

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time
November 3, 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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31st Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said,
"Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay
at your house." And he came down quickly and
received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Nov. 2 All Souls Day

5:00pm Herbie Johnson r/b Dan McMahon and Joe Rhodes
Frank Vesci (birthday remembrance) r/b friends at HNIC
Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY Nov. 3 31st SUNDAY in Ordinary Time ; National Vocations AND Catholic Schools Week Begins

8:00am Marie Passmore r/b The Shedlosky Family
10:30am Fred Geary r/b Joan Moylan
Our New Confirmation Students

Mon. Nov. 4

7:30am Souls in Purgatory

Tues. Nov. 5

7:30am Mike Doyle r/b M.J. Derisio

Wed. Nov. 6

7:30am Juliet Onderdonk r/b Bob and Sue Staab

Thurs. Nov. 7

7:30am Souls in Purgatory

Fri. Nov. 8

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

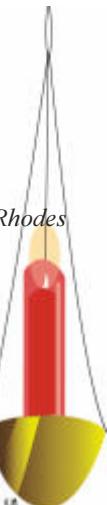
Saturday Nov. 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

4:00pm Barbara McMahon r/b Dan McMahon and Joe Rhodes
Frank Vesci r/b Joan Moylan

SUNDAY Nov. 10 32nd SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

8:00am Peter Intagliata r/b Mark and Cookie Staves
10:30am For all Serving in our Armed Services

The SANCTUARY lamp in NOVEMBER will be lit for the Souls in Purgatory..



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes.

Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are!



Vigil Mass Time Change:

As Daylight Savings Time Ends on Nov. 3, we will begin celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass one hour earlier.

As of Saturday, Nov. 9:

- ~ the Vigil Mass will be at 4:00pm
- ~ Reconciliation (Confession) will be at 3:00pm

Attention Lectors, EM's, & Altar Servers: Please notify the parish office (contact info on the bulletin cover) of any schedule requests for Dec. 2019, Jan. and Feb., 2020. Thank you.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.



Readings for the week of November 3, 2019

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14/2
Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1-2,4-5,9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9,12/Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8,9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6,8,15/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38



Dear parishioners of Christ the King,
The Al Khafagi family would like to send
Our thanks for the warm welcome given
To our family on October 6.
~ Ghassan, Maysam, Leilas and Ali

(Written by the mom, Maysam!!)

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:

Church Floor Refinishing Update
Please take note, Mass will be held in Our Lady of Good Counsel Hall beginning on Monday October 28th through Sunday November 10th.
If all goes as planned Daily Mass will resume in the Sanctuary on Monday November 11th.



Faith Formation News Welcome Back Families!

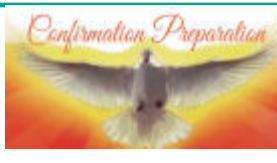
- Faith formation classes (K-8) continue this Sunday, November 3.
- **Current Confirmation Class: Sat. Nov. 2:**
Youth Explosion@St. Bernard School,
 - A new Confirmation class (9th grade) begins Nov. 3 at the 10:30am Mass *and* 6:30pm evening class with parents.

Please note, class (K-8) is scheduled between the Masses, 9:15-10:15am, making it easy for families to attend mass before or after CCD. See you all soon!

If you haven't registered yet, forms are in the narthex and at christthekingchurch.net

Please pray for our Confirmation Students as they continue their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in one month on Sunday, Nov. 24. This weekend, they attended the Diocesan Youth Event, 'Youth Explosion' at St. Bernard School in Uncasville.

Thank you for keeping them in your prayers!



Women's Bible Study

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 being held Wednesday mornings at Christ the King church from 9:30-11:30am. Refreshments and childcare provided! 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! ...Wednesdays, 9:15-11:45am. 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.

Project Baby Bottle -

At the church exits this weekend we invite you and your family to please take a baby bottle and fill it with loose change, bills, or checks and return the bottle to church on the weekend of Nov. 16/17.



Our Baby Bottle Project directly benefits ABC Women's Center in Middletown, reaching out to mothers facing unplanned pregnancies and providing ultrasounds, support, baby items, and classes. Thank you for partnering with us!

A new group, a **Small Christian Community** has just begun meeting at **7pm on Wednesday evenings**, at Christ the King Church. Open to *any adults interested in discussing the past Sunday's scriptures* and what effect these readings have on their lives. Any questions please call Peter Kulas at 203-490-7766. Hope to see you there!



The 2019–20 season begins in October.
New voices are welcome!

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex
and on the parish website.

Questions? Call Bill Thomas, 860-227-6050.



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

- I have never 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.

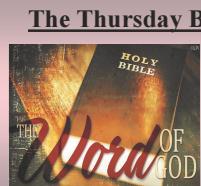
Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step! Call: Bob Staab: 860 434 5872 or Fr Joe 860 434 1660.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

October 27, 2019

\$ 7,986.14

Thank You for your generosity!



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!

**Catholic Schools Week**

Dear Friends in Christ,

During the week of November 3-9, we are celebrating “Discover Today’s Catholic Schools in New England” Week. Catholic Schools Week, now entering its 46th year, is an annual celebration nationally. It is a week in which schools schedule activities and events that provide opportunities for celebration and engagement with students, families, parishioners, and community members. Visitors are able to see firsthand the benefits of the way our students learn, communicate, pray, and live out their faith each and every day. It is also a time to reflect on the value and importance that Catholic education has on our communities locally and globally.

The New England diocesan Superintendents requested permission from the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) to change the dates to November of the activities associated with the National Catholic Schools Week normally in January. Due to the unpredictability of the weather in New England, oftentimes it was necessary to cancel or postpone activities and events celebrating our schools. The Superintendents were granted permission last year, and will be continuing that change this year. They were delightfully surprised to hear recently that NCEA is also adding a November week for the national celebration as well. The January week will still be honored for Open House and optional activities internally, but our main celebration will be in November, when our part of the country is arrayed in God’s splendor of the beautiful weather and colors of Autumn.

It is truly a time to celebrate how our Catholic virtues, values, and social justice involvement contribute to productive citizenship and responsible leadership. Our schools are safe environments which encourage prayer and are welcoming and supportive of children and teenagers. ***Our high school graduation and college attendance rates are outstanding.*** The commitment of our school employees and administrators to the ministry of Catholic education is to be highly commended. We are blessed to have such supportive pastors, deacons, and religious sisters and brothers in our schools who serve as true witnesses of those who dedicate their lives to service in the Lord.

I would also like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the continued support by our parishioners throughout the diocese. As a result of your assistance, you have helped many families achieve the goal of a faith-based education for their children. I encourage you to visit our schools and consider a Catholic education for your children.

With God’s abundant blessings,

Bishop of Norwich

Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)
“Serve Those Who Serve”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Next week November 9-10, 2019, the triennial collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, U.S.A. will be taken up at all Masses. The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS) was established by Saint John Paul II in 1985 to provide the Catholic Church’s full range of pastoral ministries to those in the United States Armed Forces. The mission of the Archdiocese is to “serve those who serve” by providing the same pastoral care and services as any other Catholic diocese to Catholics serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in in U.S. Military Academies, undergoing treatment at any of the 153 Department of Veterans Affairs’ Medical Centers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Guam, working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders, and the families of these populations.

The AMS is the only source of Catholic chaplains for the U.S. military and Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers. All told, the AMS and its endorsed priests and deacons are responsible for pastoral service to approximately 1.8 million Catholics.

While the salaries and retirement of military and VA chaplains are paid for by the government, the AMS receives no funding from the military or the government in support of programs and services vital to the mission and ministry of the AMS, including *Vocations, Evangelization and Catechesis, Sacramental Records, Tribunal and Veterans Affairs*.

Unlike a conventional diocese, the AMS has no parishes or parish registries. The AMS has no weekly collections, and therefore relies solely on the generosity of private donations to support its aforementioned programs and services. The Office of Sacramental Records currently maintains over 3 million records as the AMS maintains all records of sacraments celebrated on U.S. Military Installations and at VA Medical Centers since 1920 at the Edwin Cardinal O’Brien Pastoral Center in Washington, D.C.

Pope Francis has told military ordinaries from around the world that “The role of military chaplains is to accompany and support [those in need] on the journey, to be a comforting and brotherly presence for them all.” (Pope Francis, Address to participants in the 8th Humanitarian Course, 26.X.15.) ***Your support of the National Collection for the AMS will bring the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to men and women who serve our Country and defend our freedoms, including parishioners and families from our own diocese.***

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity. With gratitude and prayerful best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

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