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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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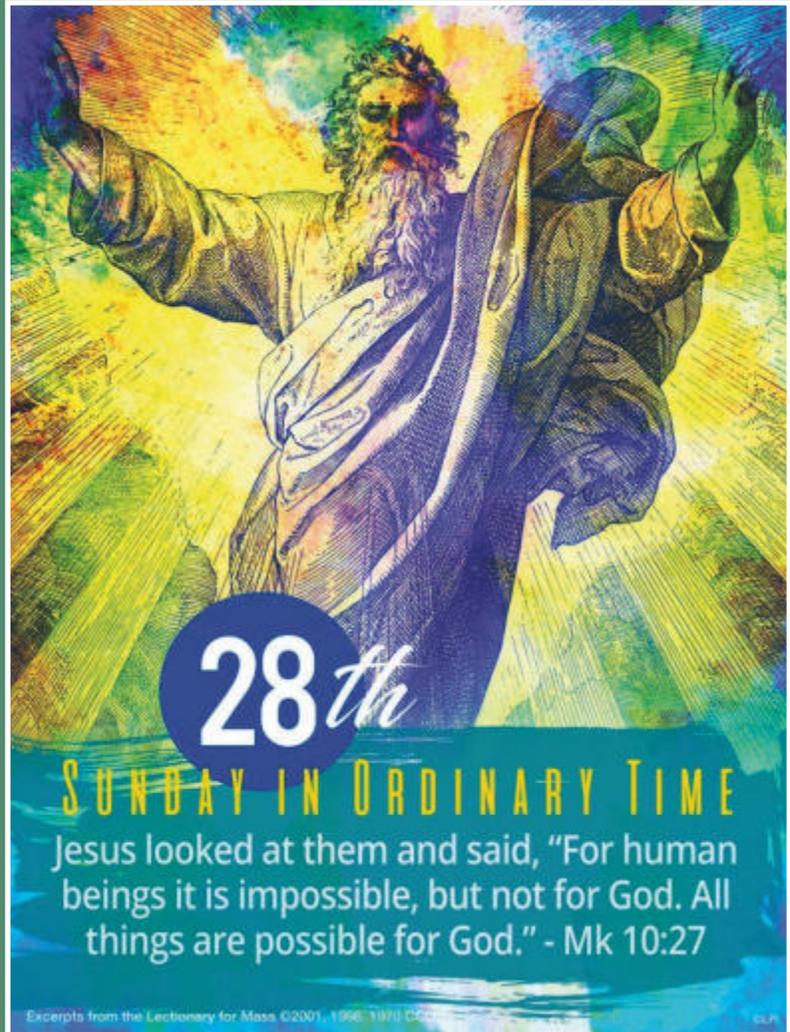
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Our Parish Mission Statement

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.

OCTOBER 10, 2021 | TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY

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

CHOIR PRACTICE

TUESDAY, 6:30pm, Meet in choir loft.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

TUESDAY, 7:00pm, Meet in St. Joseph Hall.

POPE'S LETTER STUDY CIRCLE

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

IMMACARE MEAL

WEDNESDAY, 6:15pm, Drop off hot food in north parking lot.

ROSARY ON THE GREEN

FRIDAY, 12:00pm, Meet on Green. In case of inclement weather, meet in the church.

AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY

SATURDAY, 12:00pm, Meet on the Green.

AOH FOOD/HALLOWEEN DRIVE

SUNDAY, OCT. 17, 11:30am-12:30pm, North lot.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FATHER NICK

May God bless you with abundant joy on the 38th Anniversary of your Ordination.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021



All entries to be included in the bulletin must be received in the Rectory by the end of the day Monday. Please put "Bulletin" in the subject line. Thank you.



CANDLES—OCTOBER 10—OCTOBER 16

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Ruth Lander-gan, requested by Rita.

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2

Burns this week in honor of Fr. Nick's 38th Anniversary of his Ordination.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Louise Albrecht.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2

Burns this week in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9—

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.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11— Saint John XXIII, Pope

7:30am Mr. John Secca, requested by the family.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12—Weekday

7:30am Kenneth and Joan Scott—50th Wedding Anniversary, requested by the O'Neil family.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13—Weekday

7:30am James B. Droney.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14—Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

7:30am Concetta Melo, requested by Joe and Fran Lawrence.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15—Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:30am Marie Seeger requested by her daughter.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16—Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM

7:30am Velda Lanahan, requested by her family.

Vigil—Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Edward and Barbara Pitkin, and Edward (Ted) Pitkin, requested by the family.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Franco Tomaino, requested by the Tomaino family.

10:15am Tom Kycia, requested by Jane and children.

Envelope users—There are two envelopes for World Mission Sunday in your pack, October 17 and October 24. We at Christ the King will have a World Mission second collection the weekend of October 24, not next weekend.

WORD TO THE FAITHFUL



The Gospels tell us quite clearly that Jesus teaches us that we will face consequences

for the choices we make in our lifetimes. I think of the story of the sheep and the goats. But I have always wondered how that reconciles with my image of a God who wants nothing more than to have everyone gathered with Him for all eternity?

I share with you the following passage from Brian D. McLaren's book 'A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey':

"Imagine that you have just died and passed through the doorway of death. And you enter heaven. And it is a place of intense brightness, a place fragrant with goodness, a place alive with love. The presence of God seems to pervade everyone and everything. . . . In this place, people are humble and genuinely interested in others. . . It is a place of true freedom, trust, and intimacy. And

even though it is a place of great diversity, with people of all cultures and languages and times retaining all their uniqueness, it is a place where no one argues, no one fights, no one hates, and no one complains - not because they aren't allowed to but because they don't want to, because they accept and love one another completely. They are fully alive. . . . Think about how you would feel entering that place.

"OK. Now I want you to imagine that someone has walked beside you through that doorway of death. And that person has lived his life cramped in hatred and fear, tight in guilt and greed, ingrown in lust and selfishness. He has spent every day of his life complaining and being bitter and blaming others and being ungrateful. He has been suspicious of those different from himself, and he has become an expert at lying and cheating and using others. He is proud, arrogant, unwilling to admit he is wrong. . . . Now, how would that person feel?"

"Could it be that the very light that seems beautiful to you would seem blinding to him? Could the very warmth of the love of that place that to you is so perfect seem to him horrible? Could the acceptance and love and trust and openness that welcome you seem to him disgusting, weak, terrifying, insipid, or repulsive? . . . Maybe it's not that there are two places beyond the door of death, heaven and hell. Sometimes I wonder if hell is just what heaven feels like for those who haven't learned in this life what this life is intended to teach. I believe with all my heart that God is not willing for even one person to miss out on the joy and glories of heaven. . . We are becoming on this side of the door of death the kind of people we will be on the other side."

Brian D. McLaren, *A New Kind of Christian: A Tale of Two Friends on a Spiritual Journey* (Jossey-Bass: 2001), 90-91.

Father Nick



Dear friends,

On Friday October 15, we celebrate the feast of St. Teresa of Jesus, Doctor of the Church. It's tough to describe her: she was such a profound and complex person. The task of overwhelming, and I'm sure many of you know her story and her spirituality far better than I do. To put it into one sentence: she was a contemplative who got a lot done. Also, she was a mystic who was extremely well grounded in reality. Who else would have said: "There is a time for penance and a time for partridge"? She was gentle and compassion, but tough as nails and didn't hesitate

to speak the truth to those in power. She followed orders even though they were meant to confine her, but she refused to stay bound.

Her times were difficult, and she had many struggles. At one time her enemies had her brought up on charges before the Inquisition, but her inner peace is shown in one of her best known writings:

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing make you afraid.
All things are passing.
God alone never changes.
Patience gains all things.
If you have God you will want for nothing.
God alone suffices.

Teresa came from minor

nobility, her father was a knight, a very strict man and wanted to marry her off. Her mother died when she was 15, and a year later, she went to a convent, partly because her father didn't think he could handle her. It took her quite a while to find her vocation, and after many years she was called to lead a reform of her community: at that time most convents were social groups of upper class women who couldn't be married off, and they raised their money through hosting entertainment. Teresa wanted her community to focus on prayer and poverty. There was a lot of resistance, and she was called before the Inquisition at one point in time, but she persevered.

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OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

FROM FATHER'S DESK—Continued

A good woman who couldn't be kept down: in fact, there were times when she was in ecstatic meditation, she would levitate and called her sisters to hold her down so she wouldn't fly away. She not only started a reform of her community, but she also started a reform of Carmelite men with help of followers like St. John of the Cross.

She once said: "The tree that is beside the running water is fresher and gives more fruit." She knew Christ was the source of everything, believed that, lived that. In the Gospel reading John 15: 1-8, Jesus reminded His disciples that He was the wine, and they were the branches; he is the source for all of us. This is part of the Gospel of John called "The Last Discourse;" the message He gives them at the Last Supper to prepare them for his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Jesus is preparing

his disciples to be on their own, so they can be messengers of the Good News without him. The three years they've spent with Him is just the beginning, the value of what they've learned and what they will keep learning will be fruit as they go forth to live the Gospel. Jesus has taught them how to listen, how to pray, how to learn, how to grow.

Have a great week and here is a thought:

A Catholic Priest and a Jewish Rabbi were good friends. At the town's annual 4th of July picnic one year, the priest teased the rabbi saying, "This baked ham is delicious. You should try it. I know you're not supposed to, but what would it hurt? You haven't lived until you've had some of Mrs. Miller's baked ham. Tell me, now, when are you going to break down and try it?"

To which the rabbi answered, "At your wedding."

Father George

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING

We are always in need of more help and ideas to carry out the busy Social Action calendar.

The next meeting of the Social Action committee is on **Tuesday, October 19th at 7 pm**. This meeting will be held in the basement. Please join us. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to help, please call Nancy Kiely at 860-721-0197 (home), 860-989-5548 (cell) or email: nkiely80331@cox.net. The committee is very grateful to Cathy Brennan and her family who coordinated the Easter food project for many years and will not be able to for 2022. If anyone is interested in coordinating this project, please notify Nancy.

These are our projects for October:

- **Oct. 13th: Shelter Meal at ImmaCare**
- **Oct. 17th- 9 am: Mass and coffee at St. Augustine's to develop relationships with them beyond donating food and to help break down cultural barriers.**
- **Oct. 24th: GHIAA assembly via zoom 2-4 pm**
- **Oct. 25th- 7 pm: Talk about racism by Nicole Miller in the church basement**
- **October (date to be determined): Homeless Bag Project: Collect and prepare bags for the homeless.**
- **Oct. 30th & 31st: Fair Trade Sale by CREA after all Masses**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Class times:

Grades 1-6
9:05am-10:05am
Grades 4-6—8:00am Mass



Grades 7-8 6:00pm-7:00pm
Grades 9-10 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Starting next week
Sunday, October 17**

Kindergarten 9:05am-10:05am

*ImmaCare Meal is this
Wednesday, October 13.
Please see flyer for information.
Thank you for your support.*

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.

Parish Support

October 3.....\$5,173.00
On-Line Giving.....\$2,600.51
TOTAL.....\$7,773.51

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

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION



Would you like to learn how to put your Catholic faith into action? If so, please participate in the upcoming GHIAA (Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance) Assembly via zoom on **Sunday, October 24th from 2-4 pm**. If it was anything like their opening ceremony in 2019, where over 1000 people attended, it will be awesome and very moving. It is great to see so many different faith congregations come together as one! GHIAA is an initiative started through the Center for Leadership and Justice in Hartford that was launched October 28, 2019 and is committed to organizing for justice in the Greater Hartford area. GHIAA provides the avenue and pathway to act on social justice. They have membership from 43 different faith congregations and organizations. Christ the King joined earlier this year and is the first Catholic parish to do so. Here is the link to register for the Assembly on 10/24: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVW6zYVBBthSRQc7KYfB2I4PYhv9qN6H-VM8AiH7b-yd40Gg/viewform?usp=sf_link

INCARNATION'S WOMEN'S CLUB COOKING TEAM



There is a need for leaders for the Incarnation Church Women's Club Cooking Team. The responsibilities of a leader are; plan a menu (two or three side dishes for about 40 residents), purchase food, guide a group of 6 to 8 women in preparing the dishes, and deliver the food to St. Elizabeth House in Hartford. Two women may share the responsibility of team leader. I will work closely with each leader to assure success. The cooking sessions are held in the kitchen of Fr. Crawford Hall on the first Monday of each month for ten months. Please call Paula Melillo for info. at (860) 563-9506.

PRAY A PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

America Needs Fatima

Public Square Rosary
Saturday, October 16, 2021
12:00 noon



Broad Street Green

This will be an opportunity to pray for our country.

Bring your own chair.

AOH OCTOBER FOOD/HALLOWEEN TREAT DRIVE



The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food and Halloween Drive on **Sunday, October 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Collection will take place at Christ the King in the parking lot that is between the church and the middle school. This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be there after the 10:15 a.m. Mass for anyone that wants to donate. The food will be given to the pantry at Saint Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats and soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto and pink beans. We are also looking to collect cooking oils, spices and condiments. Feel free to bring an extra bag of Halloween treats! Thanks to all for their generosity!

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The Flower Committee needs your assistance. If you are interested in helping to decorate the sanctuary on special occasions, please call the Rectory at 860-529-2545 and leave your name and phone number.

Thank you very much.



SPEAKER

We invite all of you to join us for a very important discussion, titled "Why Does Racial Diversity Matter?" on **Monday, October 25th at 7 pm** in St. Joseph Hall. This event is being sponsored by the Social Action Committee and is open to our parish and surrounding community. This interactive workshop will engage participants in a group dialogue about how racial diversity has influenced and impacted their lives. The overarching goal is to gain a deeper understanding and value of building authentic relationships with people different from themselves. The speaker will be Nicole R. Miller, M.Ed, who most recently started the organization, EquityCorps Group LLC, whose mission is to "Re-educate America One Community at a Time." Her passion for this work stems from living in America and seeing how skin color differences can either create opportunities or eliminate them.

NEWS FROM CONNECTICUT'S AMIRAH HOUSE

One of the clients, Lisa, has moved into Phase 2 of the Amirah Safe Home program. In this phase she will focus on vocational training. Please join us as we pray for her direction.

God, we ask your help as we pray for Lisa in her next step as she seeks education and employment. Please provide Lisa with strength and confidence as she applies and interviews, knowing that there will be difficult questions to answer given her situation. We pray in companionship for Lisa's success in the steps she is taking. We ask this thru Christ our Lord. Amen



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

East Catholic cordially invites families of current 6th, 7th and 8th graders to join us on **Thursday, October 28th at 6:45 pm** for our Open House. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS. We are offering the entrance exams on **Saturday, October 30th or Saturday, November 13th, both starting at 8:30 am**. To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

We continue offering private family tours by appointment only. To schedule a tour, please visit <https://calendly.com/echstours>.

CREA FAIR TRADE SALE AT CHRIST THE KING



Mark your calendar and shop for your holiday gift giving at the Fair Trade sale in the church basement after each mass, **October 30 and 31**.

Did you know? Fairtrade can help reduce child trafficking. Small-scale farmers and workers who receive fairer pay can better provide for their families, and avoid cycles of poverty that push children into situations of exploitation and trafficking.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Are you wondering if your child is on track academically after this past year and a half?

You are not alone. Perhaps you'd like to consider some other educational options. Corpus Christi School, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, will host an Election Day Open House on **Tuesday, November 2nd from 8:30 -10:30 A.M.** at the school. Prospective students and their families are welcome to attend while classes are in session. Corpus Christi School offers students MORE:

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~ MORE specialized after-school help

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Come and see how much MORE we can offer your family!! Tours will be available; teachers, students, and parents will be on hand to answer questions. The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

NORTHWEST CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE



Save the Date! Northwest Catholic High School is hosting a Fall Festival Open House on **October 24, 2021**. This is open to any student who is currently in middle school. The Open House will be held on campus from **1-3pm**. You will have the opportunity to learn more about our academics, arts, and athletics by meeting directly with faculty members. Students are welcome to apply by taking the entrance exam on **November 6, 2021**. Please visit northwestcatholic.org to register.

PREGNANCY LOSS AND INFERTILITY MASS

Join St. Mary Parish, New Haven on **Friday, October 15** (National Pregnancy and Early Infant Loss Awareness Day) at **6:30 PM** at St. Joseph Church in New Haven (129 Edwards St) for a special Mass for Pregnancy Loss and Infertility. This Mass is open to all who have experienced infertility or pregnancy and early infant loss of any kind, as well as loved ones and those who wish to support them. Fr. John Paul Walker, OP will be celebrant and the Mass will include a candle lighting ceremony, with resources available after Mass. St. Joseph Church has a free parking lot, and masks are required per the City of New Haven. If you can't join us, know of our support and prayers!



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