11:16-19

<u>Sat</u>: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2, 3, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 <u>Next Sun.</u>: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

#### **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Our Holy Trinity Cluster's Reconciliation Service for Advent will be on

Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00pm at Christ the King Church.

Please take this opportunity and come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to prepare for Our Lord's birth on Christmas!



# Our <u>Advent Giving Tree Project</u> begins again for the 29th year THIS weekend!

The *Giving Tree Project* of Christ the King affects hundreds of the neediest people. Our donations will be going to the following four organizations:

St Mark's Neighbor's Aide in St Paul, VA St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, CT The New Life Prison Ministry Madonna Place

\* And also, as we do each year, gifts for our seminarians.

Starting the weekend after Thanksgiving, the *Advent Giving Tree* will be in the narthex and decorated with four different type ornaments, each representing one of the four organizations listed above. Please choose one ornament, or more if you want. Bring your gift(s) to church in the first two weeks of December and place them under the Christmas tree. The ornament you chose should be taped to the unwrapped gift. The gift suggestions include: gift cards - Stop & Shop, CVS, Walmart; Toys, personal care products; kitchen and bath articles; bedding; hoodie sweatshirts; children's clothing ages 4 thru 17; blankets; towels; and hats, scarfs, mittens & gloves for children & adults.

If you elect, you can also make out a check to "St Mark's Neighbors Aide". As you may remember, up until 2016 our contact had been thru St Therese's, but as of last year they have moved across the street to St Mark's - so it's the same community of people that we are helping out in St Paul, VA.

This is our Parish's Advent preparation for the true celebration of Christmas and it is an open opportunity to all of us to help share our blessings.

Would you be interested in getting more involved with this project? We are looking for volunteers who would like to help out - so if you have any questions or would like to speak with anyone as to how you can help - please call either Louise Young @ 860-434-1669 or Jo-Ann Staves @ 860-434-4374 or

Maggy & Mike Kaczorowski @, 860-581-8102. Thank you!



# Celebrating Advent at Our Parish

- Participate in Our Advent Giving Tree and give to a person in need.
- Bring home a copy of "The Little Blue Book" -Advent reflections for everyday (one/family).
- Sign-up for daily Advent inspiration on <u>DynamicCatholic.com/bestadventever</u>.
- Get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent!
   Our Holy Trinity Cluster's Advent Reconciliation
   Service will be on Sunday, December 16 at 2:00pm.
- Light an Advent Wreath or use an Advent Calendar at home.

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe!

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, **Wednesday**, **December 12, 2018.** The celebration begins with



the Rosary and opportunity for <u>confessions at 6:30pm</u>, followed by <u>Holy Mass at 7:00pm</u>. Fiesta following!

We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

# Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Altar Servers:

Please email the parish office at ctkoldlyme@aol.com with your requests for the Christmas masses.

Also, looking ahead toward the new year, please email dates you'll be unavailable for Jan., Feb., and March. Thank you!

\*Lectors: The new lector workbooks are available at the parish office for \$14.

# Do you want to register with the parish? Welcome!

Change of address



Please pray for all our Confirmation Candidates of Christ the King Church and Sacred Heart Church, Norwichtown, as they joyfully anticipate receiving The Sacrament of Confirmation on

Sun. Dec. 16, 2018 at the 10:30am Mass

Thank you!

If you know someone is homebound or in the hospital and would like the Eucharist brought to them and/or a visit from Fr. Joe or Fr. Walter, please call the parish office, 860-434-1669.

# CHRISTMAS COOKIE





Don't miss our 12th annual Christmas Cookie Sale at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 222 McVeagh Rd., Westbrook on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 9:00am-12:00pm (or till sold out) in the lower level church hall. Decorated, wrapped plates of 2 ½ dozen assorted, delicious home-baked cookies will be sold for \$14.00. Proceeds from this sale will benefit St. Mark Garden Group and Walk with Haiti ministries. For further information, please call Joan @ (203) 240-3511 or Julia @ (860) 388-5186.

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** 

#### Regularly scheduled parish events:

Rosary Every Tuesday 4:30 pm Bible Study Every Thursday 9:00am Last Friday of every Month 5:45pm Parish Pot Luck Supper 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7:00pm Holy Trinity Pro-Life Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 6:30pm Men's Club Children's Choir Every Tuesday 6:15 -7:15pm 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

#### **OUR PARISH SUPPORT:**

Dec. 2, 2018 \$ 8,243.23 Debt Reduction \$ 3,308.00

**Thank You** for your continued generosity!

#### + WEDDING BANNS +

SECOND BANN

Nicola Meinardi and Kathleen Baldassare

# Worldwide Marriage Encounter "PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS."

Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 1-3, 2019 in Manchester, CT and Jul 12-14, 2019 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at **wwmectw.org**.

#### Please learn from my experience:

Had an early phone call from son Mike the other morning. He sounded like he had a bad cold, cause I had difficulty understanding who he was. But I have hearing issues too. He said that he was in jail because while using his cell phone he had hit the car in front of him and that the passengers were sent to thewas allowed this one phone call. He then transferred me to the "attorney on duty" who informed me that Mike would be held for 3 days til my check for \$10,000 could be cashed. If I could get the \$10,000 in cash, he would send a Brinks truck to pick it up.

My Mike in jail sent me into "SAVE MY SON" mode (we never stop being parents). I got dressed and phoned the bank to see how I could rustle up that sum. My wonderful banker, Darcy, said: this smells phony..... call you son before all else. (Of course the "attorney" said he could not receive calls, that his cell phone was confiscated.) Mike answered that he was fine and that this was obviously a scam. But they had me at least at first ....emergency reaction. They count on that. They know what they are doing.

The police said that the only thing that can be done about these scams is to let everyone know. Hence this account. I had heard of similar distress calls beginning with "Grandma", but I always knew I wouldn't fall for that because my name is "Granny". But when son calls and says "Mom, this is Mike" it's pretty believable and calls for immediate action . I was suspicious all along, but kept telling myself "but I talked with Mike", it never occurred to me that it was an imposter. The state trooper said no pickup, no Brinks truck. It would be maneuvered so that I would wire the money....that was their only goal.

Long story, but it has been an upsetting episode and at the same time one that makes me grateful for (1) my wonderful Webster banker, Darcy, and (2) the poor police who are basically helpless, as are we all. Except as below.

Michael has a great idea. We all ....throughout the whole family will keep a code word :such as "bulldog", which would be a simple but failsafe ID. I asked our resident state trooper what he thought of the codeword idea and he said it was a great idea and that they would incorporate it in their future presentations.

And so I urge you-all to take the short amount of time to get your family code word set in stone in their memories.

Here's another short "code word" story:

Fox News: "Arizona girl, 11, stops would-be kidnapper by asking for 'code word,' police say."

Think of the damage we could do to these scammers with such a simple tool.

Please pass this story on to anyone and everyone, especially senior citizens who seem to be their prime target. - Joan Pryor, parishioner

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