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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon.– Fri.: 7:30

Weekend: **Sat. Vigil:** 5:00pm **Sunday:** 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30am & 6:30pm (No evening Mass 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.

Sacrament of the Sick and Ministry to the Sick:

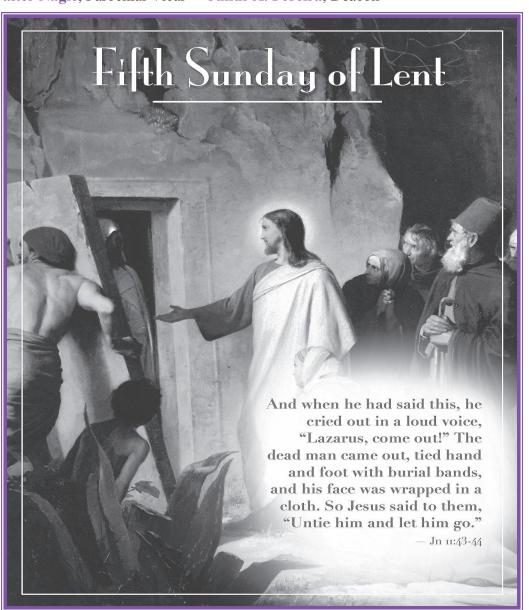
Please call the Rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

Sacrament of 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 Fr. Greg Galvin at the Vocations Office:860-887-9294.

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



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Pastoral Associate and Director of Religious Education: Louise Young, 860-434-9873 Rectory: 860-434-1660

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Secretary: Margaret Kuhn; **Office:**860-434-1669; **fax:**860-434-7140; **hours:** 8:30a-3:30p

Sexual Misconduct Services: 1-800-624-7407

MASS this week:

Sat. April 1

8:30am Diocesan Pro-Life Mass 5:00pm Tom Moylan r/b the family SUNDAY April 2 Fifth Sunday of LENT

8:00am Jean Urbowicz r/b her husband John 10:30am Leonard Judy r/b Jane Klimczak

Alfred F. Wilber, Jr. r/b Susan Wohlmuth

Mon. April 3

7:30 am Agnes and Catherine Martin

Tues. April 4 St Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

7:30am Healing for Bruce Zajac

Wed. April 5 St Vincent Ferrer, Priest 7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Thurs. April 6

7:30am Andrew Dudanawicz r/b Ron & Dorothy Paine

6:00pm Nancy Stark

Fri. April 7 St John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:30 am David Regan r/b his wife

Sat. April 8

5:00pm Rachel Becotte r/b the Pro-Life group SUNDAY April 9 PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION

of the LORD

8:00am Gerry Moriarty r/b family

10:30am Patricia Small r/b Jane Klimczak

THE SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL WILL BURN FOR THE HORNYAK FAMILY

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: Lent always helps me renew my relationship with God. What can I do to achieve that the rest of the year?

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever **A**: you do during Lent all year. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent yearround keeps us in spiritual shape!

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

March 26, 2017 \$ 9,029.74
Easter Flower Donation \$ 855.00 **Thank you** for your continued generosity!

COFFEE SOCIAL - All Are Welcome <u>April 2nd after the 10:30 Mass</u> Coffee & Doughnuts will be served Compliments of the Men's Club

Service/ Stewardship Opportunities:

We are in need of **Eucharistic Ministers** (especially at 5pm & 10:30am mass) and **Altar Servers** at the 5:00pm mass.

Please contact the office! Thank You!!!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP—

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

John 11: 1—45

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. --God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Scripture Readings

Week of April 2, 2017



Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 **Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 /Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30 **Wednesday**: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59 **Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56 **Next Sunday**: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/

Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

TWO Retreat Opportunities!:

To the Men of Christ the King Parish:



Have you considered attending a Holy Family Weekend Retreat in West Hartford from April 7th to the 9th? You will have the opportunity to be

renewed and inspired by the "paradox of simplicity" and the gift of faith. For additional info contact Mike Kaczorowski @ 860-581-8102 or Bill O'Meara @ 860-434-1143. or log onto www.holyfamilyretreat.org.

See the poster in the narthex!

To the Women of Christ the King Parish:



Carpooling is available! Call Kathy Burton at 860 434 8021. Set aside one day for yourself! Attend the Catholic Women's Conference/One-Day Retreat: -"YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH".

Enjoy an internationally known inspirational speaker and gospel singer, Mass with the

Bishop, Reconciliation, Adoration, and time to shop at the many vendor booths! You will be refreshed, inspired, and filled with God's grace to live out your baptismal call

as a witness for God's Love in everyday life.

Sat, April 8, 30am-3:30pm.

Registration: \$35, students \$15. Call 860 848 2237 ext.304. Held @ St Bernard School, Uncasville See the poster on the bulletin boards!

Holy Apostles College and Seminary **OPEN HOUSE**

Sat. April 22 9-11am

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Say to Jesus as the apostles did: "Lord, teach us to pray." - St. John Baptist de la Salle (feast day, April 7)



RCIA is a lay led program to bring people into full communion with the Catholic church. Whether you are just inquisitive, or wish Baptism, First Communion or

Confirmation, the Rite of Christian Initiation program here at Christ the King Church can assist. Call the parish or Bob Staab 860 434 5872 for information.

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal—Commitment Weekend

This weekend we ask for your commitment to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, "Our Faith Call; U\$ To ACTION".

As Catholics, we are blessed to receive Christ through the Sacraments and the Eucharist...increasing our love for God and others. If we didn't know Christ, we would have an emptiness in our hearts. If we don't practice our faith, we won't know the iov & fulfillment in helping others who are in need. We are called by Christ to be good stewards, a call we need to answer.

Your support of the 2017 ACA allows our ministries to help others, thereby answering Christ's call. As we devote our time, share our talents and give our treasure, we share our belief in God and His works...we are living our faith! "Our Faith Calls **U\$ To ACTION"**, not just today, but every day. Please pledge generously today or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. THANK YOU! MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

2nd Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk

April 14, 9:45am at St Ann Episcopal Church Please join Christ the King Parish, St Ann Episcopal, Lyme & First Congregational of OL, and South Lyme Union Chapel for this annual Good Friday Ecumenical event to help the hungry in our towns. The route follows Route 156/Shore Road to Johnnycake Hill to Lyme Street past Christ the King Church to First Congregational Church of Old Lyme and then back again. You are welcomed to bring non-perishable foods, or even raise money for the cause! Envelopes will soon be in the narthex. If you would like to make a contribution but are unable to walk that day, just grab an envelope and mail it in! Checks are to be made out to: The Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries.

STEUBENVILLE NYC- JULY 21-23, 2017

This summer, join over 3,000 other Catholic teens at Steubenville NYC conference on the campus of St Johns Univ. and experience the joy of following Christ and being ELAVATED By HIS Love.

Teens

The Diocese of Norwich offers youth the opportunity to take advantage of this fun and spirit filled conference with ease. For \$345, The Diocese of Norwich will provide youth and chaperones with Steubenville registration fee, sendoff mass with Bishop Cote and lunch, transportation to and from the Diocese, and 3 t-shirts for each day at the Conference. If you are interested in this life changing opportunity, contact your Youth Minister or Liza Roach at (860)848-2237 ex. 305 or lroach@norwichdiocese.net

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

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Have you changed your address, moving out of the parish		
or like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-		
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Immaculée Ilibagiza

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017 7:00 PM

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Immaculée Ilibagiza is the best-selling author of Left to Tell and a survivor of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide. Come hear her story of hope and forgiveness.



A free-will offering will be taken.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7PM

Come to church to pray and meditate on On Lord's Passion and The Way of the Cross. It is a beautiful Lenten devotion.

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Friday April 7 @ 7pm

Our 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students will present
the Stations of the Cross in Shadow

Please join us for this prayerful, "living" Stations.

Lenten Weeknight Mass & Soup Supper

Every *Thursday* in Lent!

Next supper: April 6—ALL are welcome!

Mass at 6:00pm immediately followed by soup supper in the hall. If you're attending mass, bring your soup to the kitchen before mass.

If you don't have a soup to bring, come and enjoy others' soups!

Retrouvaille of Connecticut



If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; even if you are divorced or separated but want to try again, the Retrouvaille program can help. Retrouvaille provides tools to communicate better, resolve conflicts fairly, and re-discover why you

fell in love. The next Retrouvaille weekend is April 21-23, 2017. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230, email: 3001@retrouvaille.org, or go to our website

www.helpourmarriage.com

Bereavement Support Group

...for anyone who has lost a loved one and is struggling with the day to day challenges in life. This faith-based program includes prayer, meditation, reflection and prayer. The small group sessions will provide comfort and hope on your journay through the task of grieving to a place to place of healing and understanding. Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm, last session will be May 15th in the library at St. Mary Church. We make every effort to get you out in an hour but will not rush anyone. All are welcome, recent or past loss, all denominations. For more information call Jeanne Perlman 860/669-5123.



MUSIC CORNER—LENT

Over the next two weekends at the 10:30am Mass, the choir will be singing a song cycle written by our Director of Music Ministries, Bill Thomas.

The pieces were written as meditations on the Cycle A gospel readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent.

- "Living Waters" (1996), heard two weeks ago, recounts the story of Jesus and the woman at the well;
- "Open Our Eyes, Lord" (1999), heard last weekend, is a meditation on the story of the man born blind;
- "Take Away The Stone" (2014) is a reflection on the story of the raising of Lazarus.

It's a great time to start, or continue, praying a family rosary.

WINE, WISDOM, and WHY– A NIGHT OF CATHOLIC DISCUSSION

Join us for a evening of questions and answers on **Thursday, April 27**th **from 7–9pm** at St. Andrew's in Colchester. Ask questions about your <u>faith</u>- past, present or future. A panel of



experts are ready to answer your questions: Bishop Michael Cote, Sr. Elissa Rinere CP- Director of Office of Worship/ Pastoral Planning, Deacon Chris Deskus-Director of Prison Ministry Office, and Mr. Paul Kieda- Morality and Apologetics Teacher from Xavier High School.

Soft drinks and wine will be provided!

HAITIAN DINNER & CELEBRATION

Come join us at the annual Haiti Fellowship Dinner, to be held on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 22 at 6pm</u> (after the 5pm Mass) at St Mark's parish, 222 McVeagh Rd, Westbrook.

Apart from the *great food* from Lenny & Joe's Fishtale-Madison, there will be games, prizes and a raffle. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12 years.

Defending Religious Freedom: Regardless of what some in the media, representatives of the abortion industry, and proabortion advocates say, "ObamaCare" does provide taxpayer funding for abortion and greatly expands access to abortion. Because it fails to contain any provision actually preventing federal funds from being used to subsidize insurance plans that cover abortions, ObamaCare greatly increases taxpayer funding for abortions. And because every American is required to purchase health insurance that in many cases covers, or is even required to cover, abortions, the abortion industry stands to receive windfall profits from ObamaCare.

On December 7, 1965, the Second Vatican Council approved *Dignitatis Humanae*, the Declaration on Religious Liberty. The Declaration addresses a question that comes up in every generation: how do we understand freedom, truth, and the relationship between church and state?

Visit: usccb.org and search for: Human Dignitatis Humanae for a comprehensive explanation.

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