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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

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary
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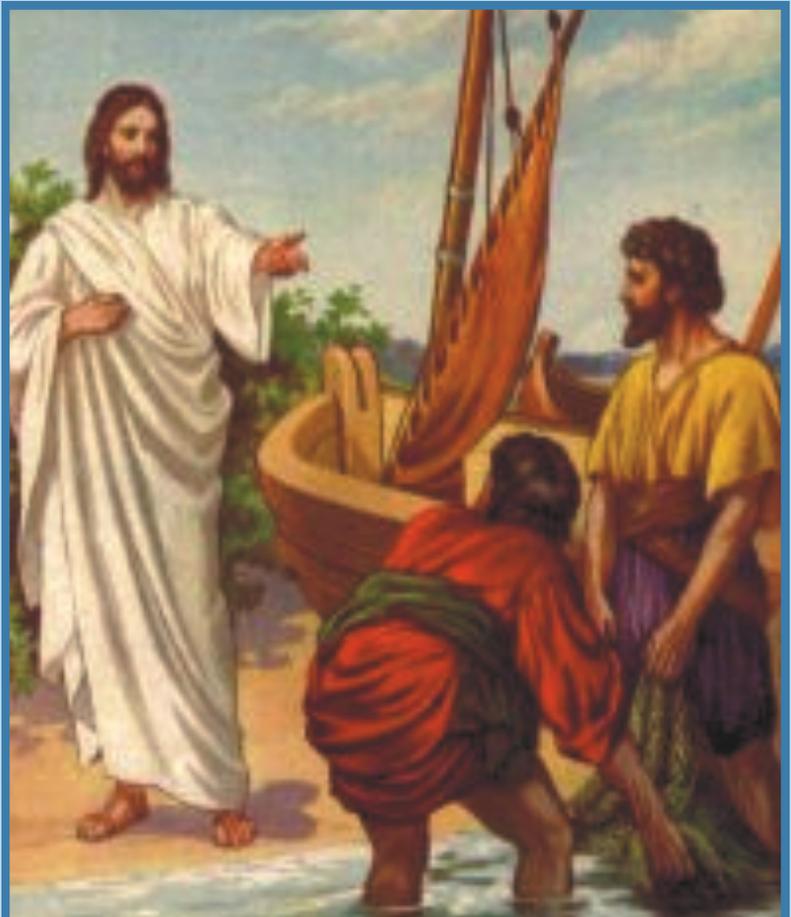
BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

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



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**

**THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS
AND
FOLLOWED HIM...**



SUNDAY JANUARY 24th, 2021



Mass Intentions

**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

MONDAY JANUARY 25th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

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

TUESDAY JANUARY 26th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

John J. O'Connell IV ~ Mass of Healing

Requested by his mother

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Angela Merici

Dayle & Charles Elsesser

Requested by the Craft Group

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Gloria DeVito ~ Mass of Healing

Requested by her family

8 AM ~ SHARON

James T. Metz

10 AM ~ KENT

John L. Sowarby ~ Requested by family

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.

This week, the Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Bridget's Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of Marielle Violette as requested by Rosemarie and Paul Frick.

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
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ENVELOPES: \$ 2,743.00.
ON LINE GIVING: \$ 1,070.00.**

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go. So cherish each moment you have together.

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 students who are struggling and working hard to stay at grade level during this pandemic. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION

Our second collection this weekend helps to support our Catholic High Schools and Private High Schools throughout the Archdiocese. Catholic High Schools have a 100% graduation rate with 94% of students attending four year college. Inspire faith, knowledge, and community with your support of our youth as they grow in faith and commitment to be the leaders of tomorrow.



The appointed time of God's in-breaking is fulfilled. God's kingdom has drawn near. Come after Me. Jesus called Andrew and Peter and James and John. He calls still in our day. Are you willing to listen to the call and follow him as a priest or religious? 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



We are grateful for your support of Saint Kateri Parish.

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allows you to set up automatic contributions and to change the timing and/or amount of your gift at any time.

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

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 THIRD 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.



Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God. when He comes walking past.

Someone broke into the neighbors house last night and stole their limbo stick. How low can you go?

SOMETHING TO PONDER

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts and certainly not himself. Later in the afternoon, he experienced chest a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the Emergency Department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that call us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our ego needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we have to leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All of the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



FIRST READING

Jon 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Teach me your way, O Lord

SECOND READING

1Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



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.

WHY DO WE HAVE A LITURGICAL SEASON CALLED ORDINARY TIME?

Ordinary time is the longest season of the liturgical year. It begins the Monday after January 6, the Epiphany, and goes until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. That period can last anywhere from five to eight weeks, depending on when Easter is celebrated. Ordinary time picks up again the Monday after Pentecost Sunday and lasts from twenty-three to twenty-seven weeks, until the end of the liturgical year, the Saturday before Advent begins.

Why the name ordinary? "Ordinary" is not in contrast to "extraordinary" or "special" but rather stresses the Latin language notion of "ordinal" or numbered Sundays. The Latin title for the season, *tempus ordinarium*, conveys the sense that this time of the year is measured or numbered time. Measured time can allude simply to the numbered Sundays, or the notion that these Sundays are a "measured" time to deepen and immerse ourselves completely in the realities of Jesus' incarnation, ministry, passion, death, and resurrection. Ordinary time offers us the opportunity to connect the ordinary lived experiences of our lives with those of Jesus, who modeled for us how to live a truly human existence.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

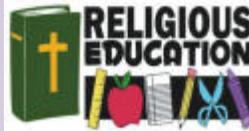
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

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 next Faith Formation Program class will be held on Sunday, February 7th, 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.



A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point he asked: 'Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me?' His grandmother stopped writing her letter and said to her grandson: "I am writing about you, actually, but more important than the words is the pencil I'm using. I hope you will be like this pencil when you grow up." Intrigued,

the boy looked at the pencil. It didn't seem very special. "But it's just like any other pencil I've ever seen!" "That depends on how you look at things. It has five qualities which, if you manage to hang on to them, will make you a person who is always at peace with the world." "First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a hand guiding your steps. We call that hand God, and He always guides us according to His will. Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing and use a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, he's much sharper. So you, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows, because they will make you a better person. Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out any mistakes. This means that correcting something we did is not necessarily a bad thing; it helps to keep us on the road to justice." "Fourth quality: what really matters in a pencil is not its wooden exterior, but the graphite inside. So always pay attention to what is happening inside you. Finally, the pencil's fifth quality: it always leaves a mark. In just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action."

CONVALIDATION

The best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or Justice of the Peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Monsignor Guerrero for details.



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