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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

St. Bernard ~ Sharon

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
and First Friday
9 AM SACRED HEART ~ KENT

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM
SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH
7 River Road ~ Cornwall Bridge

SUNDAY 8 AM
SAINT BERNARD CHURCH
52 New Street ~ Sharon

SUNDAY 10 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH
17 Bridge Street ~ Kent

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE
CONSULT THE BULLETIN

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

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Martha Lane & Kathleen Lindenmayer

BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



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WORSHIP SITES**

*“Speak, Lord,
your servant is
listening.”*

1 Samuel 3:10

SUNDAY JANUARY 17th, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 16th
SUNDAY JANUARY 17th

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

David Whitford

8 AM ~ SHARON

Ruth Morrison ~ Requested by Betty Morrison

10 AM ~ KENT

Rita McCarthy

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED ON MONDAY

TUESDAY JANUARY 19th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Fabian

Bill Rejmer

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Sebastian

John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

SATURDAY JANUARY 23rd

SUNDAY JANUARY 24th

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

David Carnicke

8 AM ~ SHARON

Louise D'Angelo

10 AM ~ KENT

Henryk Grochowski

Requested by Barbara and Andre' Zganiacz

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Jesus' question in today's gospel is still valid today: "What are you looking for?" What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

PRAY THE ROSARY



The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. This week, following Tuesday Morning Mass, the rosary will be prayed at Sacred Heart. The intention this week is for those homeless who are struggling this winter season. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

The Catholic High School Collection, occurring in all parishes of the Archdiocese next weekend supports the outstanding education offered at our Catholic secondary schools by providing funds for tuition assistance, technology enhancements, curricular improvements, and marketing, all of which are so critical during this ongoing pandemic. Please consider investing in the exceptional academics, solid faith formation, and spirit of service at our high schools by making a gift to this year's Catholic High School Collection next weekend.



Behold the Lamb of God. Are you looking to follow Jesus? Are you being called to serve Him and His people as a priest? Listen for His invitation to "Come and see", and call Fr. Michael Casey, Director of Vocations, Pastoral Center, 860-761-7456, e-mail vocations@aohct.org or visit the web at www.hartfordpriest.com.



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Please call the parish office if you need assistance. Thank you!



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days.

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp at Sacred Heart Church burns for the glory of God and for the restored good of George Chablis as requested by Ellen and John Genovese.

If you would like to remember a loved one with the Sanctuary Lamp in any of our Member Churches, please give Sandy a call at the parish office.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,718.00. ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,333.33.



Thank you for your generosity and steadfast commitment to our Parish. May God bless you and your families.

MASS ON TELEVISION

ORTV-10 AM on WCCT-TV (WB20)

WCX-TV(MyTV9) also at 10 AM It can also be seen Saturday and Sunday at 5 AM on WCCT-TV.

EWTN-12 Midnight, 8 AM, Noon, and 7 PM.

Catholic TV- 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 7 PM, and 11:30 PM

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DO YOU FEEL USELESS ?

The next time you feel like GOD can't use you, just remember... Noah was a drunk; Abraham was too old; Isaac was a daydreamer; Jacob was a liar; Leah was ugly; Joseph was abused; Moses had a stuttering problem; Gideon was afraid; Samson had long hair and was a womanizer; Rahab was a prostitute; Jeremiah and Timothy were too young; David had an affair and was a murderer; Elijah was suicidal; Isaiah preached naked; Jonah ran from God; Naomi was a widow; Job went bankrupt; Peter denied Christ; The Disciples fell asleep while praying; Martha worried about everything; The Samaritan woman was divorced; more than once Zaccheus was too small; Paul was too religious, Timothy had an ulcer; and Lazarus was dead!

Even way back then, no one was perfect...but keep in mind that Jesus helped them all. So remember to turn to God when you are feeling useless...He will also help you.



Annual Giving Statements

Parish Donation Statements are now available to those who have subscribed to our weekly donation envelopes or used

our On-line giving program during 2020.

Please write "PLEASE SEND STATEMENT" on the back of your offertory envelope, or give Sandy a call at the parish office if you would like to receive a statement of your donations for tax purposes.

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God...



THE PRESENCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Jesus is the final WORD of God. In times past, God spoke through prophets. In these days, He speaks through His son. (John 1:1-17) Jesus is present in His disciples. "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I shall be there in the midst of them." Jesus is present in the Scriptures as we listen to His words. Jesus is present in the treatment given to His followers. "As often as you did it to others, you did it to Me." Jesus is present in His Pope, bishops, priests and deacons. "He who hears you hears Me." Jesus is present in the Seven Sacred Signs of the Sacraments. A Sacrament is an outward sign instituted by Christ to give us grace. He is present in BAPTISM to make us children of God, as our "Father". He is present in the HOLY EUCHARIST to nourish us with His Body and Blood. He is present in PENANCE to forgive us our sins. He is present in CONFIRMATION to strengthen us with the Holy Spirit. He is present in ANOINTING OF THE SICK to bring His healing power to those suffering from illness. He is present in MATRIMONY to bless the couple beginning their married life. He is present in HOLY ORDERS to bestow and share His priesthood for the continuation of His Church.



FIRST READING

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you, " Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli "Here I am, " he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will

SECOND READING

1Cor 6:13c-15a, 17 -20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body

GOSPEL

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter



Just before the reading of the Gospel at Mass, the priest touches his head, his mouth, and his breast. Most of the people do it at the same time. What does this mean? The priest and people are (or should be) making a small sign of the cross on their forehead, their lips, and breast. The action is a prayer that the Good News of the Lord, which they are about to hear, may be always in their minds, on their lips and in their hearts.

Though God hates sin more than any other thing, He loves us poor miserable sinners. He ardently desires the welfare of our souls as if His own happiness depends on "it."

~Saint John Neumann



Saint Charles of Sezze's Story

Charles thought that God was calling him to be a missionary in India, but he never got there. God had something better for this 17th-century successor to Brother Juniper.

Born in Sezze, southeast of Rome, Charles was inspired by the lives of Salvator Horta and Paschal Baylon to become a Franciscan; he did that in 1635. Charles tells us in his autobiography, "Our Lord put in my heart a determination to become a lay brother with a great desire to be poor and to beg alms for his love."

Charles served as cook, porter, sacristan, gardener and beggar at various friaries in Italy. In some ways, he was "an accident waiting to happen." He once started a huge fire in the kitchen when the oil in which he was frying onions burst into flames.

One story shows how thoroughly Charles adopted the spirit of Saint Francis. The superior ordered Charles—then porter—to give food only to traveling friars who came to the door. Charles obeyed this direction; simultaneously the alms to the friars decreased. Charles convinced the superior the two facts were related. When the friars resumed giving goods to all who asked at the door, alms to the friars increased also.

At the direction of his confessor, Charles wrote his autobiography, *The Grandeurs of the Mercies of God*. He also wrote several other spiritual books. He made good use of his various spiritual directors throughout the years; they helped him discern which of Charles' ideas or ambitions were from God. Charles himself was sought out for spiritual advice. The dying Pope Clement IX called Charles to his bedside for a blessing.

Charles had a firm sense of God's providence. Father Severino Gori has said, "By word and example he recalled in all the need of pursuing only that which is eternal" (Leonard Perotti, *St. Charles of Sezze: An Autobiography*, page 215).

He died at San Francesco a Ripa in Rome and was buried there. Pope John XXIII canonized him in 1959.

ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS:



Keeping in mind our parish safety protocols, we kindly remind everyone to wear your mask properly in church.

Thank you for your cooperation!

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly
present in the
Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to possess
You within my soul.
Since I am unable at this
moment to receive You
sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as being
already there, and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen.



Our Faith Formation Program classes resume this Sunday beginning with the 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. It is hoped that all of our students will be in attendance at Mass and at class afterwards.

PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY THIS WEEK ON INAUGURATION DAY AND ALWAYS



CHRIST IS ANYTHING BUT ORDINARY

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes everyday, not just December 25.



Remember what you are looking for.
Come, and you will see.

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