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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:

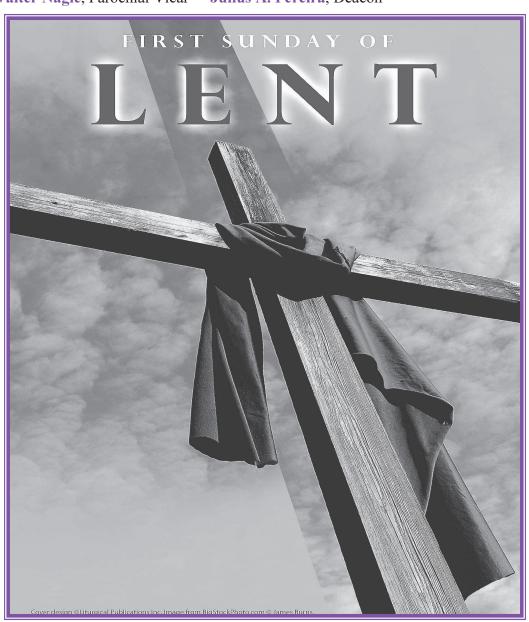
Please call the Rectory anytime a person is sick and would like to be anointed or visited.

#### **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



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Sexual Misconduct Services: 1-800-624-7407

#### MASS this week:

Sat. March 4 St Casimir

5:00pm Jim Tripp

SUNDAY March 5 First Sunday of LENT

8:00am Siro & Ellen Toffolon

10:30am Rick Rubelmann r/b his family

Thomas Keogh r/b Jane Klimczak Josephine Dell'Erba r/b her daughter

Mon. March 6

7:30 am Rick Rubelmann r/b his sister & brother-in-law

Tues. March 7 Sts Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. March 8 St John of God, Religious

7:30am Thomas Weston Maher

Thurs. March 9 St Francis of Rome, Religious

7:30am In thanksgiving for the intercession of St. Anthony r/b

Rich & Luisa Grogan

6:00pm Maryann Faircloth r/b the Lennard family

Fri. March 10 Day of Abstinence

7:30 am Kate Kilonsky

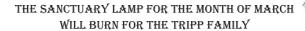
Sat. March 11

5:00pm Salvatore Lacana r/b his family SUNDAY March 12 Second Sunday of LENT 8:00am Fred & Edie Bennard r/b their family

10:30am Rosemary Strekel

Thomas Keogh r/b Jane Klimczak Vince Agostine r/b his daughter, Cheryl

Parsons and family



#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

 $\underline{\mathbf{Q}}$ : At times, temptation seems so powerful that is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid, because temptation is not something we create or even recognize sometimes, but rather it comes from evil. But it would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones. Herein lies the wisdom of the Church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to the prompting our conscience to choose good.

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February 12, 2017 \$ 8,981.00 February 19,2017 \$ 9,593.00 February 26, 2017 \$ 9,858.00

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - Matthew 4:1-11 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry." And no surprise! That's an incredibly long time to fast. Undoubtedly Jesus' physical and emotional strength would have been extremely weak after enduring such a marathon of abstinence. And isn't it interesting that the "tempter" should choose to appear at this particular moment? When bread must have sounded better than ever, the devil comes and tests Jesus, saying, "Command that these stones become loaves of bread."

How hard it must have been to resist! Surely, Jesus could have caved in. He could have shown the devil his power--and had a bite to eat while he was at it--but he didn't. Instead, Jesus relied upon the word of God, and battled the devil by holding fast to the truth. "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." What an excellent model this provides for us. We too face temptation of various kinds and degrees. As the first reading from Genesis reminds us, the "cunning" serpent has been slithering around humanity from the beginning of time. Even when we have all that we need, the devil makes us want more, or want different, than what we have. Today's Gospel calls Satan "the tempter" for good reason. He tempts us to break God's law as Adam and Eve did when they ate from the tree "in the middle of the garden." But Jesus shows us the right response by battling the devil with the truth of God's word. Whatever temptations might beset us, there is power in clinging to the truths that we find in Scripture. In our moments of trial, may we have the strength to claim these truths as our own and, like Jesus, defeat the deceit of the devil.

#### Scripture Readings Week of March 5, 2017



**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 /Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46 **Tuesday**: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday**: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32 **Thursday**: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday**: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48 **Next Sunday**: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/

Mt 17:1-9

LIVE THE LITURGY We have begun *Lent*, entering into a season of conversion and repentance. Like us, Jesus was subject to temptation, but he resisted with all his heart. As we celebrate our Eucharist today, let us ask God to give us the perseverance to avoid sin

Rosary every day.

#### LENT

Time to begin your own plans to grow spiritually this Holy Season. Remember: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Action IDEAS:

<u>"Prayer"</u>: Sign up for daily inspiration at **dynamiccatholic.com/ bestlentever**. Or visit **dynamiccatholic.com** for ideas! Also, pick up a copy of the "Little Black Book " for a Lenten daily devotion.

Attend morning mass once a week or more. Come to celebrate at the Thursday night mass & soup supper. Attend & pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7pm @ church. Read your Bible each day. Pray the

<u>"Fasting"</u>: Abstain from meat on Fridays in Lent; Good Friday is a day of fasting (1 meal, 2 smaller meals) & abstinence (no meat). You can fast any day or any Friday. You can fast from ANYTHING that turns us away from God.

<u>"Almsgiving"</u>: Take home a **Rice Bowl to support the poor** through Catholic Relief Services. Make a commitment to tithe (10%) to God. Pay for someone's Dunkin Donuts and wish them a blessed Lent.

#### **Music Corner – Con Brio**

We are looking for a team leader and a 3-4 member team to facilitate the Con Brio concerts held twice a year at Christ the King. Hosting the concerts involves some light physical work as well as facility-based activities like monitoring the parking lot. If you think you might be able to help, contact Bill Thomas at 860 227-6050.

#### Fr. Joe 's Book Discussion :

Do you want to learn more about your Catholic faith? Are you curious about the teachings of the Church? Fr. Joe's current book pick is <u>Catholicism: A</u>

Lourney to the Heart of the Faith, by Robert Bar

<u>Journey to the Heart of the Faith</u> by Robert Barron.



The next class will be **Monday**, **March 13** @ 7pm.

This dynamic discussion is just beginning (we're on chapter 4).

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME!** You can purchase the book at the office for \$14.

(See the flyers on the bulletin boards in the hall.)

#### **New Rite of Marriage Workshop**

A new rite of the Sacrament of Marriage is coming. This workshop will explain what the changes mean for the liturgy in which the Sacrament is celebrated. All are welcome: anyone interested to learn more, parish staff, musicians, wedding coordinators and couples planning to marry.

Wed, March 8, 7pm-9pm @St. Joseph Parish, Willimantic Registration materials available at www.norwichdiocese.org or call 860 848-2237 x203.

#### 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.

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

#### Lenten Weeknight Mass & Soup Supper

Thursdays in Lent!

Next supper: March 9th—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.

#### 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.
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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 <u>lroach@norwichdiocese.net</u>

#### Regularly scheduled parish events:

Teens

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
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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 6:15-7:15pm
Every Tuesday of the Month
1st Sun. of the Month
2nd Sun. of the Month
2nd Sun of the Month
3rd Sun of the Month

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

Help us keep our records up-to-date!
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
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#### Celebrate St Patrick's Day!

St Patrick's Dinner in our cluster at St. John's

Gym on Saturday, March 18 St. Patrick's Day

from 5:00-7:30pm. Tickets are available in our parish office. Call the office to reserve, 434-1669. \$15.00 adults, \$7.00 children





#### This Saturday @ 9am: Shamrock Run!

St John school of Old Saybrook will be having a Shamrock Run! The 5k race/walk/ half mile kids fun run will be on Saturday, March 11th at 9:00am at Fort Saybrook. The link to register is www.racemine.com/stjohnschool/events/2017/shamrock-run. More information is on the bulletin board in the hall & on the school website: www.saintjohnschoolos.org. Mark your calendar for a fun, family morning and support a great cause at this Catholic Schools event! Thank you!

#### Bring a Friend to Church Sunday!

Bring a friend, family member or loved one to Church with you on Sunday, March 26, 2017 and share your faith



with someone who is important to you! Spend some personal time away from the world and all its stress in a worshiping community where God loves unconditionally. Receive a blessing just for you!

## TWO Retreat Opportunities!:

To the **Women** of Christ the King Parish:



Have you considered attending the Catholic Women's Conference/One-Day Retreat: - "YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH"? You will be refreshed, inspired, and filled with God's arace to live out your baptismal call as a

witness for God's Love in everyday life.

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

Registration: \$35 (\$30 before March 17), students \$15. Call 860 848 2237 ext.304.

Held @ St Bernard School, Uncasville See the poster on the bulletin boards!

#### To the **Men** of Christ the King Parish:



Have you considered attending a Holv 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!



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. Please call the office, or Bob Staab 860 434 5872 for information.



We welcome **Teagen Marie Riquelme** daughter of John and Kimberly, to our Christ the King

family of God. She was baptized here, Sunday, February 19, 2017 after the 10:30am Mass. Alleluia!



There are two ways to get enough. One is to continue to accumulate more and more. The other is to desire less.

—G. K. Chesterton

#### Operation Rice Bowl: Encounter Lent Take home a Rice Bowl!

This Lent, gather in prayer and sacrifice as a family to pray and care for the hungry poor. On Ash Wednesday, our parish began a program of prayer & sacrifice: Catholic Relief Service's "Operation Rice Bowl", to help feed the hungry poor across the world and in our own area. Families are especially encouraged to gather each week in prayer for the poor and to share a simple meal. With the money saved from the meal, a donation is placed in the Rice Bowl, which will be brought to church on Palm Sunday, April 9. 75 of funds go to the hungry overseas and 25 stays here in our Diocese to feed the needy.

Saint John School, Old Saybrook is having Winter Open House on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9-11am and 6.30-8.30pm. You are invited to hear about "Educating the Whole Child" from PreK3 to Grade 8. See our facilities, talk to our staff and learn about our challenging curriculum, enrichment programs and after school sports and clubs. Fall registration for 2017/18 academic year is now in progress. For more information see our website, www.saintjohnschoolos.org. To arrange private tours or a shadow day for your child, call the school (860) 388 0849. All are welcome!



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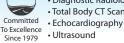
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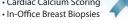
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