

December 16, 2018



Third Sunday of Advent



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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sacrament of the Eucharist:

Weekdays: Mon-Fri: 7:30 am

Weekend: Sat. Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:30pm 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 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 4:30pm in the parish library. Open to all!

Sacred Heart

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*Sacrament
of CONFIRMATION*

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MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Dec. 15

4:00pm Rosemary Strekel r/b her family
Eileen Torrenti r/b a friend

SUNDAY Dec. 16 THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00am George Rickel
10:30am CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

For the Confirmandi of Christ the King Parish and Sacred Heart Parish

Mon. Dec. 17

7:30am For the Parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Dec. 18

7:30am George Rickel r/b his wife Eleanor

Wed. Dec. 19

7:30am Br. Richard Hastings r/b The Reid Family

Thurs. Dec. 20

7:30am Hector Battaglia r/b The Reid Family

Friday Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30am Robert Folland r/b Jane Folland

Saturday Dec. 22

4:00pm For the deceased members of the Torrenti Family r/b John Torrenti

For the deceased members of the Capasso, Piersa, and Biondo families r/b family

SUNDAY Dec. 23 FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00am Marsha Philips r/b a friend

10:30am Alan Gruber r/b his wife Pat

Jack and Kay O'Brien r/b their daughter Pat O'Brien Gruber

For the healing of America r/b a parishioner

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

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: How do we know when we receive the Holy Spirit?

A: My brothers and I discovered something as we got older. There's a little bit of dad in us. Each time we catch ourselves using one of his gestures, expressions, or comments about a meal, we say, "I'm getting more like Dad!" Many laughs and good-natured kidding have come out of it. Mom loves it, and so does Dad, although I doubt he'd admit it!

When we are confirmed, we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. There is no radical change in us that makes us seem suddenly different. Over a period of time we come to see that there is a little bit of the Spirit in us. We catch ourselves using the gifts, and often end up wondering where a bit of wisdom came from, or why we were so patient or we feel an intensity in our prayer. Perhaps we felt drawn to deepen our spiritual life or found courage in witnessing to our faith.

That's when we know we have received the Holy Spirit. We take on his image. Yes, we grow in age, grace and wisdom, but we also grow in our awareness and understanding of the working of God in our life. We become more godlike, realizing we're getting more and more like God. Our thoughts, words and actions carry that quality and others too, see it in us. You might call it holiness. But be confident! There's a little bit of him in all of us.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Luke 3:10-18

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

LPI 12/16/2018

Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 4pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass with children's Christmas Pageant

Dec. 25 Midnight Mass with Christmas Music Concert

Music begins
at 11:30pm.



Dec. 25 9am Christmas Morning Mass

Don't take flight at signs of adversity

In 1776, when a new California mission was named in honor of John Capistran by Junipero Serra, perhaps it was to honor a vital, hardworking, and optimistic fellow Franciscan of the 15th century when church and world were torn by everything from plague to heresy. Amazingly energetic, John was a force for renewal and fidelity in a fiercely divided church. And then there are the swallows. They return to the abandoned mission every spring and leave around this time. They, too, were optimists when they began to settle at the mission after a local innkeeper destroyed their unseemly muddy nests. Ask yourself: *Can I hold on to the joy and optimism of a dauntless swallow or a dedicated reformer, even when things do not unfold as I'd like?* (takefiveforfaith.com)

Confessions during Advent

- **Advent Reconciliation Service**

Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00pm

This is our Holy Trinity Cluster's Reconciliation Service for Advent and will be held here at Christ the King Church.

- **Tuesday, Dec. 18: 1:00pm & 6:00pm**

- **Thursday, Dec. 20: 1:00pm and 6:00pm**

Confirmation CELEBRATION

*Please join in celebrating all the
newly Confirmed!*

*A light reception in Our Lady of Good
Counsel Hall will immediately follow the
10:30am Confirmation Mass.*

All are invited!

CHRISTMAS and CONFIRMATION

My youngest child is going through **Confirmation** preparation this year. It is always quite a challenge to get through to a teenager about the importance of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit. You can't see and touch these things, but they are *more* valuable than most tangible gifts we can receive.

Isaiah 11 features the list of the traditional **gifts of the Spirit** that we speak about in the context of the sacrament:

Wisdom,
Understanding,
Counsel,
Strength,
Knowledge,
Piety (Holiness), and
Fear (Awe) of the Lord.



These gifts are freely given to us to assist us in our daily walk with God. Discipleship and stewardship are hard enough in this world without the help from God's Spirit.

During this Advent season, we think quite a bit about gifts and gift giving. What is the perfect gift for that special someone? What can you give that will have an impact and the person will remember for years to come? Over two thousand years ago, a gift was given to us in a manger that really made a lasting impact. That gift remains with us in a profound way through the sacraments. While we are busy trying to get gifts for others, let us be mindful of the gifts we have already received by the best gift giver the world has ever seen.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Our Advent Giving Tree Project is in its 29th year! Our donations will be going to the following four organizations:

St Mark's Neighbor's Aide in St Paul, VA

St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, CT

The New Life Prison Ministry

Madonna Place

* And also, as we do each year, gifts for our seminarians.

Thank you all for making our Giving Tree Project a success!

Later this month we will report back to you on what was collected and delivered to each of the four organizations.

On behalf of St Mark's Neighbor's Aide in St Paul, VA , St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich, the New Life Prison Ministry & Madonna Place, **thank you** for making a Very Merry Christmas for those less fortunate.

If you have any questions or would like to help out next year please call Louise Young @ 860-434-1669

This is our Parish's Advent preparation for the true celebration of Christmas and it has been an open opportunity for all of us to help share our blessings. Thank you!

Advent

Celebrating Advent at Our Parish

- Bring home a copy of "The Little Blue Book" - Advent reflections for everyday (one/family).
- Get daily Advent inspiration on DynamicCatholic.com/bestadventurever.
- Get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent! Our Holy Trinity Cluster's Advent Reconciliation Service is Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2pm. Additional hours for confessions: Dec. 18 & Dec. 20 at 1pm & 6pm.
- Light an Advent Wreath or use an Advent Calendar at home.
- Participate in Our Advent Giving Tree and give to a person in need.

Scripture Readings: Week of Dec. 16, 2018

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 /Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Tues: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Wed: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17 /Lk 1:5-25

Thur: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/

Lk:1:39-45

Sat: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sun.: Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 /Heb 10:5-10/
Lk 1:39-45

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 call the office, 860-434-1669. Or, you can fill out the following and return via the basket, drop it at the office, or mail to: 1 McCurdy Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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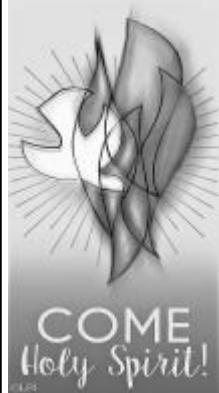
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New registration Envelopes

Change of address



Please pray for
all the Confirmandi of
Christ the King Church and Sacred
Heart Church, Norwichtown,
as they joyfully receive
The Sacrament of Confirmation on
Dec. 16, 2018 at the 10:30am Mass.
*Please keep these newly Confirmed and
their families in your prayers.*

If you know someone is ill, homebound, or in the hospital and would like the Eucharist brought to them and/or a visit from Fr. Joe or Fr. Walter, please call the parish office, 860-434-1669.

+ WEDDING BANNS +

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[www.mectw.org](http://wwmectw.org).

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Spend at least 15 minutes today in silence and invite God to speak to you. You should say nothing. Just listen.

"Our world has been filled with noise. It is time to enter into the classroom of silence."

- Matthew Kelly, Catholic author and speaker

Sacristan Help Needed:

Our parish is in need of someone to serve as a sacristan at the 10:30am Mass. Commitment is once a month. If interested in learning how to set up before, and clean up the altar area after Mass, please contact Meg Cunningham at 860 388 3585, or email her at mmcngham@comcast.net. Thank you!

Regularly scheduled parish events:

Rosary	Every Tuesday	4:30 pm
Bible Study	Every Thursday	9:00am
Parish Pot Luck Supper	Last Friday of every Month	5:45pm
Holy Trinity Pro-Life Meeting	1 st Wednesday	7:00pm
Men's Club	1 st Thursday	6:30pm
Children's Choir	Every Tuesday	6:15 -7:15pm
Adult Choir	Every Tuesday	7:30pm
N.L. Soup Kitchen Sign-up	1 st Sun., odd-numbered months	
N.L. Soup Kitchen Serve	2 nd Sun., odd-numbered months	
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Sign-up	2 nd Sun., even-numbered months	
Shoreline Soup Kitchen Serve	3 rd Sat., even-numbered months	
"New Life" Prison Ministry of South Eastern CT	2 nd Thursday	9 am

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

Holy Day: Immaculate Conception	\$ 836.00
Dec. 9, 2018	\$ 9,853.23

Thank You for your continued generosity!

DAILY

ADVENT CHALLENGE

Make a plan NOW to do something to develop your spiritual life AFTER the New Year begins. Allow Advent to become the start of something greater all year long.

Timothy James Miodonk son of

*Timothy and LisaMarie, was
baptized here on Sunday, December 2,
2018. We joyfully welcome him to the
family of God. at Christ the King
Parish. Alleluia!*



Come to daily Mass: M-F mornings @ 7:30am!

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)

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