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**Eucharist:**

**Mass:**

**Mon. -Fri.:**

**New Time 8AM**

**Sat. Vigil: 5:00PM**

**Sunday: 8:00AM  
& 10:30AM**

**Adoration:**

**M-F: 6:30-7:30AM**

**Reconciliation :**

**(Confession)**

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

**Anointing of the Sick :**

**(& Ministry to the Sick)**

Call the rectory anytime a  
person is sick and would  
like anointing or a visit

**Baptism:**

Please call our parish  
office to arrange pre-  
Baptismal instruction and  
the time of the ceremony.

**Holy Orders:**

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or  
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434  
1660, if you want to *learn  
more about becoming a  
priest or deacon*, or,  
contact Fr. Greg Galvin,  
Vocations Office:  
860 887 9294.

**Matrimony:**

Preparation for marriage  
must begin at least six  
months before actual  
ceremony. Please call our  
parish office.

**Confirmation:**

Confirmation preparation  
begins in the 9th grade  
and the sacrament is  
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Adults can join the **RCIA**.

Sexual Misconduct Services:  
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**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."  
- Lk 2:30-31**

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**Sat. Dec. 26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr**  
 5:00pm Elizabeth K. Planeta r/b James & Nancy Birge  
 John J. Torrenti, Jr. r/b The Riverside Cemetery  
 Association

**SUNDAY Dec. 27 The Holy Family  
 of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 8:00am Fran Buschell r/b Bob & Colleen  
 10:30am Joan Sanders r/b The Reid Family  
 James & Anne O'Toole r/b The O'Toole Family  
 Brett Geary r/b family

**Mon. Dec. 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
 8:00am Vaughn Debabien r/b Sandra Elnisky

**Tues. Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**  
 8:00am Siro and Ellen Ann Toffolon

**Wed. Dec. 30**  
 8:00am Kelly D'Aprile

**Thur. Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve**  
 8:00am Margaret Congdon and Adelaide Kathe r/b James  
 McClave & family

5:00pm The parishioners of CTK

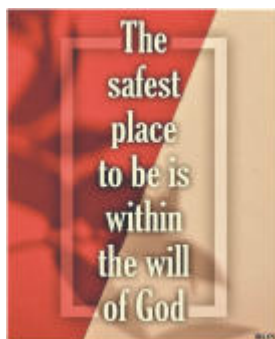
**Fri. Jan. 1, 2021 Mary, The Holy Mother of God;  
 New Year's Day; World Day of Peace**

9:00am The parishioners of CTK

**Sat. Jan. 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,  
 Bishops and Doctors of the Church**  
 5:00pm John Torrenti, Jr. r/b Bob & Patti Whitcomb

**SUNDAY Jan. 3 The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 8:00am Harold Capone r/b The Mather family  
 10:30am Frederick Geary r/b family

**The Sanctuary Lamp this week will be lit in  
 memory of Fr. Thomas Ahern**



**WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH !  
 COME TO SUNDAY or SATURDAY VIGIL  
 MASS**

(Public WEEKEND Masses began on July 4 & 5)  
 SAT @ 5pm and SUN @ 8am & 10:30am  
 ...OR WEEKDAY MASS

(began June 8th) M-F NEW time: 8AM  
**The Most Reverend Michael R. Cote,  
 Bishop of Norwich, has dispensed of  
 the Sunday Mass obligation.**

**UPDATE:** As of Nov. 6, limitations on  
 religious worship are now 25% building

capacity or 100 people as amended by CT's Governor. We  
 comply with state orders by social distancing, every other pew is  
 taped and unused; masks are to be worn by attendees and hand  
 sanitizer used at the entrance. [norwichdiocese.org](http://norwichdiocese.org).



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
 GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

## **The Gift of Family**

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these  
 times a decade from now? As time goes by, our  
 impressions of this past year will certainly change.  
 How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus  
 and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I  
 would assume that most of us right now are also  
 holding those we love a little closer and hugging them  
 a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and  
 concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we  
 feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has  
 given us so much, great and small, profound and  
 common. One of the greatest gifts that all have  
 received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes  
 and some look very different than others. For some,  
 family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others  
 it is a friend when everyone else seems to have  
 vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from  
 many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the  
 Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of  
 light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the  
 gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a  
 family wasn't important God would have still included  
 this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your  
 stewardship many days begins and ends with the  
 people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted  
 this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even  
 to His only begotten Son. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### **Come to daily Mass: M - F mornings @ 8am!**

There is something about the intimacy of daily Mass that  
 creates a different experience than Sunday Mass.  
 It is the same Mass, but you hear things in a different ways,  
 you witness things in a different way.

The quiet and peace of the daily Mass experience is a great  
 opportunity to discover the genius of Catholicism.

(Matthew Kelly)



Do you know someone who might be interested in being in full communion with the Catholic Church?

**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? Ask, encourage and invite them to this program. The journey begins with one small step!

**Contact Fr Joe & Fr. Walter: 860 434 1660, or contact Mark or Jo Ann Staves: 860 434 4374, markstaves1122@gmail.com**

### ***Family Bible Challenge***

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is pleased to share a special invitation from **Bishop Frank Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport** to participate in the (free!) Family Bible Challenge!

**Visit [familybiblechallenge.org](http://familybiblechallenge.org) to sign up.**

- \* Sundays: families receive an email with a chosen passage and reflection questions to consider together. \*
- Wednesdays: families receive an email with a quiz, questions for the week's passage & general Catholic knowledge. SIGN UP TODAY!



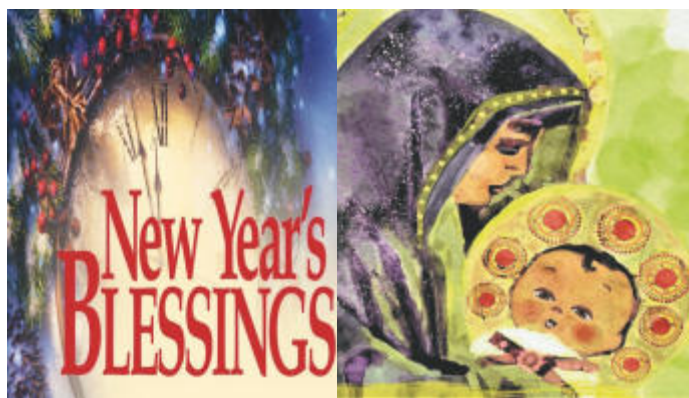
***This is a great time to start, or continue praying the rosary, especially as a family.***

### **Walking With Purpose**

Grow in your faith through fellowship with other women and learn how scripture applies to your everyday life. Join Walking With Purpose – a 22-week women's bible study

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Questions & registration, please contact Renee (949) 337-3426 or Suzanne (860) 759-6769



### **HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Mary, The Mother of God**

- **December 31, 2020: 5:00pm Vigil**
- **January 1, 2021: 9:00am**

### **Readings for the week of December 27, 2020**



Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1 3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 /Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### **Do you want to register with the parish?**

#### **Welcome!**

Have you changed your address, are you moving out of or into the parish, or would like to receive envelopes? Please contact the office, 860-434-1669, or [ctkoldlyme@aol.com](mailto:ctkoldlyme@aol.com). Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: I McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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MOST REVEREND  
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.



### Christmas Message 2020

**"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
Upon those who lived in a land of gloom a light has shone."  
(Isaiah 9:1)**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These words of the prophet Isaiah, taken from the first reading proclaimed at the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, seem particularly poignant for us this year. As we celebrate Christmas and draw near to the end of this calendar year, I think that many of us feel that this has indeed been a year dominated by darkness and gloom. This year has certainly been a difficult one: from the ongoing pandemic that has changed our lives in so many ways and sadly has taken the lives of family members and friends throughout the world, to the devastation wrought by numerous wildfires, hurricanes and natural disasters, continued racial division, as well as what has been one of the most bitterly contentious election cycles in the history of our nation. Chaos and darkness are all around us. It has become increasingly clear, therefore, that our world needs the light of the Lord Jesus now more than ever.

In commemorating His birth at Christmas, it is important we remember that we celebrate something far more profound than simply the Lord's "birthday." What we celebrate is the ultimate triumph of light over darkness. As Saint John writes, referring to the Lord, in the prologue to his account of the Gospel, "...the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5) While the world was yet still in darkness, a great light broke forth on the first Christmas night: the unchanging truth of God's abundant love for His people - a love so pure that it took flesh in the person of Jesus, born in the manger at Bethlehem; a love so deep that it enabled the Lord to endure the agony of His passion and death on the cross; a love so powerful that it would destroy even sin and death itself in the glory of His resurrection, affording each of us the opportunity to share in the eternal joy of Heaven.

While our gatherings and Christmas celebrations will indeed be different this year, it is vitally important that we remember this central truth: nothing and no one can change the fact that God has sent His Divine Son into the world and that He suffered, died and rose again for our redemption. The same risen Lord Jesus likewise continues to be present through His body, the Church, as the true light which can dispel the darkness and gloom present in our own lives as well as in the world around us. As individual members of His Church, the Lord is now calling each of us, in the midst of our present challenges and difficulties, to allow His light to shine brightly through the witness of our lives, that, as His instruments, we may bring much needed love, hope, and peace to our families, communities and world, here and now.

And so, in this season of light and hope, let us give thanks to God for the tremendous gift He has given to the world in the person of Jesus and spend some time in prayer, asking how He is calling us to reflect and radiate the light of His love to others.

May you, your families and loved ones have a truly merry Christmas and a New Year filled God's blessings!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Cote".

Bishop of Norwich



**Parish Prayer Line**  
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