

# CHRIST the KING PARISH



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## 16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

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*JULY 17, 2022 —Sixteenth 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 17—JULY 23

### SANCTUARY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Michael Greco.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE #2 (CC)

Intention available.

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

Burns this week in memory of William J.

Graver, requested by Mary McKeever.

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

Intention available.



## CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 18—JULY 24

### SANCTUARY CANDLE (INC)

Burns in memory of the Deceased members of the Shea  
Family.

### BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (INC)

Burns in memory of Anthony Diana.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Good News!** We were recently 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. The Christ the King Parish Office is located at the Corpus Christi Campus, 84 Somerset Street, Wethersfield. All business is transacted from that location. The phone number is: (860) 529-2545.

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO CHRIST THE KING PARISH. Thanks!**

**Christ the King Parish** will begin accepting 2023 Masses, Sanctuary & Blessed Virgin Mary Candles on August 8th at 10am. Corpus Christi has some 2022 candles/Masses still available. Incarnation still has some 2022 candles available. Call (860) 529-2545.

### 2023 Christ the King Parish Mass Schedule: Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:  
9am at Incarnation Church Campus

Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday:  
7:30am at Corpus Christi Church Campus

Saturday Vigil Mass:  
4:30pm at Incarnation Church Campus

Sunday Masses:  
8am & 11am, Corpus Christi Church Campus  
9:30am, Incarnation Church Campus

**CHRIST THE KING MEN'S CLUB MEETING** 7/20, 7PM - Fr. Crawford Hall, Incarnation Church Campus.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** No rehearsals until Sept.

### CHRIST THE KING PRAYER SHAWL

**MINISTRY:** Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1pm, on the 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](mailto:ahsaharek@cox.net). Monday is weekly deadline.



# WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner – July 17, 2022

Back on July 7<sup>th</sup>, I had the privilege of celebrating the TV Mass. It is always an honor, knowing how many people who cannot make it to church are staying connected with Mass and the Church. It was suggested that everyone should hear my homily for that day. And so I share it with you.

‘Jesus said to his apostles, ‘As you go, make this proclamation: the Kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ Today’s Gospel begins with Jesus’ command that his apostles declare the ‘kingdom of heaven is at hand!’ Pope Francis noted that seeking the reign of God involves **boldness** and **adventure**. Boldness and adventure!

Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is “the opposite of a dull life! It is a treasure that renews life every day, and leads it to extend towards a **wider** horizon.” “Those seeking the reign of God,” he continued, “have a creative and inquisitive heart, leading them to new paths for loving God, neighbor, and themselves.”

It seems that everywhere we turn these days people are bemoaning what they are **losing**, what is “being taken from them” in their lives.

Two examples pop immediately into my mind: the public outcry since the Supreme Court rescinded the Roe v Wade decision to legalize abortion, and, the numerous parishes that are being closed and/or merged here in the Archdiocese. In each case, people are upset that what they once had is being taken from them. They are at a loss as to why, and demand that these things be given back to them.

I am the first to admit that change is not easy. I am the first to admit I would prefer things remain the way I have always known them to be. I would be the first to admit that I find comfort in maintaining the status quo. And I think almost every one of us feels the same way.

But, if I am honest with myself, I need to take a step back and ask myself if that is **really** the path to the Kingdom. Or, perhaps, the Holy Spirit is leading us and guiding us in new, fresh, different directions at this time.

Why would the Spirit do that? Very simply, so that we might not veer from the road that leads to the Kingdom. The Kingdom of heaven **is** at hand for **us** today as well.

If we are serious about seeking that Kingdom, then **we** need to step out in bold, new directions too. We need to be adventurous, and be willing to go where God is leading, trusting that **He** knows best.

Let us pray that we might allow the Eucharist we celebrate to open our minds and hearts to the will of God, and ask for the strength to unite them with **His** will, so that in all we will say and do this very day, we might be assured of drawing ever closer to our ultimate goal of spending eternity in the Father’s Kingdom of true and lasting peace.

**We are still searching 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 is done on Mondays (when a holiday falls on a Monday, counting is done on Tuesdays) beginning at 8:30am in Christ the King rectory. It usually takes no more than 2 hours. Federal background checks are required – we can assist you in getting that done. Please contact Fr. Nick. Thank you!*

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

# OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**MONDAY, July 18  
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**

7:30am (CC) Frank Stavola, requested by his friends

9:00am (INC) Kerry-Beth Mangone

**TUESDAY, July 19**

7:30am (CC) Luciano Carpinteri

9:00am (INC) Deceased members of the Shea Family

**WEDNESDAY, July 20  
St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr**

7:30am (CC) Jacqueline Mazur, requested Joe & Fran Lawrence

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

**THURSDAY, July 21  
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) Anthony Diana

**FRIDAY, July 22  
Saint Mary Magdalene**

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) Tiberio & Armida Pace

**SATURDAY, July 23  
Saint Bridget, Religious, BVM**

7:30am (CC) Intention available

**SATURDAY, July 23  
Vigil - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm (CC) Denise Fote, requested by Joe & Debbie Abbate

5:00pm (INC) Elisa Gulioso

**SUNDAY, July 24  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am (CC) Lucille Phelan, requested by her daughter

8:30am (INC) Vincenza Bulanti

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

10:30am (INC) Harold & Anna Bannon

**Prayer shawls are not solely for the sick.** To some, they are called comfort shawls. Are you in need of comfort? Do you know someone who is? Please call the rectory at (860) 529-2545, and we would be happy to provide you with a blessed shawl.

# HUMAN TRAFFICKING

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Online registration for 2022-2023 is now available.

### **The Second Collection this 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. There will be a brief video shown at all Masses. Please make checks payable to Christ the King Parish. Thank You!

**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 July Food Drive**

The Ancient Order of Hibernians Hartford Division 2 is sponsoring a Food Drive Sunday, July 24th, 11:30 am 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 10:15am Mass for any donations. We will give donations to the pantry at St. Augustine Church in Hartford. Please bring non-perishable items with canned meats/soup in the greatest need in addition to pinto/pink beans. We are also collecting cooking oils, spices & condiments. Thanks to all for your generosity!

## Social Action Committee News

*Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming or at least the human causes which produce or aggravate it”  
(Laudato Si’, 23).*

### **Prayer before shopping**

Thank You, Lord, for all Your gifts. For bestowing upon us the necessary food and things of daily use.

Do not let material possessions separate us from You, the Supreme Good. Open our hearts to Your love, which You show to us through the closeness of our brothers and sisters and the beauty of Your creation. Free us from attachment to the things we possess and enable us to share sacrificially with those who have less than us.

Teach us to be content with what is necessary. Protect us from greed, avarice and waste. May our daily choices serve to achieve justice in the world, not exploitation of the planet and its poor. We ask for the needed wisdom, sensitive hearts, and the virtue of moderation, so that when we purchase goods we are guided not only by our own benefit, but by concern for the common good, the rights of workers, the proper treatment of animals, and the consequences for the environment. Help us always to remember that You are our highest Good, and all that we have we owe to You.

Amen.

By Małgorzata Rzym, Laudato Si’ Animator. Warsaw, Poland. Featured in Laudato Si’ Movement Prayer Book.

**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 LOCAL FOOD BANK.

## Successful Walk to Help Amirah, Inc.

Mary Scott, who helps coordinate The Prayer Shawl Ministry and is part of the Social Action Committee and the sub-committee on Human Trafficking, participated in “The Move for Amirah” event June-July. As she pledged to walk 30 miles and is well over this amount and is going to continue to walk for Amirah. On her own, she raised \$710 because of generous donations, which were well over her goal of \$250. Congratulations Mary and thank you for all you do!!

Amirah, Inc. provides aftercare, resources, and opportunities to women who have survived different forms of sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and prostitution. This is done by Amirah offering residential recovery opportunities, organizing outreach efforts, and educating communities, providers, and policy makers on the unique challenges victims and survivors face in the Northeastern United States. They have “safe houses” in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

### **School Supplies Needed**

The weekend of July 23rd and 24th, the Social Action Committee will be collecting school supplies for St Martin de Porres House, Hawkwing, and Town of Wethersfield. Please help us provide new school supplies to children in need. We are able to help many children because Christ the King and Church of the Incarnation parishioners are so generous. Donations may be dropped off at any Mass on July 23rd and 24th. Please drop off donations no later than the 10:15 Mass on Sunday at Christ the King or the 10:30 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), and backpacks for all ages. If you have any questions, call Lucy Russo at 860-529-3698. Thank you.

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

### Love and Kindness

“Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver”. *Barbara de Angelis*. Kindness comes in many forms but always from the heart. “To be kind is more important than to be right. Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens” *Tiny Buddha*.

In a small town there were two orphans, Henry and Susan. He was 14 years old and she was 6-years old. They lived in a modest house. Their parents were the victims of the deadly Covid-19. They had no one to help. Therefore, Henry stopped going to the school and assumed the responsibility of taking care of his little sister by working as a shoe shiner in the town market. For him the happiness and welfare of Susan was more important than his own needs.

One day they were walking together through the town, she saw many beautiful wind-chimes hanging in front of a house. A widow, who lived in that house, earned her livelihood by selling them. Susan pleaded with him to buy one of her favorites. Henry wanted to buy it, but it was very costly and he did not have enough money to buy it. Nevertheless, he wanted to make his little sister happy and decided to get it by all means. One night, he stole the wind-chime Susan liked. He left a note with five-dollars pinned to it on the door of the widow’s house.

The note with his name underneath said “I am sorry for taking your stuff without your permission. I don’t have enough money. My little sister needs it. Please accept this small amount”. On the following morning, the widow found her wind chime missing and she was upset. But that changed immediately when she found the note with a five-dollar bill. She felt very sad and inquired about him in the neighborhood. Finally, she found those two orphans and adopted them as her children. Ever since they all lived happily ever after. Henry and Susan brightened the life of the widow. Both of them started going to the school. More than the sweet sound of the wind-chimes, love, laughter and happiness filled the house.

As long as she stayed in Buckingham Palace, Princess Diana, fondly called ‘Lady Di’, did not find true happiness. Only when she broke the century old royal protocol, did she finally find true peace of mind. She began to mingle with the common and the poorest people all over the world.

“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you” *Princess Diana*. “Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier” *Mother Theresa of Calcutta*.

“If you need to choose between being kind and being right, choose being kind and you will always be right” *Anonymous Author*. “Compassion isn’t about solution. It’s about giving all the love that you’ve got” *Cheryl Strayed*.

“What we all have in common is an appreciation of kindness and compassion; all the religions have this. LOVE. We all lean towards love” *Richard Gere*.

“When we feel love and kindness towards others, it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace” *Dalai Lama*.

“Use your voice of kindness, your ears for compassion, your hands for charity, your mind for truth and your heart for love” *Anonymous Author*.

Jesus was kind to all and loved all, especially the poor, sick and the margined in our society. “He who is kind is remembered afterward; when he falls, he finds support”. *Sirach 3;10*. “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware”. *Hebrews 13;2*.

“Thus, says the lord of hosts, render true judgements, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the sojourner; or the poor, and let none of you devise evil against another in your heart” *Zechariah 7;9-10*

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed” *Proverb 19;17*.

“By the accident of fortune, a man may rule the world for a time, but by virtue of love and kindness, he may rule the world forever”. *Lao Tse*. “Loving kindness radiates boundless love towards the entire world” *Lord Buddha*. “Only your compassion and your loving kindness are invincible and without limit” *Nhat Hanh*.



### BAPTISMS

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