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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am

Weekend: **Sat. Vigil:** 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

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

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 Baptism:

Please call our parish office to
arrange pre-Baptismal
instruction and the time of the
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Sacrament of Holy Orders:

Contact Fr. Joe Ashe or
Fr. Walter Nagle, 860 434
1660, if you want *to learn more
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Galvin at the Vocations Office:
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Sacrament of Matrimony:

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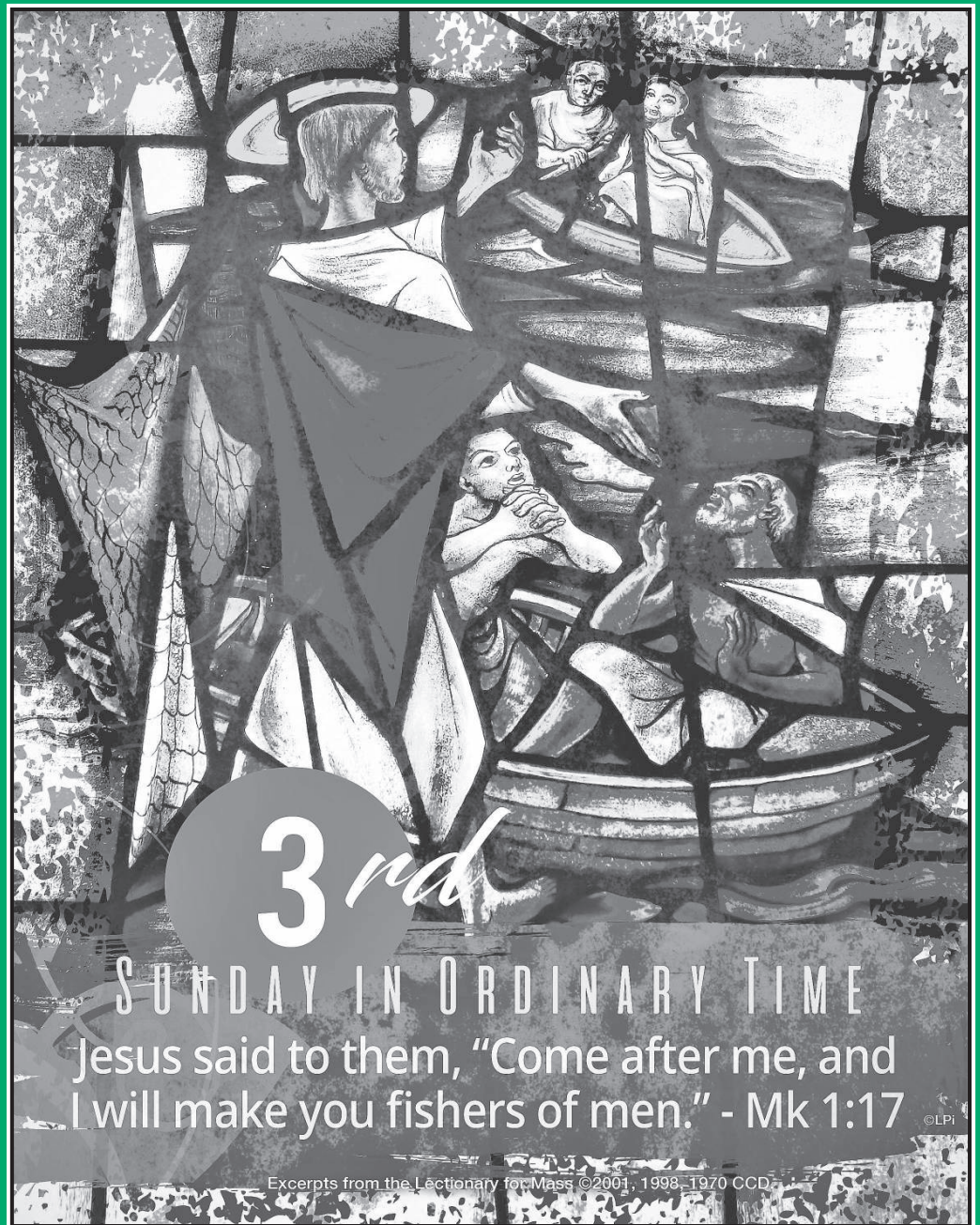
Sacrament of Confirmation:

Confirmation preparation
begins in the 9th grade and the
sacrament is received in the
10th grade. Adults can join the
RCIA program; contact the
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Holy Days of Obligation: 7:30am
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The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays
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MASS Schedule this Week

**Sat. Jan. 20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr**
5:00pm Andrew & Mary Maietta r/b Maria Poole
Helen Kostruba r/b Maria Poole
Joe Sapia (6th Anniversary) r/b his wife Shirley

SUNDAY Jan. 21 THIRD SUNDAY in Ordinary Time
8:00am William Calhoun r/b the Lennard family
10:30am Mickey Passalugo r/b the Pro-Life Group

Mon. Jan. 22
7:30am Herbert Levinsky r/b Joe and Nancy Lacasse

Tues. Jan. 23
7:30am For the parishioners of Christ the King

Wed. Jan. 24
7:30am Mickey Passalugo r/b Agnes O'Connor

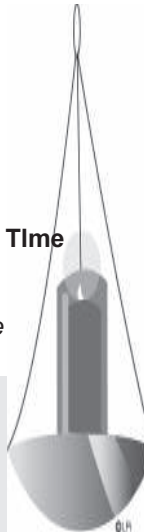
Thur. Jan. 25
7:30am June Scanlon

Fri. Jan. 26
7:30am Fr. Anthony Gruber

Sat. Jan. 27
5:00pm Thomas F. Keogh r/b his wife, Cissie

SUNDAY Jan. 28 FOURTH SUNDAY in Ordinary Time
8:00am Varkey Mattam r/b the family
10:30am Carol Shoro Guyer r/b her family
Rosemary Strekel r/b her sister, Margie

*The SANCTUARY lamp for
the remainder of January will be lit for
Thomas F. Keogh.*



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

A: Gospels are a particular faith community's reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel's author reflected that community's faith in Jesus. Jesus' message is made relevant to the community's situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted Mark for their communities.

Mark's Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution--forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus' struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark's Gospel.

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Winter Weather and Snow Delays for Daily Mass

When the Lyme/Old Lyme schools have a snow delay or are closed due to winter weather...

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GOSPEL MEDITATION (Mark 1:14 - 20)
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything--or anyone--else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. *But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.*

We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ. (Are we teaching our own children to listen for Jesus' call and encouraging them to follow Him wherever He is leading?)

LPI 1/21/2018

Scripture Readings: Week of January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1,2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-8,10/Mk 4:26-34

Sat: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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Love Saves Lives ~ 2018

Jan. 22, 2018: the 45th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion by Supreme Court decision in all 50 States.

"Do we hear the silent cry of the unborn?" It was once our cry.



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MOST REVEREND MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D

January, 2018

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

January 22, 2018, marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. On January 19, 2018, the annual March for life will be held in Washington D.C. This year's theme is "**Love saves lives.**" Tens of thousands, young and old, will march in the largest Pro Life event in the world. The enthusiasm of all present gives witness to the fact that all human life is sacred - the unborn, the forgotten, the unwanted - yes, *every* human life. Every life matters.

Abortion is a grave moral evil. The church has taught this from its earliest years. The Didache, a first century instruction says "Do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant." The teaching of the Popes and the magisterium have been clear in their teaching on abortion. Saint John Paul II, in the Gospel of Life, says: "In the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness." Continuing the teaching of the church on abortion Pope Francis wrote in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love: "If the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life."

Since 1973, more than 58 million unborn children have lost their lives. Jean Vanier, founder of L'Arche, a community working with the special needs population, wrote a book titled Tears of Silence. In it he pens the following words, words that echo the theme of this year's March for Life (Love saves Lives): "Love is the greatest of all risks...to give myself...to you...do I dare...do I dare leap in to the risky, swirling, living waters of loving fidelity?" Do we dare to build a culture of life that embraces the humanity of the unborn? Do we dare to love enough to see in the migrant, the homeless person, the imprisoned, the face of Jesus? When Our Savior came into the world there was "no room for Him at the inn"(LK 2:7). Do we have enough love to build a world that welcomes the down-syndrome child? Do we have enough love to respect the life of the elderly and resist attempts to legalize physician assisted suicide? "Who will hear the silent cry?" Jean Vanier asks. Do we hear the silent cry of the unborn?

Together let us work together to build a civilization of love. **Love saves lives.** We give thanks for those who volunteer in crisis pregnancy centers and those who open their hearts and their homes to adoption. Thank you for all you do to promote a culture of life here in the Diocese of Norwich.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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

Bishop of Norwich

January Pot Luck

will be held at Our Lady of Good Counsel (CTK) parish hall on **Friday, Jan. 26th** 5:45pm for cocktails (wine & beer) BYOB, 6:00pm for dinner. Please bring a dish, salad, or dessert to share. All are welcome. Any questions, call Nancy @ (860) 434-5159.



Celebrate Marriage

Sat. Feb. 10, 2018

@ CTK Parish Hall 9am-3pm

Now that the holiday rush is through, it's not too early to begin thinking of Valentine's Day. Give your Valentine something special this year – the gift of your time. Come celebrate your marriage at a day-long enrichment that will renew your dreams, increase your passion and refresh and celebrate your marriage. Couples of ALL ages are encouraged to attend. Aptly entitled, "Celebrate Marriage," it will take place on **Saturday, February 10, 2018**, from 9A.M to 3 P.M. at our own parish, **Christ the King Church**. The cost is \$35/couple, which includes workbook and lunch. Registration is required. To register, call the Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office at 860-848-2237, Ext. 306.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation Thursday February 1, 2018 @6:30pm All Are Welcome!

(before the CTK Men's Club Meeting)

Our Blessed Mother Mary's image was miraculously imprinted on the tilma of St. Juan Diego on Dec. 12, 1531, converting millions of pagan Aztecs to Christianity within just ten years. Learn about the origins of the apparition and the symbolic features of image. Hear about the survival and scientific fascination with the miraculous tilma. Many Holy Trinity Community parishioners participated in the KofC Silver Rose devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe during the first week of December. Pizza and light refreshments will be available at 6:30PM prior to the presentation by Richard Feil, KofC State Chair, Culture of Life Activities.



Marriage Encounter ~

"For the world in its present form is passing away."

Change in our lives is inevitable. Let's learn how to *change with and for* our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are:

Feb. 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and **Feb 9-11, 2018** in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or wwme.org.



NOTHING IS SO STRONG AS GENTLENESS; NOTHING IS SO GENTLE AS REAL STRENGTH.

-St. Francis de Sales (feast day, January 24)

The Catholic Family in Today's Society

Wed., Jan. 24 @ 7:00pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry

Topics to be addressed: blended families, social media, scheduling, sports and activities, prayer, catechesis and much more!

How has our reality of family changed and how do we continue to make God a priority in our families?

Join us for a night of discussion & reflection!

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~ Healing Mass: Monday Jan. 22, Feb. 12 & 26, 2018 @ 2pm at 11 Bath St, Norwich

~ Charismatic Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays @ 2pm

* Do you want to register with the parish?*

Welcome!

Have you changed your address, moving out of the parish, or like to receive envelopes? Please call the office, 860-434-1669.

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Opening remarks by special guest, Chris Anselmo, author of the blog "SidewalksandStairwells.com."

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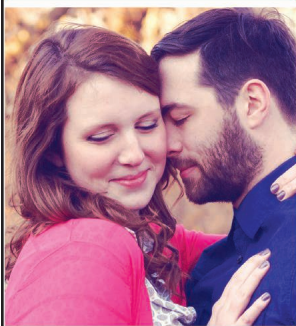


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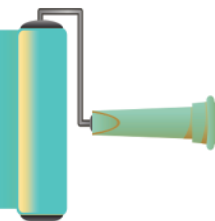


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