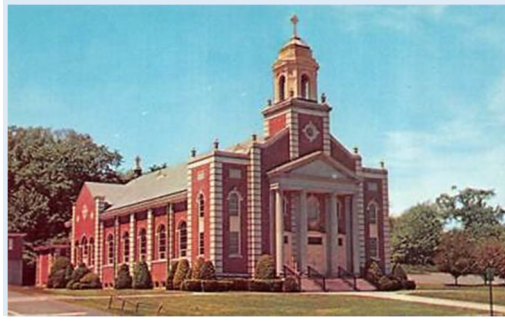


# CHRIST the KING PARISH



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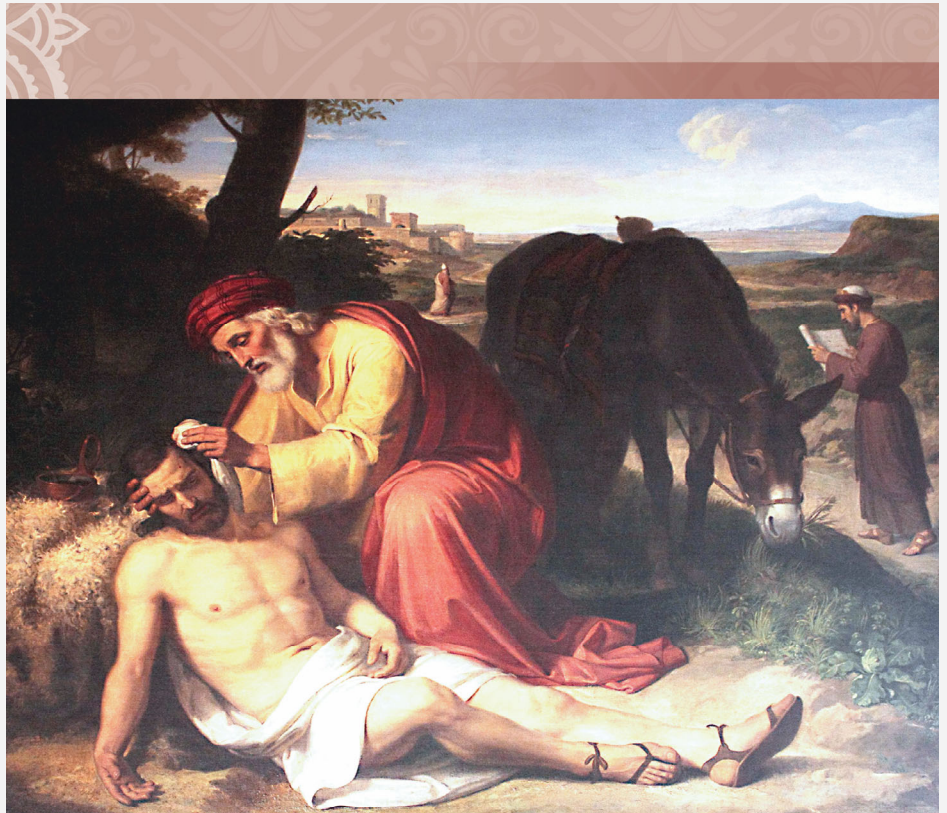
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# 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

“But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.” - Lk 10:33

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**JULY 10, 2022 —Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

# WELCOME

## RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30pm (CC)

Saturday: 3:30pm (INC)

### Holy Hour

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.

### WEDDINGS

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Available on church website.

## CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 10—JULY 16

### SANCTUARY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Fote,  
Sr.



### SANCTUARY CANDLE #2 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Paul Janis,  
requested by his Godmother.

### BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Intention available.



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

Intention available.

## CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 11—JULY 17

### SANCTUARY CANDLE (INC)

Burns in memory of Sarah Ann Marie Privitera.

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (INC)

Burns in memory of Ceola Cooke.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Good News! On Monday, we were notified that the merger of Incarnation & Christ the King Parishes into Christ the King was accepted by the State of Connecticut, effective June 1, 2022! A huge thank-you to all who worked tirelessly to make this happen. Christ the King Parish Office is located at the Corpus Christi Campus, 84 Somerset Street, Wethersfield. All business will be transacted from that location. The Phone number is (860) 529-2545.**

**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, contact Fr. Nick.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesdays, 6:30pm, Choir Loft, Corpus Christi Church. Practice continues through July.

### CHRIST THE KING PRAYER SHAWL

**MINISTRY:** Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1pm, on Wethersfield Green (on Elm Street). Don't forget to bring a chair and your knitting. If it rains, meet in Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church.

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

**All Bulletin announcements should be emailed to ahsaharek@cox.net. Monday is weekly deadline.**

### 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.



# WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner – July 10, 2022

What does God look like? Kids ask that with equal measures of innocence and expectation. What a disappointment to hear that God is invisible! If we ask Google, we get a wide variety of images: mostly white beards and triangles, traditional and modern pictures of Jesus and, it's no surprise, almost no feminine figures.

In today's Gospel, St. Luke narrates one of Jesus' most well-known parables, one that never ceases to challenge us. It calls us to look anew at the maligned Samaritans of **our** day.

What if in Jesus' challenge the Samaritan represents not only marginalized people, but especially the people with whom we disagree most vehemently. Can you imagine what it would have felt like to be desperate and rescued by one of "that kind"? Needing the person we denigrate is the most uncomfortable image in the story.

When we picture ourselves in the scenario, we might have a bit more sympathy for those who passed by. We've all heard stories of entrapment in which someone fakes a need only to ambush the helper. Instead of taking heed, our Good Samaritan freely offered his service and his goods to replace what had been stolen from the victim. We know all of that.

Now, suppose we listen to the parable as a response to the question we started with. What if we listened as if Jesus were using this parable not just to describe who is a neighbor, but to draw a portrait of God? A self-portrait? What would it mean to envision **God** as the Samaritan?

Seeing the victim's plight, the Samaritan dropped his plans, sacrificed his own provisions to treat the other's wounds, transformed his cargo animal into an ambulance and finally commissioned someone else to continue caring for the victim. Who better than this Samaritan to give us a portrait of Jesus Christ?

Here, in the middle of Luke's Gospel, we get the parable that explains the motive of Jesus' mission. When God sees suffering and need, the divine response is intimate, unbounded solidarity.

When Luke describes the Samaritan's compassion, he portrays God as honestly assuming the pain of every person who suffers and bears the cost of their suffering. What is the message for us? Nothing more or less than Jesus' conclusion to this story. Looking at the poor and all innocent victims, he addresses us, saying: "Go and do likewise."

**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.

**Christ the King Parish.....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.ctl@gmail.com](mailto:incarnation.ctl@gmail.com).



# OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

***SATURDAY, July 9,  
St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest &  
Companions, Martyrs; BVM***

7:30am (CC) 23rd Anniversary for Carmine Attanasio,  
requested by his wife

***SATURDAY, July 9  
Vigil - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

4:00pm (CC) Intention available

5:00pm (INC) Dale Duncan

***SUNDAY, July 10  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am (CC) Jennette Romano

8:30am (INC) Christopher Barnoski and Charlie & Millie  
Christadore

10:15am (CC) Nicoletta Casasanta, requested by her family

10:30am (INC) Donato Gaetani

***MONDAY, July 11  
St. Benedict, Abbot***

7:30am (CC) Rosa Capasso, requested by the family

9:00am (INC) Donald Obedzinski & Gail Obedzinski

***TUESDAY, July 12***

7:30am (CC) Antonio Capasso, requested by the children

9:00am (INC) For the intentions of the people of Christ the  
King Parish

***WEDNESDAY, July 13  
St. Henry***

7:30am (CC) First Year Anniversary for Todd Doten,  
requested by Michael, Laurie, Anthony & Matthew Sanzaro

9:00am (INC) Laura Kirsche Hart

***THURSDAY, July 14  
USA: St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin***

7:30am (CC) Ted Jackym

9:00am (INC) John & Frances Rotondaro

***FRIDAY, July 15  
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the  
Church***

7:30am (CC) Dina Kowalski

9:00am (INC) Anthony Riccio Sr.

***SATURDAY, July 16  
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, BVM***

7:30am (CC) Intention available

***SATURDAY, July 16  
Vigil - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

4:00pm (CC) Joseph & Lois Digalbo, Rose Mirabello &  
Peter McCorath, requested by the family

5:00pm (INC) Luigi & Clorinda Mastromarino

***SUNDAY, July 17  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

8:00am (CC) Joseph & Maria Calleri

8:30am (INC) John Kowal

10:15am (CC) 9th Anniversary for William J. Graver,  
requested by Bruce & Linda Graver & the Graver Family

10:30am (INC) Mark Campittello

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

***Christ the King Parish:***  
**ELEMENTARY GRADES K-6 &**  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL**  
**GRADES 7-9.**

Online registration for 2022-2023  
will be available soon.



The Second  
collection this  
weekend is the  
**Monthly  
Collection.**

**The Second Collection next  
weekend is the Mission  
Co-op Collection** to benefit the  
Passionist Missionaries of Papua,  
New Guinea. The Passionist  
priests/brothers have worked  
amongst the people of Papua for  
over 60 years. Please see bulletin  
insert. Checks can be made payable  
to Christ the King Parish. Thanks!

**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**

***Both Incarnation and  
Corpus Christi Churches  
offer Low Gluten Hosts for  
parishioners who need them.  
Please let the presider know  
prior to Mass of your request.***

## **AOH Hartford Irish Road Bowling Tournament**

The 2nd Annual Hartford Irish Road  
Bowling Tournament is Sat., July 16,  
at 1 p.m. at Riverside Park, Hartford.  
The event will be presented by The  
Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford  
Division 2 in conjunction with River-  
front Recapture. Registration is open  
[hartfordaoh.com](http://hartfordaoh.com). Cost \$50 for a  
team of 4 & \$15 for an individual.

## Social Action Committee News

### **Light Up the Dark Event for Human Trafficking**

Human Trafficking is a world-wide  
public health issue that is happening in  
increasing & alarming numbers, all  
over the world, our country, & all over  
CT. Anyone can be a victim of human  
trafficking regardless of sex, age, race,  
citizenship status or level of  
educational achievement. An exciting  
event called, **Light Up the Dark**, is **Sat.,  
July 30<sup>th</sup> 2-9:30 pm**, Cove Park in  
Torrington. Enjoy a day in the park  
with family/friends for food, music,  
crafts/face painting. Music by The  
Wendy May Jam group from 6:30-9:30  
pm. Goal of this event is to raise  
awareness about child trafficking/to  
protect our youth by supporting local  
anti-child trafficking efforts. Proceeds  
benefit anti-trafficking organizations  
such as The Underground of New  
England & Love 146, who seeks to end  
child trafficking/exploitation.

### **School Supplies Needed**

July 23rd & 24th, the Social Action  
Committee will collect school supplies  
for St Martin de Porres House,  
Hawkwing, & the Town of Weth.  
Please help us provide **new** school  
supplies to children in need. We are  
able to help many children because of  
the generosity of our Christ the King  
parishioners. Donations can be  
dropped off at Masses July 23rd &  
24th. Please drop donations no later  
than 10:15am Mass on Sunday at  
Christ the King or 10:30am Mass on  
Sunday at Church of the Incarnation.

Suggested new items include the  
following: spiral notebooks, 3-ring  
binders, 2-pocket folders, Post-it pads  
(3 in. size), pencils, pencil sharpeners,  
erasers, pencil pouches or boxes, pens  
(blue, black, red, or green), erasable  
pens (blue, or black), markers  
(washable) bold or thin, crayons,  
colored pencils, highlighters, small  
scissors, glue sticks, paper for binders,  
drawing or construction paper, index  
cards (3X5), rulers, solar calculators  
(T1-23), & backpacks for all ages. For  
info. call Lucy Russo (860) 529-3698.

## **Help needed Survivors of Human Trafficking**

Five of us from the Social Action  
Committee are now part of the Care and  
Support Program through a joint partnership  
of The Underground New England and The  
Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry  
(OCSJM) of the Archdiocese of Hartford.  
We are the first congregation and first  
people to be part of this program to pray for  
and indirectly help meet the needs of human  
trafficking survivors through their mentor,  
who works for The Underground.

**For this month**, we have received requests  
from the mentor for prayers and items  
needed for three survivors so far. The five of  
us can meet a number of the requests on our  
own, but we can really use some help to  
fulfill the remaining bigger requests.

**Here are the requests** that we can use  
your help with, which will always include  
specific prayer requests that anyone can do:  
**Survivor #1, female:** Recently got her own  
apartment and walks 2 hours to get a bus,  
which then takes her 2 more hours to get to  
her job by bus, one way. She cannot afford  
to repair her car, which would greatly  
shorten her travel time to and from work.

We are waiting to learn the approximate cost  
of the car repairs. Money to repair the car is  
greatly needed. If you can donate any funds,  
please put the money or check (made out to  
CTK Social Action, with "survivor 1" in the  
memo line) and put it in the collection  
basket at either church.

Through the 5 of us, we are providing a  
portable A/C unit for her apartment & a gift  
cert. to purchase clothes for interviewing.

**Prayers:** For job opportunities & a new  
job (retail) that is close to home and positive  
interviews for the interviewing process.

**Survivor #2, male:** He just moved into his  
own apartment and is in need of a dresser,  
small hutch and a small flat screen TV. Our  
team of five is meeting the other needs of a  
tool box, tools, an area rug, a bath mat, and a  
small coat rack for the wall.

**Prayers:** For strength as he juggles his  
very full schedule of work and school.

**Survivor #3, female:** Recently moved from  
temporary housing into an apartment with  
her Emotional Support Animal (ESA), who  
needs training. She is excited about having  
her own place, decorating it, & hanging her  
own art on the walls, but she's overwhelmed  
by all of the work ahead of her, as she works  
on her health, school & job. She is crafty/  
artistic and would like a sewing machine.

Our team of five is providing Walmart gift  
cards, so she purchase food because she is  
not on SNAP benefits yet through the state.

**Prayer Requests:** Peace, calm/structure as  
she figures out how to balance her schedule.  
Resources for training her ESA. She's had to  
remove someone from her life, and it's been  
very painful. Please pray for comfort and  
strength to make safe choices. To donate  
items besides money, call Nancy Kiely at  
860-989-5548 or: [nkiely80331@cox.net](mailto:nkiely80331@cox.net).

## LEARN, GROW & SHARE—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### Listen, Listen, Listen!

“There’s a lot of difference between listening and hearing” G.K. Chesterson. Most often “You’re short on ears and long on mouth”. John Wayne. “The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand. We listen to reply”

Stephen R. Covey. “If you ask for advice, listen, instead of interrupting and debating why it’s wrong” R.J. Intindola. “Listening is a magnetic force” Karl A. Menninger

A housing expert was to make a speech on a better housing plan for the towns people. Even though the admission was free, the people, outside the hall were mumbling and whispering, but no one went in. Bewildered, the speaker called over a bright looking young man and asked what the reason was. He answered “before they come in they want to know how much you will pay them for listening”. “What? Pay them for the lecture!?”. Munching potato chips the young man answered “yea”, anybody can talk, talk, talk. But to listen a long time is hard. Now, how much do you pay?”

“It takes patience to listen. It takes skill to pretend you’re listening” Harmon Okinyo  
“The key to good listening isn’t technique, it’s desire. Until we truly want to understand the other person, we’ll never listen well” Steve Goodlier.

Whether on a mountain or in the plains or on the river banks, people gathered in large numbers to listen to Jesus. His words had magnetic force. He had the special power to keep the crowd spellbound. “So, if you love someone, you should train yourself to become a better listener. By listening with calm and understanding, we can ease the suffering of another person”. Thich Nhat Hanh. “Listening is about being present, not just about being quiet” Krista Tippet.

“We have two ears and one mouth, so we should listen more than we say” Zeno of Citum. St. John Mary Vianney, also called as ‘Cure’ d’Arce’ was a very successful priest because of his ability to listen to hundreds of penitents who approached him for counseling. He would spend day and night giving, all his time by listening to the people. “When we care enough to ask and really take time to listen to someone else’s story, we learn so much about who they are...Listen with your heart” Jennifer Hayes.

“Most of the people I’ve known are the ones who do more listening than talking” Bernard M. Baruch. We have all spoken to Jesus through prayers. He always listens but waits. “Listen and you will be heard” Ajit Naskar.

There’s a saying that, people came to see Pope John Paul II, but people came to listen to Pope Benedict XVI. “If speaking is silver, then listening is gold” Turkish proverb. “He who speaks, sows; who listens, reaps” Argentinian Proverb. “He who is wise, listens” Anonymous Author. “During the conversation, listening is as powerful as loving” Amit Klantri. “It takes a great man to be a good listener” Calvin Coolidge

“Listening to reason is a stepping stone to maturity” Bert McCoy. “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen” Winston Churchill. “The ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people” Woodrow Wilson. “Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have rather talked” Mark Twain. “When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new” Dalai Lama. “It is not at all hard to understand a person; It’s only hard to listen without bias” Criss Tami.

“No one wants to listen. They all just want to sprout opinions and then get offended that you don’t agree with them. Conversations only work if both parties are willing and open to learn from each other”. George Stamatis.

Dear Lord, we are aware that you are listening to us better and more than we are talking. Help us to imitate your wisdom and do not let us turn deaf ears to those want to be heard. Amen

Fr. Zach