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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

or contact Fr. Greg Galvin at the Vocations Office: 860 887 9294.

Sacrament of Matrimony:

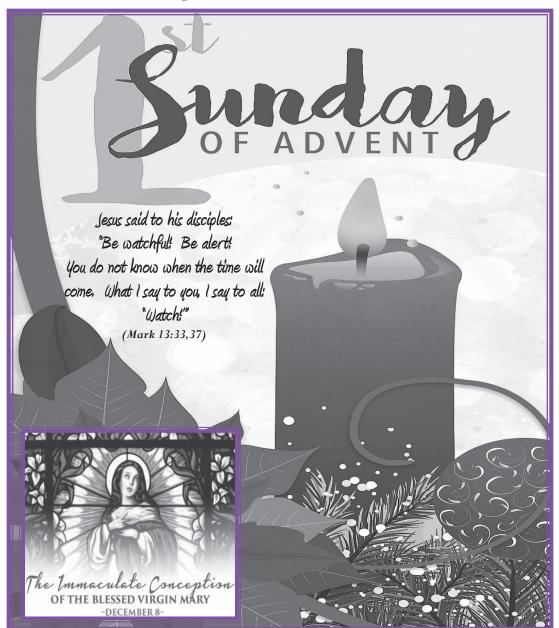
Preparation for marriage must begin at least six months before actual ceremony. Please call our parish office.

Holy Days of Obligation:

7:30am & 6:30pm (No evening Mass the day before Holy Day)

The Rosary is prayed Tuesdays at 7pm in the parish library.

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MASS this week:

Sat. Dec. 2

5:00pm Alvin Decker r/b his wife and daughters

David Ballard r/b his father

SUNDAY Dec. 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00am John F. Holland and Charles B. Holland r/b

Gerry and Kathy Holland

10:30am Debbie Bennard r/b family Tom Cassidy r/b Joan Moylan

Fred Cahoon

Mon. Dec. 4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am For the parishioners of Christ the King

Tues. Dec. 5

—- No Mass (Annual Priest Convocation)

Wed. Dec. 6 St Nicholas, Bishop

No Mass (Annual Priest Convocation)
 Thur. Dec. 7 St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

7:30am William Balocki, Sr. r/b his daughter

Fri. Dec. 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

7:30am The parishioners of Christ the King
6:30pm The parishioners of Christ the King
Sat Dec 9 St Juan Diego Chaubtlatoatzi

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5:00pm Robert Dudanowicz r/b Ron & Dorothy F

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A special intention r/b a parishioner

SUNDAY Dec. 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am Margaret Congdon and Adelaide Kathe r/b James
McClave and family

10:30am Robert Lee Perry r/b his wife, Sue Ellen

Deborah O'Meara and Thomas Smegielski

The SANCTUARY lamp for December will be lit for Joseph Elinsky.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Q: With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it's easy to stray...

<u>A</u>: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord's coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

Friday, December 8, 2017

is the Feast of *The*

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

It is a Holy Day of Obligation. *Please plan to come to mass at*

7:30am or 6:30pm.



The Season of Advent begins this weekend.

The "Little Black Books" will be available Dec 2 & 3. Please take only what you need, one per family. Thank You!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely WHEN he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour--namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

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Scripture Readings: Week of December 3, 2017

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/

1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 **Tuesday**: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17[cf.7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6[6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:Is26:1-6/Ps118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a/Mt7:21,24-27

Friday: Gn3:9-15,20/Ps98:1,2-3,3-4/Eph1:3-6,11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is

30:18d]/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt

3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



We need your help with our

Advent Giving Tree, continuing for just ONE MORE WEEK!

As mentioned in last weeks bulletin, The *Advent Giving Tree* is in the narthex and is decorated with four different type ornaments:

- + an ANGEL represents Madonna Place
- + a CHRISTMAS TREE represents -

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

- + a *BELL* represents St. Vincent de Paul Place in Norwich. CT
- + and a STAR represents "New Life" Prison Ministry of South Eastern CT

Please take one ornament, or more if you want, and then your donation would be what is written on the ornament you have selected. Then next week, please tape your ornament to your unwrapped gift(s) and when you come to Mass, place it under the Christmas tree. The gift suggestions include: toys, gift cards, personal care products, kitchen and bath articles, children's clothing for ages 7 - 18: jackets, hoodies, shirts, jeans, hats & gloves. If you elect, you can also make out a check to "St Mark's Neighbors Aid'. This monetary donation will be used by the organization in Virginia to purchase children's clothing for ages 7 - 18. If you have any questions or would like to speak with anyone, please call either Louise Young @ 860-434-1669, Jo-Ann Staves @ 860-434-4374, or Maggy & Mike Kaczorowski @ 860-581-8102. We thank you all in advance for once again making the Advent Giving Tree Project of Christ the King a success!



Declan Edward Keating, son of Lawrence and Renee was baptized here on Sunday November 26, 2017 after the 10:30am mass. We joyfully welcome him to our Christ the King family of God. **Alleluia!**

OUR PARISH SUPPORT:

Nov. 19, 2017 Nov. 26, 2017 \$ 8,129.78 \$ 8,003.78

The second collection this weekend is our monthly debt reduction collection.

Next weekend's second collection is for the Fuel Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Dear Christ the King Parishioners, Fr. Joe, Fr. Walter, & Louise,

I just want to thank each one of you for making the time last Sunday to shower me with your wishes, prayers and gifts. Special thanks to Barbara Beal and her team for the reception.

The best gift you gave me was yourselves and your time; that has made me a better person and a better deacon in my twelve years at Christ the King Parish.

May I share that gift with others I meet in my continuing diaconal responsibilities.

+ God Bless You! Deacon Julius

Our Lady of Guadalupe! Tues. Dec. 12

All are invited to join Bishop Cote and the Latino people of the Diocese in our annual bilingual celebration of the Feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Tuesday, December 12, 2017. The celebration begins with the Rosary and opportunity for confessions at 6:30pm,



followed by **Holy Mass at 7:00pm**. Fiesta following! We look forward to honoring Our Lady with you.

CTK Men's Club

Next meeting: Thurs., Dec. 7 @ 6:30pm In the parish hall. Pizza & beverages! New members welcome.

Holy Trinity Cluster Pro-Life Committee

Next meeting: Wed., Dec. 6 @ 7-8pm In the parish library All are welcome!

"YET, O LORD, YOU ARE OUR FATHER; WE ARE THE CLAY AND YOU THE POTTER; WE ARE ALL THE WORK OF YOUR HANDS."

As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The next WWME Weekend is:

Feb. 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT. For more information, call Dennis & Jane Lamondy at 860-481-3720 or go to **wwme.org.**

CCD News!

(CCD schedule is available in the black wire bin outside the office.)

Come to Mass before or after class!

We are looking forward to presenting a beautiful Christmas Pageant to the parish on the night of Christmas Eve! If you want to be involved, contact Mrs. Young or your CCD teacher. Rehearsals for the Pageant will be at 9am on Dec. 16 & 23. The next class: Dec. 10 @ 9:15am.

Grades 6 – 8: Come to Mass before or after class!

For Thanksgiving we baked pumpkin, apple, chocolate cream and a number of additional fruit pies for St. Vincent de Paul Centers! **126** pies were delivered to the Norwich and Middletown Centers on Nov. 22, just in time for the Thanksgiving dinner at both St. Vincent de Paul Centers. The next class: Dec. 10 @ 9:15am.

Confirmation:

New Class (2018) - A number of Confirmation students attended the December pot-luck supper and Christmas Town Band Concert on Friday evening as a parish social event! We have our next class from 6 - 7 pm on Dec. 3.

Confirmation Candidates (2017) - We are well on our way to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Dec. 17. Our next "event" is the first rehearsal on Dec. 3 @ 7pm & second rehearsal, with sponsors, on Dec. 10 @ 7pm.

+May God bless all our CCD children, families, and teachers as they continue growing in their relationship with God.+

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

47thAnnual Christmas **Torchlight Parade**

Sat. Dec. 9 Parishioners of our Cluster are invited to be part of the St. John Church/School Commu-



nity delegation! The Knights of Columbus will have a truck pulling a flatbed with the Nativity Scene displayed. We will be singing traditional Christmas carols as we parade on Main Street. The crowds join us in the singing and cheer us on. Please join us, as we portray the Real Reason for the Season----Jesus' birth!

Counters

Parishioners are needed one Sunday per month

to count collections after the 8am or 10:30am mass. If interested, please contact the office at 434-1669 or email

ctkoldlyme@aol.com, or contact Al Page 860-434-3260 or page1213@sbcglobal.net.

Thank you!

Regularly scheduled parish events:

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



Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held here at Christ the King Parish. Each church, each choir, each person made a special contribution to a wonderful service,

bringing our community together and honoring God with an expression of thanks and gratitude. And the music... beautiful and soul-stirring!

A generous collection of food was delivered to the Shoreline Food Pantry and Kitchens and a financial contribution of \$1,069.00 was sent to the New London Homeless Hospitality Center.

A special thank you to Bill Thomas, Celine Sullivan, and Ellen Cole for coordinating and planning the many details of the service.

- Caregivers

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest".

Visit the NEW Caregiver Spirituality Webpage Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events. Resources for caregivers include prayers, articles, books and websites that offer both practical and spiritual support.

www.norwichdiocese.org/caregiver-spiritualitysupport-group

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

The St. Mark Christmas Cookie Sale will take place Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:00 to 12:00 (or until sold out) in the church hall, 222 McVeagh Rd., Westbrook (next to the Middle/High Schools). Purchase delicious home-baked Christmas cookies already cello-wrapped and decorated for \$14.00 per plate (2 ½ dozen), and help us to maintain the beautiful church grounds. Themed baskets and a holiday centerpiece will be raffled, and our parish cookbook, "Cookie Jar Favorites" will be available.

For further information call Joan (860) 399-4049 or Julia (860)388-5186

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