## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 6, 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

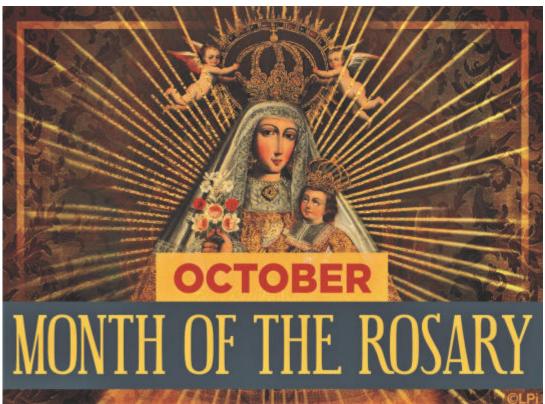
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#### MASS Schedule this Week

Saturday Oct. 5 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest 5:00pm Helen Kostruba r/b her nieces Maria and Grace

Joe Fulton r/b Jackie Greg & Matt Brasher

SUNDAY Oct. 6 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8:00am Myung-Ja Kim r/b The Shedlosky Family 10:30am All Our Children in the Faith Formation Program

and their Teachers

Mon. Oct. 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30am The Parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Oct. 8

7:30am Jephson O'Connell (Anniversary)

Wed. Oct. 9 St. Denis, Bishop, & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi, Priest

7:30am Charles A. Toye Jr. r/b Bob and Sue Staab

Thurs. Oct. 10

7:30am Sarah Clarke r/b Al & Bev Page

Fri. Oct. 11 St. John XXIII, Pope

7:30am Frank Vesci r/b Fran and Marilyn Dolce

3:00pm Wedding Mass of Stephen Rogers and Katherine Skaar

Saturday Oct. 12

5:00pm Verna Quimby r/b her husband and daughter

Dennis Munday r/b family

SUNDAY Oct. 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Mariette Hogan r/b Donna Staab & Peter Kulas

10:30am Robert and Marguerite Graves

3:00pm Wedding of Jonathan Dearborne & Emma Pavano

The SANCTUARY lamp in OCTOBER is for the Maietta and D'Avanzo Families.



Parish Rosary is prayed weekly. Now returning to 7:00pm on Tuesday. All are welcome!

#### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: What is the story behind the rosary?

**A:** The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Marys or Our Fathers. A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story. In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marvs with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established. The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto. The pope

established October 7<sup>th</sup> as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.



#### GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." The metaphor in the story could seem harsh to us today. A servant has worked hard all day, and rather than receiving a much-needed respite, the master commands an additional task. Jesus, however, is appearing to their sensibilities. This was a hierarchical society in which everyone had a place. His listeners would know this. No servant would presume a reward for good deeds.

It's important to remember that we do have a place at God's table. But we don't "earn" it. Dining with the Lord at the heavenly wedding feast requires surrender. It requires deep faith in God and His promises. It also requires commitment. The kingdom takes work! There are fields to plow and initiatives to prepare. There are sheep to tend to and family to care for. There are people waiting for our yes to generous service. When we serve dinner at a homeless shelter, we are waiting on the table of Christ. When we visit an ill relative, we're imitating the Good Samaritan. We're visiting Jesus! We're growing his kingdom of life and love.

The Gospel today reminds us to check our motives. Are we serving because we're seeking a reward? Or because we have faith that this is who we're meant to serve? That is, is this where we're meant to be? The Gospel reminds us that this faith can do powerful things! "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." But, ultimately, we're not the ones doing the deeds. We're not the ones "earning" the grace. Faith, and the good we do for others, is a gift. - LPi



#### 3 BROTHERS, 3 DEACONS, 3 NIGHTS

Parish Mission at St. Andrew Church, Colchester, CT

"THEME: Why I'm Not an Atheist"

Monday, October 21, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 PM Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7:30 – 8:45 PM Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

#### Readings for the week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/2 Tm

1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 /Lk 11:5-13 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28 Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/2 Tm 2:8-

13/Lk 17:11-19



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#### **Respect Life Pastoral Letter**

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month to proclaim the immeasurable value of every person from conception to natural death. The theme for Respect Life Sunday (October 6th) is, <u>Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life</u>. We live in a world that needs hope. Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God is the source of our hope, and as St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, "hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in number 1700 affirms that "the dignity of the human person is rooted in his creation in the image and likeness of God." This has been a core belief in the church from the very beginning. Psalm 139:13-14 affirms: "You formed my inmost being: you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made: wonderful are your ways!" This letter proposes the dignity of the human person "in every season of life," from conception to natural death. Life seems to be under attack at its most vulnerable stages - from the unborn child to the elderly. Laws expanding abortion rights and physician assisted suicide reflect a culture that has lost hope.

This is where we need to follow the example of Abraham, our father in faith. Pope Francis, in his book On Hope, highlights the importance of Abraham. He says "Saint Paul, in Romans, reminds us of the great figure of Abraham to show us the way of faith and hope. Of him the Apostle writes, 'He believed, hoping against all hope, and so became the father of many nations' (Romans 4:18)." Elsewhere, Pope Francis writes: "Hope opens new horizons, making us capable of dreaming what is not even imaginable. This hope invites us to enter the darkness of an uncertain future and to walk through and into the light. It is beautiful, the virtue of hope; it gives us great strength to walk in life."

Pope Francis is calling us to accompany people on the margins of society - the frightened pregnant mother who has lost hope, the migrant crossing the border in search of a better life, the elderly person full of pain and facing a terminal diagnosis. Each of these people need us to be witnesses of hope - in every season of life. As Saint John Paul II noted in the encyclical The Gospel of Life: "The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good. It is impossible to further the common good without acknowledging and defending the right to life, upon which all the other inalienable rights of individuals are founded and from which they develop."

We need to be ardent defenders of the right to life as we promote the common good. Thank you for bringing hope to those in need and for all you do to foster a culture of life in our Diocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Mucyace & Cots

Bishop of Norwich

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





Office for Safe Environments

The Diocesan Policy Review Board has recently revised the following diocesan policies:

Pastoral Code of Conduct, Sexual Misconduct Policy,

Comprehensive Screening Policy, and Electronic Communications, Internet, and Computer Use Policy. Copies are available from your parish office or Child Advocate, on the diocesan web site <a href="https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments">https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Find/Diocesan-Offices/Safe-Environments</a>, on Praesidium's Armatus program, and from the Office for Safe Environments (860-848-2237 ext. 212 - or- ose@norwichdiocese.net).



#### **CCD** News

## Faith formation classes (K–8) will begin on Sunday, October 6.

Class is scheduled between the Masses, 9:15-10:15am, making it easy for families to attend mass before or after CCD.

**Registration forms are in the narthex.**Questions? Contact Mrs. Louise Young, DRE:

Initial meeting for Small Christian Community to be held **7pm on Wednesday evening, October 9**<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Women's Bible Study Starting Soon!

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 to be 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! ...on Wed. mornings from 9:15-11:45am at Christ the King. 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. walking with purpose

#### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Pio Parish Spiritual Life Ministry has planned one of St. Mark's fall traditions, the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Liturgy is to be celebrated:

#### Saturday, October 19 at 10am in St Mark's church hall.

Immediately following Mass home baked "goodies", coffee and tea will be offered for your enjoyment. No RSVP is required. If you need transportation to take part in this event please contact the office at 860-388-3787 byOct.12th.

This celebration is intended for anyone seeking God's healing of body, mind and spirit. The Sacrament of the Sick is not only for emergencies and serious illness, it is entirely appropriate for those of "advanced age" to receive this Sacrament. God imparts his gift of Grace to everyone who participates in this beautiful Liturgy.

"Grace is God's gift of Himself that helps us to overcome the challenges we face everyday."

We look forward to sharing this special time in prayer with you as we experience the healing power of the Holy Spirit at work among us.

#### **OUR PARISH SUPPORT:**

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This year, The 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from **Wed., Sept. 25th through Thursday, Nov. 3**<sup>rd</sup>. Our parish "adopts" two days each year: this year on

Friday Oct. 11 and Tues. Oct. 29.

Sign up in the narthex or online at Please join our parish on these 2 days or any day of the vigil by praying, fasting, and signing-up to attend the peaceful prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility at 12 Case St., Norwich.

Thank you! See the movie "Unplanned".



#### **Harvest Festival**

**THANK YOU!** Our annual parish Festival was a great success! We greatly appreciate all the time, effort, and generous help to host such an event. Thanks to all the

dedicated volunteers and all who attended the festival, making this a special day for the parish. Stay tuned for the total funds

We would like to thank the many parishioners who donated a variety of items for the silent auction- baskets, gift cards, play tickets, football tickets, wine, candy, etc. It was greatly appreciated! Looking forward to working together with all of you next year!

- Donna Staab and Barbara Fischer





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