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Sacred Heart ~ Kent

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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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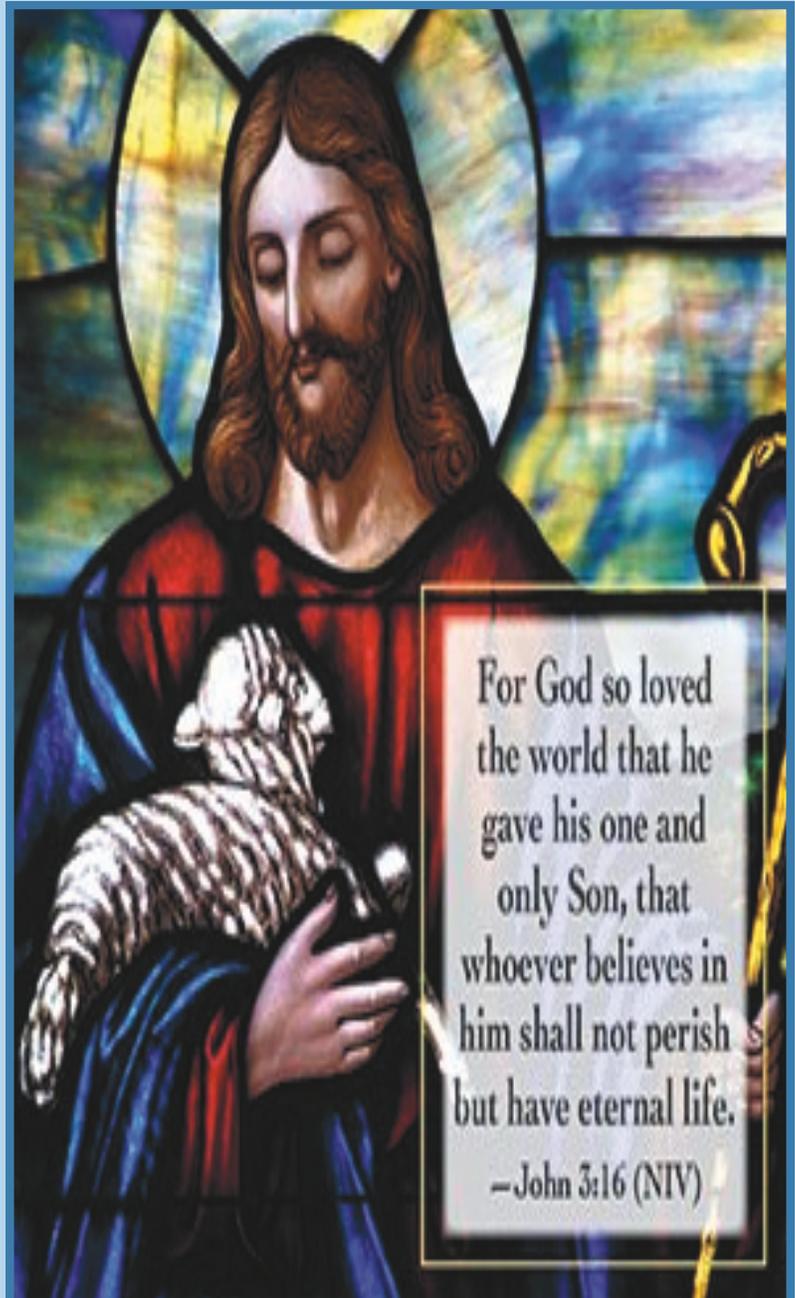
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to make arrangements by calling the
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**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



SUNDAY MARCH 14th, 2021



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY MARCH 13th

SUNDAY MARCH 14th

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Lorenzo Rinaldi

Requested by Family

8 AM ~ SHARON

Lou Romeo ~ Requested by the Hannon Family

10 AM ~ KENT

Gloria DeVito

MONDAY MARCH 15th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Louise de Marillac

Deceased Member of the Salembier Family

TUESDAY MARCH 16th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer

Nellie Faulenbach ~ Requested by the Rosary Group

WEDNESDAY MARCH 17th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Saint Patrick

Richard Utera ~ Requested by the Rosary Group

SATURDAY MARCH 20th

SUNDAY MARCH 21st

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

John Haxo

8 AM ~ SHARON

Deceased Members of the Heacox Family

10 AM ~ KENT

Nellie Faulenbach

Requested by the Roder Family

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE...

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

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 homeless, unemployed and underserved in our communities. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.

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Please call the parish office if you need assistance.

Thank you!

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.



**Annual
Giving
Statements**

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.

A rich man is not one who has much,
but one who gives much.
For what he gives away remains his forever"
— St John Chrysostom



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 Saint Bridget Church burns for the glory of God and in loving memory of Lou LaScala as requested by Marnell, Laurie and Joe Bukovac.

Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE
3rd SUNDAY OF LENT**

ENVELOPES: \$ 2,245.00

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 2,223.33.

MARCH MONTHLY: \$ 836.00.



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The
Season
of
Lent



During the season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity.

Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire lives. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

ALL FRIDAYS in Lent are days of abstinence.

FROM THE SAINTS ... WHY FASTING IS AN IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL PRACTICE:

- 1) St. Augustine - "Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself."
- 2) St. Peter Chrysologus - "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself."
- 3) St. Jane Frances Chantal - "God hides the prize of eternal glory in our mortifications and in the victory of ourselves, which we always strive for with great gentleness."
- 4) St. Isaac the Syrian - "When a man begins to fast, he straightway yearns in his mind to enter into converse with God."
- 5) St. Gregory the Great - "It is impossible to engage in spiritual conflict, without the previous subjugation of the appetite."
- 6) St. John Chrysostom - "Fasting is the support of our soul: it gives us wings to ascend on high, and to enjoy the highest contemplation!. God, like an indulgent father, offers us a cure by fasting."
- 7) St. Catharine of Sienna - "Without mortifying the taste, it is impossible to preserve innocence, since it was by the indulgence of his appetite that Adam fell."
- 8) St. Basil - "Penance without fasting is useless and vain; by fasting [we] satisfy God."



A PRAYER FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SOLDIERS

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

4th Sunday
of
Lent

FIRST READING

2Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his

people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

GOSPEL

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

OUR SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND
IS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES.



SAINT JOSEPH

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him

or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a). It was almost as indignant as “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b).

To change and to change for the better
are two different things.

The dates for Lent and Easter change all the time. Who determines when these feasts will be celebrated each year?

Though there is some divergence in parts of the Christian world, our celebration of Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox. The vernal equinox, which we ordinarily refer to as the first day of spring, is on or about March 21. The dates for Lent, Ascension and Pentecost are determined by counting backward or forward from the date of Easter.

READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-5

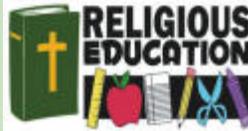
Spiritual Communion



myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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



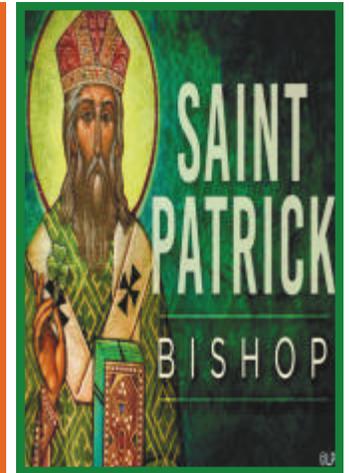
Our Faith Formation Program class will be held next Sunday, March 21st, beginning with the 10 AM Mass at Sacred Heart. It is hoped that all of our students will be in attendance at Mass and at class afterwards.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ARE PRAYED AT 6 PM ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT

MARCH 19th ~ St. Bernard

MARCH 26th ~ Sacred Heart



The 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are carried forward. We hope you can help meet our parish goal of \$ 50,000. If you would like to make a gift, please mail in your pledge card. You may also visit the Archdiocesan website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org or call the Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550. Keep in mind that an early pledge will allow you to best use the monthly payment plan. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at

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