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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-streamed on Facebook
Reconciliation Sat. – 2:30pm
Holy Hour Sat. – 8:00am-9:00am

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Corpus Christi Church

601 Silas Deane Highway
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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.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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BAPTISMS

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

SACRAMENT OF 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 23, 2022 — THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beyond Bible Study will now meet on Wednesdays at 7pm, (please note new date) rather than on Mondays. For now, we will meet via Zoom. Contact Deacon Michael for the link: mecassella@gmail.com, or call (860) 965-2526.

Combined Christ the King and Incarnation Liturgy Meeting:

Please help us plan the Lenten and Holy Week Season. Join us at the combined Incarnation / Christ the King Liturgy Meeting on Monday, January 31st at 7pm in Fr. Crawford Hall at Incarnation Church.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday from 8 am-9 am



Jesus is truly present

CANDLES—JANUARY 23—JANUARY 29

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1

Burns this week in memory of Rena Laraia, requested by the family.

SANCTUARY CANDLE #2

Jose M. Carrion, One Year Anniversary, requested by his wife.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1

Intention Available.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2

Intention Available.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22—Vigil Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
4:00pm Tony Castagna, Anniversary Mass, requested by the family.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23— Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am Anton Zappulla, requested by the family

10:15am Giuseppe Sipala, requested by his son and family

MONDAY, JANUARY 24— Saint Francis de Sales Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30am—The Mullarkey Family, requested by Mary & Joe Mullarkey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25— Conversion of St. Paul Apostle,

7:30am—Mary Pinto, requested by Jim Pinto

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26— Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops

7:30am—Six Month Anniversary, Angelina Bertolini, requested by the Sanzaro Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27—

7:30am—Paul Mazarella, requested by the family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28—St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Religious and Doctor of the Church

7:30am—David Charbonneau, requested by the Richard & Davis Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29—

7:30am—Mary Crowley, requested by Diane Szlachetka

Vigil Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm—Edward Pytel, requested by friends

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30—FOURTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME, National Catholic Schools Week begins

8:00am—Gary Johnston, requested by Nora Uricchio

10:15am—Catholic Schools Mass

WORD TO THE FAITHFUL



Pastor's Corner – January 23, 2022

The Transition Team met once again on January 10th. Deacon Jim McCormack from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Team joined us.

The three committees reported on their work since our last meeting.

The Communication Committee has set up a dedicated email for anyone to ask questions or share comments with the Team.

The Finance Committee has reviewed the annual budget of both parishes, and is coordinating efforts with the Building/Grounds Committee of both parishes concerning future infrastructure needs of each campus.

The Pastoral Care Committee has compiled a list of existing ministries in each parish, and has discussed possible combined social events.

We discussed possible names of the new combined parish once that takes place.

The recommendation was made to use the name 'Christ the King Parish', with each campus retaining their current names: Incarnation, Corpus Christi, and Sacred Heart. Several reasons for this decision were given:

- the name 'Christ the King' is the name of the 2017 merger of three parishes;
- there is significant expense to change a name, from stationery to legal work;
- there is stability in keeping the name for those who have already undergone a name change of their parish.

Our next task will include the development of a Mission Statement. This will drive our identity and purpose. Pope Francis' '10 Themes for Synodality' will be used to identify the direction of our community.

I am most grateful for the efforts of all ten committee members, for their enthusiasm and energy. Please continue to pray the Prayer for our Community daily, asking the Lord to bless our efforts.

Father Nick

We welcome Fr. Zacharias Pushpanathan to our parishes of Christ the King and Incarnation. Born India, Father Zach was ordained in India January 14, 1981 (Happy 41st anniversary, Father). He ministered for ten years in India before going to Argentina for 13 years as pastor. In 2003, he came to the Archdiocese of Hartford. Here he has served in St. Margaret in Waterbury, St. Augustine in Hartford, St. Mary in New Britain, St. Anne/Immaculate Conception in Hartford, St. Francis in South Windsor, St. Peter in Torrington, Prison Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul in East Haven, and St. Mary Magdalene in Oakville. Welcome Fr. Zach!

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



For healing after abortion

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat weekend **March 25-27, 2022 in Farmington, CT.** The weekend healing process includes discussions, Living Scriptures with meditations, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and Mass of Entrustment. Participation is totally confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. Both women and men have participated in past retreats and have ranged in age from teens to mid-eighties. The fee for the weekend is \$175.00 for meals, private room and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available for financial assistance. For more information contact Marie at 203-631-9030, email her at mlaffin@prolifeministry.org, or visit our website at www.rachelsvineyard.org.



Second Sunday in Ordinary

Time: 1/16/2022

Offertory:

\$4,156.00

Online Giving:

\$2284.51

Total: \$6,440.51

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

The Second Collection this weekend will benefit our Diocesan Catholic High Schools. Our Catholic High Schools provide over 100,000 hours of student led community service. Our students are taught to respect love and care for others as they prepare for leadership in the church and society.

Christ The King Holy

Family Women's Retreat:

March 4-6, 2022

Theme is In the Spirit of Trust:

To have a relationship with God, we need to be able to trust that God will provide for us and guide us on our journey through life. That kind of trust begins in our relationships with others. Let's join our fellow parishioners on a weekend retreat at Holy Family. Call Mary Tyler (860) 202-9400 for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



January 30

Grades K-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 the third weekend of the month. 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.

Call MJ Densmore to serve this worthy cause (860) 529-9928.



Novena to End Human Trafficking

The International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking is observed annually on February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. St. Bakhita is the patroness of survivors of human trafficking. The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry (OCSJM) invites you to invoke her intercession for all those involved in human trafficking and an end to this societal ill by participating in a novena.

Beginning Feb. 8 the link to the daily prayer will be posted on OCSJM's Facebook channel, the Archdiocesan website, and the Archdiocesan YouTube page. Please follow or subscribe to one of these outlets.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. There are seven sessions on weekdays, 7pm - 9:30pm and some on a weekend as well. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening & communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, & learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration limited and a \$100 application fee is required. Call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

HOMELESS BAGS

Thank you for all your donations so 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. They received snacks, hats and mittens.

We are continuing this project. Our next assembly will be on January 30th. 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/3I5TLCG70N9S0?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!

For information call Nora Uricchio at (860) 830-5989 or Nuricchio3@gmail.com or Daisy Trahan at Daisy.trahan@gmail.com.

Christ the King Parish is offering a Holy Hour at 6:30PM on February 4, 2022 in Corpus Christi Church. The Holy Hour will include Lectio Divina, Praise and Worship, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please join us in prayer for this beautiful event, and enjoy some special one-on-one time with our Lord.

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 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!

STOP. THINK. ACT

These are the most encouraging words we have heard from our parents, elders and teachers in our schools. One must treasure them in his/her heart and never cease to repeat to others. These powerful words are capable of lifting up one's spirit and infuse renewed energy to face challenges in life, no matter how difficult they may appear.

Right from my childhood days, I was fascinated by the ever-active Ants!!

They have no eyes, but still, they are moving towards a definite target. Nothing deters them from reaching it. When faced with obstacles, they either go over them or make a detour. You will never see them making a U turn and abandon their pursuit. They know only to move forward. They are born trouble shooters!!

Beethoven was the most celebrated Musician of all times. He was born deaf, but with sheer determination, he overcame the obstacles and achieved his goal.

Winston Churchill, one of the architects of the allied victory during the Second World War, failed twice in English language. Yet, he was able to lift up the morale of his people by his powerful motivational speech during the turbulent days. His speech resonates even today in the hearts of his fellow countrymen.

It is not what destiny does with us, but what we do with destiny that determines what we shall become. It is never too late to become what you might have been!!

It is destiny versus you, not destiny against you. Let life challenge you. You are human and the hardships of life are sent to you, not by an unkind destiny to crush you, but to challenge you.

St. Paul assures us that "God will never try us beyond our strength" (1 Cor. 10:13)

Never, never, never give up!!!!

Fr. Zach

CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

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 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 see how much MORE we can offer your family!! The school encompasses Pre K - 8th grade.

To register, visit website <https://corpuschristischoolct.org/> or call 860-529-5487.

XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL

Xavier High School \$25,000 School Cash Raffle is back and \$5K richer.

- Tickets are \$100 each. Only 800 will be sold and it is winner takes all.
- The drawing will be at 11 a.m. on April 1 at Xavier High School. You do not need to be present to win, but you must be at least 18 years old to purchase.
- All tax liabilities are borne solely by the purchaser. Tickets may be purchased by mailing a check (no cash) to Xavier High School, 181 Randolph Road, Middletown CT 06457. For information, call the advancement office at (860) 346-7735.

Xavier Open House Feb. 8: Xavier High School will have an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Come see our fabulous campus as well as meet faculty, staff, and coaches. Our students are given the tools and resources to grow and take on whatever challenge is next.

Academics. Athletics. Clubs. Activities. Faith. Friendship. This is what we're about. You can register at xavierhighschool.org. Click on Admissions and then Open House. Director of Enrollment Management Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at

(860) 346-7735 x743.