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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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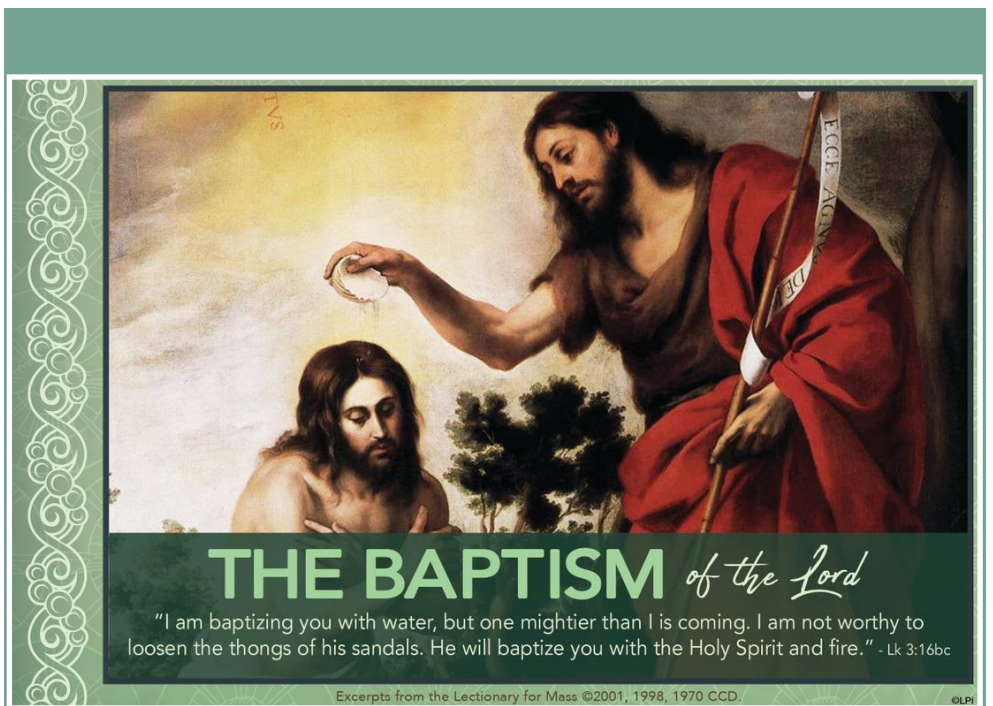
Corpus Christi Church

601 Silas Deane Highway
Wethersfield, CT 06109



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.

JANUARY 9, 2022 — BAPTISM OF THE LORD

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

SANDWICH COLLECTION

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

Drop off sandwiches before Mass.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

BEYOND BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, 7:00pm. Via Zoom (Note: New Day)



IMMACARE MEAL

The ImmaCare shelter had a Covid outbreak a couple weeks ago that they could not eradicate. They decided the only way to clear this up was to move all the current residents to a hotel to quarantine until the 20th of January. Therefore, we will not provide a meal this month.

CANDLES—JANUARY 9—JANUARY 15

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Jennie Aldi, requested by the family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2

Intention Available.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Rose Aiello, requested by the Bregisz family.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2

Intention Available.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

Vigil—Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm Nelson E. Daigle, Sr.—7th Anniversary,
requested by his wife and children.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00am Mark Carpino.

10:15am Rose Pascone, *requested by her family.*

MONDAY, JANUARY 10— Weekday (First week in Ordinary Time)

7:30am The Deceased Members of the Bryja family,
requested by the family.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11—Weekday

7:30am Catherine Eafano, *requested by the family.*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12—Weekday

7:30am Barbara Palmer, *requested by the family.*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13—Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30am Concetta Melo, *requested by Helen and Mary Scott.*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14—Weekday

7:30am The Deceased Members of the Spano family,
requested by Frank Spano and family.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15—Weekday; BVM

7:30am Catherine Baklavas, *requested by Marie.*

Vigil—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Frankie and Jena Gionfriddo, *requested by their mother.*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00am Arky Silverio, *requested by his daughter Joan.*

10:15am Mary Tata, *requested by her daughter and son.*



WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner

Today the Church ends our celebration of Christmas with the Baptism of Jesus, a recalling of the beginning of Jesus' public ministry – doing the work his Father sent him to earth to accomplish.

It is a good time for each of us to recall our own baptism, and to realize it was on that day that we began our faith life – a journey that has brought us to this day. It is a great time to reflect on how our relationship with our God has grown since that day, to give God thanks for that growth, and to ask for the strength to continue to nurture our relationship with Him.

Fr. Richard Rohr recently blogged about 'practice'. He said that practice is "an essential reset button that we must push many times before we can experience any genuine newness. Whether we're aware of it or not, we are practicing all the time.

It is strange", he says, "that we have come to understand the importance of practice in sports, in most therapies, in any successful business, and in any creative endeavor; but for some reason most of us do not see the need for it in the world of religion, where it is probably more important than in any other area. 'New wine demands fresh skins or otherwise we lose both the wine and the container,' as Jesus put it (see Mark 2:22; Luke 5:37-38). Practices, more than anything else, create a new container for us, one that will protect the new wine we wish to take in."

As we reflect on our baptism, let us ask ourselves how we have allowed those graces to flow and grow within us in our practice of the faith. We must ask ourselves how these practices draw us closer to our God, and what is needed in our practices to draw even closer than ever before.

One of the reasons for the consolidation of parishes throughout the archdiocese is the fact that so many people no longer see the need to 'practice' their faith on a regular basis. With so few people coming weekly for Mass, for instance, it no longer makes sense to have as many parishes and/or Mass times. Over the course of this year, we will be looking at the number of people practicing Catholicism here in Wethersfield, and, based on those numbers, draw up a new Mass schedule for 2023.

May we thank God for the gift of baptism, and pray that the graces we received on that day will strengthen us to continue to practice our faith, allowing Jesus to lead us ever closer to our ultimate goal of spending eternity in the Father's Kingdom of true and lasting peace.

Father Nick



OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

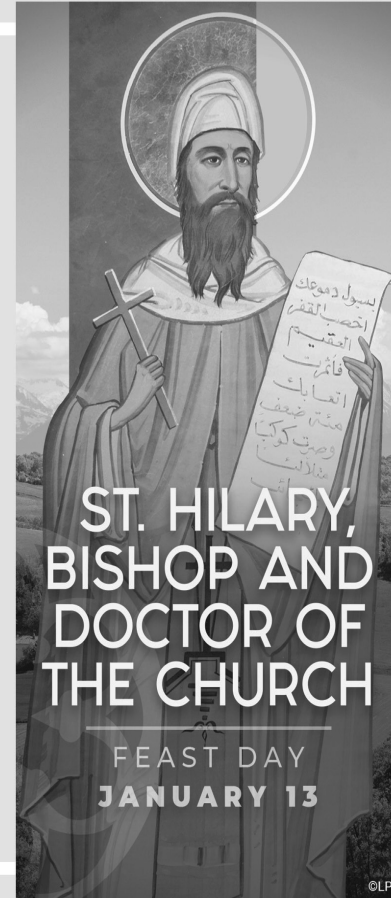
It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering

hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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**GOD
CLAIMS US
AS HIS OWN**



"No matter how sinful one may have been, if he has devotion to Mary, it is impossible that he be lost."



Parish Support

Solemnity of Mary.....	\$ 678.00
January 2.....	\$6,089.00
On-Line Giving.....	\$ 3,219.51
TOTAL.....	\$9,986.51

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

Consider online giving!
Sign up on our Parish website

JOIN US

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Next Week: January 16
No Class
Martin Luther King Holiday

January 23
Grades K-3
9:05am-10:05am
Grades 4-6
8:00am Mass

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

WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE

We will continue to collect food for our Town and Hartford Churches each week. Ongoing food needs per the Wethersfield Hunger Action Taskforce include:

Canned green beans, carrots, and peas, canned ravioli, ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, soups (Chunky or Progresso), snacks, jelly, peanut butter, and pasta sauce.

After many years of devoted service to our SAC food drive, Catherine Curran and her husband have decided to take a well deserved break. We are now in need of a food deliverer for the 3rd weekend of the month to the Wethersfield Food Bank.

Please contact MJ Densmore if you're able to serve this worthy cause 860 529-9928.



AOH JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive next **Sunday, January 16 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. The need for pantry donations is high in the winter month after the holiday drives are over. Thanks to all for their generosity!



Beyond Bible Study will now meet on Wednesdays at 7:00pm, beginning this week, rather than on Mondays. For now, we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Deacon Michael for the link: mecassella@gmail.com, or 860-965-2526.



January 2022 is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, as decreed by presidential proclamation. January is also known as **Human Trafficking Awareness Month**. It is a key time for us all as individuals to educate ourselves about human trafficking and crucially to learn to spot the signs of trafficking.

HOMELESS BAGS

Thank you for all your donations this far. Because of your generosity we have been able to make 400 bags to be distributed thus far. We recently made 100 bags for children.



These will be distributed to the children in need in Hartford for Christmas. They will receive snacks, warm hats and mittens.

We have currently collected \$2300. All this money is matched by a generous donor. They will continue to match up to \$100.

We are continuing this project. Our next assembly will be January 30. Our religious education students will be assembling an additional 400 bags.

We have created an Amazon link to make it a little easier for purchases.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/315TLCG70N9S0?ref=wl_share

We continue to collect in church and accept monetary donations.

The success of this endeavor is all because of your incredible generosity!

Thank you and God bless you all during this Christmas season.

LEARN AND GROW

EAST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

East Catholic has rolling admissions, so prospective students have plenty of opportunities to begin the admissions process. Our Entrance Exam will take place on **Saturday, January 22nd @ 8:30 a.m.** To pre-register, please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS.

Our Shadow Day program is back!!! If your 8th grader would like to discover the "taste of East", please go to https://www.echs.com/Visit_ECHS to begin the process of scheduling a visit.

It's also a perfect time to fill out the admissions application by visiting our website, the Admissions tab.
#WeAreEC!

FREE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

January 6 to 20, 2022

Learn from St. Therese how to do little things with great love and unlock more joy in your marriage

Register at: <https://www.littlewayofmarriage.com>.

As the year begins, we're going to take two weeks to unlock the simple secrets of joy in marriage. You bring your marriage blocks and commit to a journey of discovery. We will bring simple but powerful tools for how to reconnect and get on the same page.

St. Thérèse, along with her holy parents, Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin, will teach you how to do small things with great love in your marriage. Together, we'll work on re-sparking a stronger emotional connection. You'll end the workshop feeling more peaceful, more grateful for your life together, and excited about your marriage again!

You will learn:

- How to practically open yourselves to the grace of your sacramental marriage.
- 3 simple, daily habits you can start right now to increase your connection with each other.
- The best way to eliminate negativity and fighting.
- How to make big decisions and discern God's will for your marriage.
- The complete outline of "The Little Way of Marriage," which gives you a step-by-step guide for what to work on and when in your marriage.

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Happy New Year! Corpus Christi School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from January 30th - February 4th. We will begin the week with a Mass of Thanksgiving. The entire community is invited to join us for Mass in person on Sunday, January 30th at 10:15 A.M. at Corpus Christi Church. Immediately after Mass, we will hold an Open House at Corpus Christi School until 1 P.M. Parishioners, alumni, current and prospective families are invited to attend. Tours of the school will be available and faculty, students and parents will be on hand to answer questions.

Corpus Christi School offers students **MORE:**

- ~ MORE personalized attention with an average class size of 16 students
 - ~ MORE specialized after school help
 - ~ MORE opportunities to get your child back on track
- Come and see how much MORE we can offer your family!! The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade. To register, please visit our website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org> or call 860-529-5487.



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." — Lk 3:16bc