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JUNE 26, 2022 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# WELCOME

## **RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR**

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 2:30pm (CC) Saturday: 3:30pm (INC)

### <u>Holy Hour</u>

Saturday: 8am-9am (CC) Daily & Saturday Vigil Masses also live-streamed on Facebook (CC) Daily Rosary for Peace 8:45am (INC)

Sacrament of the Sick We are happy and honored to visit the sick or homebound. Call (860) 529-2545 to contact a priest.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

After 10:15am Sunday Mass (CC) After 10:30am Sunday Mass (INC) Pre–registration required. Call rectory office.

#### <u>WEDDINGS</u>

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Available on church website.

### CANDLE INTENTIONS JUNE 26—JULY 2

<u>SANCTUARY CANDLE #1 (CC)</u> Burns this week in memory of Leonard Anderson, requested by his daughter.



<u>SANCTUARY CANDLE #2 (CC)</u> Burns this week in memory of Henry Morissette, requested by his wife and family.

**BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1 (CC)** Burns this week in memory of Nicola Farone, requested by the family.



BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #2 (CC) Intention available

#### CANDLE INTENTIONS JUNE 27—JULY 3

SANCTUARY CANDLE (INC) Burns in memory of Wanda Madeux.

<u>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (INC)</u> Burns in memory of Pietro G. Cieri & Antoinetta Santilli. CHRIST THE KING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**On June 1, 2022 our merger** into one faith community from Incarnation & Christ the King in Wethersfield became effective. As of Monday, June 6th the office for <u>Christ the King Parish</u> is located at the Corpus Christi Campus, 84 Somerset St., Wethersfield, CT. All business will be conducted from that rectory office.

We are looking for a few volunteers to assist with the weekly counting of Offertory envelopes.

By Archdiocesan mandate, we need at least two teams of people that alternate weeks. The counting will be done on Mondays (when a holiday falls on a Monday, counting will be done on Tuesdays) beginning at 8:30am in Christ the King rectory. It usually takes no more than two hours. Federal background checks are required – we can assist you in getting that done. Anyone interested, please contact Fr. Nick.

<u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u>—Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Choir Loft, Corpus Christi Church. Practice continues through June.

**FRIDAY ROSARY ON THE GREEN**: Every Friday, 12noon. Meet on the Broad Street Green.

The Christ the King Rectory Offices located at 84 Somerset Street <u>will be closed next</u> Monday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

<u>All Bulletin announcements</u> should be emailed to ahsaharek@cox.net. Deadline is Monday for the following weekend edition.

#### **CHRIST THE KING WEEKLY FOOD DRIVE**

SPONSORED BY SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE. NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS MAY BE LEFT IN BOX IN CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH VESTIBULE. SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL WETHERSFIELD FOOD BANK.

## <u>BAPTISMS</u>

CHRIST THE KING PARISH Luca Joseph Uricchio





# WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

# Pastor's Corner – June 26, 2022

I share with you an update on the transition into our new united Christ the King Parish on two fronts – music and offices. Teddie Niver has been the Director of Music and organist at The Church of the Incarnation for 47 years! During that time her ministry has been synonymous with liturgy here, enhancing weekend and holy day Masses and funerals week in and week out. We are most grateful once again. for all that she has given to us over that time. Teddie has told me she wishes to retire effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, so that she can spend more time pursuing other interests. However, she will still be here with us through the end of 2022, so we are not saying 'good-bye' just yet! By law, in order for her retirement benefits to begin, she cannot return to work for a month, so we will wait until August to see her back again at her usual place in the choir loft. Thad Terzo, who was Music Director at Sacred Heart Parish before taking over that role at Christ the King in 2017, will continue on as music director for our new united Christ the King Parish. Some weekends he will be at Corpus Christi Church while other weekends he will be at Incarnation Church. **Christ the King Parish will** not begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles until August of 2022. Corpus Christi still has some 2022 candles/ Masses available. Incarnation still has 2022 candles. Call (860) 529-2545.

For the month of July, we welcome Emil Kopcha to assist with music here at Christ the King. Emil was the long-time Music Director at St. Thomas in Southington prior to the closing of that church. I had the privilege of working with him for 11 years, and know him as an extremely talented musician with a vast knowledge of liturgical music.

I am thrilled that we are able to share ministry once again.

The process of consolidating our parish offices is one week in (as I write this). By the time you read this, our hope is to have all the computers from Incarnation moved to Corpus Christi, and our staff working from Corpus Christi full time.

When you need to contact our parish office it is located at 84 Somerset St (on the corner of the Silas Deane). The easiest door for access is the one facing the parking lot. Ring the bell and Rose, Audrey, Margie and/or Niki will be happy to assist you.

The new Office Hours will be Monday through Friday 8:00 - 4:30. By phone, the office staff can be reached at 860.529.2545. Having all the staff together will help us assist you better.

**Building a new Parish from Incarnation &** <u>Christ the King.....</u>Q: Where can I find updated merger information?

A: The Transition Team has a Communication Committee. They are sharing info. via the bulletin, websites, Facebook, (http://www.facebook.com/CTKParishCT), email and announcements at Mass. Questions? Email incarnation.ctk@gmail.com.

# OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, June 25 Vigil - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (CC) John & Rose Cascio, requested by the family

5:00pm (INC) Edward & Ann Coughlin, Eddie Coughlin & Joseph W. Cunningham, Jr.

#### SUNDAY, June 26 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (CC) Carmela Patrizi, requested by her granddaughter

8:30am (INC) Deceased members of the Santos, Gaspar & Loura Families

10:15am (CC) John P. Brett, requested by his wife & family

10:30am (INC) Donato Gaetani

#### MONDAY, June 27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:30am (CC) Catherine Leining, requested by Rosemary Dowd

9:00am (INC) For all our parishioners

#### TUESDAY, June 28 Saint Irenaeus Bishop & Martyr

7:30am (CC) Michael & Hannah Sheehy, requested by the family

9:00am (INC) Pietro G. Cieri & Antoinetta Santilli

#### WEDNESDAY, June 29 Saints Peter and Paul Apostles

7:30am (CC) In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am (INC) Tina Connolly

#### THURSDAY, June 30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) For all deceased members & relatives of the Women's Club & Men's Club

#### FIRST FRIDAY, July 1 Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) Pasquale Marinelli

#### SATURDAY, July 2 Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am (CC) Intention available

#### SATURDAY, July 2 Vigil - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (CC) Carl Liba, requested by the Derech & Thompson Families

5:00pm (INC) Paolo, Santa, Antonino & Sebastiano Zocco

#### SUNDAY, July 3 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (CC) Joseph & Maria Calleri, requested by the family

8:30am (INC) Dale Duncan

10:15am (CC) Joseph Aldi, requested by his daughter

10:30am (INC) Charles Feroleto

# JOIN US



#### Social Action Committee News

#### <u>Caring for creation by recycling our</u> <u>resources (Part 3)</u>

Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudate Si'* celebrates the freedom and material abundance in affluent countries such as ours. But it also asks us to reconsider the "throw-away culture" that has crept in, corroding our sense of wonder and gratitude for the world God has created. (And as *Laudate Si'*teaches, the "throw-away culture" isn't just about material things: think abortion, indifference towards the mentally ill, and neglect of the elderly.) Big issues, certainly. But here are a few small steps that can break us free of "throw-away culture."

Avoiding creating waste in the first place. Re-consider single-use items. They're convenient, for sure – but then what? Consider potential benefits of reusable alternatives that single-use items can't provide: A mug keeps your coffee hotter for longer, a reusable water bottle keeps your water colder.

When shopping, consider how long the item is likely to last. (Remember the old saying, "Buy cheap, buy twice.") Consider the item's "end of life": Can it be recycled? Or will it just add to the enormous volume of discards in our ever-growing dumps?

#### Consider starting a simple compost pile in your back yard for plantbased food scraps.

Nothing fancy -- a little patch of ground ringed by some chicken wire fence can do the trick. (If you're feeling ambitious, stand up some old wooden pallets to form a box, and tie the corners together.) With a shovel/ garden fork, mix your vegetable/fruit kitchen scraps into a pile of leaves/yard trimmings. Mix it up a bit more every now & then, & let nature take care of the rest. Next year, look forward to some rich humus for your neighbor's garden/ lawn/flower pots. Tips: (1) Keep the food scraps to plant-based only – no meat, dairy, or other animal-origin material. (2) Keep grass clippings to a minimum, or skip altogether – they require frequent mixing with other, drier materials to avoid problems.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

We are an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Our local council, James J Gannon #4193 is always looking for Catholic men to join Knights of Columbus. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Go to KofC.org/joinus, enter your info. & our council number 4193 to start the process. For info. about the Wethersfield Council – call Jeff Lojko at 860-965-8036.



#### 2022 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

As Catholics in the Archdiocese of Hartford we have a profound impact on our local communities not only in the spiritual realm, but intimately connected to it, the realm of social services, charities & outreach services performed by, or with help from, our Church.

Please support the A.A.A.

548 families/households have pledged \$219,235.00 towards our goal.

> 2022 Theme is Stronger Together

Christ the King Parish Corpus Christi & Incarnation goal is \$321,000.00. Thank you! LEARN, GROW & SHARE—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

## **Honesty**

Here are some definitions of honesty; Rightness. Forthrightness. Trustworthiness. Consciousness. Honorableness. Loyalty. Incorruptibility. Impeccability. Freedom from fraud. Integrity. Veracity. Rectitude. Uprightness.

"To live a life of honesty and integrity is a responsibility of every person". No matter what one's status is, nothing should prevent one from being honest. "No legacy is so rich as honesty" *William Shakespeare*.

In a big town there lived a rich man. On a hot summer evening, he sat in front of his house sipping a can of beer. A poor and disabled widow slowly approached him and begged for help. The rich man didn't even look at her. When she persisted for help, he lost his cool, got up and went inside the house and shut the door. Then she noticed that his wallet which was full of money had fallen down from his pocket.

At first, she thought of walking away with the wallet. Certainly, it would have been a big help for her than to its rich owner. But despite her poverty, honestly she decided to return it to it's rightful owner. With that intention, she knocked at the door.

The man got furious and hurled dirty words at her from inside. But she gently knocked at the door again. Furious as he was, he opened the door with his Pitbull on a leash. The widow, calmly gave his wallet back to him that she found on the ground.

The rich man was left speechless and was ashamed of his rude behavior. With his anger and pride disappearing and realizing his folly, he appreciated her honesty with a fitting reward, giving her a substantial amount of money. In the end, not only did she earn a reward but also, she changed his heart by her honesty. Poverty did not prevent her from being honest. "Honest people don't hide their deeds". *Emily Bronte*.

"It takes strength and courage to admit the truth". *Rick Rordan*.

"Honesty is often very hard. The truth is often painful. But the freedom it can bring is worth trying". *Fred Rogers*.

"Being honest may not get you a lot of friends but it will always get you the right ones" *John Lennon*.

"The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in people who are trustworthy". *Proverbs 12;22*.

"Honesty is the first chapter of the book of wisdom" *Thomas Jefferson*.

"If you were completely honest to yourself about yourself, other people and the world, you would never get disappointed. You would liberate yourself from all the illusion and falsehoods. This would give you great power" *Anonymous Author*.

"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice". *Proverbs 21;3*.

Prayer; Heavenly Father, brother on earth lover of spirit...guide us in remembering that appearances are often a façade...both these and those we see and those we create. Help us to live lives of integrity and truth. Abide with us as we struggle to take down the walls behind which we and others might hide. Teach us how to move into the light of honesty so that we might become one with you. And protect us from all deception. We pray this in your name. Amen.

Fr. Zach

JESUS ANSWERED HIM, "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

Luke 9:58

#### CALLED BY GOD

We return to Ordinary Time this Sunday, and with this new season we focus on what it means to be a person who is called by God for some definite purpose. Elisha recognized God's call in Elijah's greeting and prepared immediately to follow. The people who came to Jesus seemed ready to follow, yet each had reasons to linger behind. As people who are given the freedom to follow or to stay behind, we must ask ourselves what we are ready to do for the sake of Christ and the call of the gospel. What are you called to do at this time in your life? Are you prepared to leave behind the things that get in the way of living as a Christian?

#### FOLLOW

What does it mean to follow Jesus? The Gospels show us that Jesus called each person individually, recognizing the things that stood in the way for each. He looked into the person's heart and saw the true desires of the person standing before him. Each of us experiences Christ's call uniquely as the persons we are. For some, following requires us to take stock of our lives and let go of the obstacles that keep us from the way of true discipleship. For others, the call may lead us to deepen the way that faith directs our lives, with more intentional time in prayer, regular participation in Mass, renewed attention to family, involvement in our parish, or new acts of service.

#### **BE READY**

It is easy to say we want to follow Jesus, yet most of us feel competing desires that stand in the way of discipleship. We may be distracted by the constant swirl of activity so prevalent in our surrounding culture; we might be lured by worldly wealth and the status that often accompanies it; we may simply be comfortable with the way things are and find it difficult to risk changing anything. In today's Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that we must stop putting off making the changes that will bring us closer to him and to God's way of life. We must trust in the Lord, knowing that what he most deeply desires is that we be close to him. If you encountered Jesus today and said you were ready

to follow him, what would he see in your heart, what obstacles or hesitations would he perceive? Go to Jesus in prayer this day. Listen to him say, "Follow me." Prayerfully place your life in the Lord's hands and be ready to follow.

#### **TODAY'S READINGS**

1 Kings 19:16b, 19–21 Psalm 16:1–2, 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11 Galatians 5:1, 13–18 Luke 9:51–62

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