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Daily Masses
Mon. – Sat. 7:30am
Weekend Masses
Sat. – 4:00pm Vigil
Sun. – 8:00am 10:15am
5:15pm—first Sunday of the month
Daily and Saturday Vigil Masses also live-stream on Facebook
Reconciliation Sat. – 2:30pm
Holy Hour Sat. – 8:00am-9:00am

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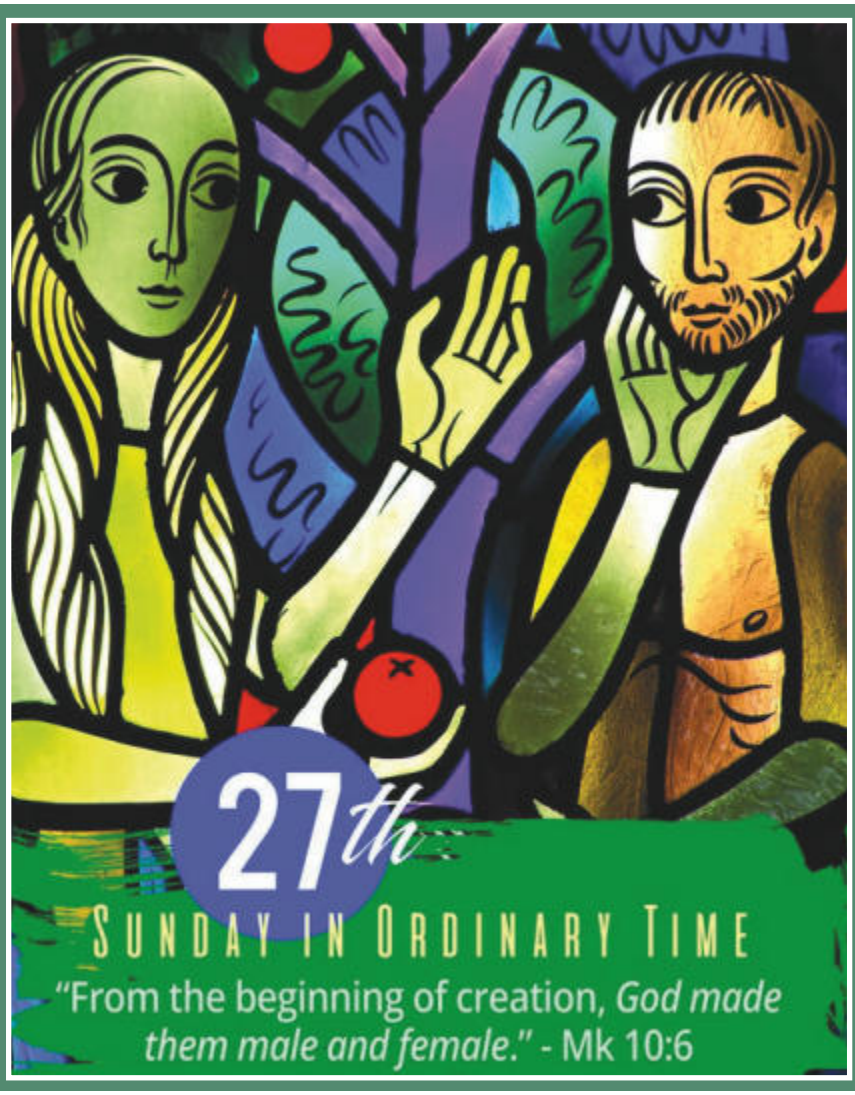
Our Parish Mission Statement

Nourished weekly at the Table of the Lord, we go forth as disciples of Jesus to proclaim what we believe through our every word and deed.



BAPTISM

After 10:15am Sunday Mass
Registration is required.
Please call the rectory office.

SACRAMENTS FOR THE SICK

We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound.
Please notify the rectory.

MATRIMONY

Please contact rectory office at least six months in advance.

WELCOME

Parish Support

September 26.....$4,683.00
Catholic School Collection $1,712.00
On-Line Giving.....$3,146.51
TOTAL.....$9,541.51

We are so grateful to all who continue to support Christ the King Parish with your prayers and financial contributions!

Next weekend's second collection is the monthly collection.

Please Note*: As of August 28, 2021, and until further notice, all persons, regardless of vaccination status, are required to wear a mask while in the church, per the Indoor Mask Mandate in the Town of Wethersfield.*

MASSES/CANDLES AVAILABLE

The 2021 Calendar has a number of Masses and candles available. The 2022 Calendar is also open and available. If you would like one (or more) for a loved one, please call or email the Rectory at 860-529-2545 or corpuschristi1@cox.net.

Weekday Masses are $15;
Weekend and Holy Day Masses are $20; and Candles are $10.

CANDLES—OCTOBER 3—OCTOBER 9

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1
Burns this week in memory of **the Cote, Fusco and Toce Families***, requested by the family.*

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2
Burns this week in memory of **Joseph and Martha Gentile***, requested by the family.*

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1
Burns this week for **all priests on Convocation this week**.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2
Burns this week in memory of **Concetta Melo,** *requested by a friend*.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2—
Vigil—Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm The Cote, Fusco and Toce Families, *requested by the family*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3—TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am Elizabeth Miller (8th Anniversary), *requested by the family.*
10:15am Anthony and Julia Zacchio*, requested by their family.*
5:15pm Religious Education Students

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4— *Saint Francis of Assisi*
7:30am Elizabeth and Joseph Lombard, *requested by the family.*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5—*Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos.*
7:30am NO MASS—Priest Convocation*.*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6—*Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*
7:30am NO MASS—Priest Convocation

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7—*Our Lady of the Rosary*
7:30am Joseph and Amelia Lawrence, *requested by the family.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8—*Weekday*
9:00am Stanley Tuller, Jr., *requested by the O'Neil family.*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9*—Saint Denis, Bishop and Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonard, Priest; BVM*
7:30am Intentions of the parishioners of Christ the King Parish.

Vigil—Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm Bob Martelle, *requested by his sister Anne.*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10—TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00am Jane Silverio, *requested by her daughter Joan.*
10:15am Fritz Wamester*, requested by his wife and family.*

Note: All priests, including Father Nick and Father George, will be on Convocation this week, so there will be no morning Mass Tuesday and Wednesday.

WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner

Each year the Archdiocese looks to recognize a person or couple within each parish for their dedicated service to the church community with the St. Joseph Medal. This year, they have suspended the requirement that nominees must be at least 60 years old, and have suggested that, in light of the difficult year it has been, we select someone who has been essential in service to our parish during COVID.

The choice was an easy one for Christ the King Parish—Jennifer Faenza. She came forward immediately and offered to help in providing livestream for Masses, Stations of the Cross, and other liturgies so that everyone could have access to and participate in services during the time our church was closed to the public. Being a teacher by profession, she assisted with both our virtual and in-person Faith Formation program during the pandemic. She has served as a lector for years in our parish, but during the pandemic was one of the lectors at the livestreamed Masses in the months our church was closed, and then as an usher as well when we needed to seat people in a socially-distanced manner.

We are indeed extremely grateful for Jen and her dedicated service to Christ the King Parish, and Archbishop Blair has agreed to confer the Award upon her on **Sunday October 17 at a Mass at 11:00am** *at the Cathedral. You are welcome to attend that ceremony, but if you cannot, we have invited Jen and her parents to return to our St. Joseph Hall immediately following the Cathedral service—probably around 1:00pm—for a reception in her honor. Please plan to stop by even for a little while to congratulate Jen and thank her for all she has done and continues to do for us.*

I hear a lot of people talk about the jokes Fr George shares in his column. So I will try my hand at it as well……

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail. And with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him ….. a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis!

Father Nick

Dear friends,

On Saturday October 2, we celebrated our Guardian Angels who we read about in Psalm 91:11-12. "For he will give his angels charge of you to guard you in ALL your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone."
In the Book of Exodus, we read: "Behold, I send an angel before you, to GUARD you on the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared." Ex.23:20.
Our Guardian Angels offer us divine protection. They fight on our behalf even without us knowing. They are God's messengers of defense against evil spirits and at times, they act as our conscience preventing us from taking wrong decisions. Concerning the Guardian Angel, God says: "Give heed to him and hearken to his voice, do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in him. If you hearken attentively to his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries." Exodus 23:21-22. It is funny how people go to the devil for protection just because they are ignorant of the existence of Guardian Angels freely provided by God for his children. What a shame!
The first reading for the feast day tells us that God is jealous. God's jealousy for us Christians is not like human jealously; it is a jealousy that claims us entirely for God. No wonder St. Augustine rightly asserted: "Our hearts are restless, until they rest in you, O Lord." The existence of Guardian Angels are clear proof of God's jealousy for us.
As you leave your house today, just bear in mind that you are never alone, there are invisible spirits about you sent by God to protect and guide you. You should never allow fear cripple you at any point in time.

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FROM FATHER'S DESK—Continued

Our guardian angels help to remind us of the need for us to always have a childlike attitude and humble ourselves as Jesus explains in our Gospel passage that the least among them is the one who is great.

Let us pray: Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God commits me here, ever this day be at my side to guide and guard me. Amen.

Have a great week and here is a thought;

British scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Brits, in the weeks that followed, a team of American archaeologists dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York bulletin: "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the British".

One week later, the Punch newspaper in Ibadan, Nigeria, reported the following:

"After digging as deep as 30 feet in his backyard, Lucky Obuijsule a self -taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Lucky has therefore concluded that more than 250 years ago, Africa had already gone wireless."

Father George

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion.

CHURCH TEACHING & RACISM

Offered by: The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, Archdiocese of Hartford

Did you know? . . .
That, according to the Bureau of Justice, 17% of human trafficking victims in the US are Asian? Watch the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry's The Asian American Experience at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTvWn68Jr3s

Did you know? . . .
That the National Congress of American Indians found that an estimated 40% of women who are victims of sex trafficking identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, or First Nations? Watch the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry webinar on Race & Human trafficking: https://youtu.be/GtyqC5-s2dM

Did you know?. . .
That there is strong evidence from the U.S. National Human Trafficking Hotline that Latinos are disproportionately represented among human trafficking victims and survivors in general, and labor trafficking survivors in particular? Learn more about Human Trafficking at http://www.catholicsocialjustice.org/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Next Week
October 10—No Class
Columbus Day Weekend

Starting
Sunday, October 17

Kindergarten
9:05am-10:05am

HOMELESS BAGS

We are currently seeking donations of hats, mittens/gloves, or socks for bags we will be putting together for the homeless. Please consider making a donation in these upcoming months. There is a **blue bin** *in the front vestibule of the church.*

We are also accepting monetary donations. We have a donor who will match any monetary donation for a total of $2,500. Any donations you make will be doubled! Please consider donating any amount. Please make checks payable to: **Christ the King Social Action Committee**, *with 'Homeless bags' in the memo. Thank you for your continued generosity. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Nora Uricchio / 860-830-5989 nuricchio3@gmail.com or Daisy Trahan / daisy.trahan@gmail.com.*

JOIN US

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDWICH COLLECTION

- *SATURDAY/SUNDAY, 10/2-3*
  Leave sandwiches in vestibule before Mass.

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY

- *MONDAY, 7:00pm*
  Meet in St. Joseph Hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE

- *TUESDAY, 6:30pm*
  Meet in Corpus Christi's choir loft.

POPE'S LETTER STUDY CIRCLE

- *WEDNESDAY, 1:30pm and 7:00pm*
  Meet in Corpus Christi Church, use south entrance.

SR. MARY ANN'S BIBLE STUDY

- *THURSDAY, 7:00pm*
  Meet in St. Joseph Hall. (postponed from last week)

ROSARY ON THE GREEN

- *FRIDAY, 12:00pm*
  Meet across from Anderson Farm on the Green. In case of inclement weather, meet in the church.

End Trafficking of Humans Prayer Group

Friday, October 1, 7:00pm
New Life Christian Fellowship
Mill Street, Wethersfield
All are invited to attend and pray.

With joyful hearts,
we welcome our parish's

Newly Baptized

August 1, 2021
Cindrela Anna D'Costa,
daughter of
Lawrence and Mariline

August 22, 2021
Ella Catherine Perry,
daughter of
Andrew and Melissa

September 12, 2021
Ella Depercio,
daughter of
Dana and Kelsey

September 19, 2021
Jillian Lee Jannitto
daughter of
Michael and Jennifer

September 26
Hudson Wabble
Son of
Matthew and Lagana

PRAY A PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

America Needs Fatima

(104th Anniversary of Mary's appearance at Fatima)

Public Square Rosary

Saturday, October 16, 2021

12:00 noon

Wethersfield Broad Street Green

This will be an opportunity to pray for our country.

Bring your own chair.

October is the

MONTH OF THE Rosary

TEACH FUTURE GENERATIONS

Creation is a gift, it is a present, it is a marvelous gift given to us by God so that we might care for it and use it, always gratefully and always respectfully, for the benefit of everyone. - Pope Francis

Our parks are natural playgrounds for all to enjoy regardless of age or ability. Birdwatching, strolling, hiking, biking, snowshoeing, sledding, attending concerts, picnicking—the list goes on. There are also educational programs available to satisfy a wide array of interests. You will find classes in art, photography, writing, backpacking, kayaking, orienteering, and more.

The parks need our help to maintain them. Many volunteer opportunities are available giving lovers of nature a chance to become stewards of the park system they enjoy.

Monetary donations are also needed and greatly appreciated.

LEARN AND GROW

ST PAUL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St. Paul Catholic High School has announced its open house campus tour dates for this Fall. If you or someone you know has a prospective student looking to attend St. Paul in the 2022 or 2023 school years this is the open house you'll want to visit.

All tours are by appointment and each family will take a guided tour around our campus building. St. Paul is taking all safety precautions for these in-person tours. Come with your mask and we will keep socially distant!

Visit spchs.com/open house to register for an appointment time on Saturday, October 16 or November 20 with appointments beginning at 10:00am.

Also, St. Paul Catholic High School has scheduled two Placement Exam dates for prospective grade 9 and grade 10 students. The Placement Exam is a standardized test that incoming students take which evaluates their performance levels in math, language and reading. This exam will be held at the school on **Saturday, November 6 and Saturday, December 11** *both beginning at* **8:00am**. *To register, visit spchs.com/placementexam.*

A MESSAGE FROM EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Our admission process for the 2022-23 school year has officially started! Please go to our website: echs.com/Admissions-Process to fill out our on-line application. Also, please mark your calendars: our Open House is scheduled for **Thursday, October 28th at 6:45 pm**. *It will be followed by Placement Test on* **Saturday, October 30th at 8:30 am.** *The second date for the Placement Test is* **Saturday, November 13th at 8:30 am**. *Looking forward to welcoming you at East! Go Eagles!*

THE CHURCH OF INCARNATION WOMEN'S CLUB

The Church of the Incarnation Women's Club is currently conducting its membership drive for the 2021-22 program year. All women beyond high school age are eligible for membership, and dues are $5. If you are interested in more information, please call the Incarnation rectory at 860-529-2533, and the membership materials will be mailed to you.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

St. Joseph's Residence provides care for 85 elderly poor residents. The Little Sisters of the Poor and the residents get very excited about this event. All proceeds will help to complete many of the ongoing building projects that are in need of being upgraded and/or replaced, including boilers, plumbing, electrical switches and much, much more.

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