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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
Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 - 4:30
860-927-3003

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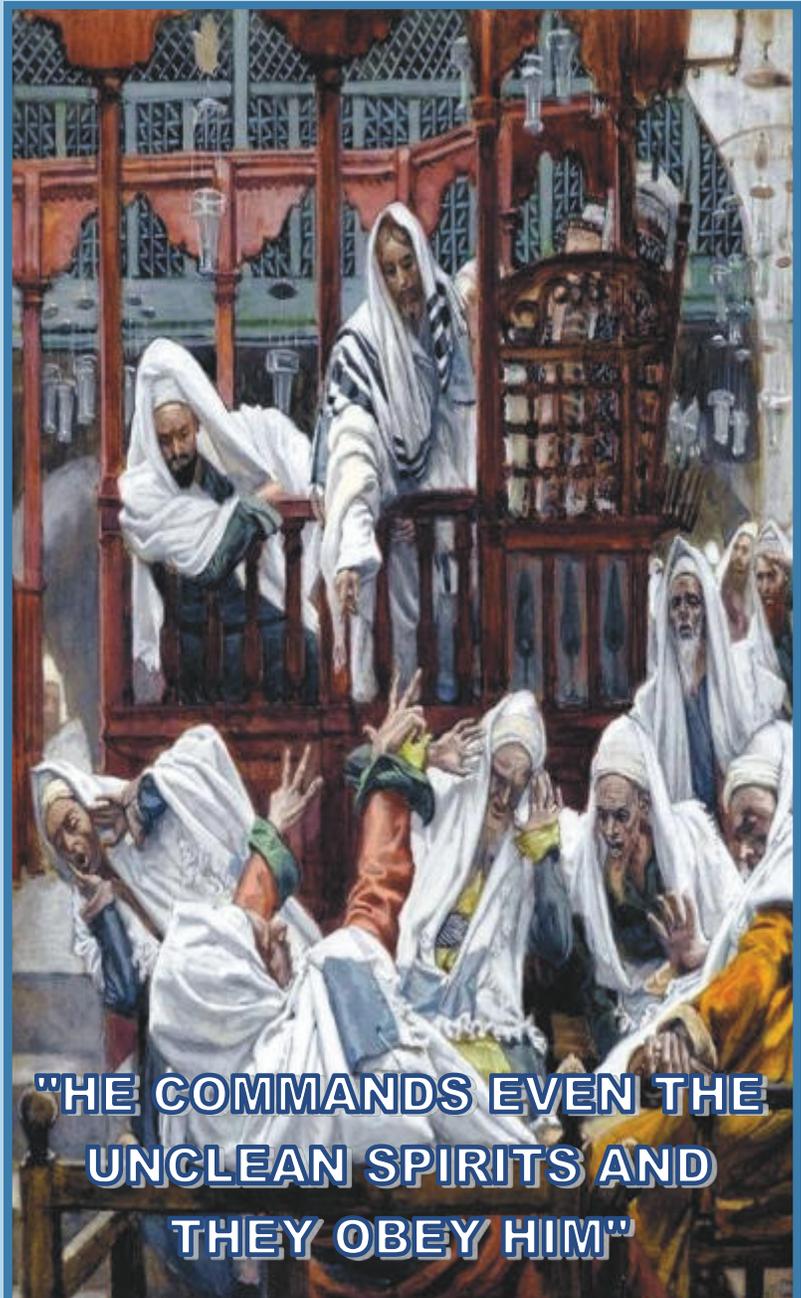
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
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UNCLEAN SPIRITS AND
THEY OBEY HIM"**

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY JANUARY 30th

SUNDAY JANUARY 31st

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Gloria DeVito ~ Mass of Healing

8 AM ~ SHARON

James T. Metz

10 AM ~ KENT

John L. Sowarby

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1st ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Jane Bly ~ Month's Mind

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2nd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

The Presentation of the Lord

Marietta Magnarelli ~ Requested by Family

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Blaise

Raffaella Nunziante ~ 20th Anniversary

Requested by Family

FIRST FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Parker J. Haire ~ 2nd Anniversary

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6th

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7th

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Louise and Robert Johnson

8 AM ~ SHARON

Virginia and Robert Mills

10 AM ~ KENT

Dayle Elsesser ~ First Anniversary

**OUR SECOND COLLECTION
NEXT WEEKEND IS THE
MONTHLY COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY**



This week, the Sanctuary Lamp at Saint Bridget's Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of Gerry Cunningham as requested by his wife Audrey Cunningham.

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
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

ENVELOPES: \$ 3,374.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 785.00.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTION: \$ 438.00.

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

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



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 the protection of the unborn and the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS

With the continuation of limitations on Mass attendance and our responsibility to ensure the health and safety of our Catholic people, the Archbishop is extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days up to and including Sunday, May 23rd, which is Pentecost Sunday.



People were spellbound by the teachings of Jesus. Jesus' teaching was extraordinary in that he taught with authority. The church needs bold teachers and preachers today. Consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life to teach as Jesus taught. 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

HALLOW": A GREAT "APP" FOR CATHOLICS

Hallow is a simple Catholic "app" that can be downloaded to a smartphone. It features hundreds of sessions of prayer in various categories of Christian prayer such as vocal prayer, mental prayer, Lectio Divina, contemplative prayer, the Examen, spiritual writing/journaling, Taizé, chant...and now the Ascension Press Bible in a Year Podcast.

This #1 Catholic app, available for both iOS and Android, has free and paid versions and offers a choice of sessions, voice options, and "Pray lists" with themed content such as meditations on humility, which involves praying through the litany of humility. There are also guided rosaries with meditations, the Stations of the Cross, and a "Daily Prayer" section that is based on the readings of the day. More and more content is available daily. You can also learn more information here: <https://hallow.com/>



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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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ARCHDIOCESAN MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CELEBRATION

The Archdiocesan Office of Family Life will hold its 14th annual Marriage Enrichment Celebration on Saturday, February 6th, 2021 from 7-8:30 PM. Please join us for an evening of prayer, reflection and fun centered on the theme: **"The Unforeseen of Quarantine: Viewing our Sacrament with 2020 Vision."** Due to ongoing pandemic restrictions, this year's program will be virtual and conducted over the internet. Participants can join with either video/audio or just audio connections. There is no cost for this program, however, if your circumstances allow, please consider making a donation to local family-centered charities negatively impacted by COVID-19. Instructions for signing into the program will be provided with your registration confirmation. To register, or to obtain additional information, please contact Tom and Donna Finn at 860-302-1110, or tfinnphd@gmail.com.

Please R.S.V.P. by Thursday, February 4th, 2021.



FIRST READING

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any

more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95 1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

1Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Don't forget what would happen if we treated the Bible as we treat our cellphone, always with us, always close to us!"

~ Pope Francis

The saints are the true interpreters of Holy Scripture. The meaning of a given passage of the Bible becomes most intelligible in those human beings who have been totally transformed by it and have lived it out.

Benedict XVI, from "Jesus of Nazareth: From the Baptism in the Jordan to the Transfiguration."

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR!

If you've struggled to read the Bible, this podcast is for you.

Ascension's *Bible in a Year Podcast*, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, **NOW THE #1 PODCAST IN THE US**, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes starting January 1st, 2021...but it is not too late to start! Each 17-22 minute episode includes:

- two to three scripture readings
- a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz
- and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

You can tune in many ways: via the web, through many podcast apps or even through the "Hallow" App. Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word! This link will get you started:

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration>



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.



Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis

THANK YOU! The Catholic secondary school students in the Archdiocese of Hartford send their deepest gratitude to all who participated in the 2021 Catholic High School Collection. Your support will enhance the educational excellence of their schools and help them prepare for leadership roles and active lives of faith. We deeply appreciate your support of Catholic high schools as they pursue their mission of education and evangelization.

FIRST FRIDAY



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday of the month dates back to the revelations of Our Lord to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French nun, who lived in the 17th Century. Jesus made the following twelve promises to person devoted to the Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life
2. I will establish peace in their families
3. I will console them in their difficulties
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, more especially, at the hour of death
5. I will shower down abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. Sinner will find in my heart a source and boundless ocean of mercy
7. Tepid souls shall become fervent
8. Fervent souls shall rise speedily to great perfection
9. I will bless every place in which the picture of my sacred heart shall be exposed and honored
10. I will give to priests the power to touching the most hardened hearts
11. Persons who propagate this devotion shall have their names written in my heart, and they shall never be effaced there from
12. I will grant the grace of final repentance to all those who shall communicate on the first Friday, nine months consecutively. They shall not die in mortal sin, nor without having received the last sacraments, for my divine heart will become their secure refuge at that last moment.



THE STORY OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Egeria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honor of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS "YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

With the Apostolic Letter *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father. Taking a cue from "The Shadow of the Father" — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph's fatherhood of Jesus as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father." The Pope continues: "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.**

**Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

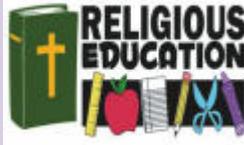
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

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.



Classes for our Faith Formation Program will be held next 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.

EVANGELIST SYMBOLS



The man, the lion, the ox and the eagle are symbols of the four evangelists: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These symbols adorn many works of art, buildings, and objects used in worship. Each may identify one evangelist, or the four may represent the mystery of Christ's life. They recall in turn the birth, sacrifice, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. The symbols derive from the opening of the Book of Ezekiel. There the prophet envisions four living creatures in the middle of a glowing fire from a stormy north wind. The faces of the creatures resemble a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle (1:10). Their mystery and their movement made such an impact on the prophet that Christian generations have seen in their appearance a foreshadowing of the Gospels of Jesus Christ. The figures appear again in Revelation 4:7. The man sometimes represented as an angel signifies St. Matthew, who opens his Gospel account with the genealogy of Jesus. The lion, according to legend, sleeps with his eyes open, making it a symbol of the resurrection. It depicts St. Mark, whose Gospel begins with the leonine John the Baptist in the desert. St. Luke's Gospel account of the infancy of Jesus places the child in the Temple with Zechariah, a priest who offered sacrifice of animals including oxen. The horns of the ox represent the old and new covenant, each with its own sacrifice. St. John, the evangelist whose work intently gazes on the eternal Word who shattered the darkness with His light, recalls the eagle that flies face into the sun. In this way, tradition has assigned each evangelist a proper symbol.

"Quit trying so hard in prayer. How does an apple ripen?
It just sits in the sun."
~ Thomas Merton

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