25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 22, 2019

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 4:00pm - 4:30pm and *anytime* by appointment. **Anointing 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 7:00pm in the parish library. Open to all!

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MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Sept 21 St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

5:00pm Nancy Stark

Elizabeth Planeta r/b her daughter Nancy Birge

SUNDAY Sept. 22 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Rich Grogan r/b Rita Spring 10:30am Bruce Brown r/b Lynn Herlihy

Robert Sulick r/b Tina and Tom Lynch

Mon. Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:30am Siro and Ellen Toffolon

Tues. Sept. 24

7:30am Robert and Marguerite Graves

Wed. Sept. 25 7:30am Don McCue

Thurs. Sept. 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs

7:30am Jephson O'Connell

Fri. Sept. 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest 7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Saturday Sept 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz

& Companions, Martyrs

5:00pm Catherine and Agnes Martin
SUNDAY Sept. 29 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Paul Staves r/b Rita Spring 10:30am Bob Sulick r/b The Hrinak Family

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

The Thursday Bible Study has just begun meeting at 9:00am.

The regular meeting place will be in the room across from the parish office. Deuteronomy is the subject of this year's study. Come join us we can loan you a Bible if you do not have one. All are welcome!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: When Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon," what does he mean? What is mammon?

A: When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek - these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money - that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it - is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many things that can be opposed to our

service of God - power, prestige, popularity.
Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.



Parish Pot Luck Supper Friday, Sept. 27th @ 6pm



Our *monthly* Pot Luck will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel (CTK) parish hall on Friday, Sept. 27 @5:45pm for cocktails (wine & beer) BYOB, 6:00 pm for dinner.

Please bring a dish, salad or dessert to share.

Come to enjoy a good dinner & good company!

Questions? Call Nancy Gatto, 860-390-6314.

GOSPEL MEDITATION (Luke 16: 1-13) ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Compartmentalization or consistency? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a strange story of a sneaky, savvy steward that raises questions about our personal virtue. "How much do you owe? Here is your promissory note, write one for eighty." This parable isn't advice for money management. Historically, there were many positions that acted on behalf of their masters regarding money, like customs agents, household stewards, and tax collectors. Often these workers over-charged and skimmed off the top.

Usurious practices like this were not in line with the traditional Jewish understanding of money lending, which strictly forbade them from to taking interest or making a profit off of their own people. As the steward reduced the debt, he was likely writing out the amount he originally intended to take for himself. Before the steward can be commended, he needs to right the wrong done.

"The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones." This parable contains an important self-check. We have a great many things we're responsible for that seem to have nothing to do with the kingdom of God. How do we interact in those spaces? Are we trustworthy in our dealings at work and at home? Are we honest and faithful to our commitments to family and friends? Are we honest with our money and prudent with how we spend our time?

Jesus calls his disciples to consistency. How often do we expect that we can be one person one place, yet shrug off that persona in a new situation? "No servant can serve two masters."

These week, take stock of your life. All of your life. Are you living the Gospel values wherever you go? LPi

Readings for the week of September 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2,4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5 /Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4, 7-8 /Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b /Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 /Lk 9:43b-45 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-

16/Lk 16:19-31





ACTS Women's Retreat

September 26-29



"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you."

Sponsored by Christ the King Parish St. Edmund Retreat, Enders Island, Mystic, CT

This is a 3 day retreat put on by lay women under the guidance of a Catholic Guide. Retreat activities focus on Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. The goals are to renew yourself spiritually and strengthen your faith and its application in your daily life. It is an opportunity to share your faith with others and experience the joy of being a part of a faith-filled community. If you have been thinking about attending a retreat, make ACTS the one you choose. For more information, contact: Karen Bigger, Director, 860-739-4103; Rosa Wohlmuth, Co-Dir. 860-767-7531; Cathy Holdridge, Co-Dir. 860 535-2676

<u>IS RCIA FOR YOU?</u> There are many reasons why you may want to become involved in the RCIA. Do any of these fit you?

- I have nevér been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I have been baptized Catholic, but have not received any other sacraments.

Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step! Contact: Bob Staab Tel: 860 434 5872 or Fr Joe





Planning for the

2020 Norwich Diocesan Women's Conference is underway. The conference is scheduled for March 28, 2020 at St. Bernard's School in Uncasville. Any women interested in joining the planning committee or volunteering some of their time, please contact The Office of Faith Events at 860-848-2237, or faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

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FACILITIES Update:

As you may have observed, a number of church facilities maintenance issues have arisen.

- Our steeple has been leaking,
- the wood floors in the church are in need of refinishing to prevent further damage, and
- the well at the rectory has been compromised, requiring a new well to be dug.

Due to the nature of the repairs, there are no quick fixes but the best possible solutions are currently being explored and underway. In the meantime, please be patient and pray our Harvest Festival will be successful enough to defray some of the costs associated with maintaining our beautiful church.

64th Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention

All women in the diocese are invited to attend the Annual NDCCW Convention on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at St. John the Evangelist Parish, 22 Maple Avenue, Montville, CT.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:00 a.m., brief business meeting followed by the keynote speaker, Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle. She will speak about St. Faustina. Donna Marie is an award winning author and journalist, speaker and an EWTN TV host and creator of *Everyday Blessings for Catholic Moms*, *Catholic Mom's Café* and her newest series *Feeding Your Family's Soul*. Most Reverend Michael Cote, Bishop of Norwich will be the main celebrant of the noon Mass.

The second speaker is Andrea Hoisl, Director of the Office of Faith Events for the Diocese of Norwich. Her topic will be about *One Heart Ministry*, a partnership on disability. Andrea has a BA in Religious Studies from Salve Regina University and a MA in Education from the University of St. Joseph. She came to the Office of Faith Events after 30 years as a catholic educator and director of campus Ministry at Xavier High School.

Make check payable to Norwich Diocesan CCW and send your name, address, phone number, parish and email address to: Nina Romero-Caron, 3 Tripp Hallow Rd., Canterbury, CT 06331, 307-922-4057 – email: azula13@live.com. Registration \$25, includes lunch & materials – Deadline Oct. 11, 2019.

	you want to register with the parish? Welcome!
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Congratulations to

Michael Russo and Sarah Lavoie

married on September 14, 2019 at Christ the King Church.

May they continually draw close to the Lord, and so draw ever closer to each other!



Are you looking for a mission-based position in home health care? Franciscan Home Care and Hospice Care, a Catholic home health care agency, seeks full-time RN to work in its home health care program. Join our team of home health care professionals. RN experience preferred. Computer skills required. Call Marie Laffin, RN, at 203 238-1441

Women's Bible Study Starting Soon!

Grow in your faith through fellowship with other women and learn how scripture applies to your everyday life by joining Walking With Purpose, a 22-week women's bible study to be held Wednesday mornings at Christ the King church from 9:30-11:30am. Refreshments and childcare provided! Info session Sept 25th, 9:30am at Christ the King parish hall. Questions & registration, please contact Renee (949) 337-3426 or ReneePray@hotmail.com or Suzanne (860) 759-6769 SuzanneWWP@gmail.com._ www.walkingwithpurpose.com ALSO, Seeking Childcare Providers! ...on Weds mornings from 9:15-11:45am at Christ the King. We have mothers who need your loving protection for their young children so they might enrich themselves with scripture once a week. Interested angels please contact Renee (949) 337-3426 or ReneePray@hotmail.com.

walking with purpose

Pontifical Mass for the Diocesan Partnership on Disability Sunday October 6, 2019 @ 11:00 am

St. Andrew Church, 128 Norwich Avenue, Colchester
Join us for a Celebration of the Liturgy for people living with disabilities; for their family, friends, caregivers, co-workers, support staff and health care professionals with Bishop Michael R. Cote.

Presentation & light refreshments to follow in church hall. RSVP for the reception to Office of Faith Events 860-848-2237 x304; faithevents@norwichdiocese.net

Refugee Resettlement Committee News

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>October 6 at the 10:30am Mass</u> the Al Khafagi family from Iraq will join us at Christ the King. A social hour will follow.

The Al Kafaji family (Ghassan, Maysom, Lelas and Ali) has recently been resettled here in Old Lyme, from Iraq. Ghassan served as a translator for a unit of the Connecticut National Guard when the men were in service in Baghdad almost 15 years ago.

Bereavement Ministry: We gather on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm in the St. John's rectory.

If you want to be with others who understand feelings of loss, please join us. Contact:

Donna MacNeill 860-395-7326.



OPENING MASS: Tuesday, September 24 @7pm with Reverend Jeffery Ellis. The 40 Days for Life Team will be available answering questions after mass. This year, The 40 Days for Life Cam-

paign runs from Wed., **Sept. 25th through Nov. 3rd**. Please join our Parish by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility at 12 Case St., Norwich. <u>Thank you!</u>

See the movie "Unplanned".

Marriage Help – If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring, or, 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 local Retrouvaille weekend in Connecticut is **September 27-29, 2019.** A series of 6 post sessions follow the weekend. For more information or to register, call confidentially: 203-710-



6207, or visit the Website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Pio Parish Spiritual Life Ministry has planned one of St. Mark's fall traditions, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Liturgy is to be celebrated:

Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 AM at St Mark's church hall.

Immediately following Mass home baked "goodies", coffee and tea will be offered for your enjoyment. No RSVP is required. If you need transportation to take part in this event please contact the office at 860-388-3787 byOct.12th.

This celebration is intended for anyone seeking God's healing of body, mind and spirit. The Sacrament of the Sick is not only for emergencies and serious illness, it is entirely appropriate for those of "advanced age" to receive this Sacrament. God imparts his gift of Grace to everyone who participates in this beautiful Liturgy.

"Grace is God's gift of Himself that helps us to overcome the challenges we face everyday."

We look forward to sharing this special time in prayer with you as we experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit at work among us.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

God has entrusted your spouse to your care. Show that you are trustworthy in that care by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Oct 18-20, 2019 in Albany, NY and Nov 1-3, 2019 in CT. For more information, call Pat & Mary Jo McLaughlin at 860-315-2127 or visit them at wwwmectw.org

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