October 14, 2018

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

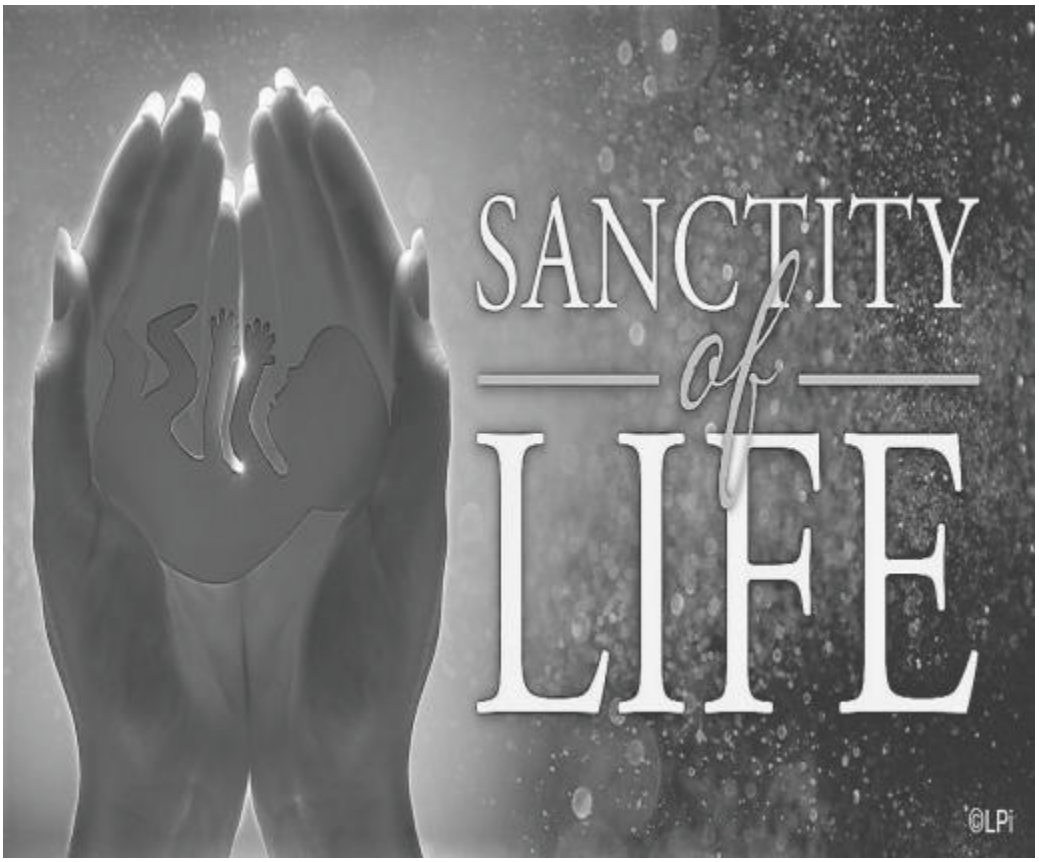
Sacrament of Baptism:
Please call our parish office to arrange pre-Baptismal instruction and the time of the ceremony.

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 7pm in the parish library. Open to all!*



October is Respect Life Month

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MASS Schedule this Week

Sat. Oct. 13
5:00pm Catherine and Agnes Martin
SUNDAY Oct. 14 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
8:00am Zosima Reyes Albay r/b Paul and Jean Carroll
10:30am Jean Forden McCloy r/b her family
Mon. Oct. 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church
7:30am Eleanor Rickel r/b the Kuhn family
Tues. Oct. 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
7:30am The parishioners of Christ the King
Wed. Oct. 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
7:30am George and Eleanor RIckel
Thurs. Oct. 18 St. Luke, Evangelist
7:30am Healing for Gary Swatt
Friday Oct. 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs
7:30am Vivian Zolotas
Sat. Oct. 20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
5:00pm Francis Buckley r/b his family
SUNDAY Oct. 21 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
8:00am Charles B. Holland Jr. r/b Gerry and Kathy Holland
10:30am Healing for America
Robert Coogan r/b his family

The SANCTUARY lamp for the month of October will be lit for the Protection of Human Life.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: Who is Ignatius of Antioch and what example does he offer us in Christian living as we celebrate his feast day on October 17th?

A: As Bishop of Antioch (the modern day city of Antakya, Turkey), Ignatius witnessed to the faith during the reign of Emperor Trajan, who ruled from 98-117. Persecution of Christians broke out in Antioch, and Ignatius was captured and taken to Rome for martyrdom in the arena.

On his journey to Rome over land and sea, Ignatius writes seven letters to various churches. These letters give powerful glimpses into the theology and practice of the early church, along with insights into the role of a bishop as pastoral leader. Ignatius is the first to use the term "Catholic Church" to refer to the various Christian communities of the Roman Empire.

The best known of his letters is the one he wrote to the Romans. Ignatius addresses influential Christians who might be tempted to intercede on his behalf, thus sparing him from martyrdom. He advises them against it, being resolute in his desire to be the "wheat of God."

Eucharistic links are most evident in his words. As Christ willingly offered himself as witness to God's total love, Ignatius, too, desired to be "food for the wild beasts," so that he could become "the pure bread of Christ." Eucharistic living was so crucial to Ignatius that he was willing to die in order to model himself on the Lord who willingly offered all.

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

Oct. 7, 2018	$ 11,226.27
Debt Reduction	$ 2,926.00

***Thank You** for your continued generosity!*

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed -- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

David Kaufman *LI VE* in Concert

***Oct. 21, 4 - 7pm** at Christ the King Church*

Come and enjoy an inspiring afternoon of Hope & Healing through the Christian Musical works of David Kauffman. He has performed at churches, led youth rallies, given sold-out concerts, and has performed for Pope John Paul II. David's music has inspired many through the ACTS Retreat Program.

Buy tickets online at :

http://www.actsct.org/events/david-kauffman-concert

tickets: $20/ under 18: $10/ clergy & children: free

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS - It's election time!
Nominations end Oct.14

Want to get involved and help your parish flourish? Parishioners may nominate themselves or another parishioner, submitting up to five names, via ballot to be a candidate for the Parish Council.

A locked ballot box is in the narthex for submissions, until Oct. 14, 2018. We will fill the positions of (4) At-Large Members to serve 3 year terms. Election weekend will be announced soon.

Please nominate yourself or another parishioner, up to five names.

The Council is comprised of the Pastoral Team; Fr. Joe, Louise Young & Ex-Officio members; The Chairperson of the Parish Finance Council (appointed by the pastor).

Respectfully,
Kevin Hogan, Parish Council Chairperson

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

IS RCIA FOR YOU? *Have you had a quiet recurring thought in your mind?* There are many reasons to ask about the RCIA. *Do any of these fit you?*

- I have never been baptized.
- I am married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but don't know what the next step may be.
- I have been baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to become Catholic.
- I was baptized Catholic, but haven't received any other sacraments.

The journey begins with one small step! Ask Fr. Joe, or call Bob Staab, 860 434 5872, or email Bob at: **Rta1ali1@aol.com** .

Sept. 26 - Nov. 4, 2018 This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from Wed, Sept. 26th through Nov. 4th. Please join our Parish effort by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil held outside the "Planned Parenthood" Abortion facility, 12 Case St. in Norwich. Thank you! Sign-up sheets are available in the narthex.

Christ the King has "adopted" two days of the vigil:

Tues. Oct. 9 & Wed. Oct. 24

Please sign up in the narthex for an hour or go online to sign up on our days or any day of the vigil at: 40daysforlife.com

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

If you are suffering from a past abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend

October 19-21, 2018 in Litchfield, CT. The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women *and* men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. *Its never too long ago.* The fee for the weekend is $175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at **www.rachelsvineyard.org**.

Think about it. Pray about it. Let God heal.

11th Annual CT Catholic Men's Conference

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018 8am – 4pm

(Mass celebrated by Archbishop Blair)
St. Paul Catholic High School, Bristol, CT
Featuring dynamic speakers, exhibitor, confession, adoration, food, and fellowship.

Speakers include Fr Bill Casey, Bob Kroll, Jason Calvi and Deacon Doug Hoffman.

BUY TICKETS ONLINE **www.ctcatholicmen.org**
Questions? 860-484-7950 Cost: $45 (includes lunch)

We have been asked if the Men's conference will address the current crisis in the Catholic Church. While our theme has to do with personal evangelization, you will find exceptional support for your concerns this year. Current events will impact each presentation. For example, we have Jason Calvi, from EWTN News Nightly, whose presentation will start with an update about the shocking things we have heard this year. His talk will transition into how we might attempt to focus our attention on our own holiness to 'go out into the whole world'. Further, our Archbishop will not shy away from any of your questions during the Q&A; and to ensure he receives your question -we will start collecting questions on note cards earlier in the day.

There are several weeks until October 20th, so please don't delay your purchase. We need to order lunches several days before and last year we actually had to go out and purchase 100 more on conference day. Therefore, **after October 16th**, tickets at the door will cost $55.

When you are trying to decide why to attend and what's in it for you, consider why you attend Church every week and ask yourself if you want everything that the Holy Spirit is offering you. Besides this, you are able to enjoy the day in the company of Faith-filled men who are also active in our Church and in their communities. Book the date and buy a ticket today.

We hope to see you at St Paul's Catholic High School on October 20th. So go onto **www.ctcatholicmen.org** right now for a little *inspiration.*

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

Vivian Mary-Elizabeth Coyle, *daughter of Kevin and Megan,* ***Colton William Eberheim,*** *son of Cameron and Kelly,* ***Thomas William Johnson,*** *son of Ryan and Susan, and* ***Reese Concetta Fiore,*** *daughter of Paul and Ashley* were baptized here on Sunday, October 7, 2018. We joyfully welcome them to our Christ the King family of God. ***Alleluia!***

+ WEDDING BANNS +

FIRST BANN

Matthew Flammini and Fallon Keating

SECOND BANN

George Hayes III and Katie Quish

Baby Bottle Drive

Baby bottles will be distributed next weekend to raise funds for the ABC Women's Center. There will be a representative from the ABC Center available after most of the Masses to answer questions. Information regarding the life affirming services that the center offers will also be provided. All ABC services are offered *free* of charge and include: ultra sound confirmation of pregnancy, abstinence training, post abortion programs, prayer, and material support and assistance for mothers and babies. Bottles will be collected Oct. 21st and 22nd, however donations can be made any time. Please be generous. Thank you!

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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

October 6, 2018

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

"Every life cherished, chosen, sent" is the theme of this year's Respect Life Sunday. The theme echoes the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states: *"The dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God*" (n.1700). The inviolable dignity and worth of every human being is what the church proclaims.

To "cherish" every human life means we care for those who are the most vulnerable to what Pope Francis calls the "throwaway culture": the unborn child, the poor, the disenfranchised, the refugee, the elderly. Even the person on death row has a dignity as a child of God.

Every life "chosen" is a reminder, as scripture teaches, *"before I formed you in the womb I knew you."* (Jer 1:5). Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation Gaudium et Exsultate writes: "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." If we lose respect for life at its inception we lose respect for life at all other stages as well.

Every life "sent" is a reminder of the missionary nature of our respective vocations. Through the grace of baptism we are "called out" of the world and set apart as priest, prophet, and king. This is the basis for the church's teaching on the universal call to holiness. We are called to be missionary disciples who give witness to what Saint John Paul II called the Gospel of Life. In his encyclical Evangelium Vitae, Saint John Paul II reminds us that "the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as 'good news' to the people of every age and culture."

When we share our care for the legal protection of the unborn, when we advocate for the poor, when we advocate for those displaced by civil war or violence, when we minister to those who are hungry or imprisoned, when we oppose efforts to promote Physician Assisted Suicide we are affirming that every life is cherished, every life is chosen, and every life is sent.

Thank you for all of your efforts to build a culture of life in the Diocese of Norwich.
With every best wish, I am

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+Michael R. Cote

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