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Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon.– Fri.: 7:30 am Weekend: **Sat. Vigil:** 5:00pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am and 10:30 am

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

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

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please call our Parish Office to arrange Pre-Baptismal Instruction and the time of the ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our Parish Office (434-1669).

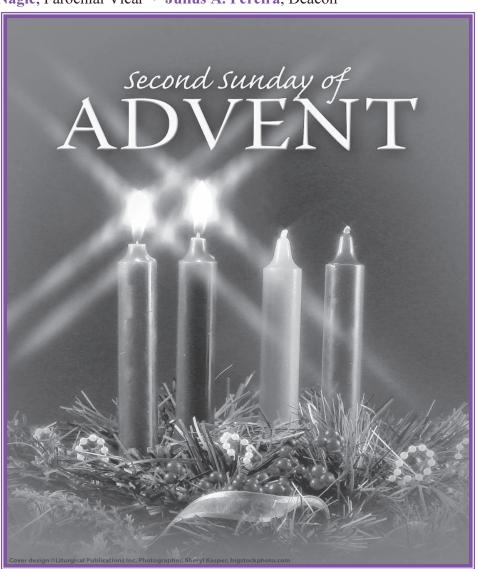
Sacrament of the Sick and Ministry to the Sick:

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

Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or Fr. Walter Nagle if you want to learn more about becoming a priest or a deacon, or contact Father Greg Galvin at the Vocation Office: 860 887 9294.

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish library. Open to all!



www.christthekingchurch.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016 Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent; St. Francis Xavier, Priest

5:00 pm Theresa Walsh r/b Joseph & Marilyn Keefe James McCusker r/b the Moylans Philip Gregware r/b Tom & Cissie Keogh

SUNDAY, DEC. 4, 2016 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Anna & Tonino Castagna r/b Rich & Luisa Grogan 10:30am Alan Soul r/b Sundance & Susan Lennard

Bertha Cuny Finnegan r/b her daughter Ellen and

grandchildren David & Diane

Robert Perry r/b his wife, Sue Ellen

Monday, Dec. 5, 2016

7:30 am Francis "Ric" Civiello r/b Rich & Luisa Grogan

Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 St. Nicholas, Bishop

7:30am Dorothy Staab r/b a friend

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30am William Balocki, Sr. r/b Judy Brault

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016 The Immaculate Conception of the

<u>Blessed Virgin Mary</u> (Holy Day of Obligation) For the parishioners of Christ the King

7:30am For the parishioners of Christ the King 6:30pm For the parishioners of Christ the King

Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

7:30 am Robert Perry r/b his wife, Sue Ellen

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent;

5:00 pm Deb O'Meara, 13th Anniversary r/b the O'Meara family

Mary Oing r/b Joe & Marilyn Keefe Angus McDonald r/b Kathy Murphy

SUNDAY, DEC. 11, 2016 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

10:30am **CONFIRMATION**

The Confirmands and their intentions Caitie Creagan r/b her family

The Sanctuary Candle, during the month of December, will burn for the Passalugo Family.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - Catholic Traditions Explained

 $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}$: 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 speak on behalf of God. All of them testify that the word spoken is not from them, but from God. This lands them in trouble, at times, with their audience. People did not like the message because of their sinful lives and their displeasure was taken out on the prophets. 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.

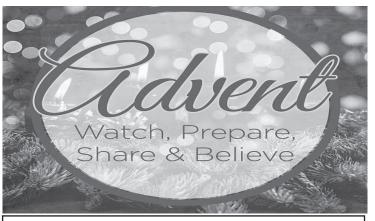
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My youngest child is going through **Confirmation** preparation this year. It is always quite a challenge to get through to a teenager about the importance of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. You can't see and touch these things, but they are *more* valuable that most tangible gifts we can receive.

Isaiah 11 features the list of the traditional **gifts of the Spirit** that we speak about in the context of the sacrament:

Wisdom.

Understanding,

Counsel,

Strength,

Knowledge,

Piety (Holiness), and

Fear (Awe) of the Lord.

These gifts are freely given to us to assist us in our daily walk with God. Discipleship and stewardship are hard enough in this world without the help from God's Spirit.

During this Advent season, we think quite a bit about gifts and gift giving. What is the perfect gift for that special someone? What can you give that will have an impact and the person will remember for years to come? Over two thousand years ago, a gift was given to us in a manger that really made a lasting impact. That gift remains with us in a profound way through the sacraments. While we are busy trying to get gifts for others, let us be mindful of the gifts we have already received by the best gift giver the world has ever seen.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Scripture Readings Week of Nov. 27, 2016 +Engaging You in Daily Mass, Prayer, and Bible Reading+

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72/ Rom 15:4-9/ Mt 3:1-12

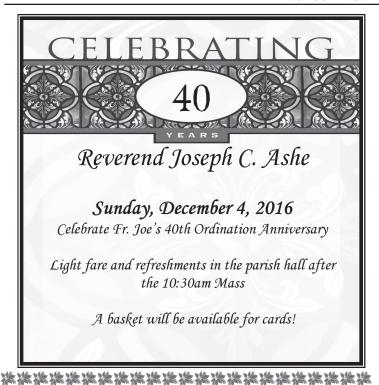
Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85/ Lk 5:17-26 **Tuesday**: Is 40:1-11/ Ps 96/ Mt 18:12-14 **Wednesday**: Is 40:25-31/ Ps 103/ Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Ps 98/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19/ Ps 1/ Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/ Ps 80/ Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146/ Jas 5:7-10/ Mt 11:2-11



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Sunday Dec. 18, 2016 @ 2pm
Christ the King Church
This is our cluster Reconciliation
(confession) service for the
Advent Season

There will be prayer and an opportunity to receive Jesus' healing touch in the Sacrament of Reconciliation from any of the priests available at this service.

Bring yourself, your family and friends to enjoy the mercy of our loving God this Advent Season.

Celebrating The Advent Season:

- + There are still a few copies of "The Little BlueBook (a "daily devotional" for Advent) available in the narthex or the office. Please take one per family.
- + Online Resources:

Receive a daily Advent reflection by email from:

dynamiccatholic.com/bestadventever

(reflections from author Matthew Kelley)

Our 27th Annual **Advent Giving Tree** Project continues this week, the second Sunday of Advent



Our Giving Tree Project begins this weekend!

We need your help! Our *Giving Tree Project* continues for just one more week!

As mentioned in last weeks bulletin, The *Giving Tree* is in the narthex and is decorated with four different type ornaments:

- + an ANGEL represents Madonna Place in Norwich, CT
- + a CHRISTMAS TREE represents -St Mark's Neighbor's Aid in St Paul, VA

for children & adults.

- + a BELL represents St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, CT
- + and a STAR represents New Life Prison Ministry
 Please take one ornament, or more if you
 want, and then your donation would be what is
 written on the ornament you have selected.
 Next week, tape your ornament to your unwrapped
 gift(s) and when you come to Mass place it under the
 Christmas tree.

The gift suggestions include: toys, gift cards - Stop & Shop, CVS, Wal-Mart; personal care products; kitchen and bath articles; bedding; hoodie sweatshirts; children's clothing ages 4 -17; blankets; towels; and hats, scarves, mittens & gloves

If you elect, you can also make out a check to "St Mark's Neighbors Aid'. This monetary donation will be used by the organization in Virginia to purchase coats, jackets, personal hygiene products and toys for children.

If you have any questions or would like to speak with anyone please call Jo-Ann Staves @ 434-4374 or Maggy & Mike Kaczorowski @ 860-581-8102. We **thank you** all in advance for once again making the *Giving Tree Project* of Christ the King a success!

+ Additionally, Fr. Greg Galvin, Director of Vocations, has coordinated with us to have *special tags on the Advent Giving Tree* to give gift cards to the eight good men preparing for the priesthood. This is an opportunity to support our seminarians with a small act of generosity. The gift cards assist them with their personal, study, or ministry expenses for the rest of the coming academic year. Take a tag and purchase a gift card; the cards are mailed directly to the vocation office. They will be boxed & wrapped to be given to each seminarian. Thank you for your prayers and support!!!



Please join our Holy Trinity Community - Pro-Life team for a very special <u>Silver Rose</u> <u>Devotion</u> on <u>Dec. 6 at the 7:30am Mass</u> at Christ the King. It will be placed in the

sanctuary before the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

<u>At 7pm.</u> the Rosary and Litany to Our Lady will be prayed during the weekly Rosary.

For over 50 Years, the Knights and Squires have sponsored the Silver Rose program to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the Sanctity of Life and to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The first four Silver Roses will travel to the Basilica in Mexico City and fifth to the Basilica of Washington DC. KofC CT is participating for the fourth year. After traveling daily through New England and New York parishes since last May, the sixth silver rose arrived in Moosup, CT on Nov.12 to visit 32 Connecticut parishes.

**** CCD News! ****

CCD schedule of dates is available in the black wire bin outside the office.

(Registration forms are still available at the website & parish office.)

Current Confirmation Class:

Our second Confirmation rehearsal will be this Sunday evening, Dec 4, at 7:00pm .This is for candidates. *Only one week until Confirmation!*

Grades K—8:

Our new religious education classes are underway and meeting on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. *Come to Mass before or after class!*

Grades K-5 will be invited to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve at the 5pm Vigil Mass. Two Saturday morning rehearsals will take place on Dec 10 & Dec. 17.

Grades 6, 7, & 8 had their annual
Thanksgiving Pie Baking. 128 pies were
made and baked for Thanksgiving Dinner
served at St. Vincent de Paul meal centers
in Middletown and Norwich! THANK



YOU to all students and parishioners who helped!

New Confirmation Class: WELCOME!

Confirmation formation began Sunday, Nov 13 at the 10:30am Mass, as 28 new candidates signed the book of intention, were welcomed by Fr. Joe & Mrs. Louise Young, and received their Bibles. This was followed by two Sunday evenings with the opening Confirmation classes. Our next class is Dec. 4, 6-7pm in the large classroom.

Upcoming event: <u>Dec 11@ 6-8:30pm: "Sean Forest" @ Our Lady of Sorrows in Essex.</u>

+May God bless all our CCD children, families, and teachers as they continue growing in their relationship with God.+

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Rosary
Bible Study
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Meeting
Men's Club
New Life Prison Ministry
Children's Choir
Adult Choir
Parish Pot Luck Supper
N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up
N.L. Soup Kitchen Serve
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve

Every Tuesday 7:00 pm
Every Thursday 9:00am
1st Wednesday- 7:00pm
1st Thursday 6:30 pm
1st Thursday - 9:00 am
Every Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm
Every Tuesday 7:30pm
Last Friday of the Month
1st Sun. of the Month
2nd Sun of the Month
3rd Sun of the Month

THURSDAY, DEC. 8 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION This is the patronal feast day of the U.S.A. Come & celebrate at Mass: 7:30am or 6:30pm



Natural Family Planning is scientific, safe, and is 99 percent effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby. A class for married and engaged couples begins on Monday, December 19th at 6:30 P.M. at

St. John's in Old Saybrook. For more information, call Steve and Lisa Collison at 860-399-8265 or to register for a class go to www.ccli.org

Reflecting on Harvest Fun Day

The last of the silent auction items have now been picked up and the final tallies have been counted. The day was a resounding success with a total of \$16,555.55 being raised for our parish. A hardy THANK



YOU goes out to all who volunteered, cooked, baked, coordinated, donated items, & participated in our annual Parish Harvest Fun Day! It was truly a parish-wide effort!



We welcome **Alexa James Raney**, daughter of Jason and Nicole, **Nolan James Martin**, son of Jim and Kelley, and

Anastasia Yvette-Rose Almodovar, daughter

of Jesus and Jasmine to our Christ the King family of God. They were baptized here last Sunday, November 27, 2016 after the

Baptized Baptized

10:30am mass. Alleluia!

Fr. Joe's Book Discussion: The next meeting is

Monday, Dec. 5 @ 7pm in the large classroom. The book
is Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant
Pitre. Fr. Joe's next book pick is Catholicism:

A Journey to the Heart of the Faith by Robert Barron. Drop by the office if you want to join the next group and/or purchase the book.

Help us keep our records up-to-date!

* Do you want to register with the parish?

Welcome! Have you changed your address, moving out of the parish, or 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:

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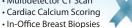
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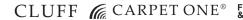


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