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JULY 24, 2022 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

RECONCILIATION & HOLY HOUR

<u>Reconciliation</u>

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) <u>Daily Rosary for Peace</u> (Mon - Sat.) 7:05am (CC) (Mon - Fri.) 8:30am (INC) All are welcome!

Sacrament of the Sick

We are happy & 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 JULY 24—JULY 30

SANCTUARY CANDLE #1 (CC)

Burns this week in memory of Francis DeLucco, requested by the family.



<u>SANCTUARY CANDLE #2 (CC)</u> Kimberly Fable, requested by The Laufer Family.

BLESSED VIRGIN 7-DAY CANDLE #1 (CC) Burns this week for a Special Intention for Mark, Jaclyn and the children.



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

CANDLE INTENTIONS JULY 25—JULY 31

SANCTUARY CANDLE (INC)

Burns in memory of Anthony & Sophie Mauro.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (INC)

Burns in memory of Anthony & Frances Agiato.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH ACTIVITIES

The merger of Incarnation & Christ the King Parishes into Christ the King was accepted by the State of Connecticut, effective June 1, 2022! 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. <u>PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE</u> <u>TO CHRIST THE KING PARISH</u>. 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.



<u>2023 Christ the King</u> <u>Parish Mass Schedule</u>: <u>Weekday & Weekend Masses:</u>

<u>Monday, Wednesday & Friday:</u> 9am at Incarnation Church Campus

<u>Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday:</u> 7:30am at Corpus Christi Church Campus

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

<u>Sunday Masses</u>: 8am & 11am, Corpus Christi Church Campus

9:30am, Incarnation Church Campus

<u>All bulletin announcements</u> should please be emailed to ahsaharek@cox.net. Deadline Monday.

CHOIR PRACTICE: No rehearsals until Sept.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 1pm, on the Wethersfield Green (on Elm Street). Please bring a chair & 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.



WORD TO THE FAITHFUL

Pastor's Corner – July 24, 2022

One of the great blessings I have experienced in each of the parishes I have served has been watching altar servers grow from young 'newbies' (usually right after making their 1st Holy Communion) to mature young adults ministering in this capacity through their high school years, and even beyond in some cases.

In each of my previous parishes, I have established an award given to those dedicated servers who have come faithfully each weekend for many years, through their senior year of high school, to function as altar servers. In each instance, I have named the award after a former pastor who was influential in the life of the parish for many years.

I am pleased to announce that I carry on that tradition here at Christ the King, and am honored to have presented the very first such award to two outstanding young men last Sunday.

When I arrived in 2017, there were only two altar servers, both formerly of St. Luke Parish, who stepped forward and volunteered to continue in that role at Christ the King. You have seen them serve here since. They have been most helpful at the regular weekend Masses, as well as special occasions like the Holy Week services, and Confirmation Masses. Whenever they were needed, I knew I could count on them to come, and was confident they knew what needed to be done, and at what point in the Mass they needed to assist. Please join me in thanking John Paul Hernandez and his brother Nikki Jean Hernandez as we present them with the very first Fr. Thomas Campion Award. In addition to a plaque given to each of them in recognition of their service, there will be a permanent plaque in the sacristy with their names and space for subsequent honorees. Fr. Campion was a fixture in the churches of Wethersfield for many years, known for his service to our entire community. Thank you John Paul and Nikki Jean for all you have done for Christ the King Parish! Fr. Campion would have been proud of you, and we certainly are as well.



OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, July 23 St. Bridget, Religious, BVM Vigil - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, July 25 Saint James, Apostle

7:30am (CC) Katharine & Charles Sullivan, requested by son Kevin and Family

9:00am (INC) Ray & Grace DeLuca

TUESDAY, July 26 Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) Peter Forgetta

WEDNESDAY, July 27

7:30am (CC) Joseph & Maria Calleri, requested by family

9:00am (INC) Wladyslawa Skrzyniarz & Edward Skrzyniarz

THURSDAY, July 28

7:30am (CC) 20th Anniversary for Dr. William T. Hills, requested by Mary Fran Hills

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

FRIDAY, July 29, Saint Martha

7:30am (CC) Intention available

9:00am (INC) Fred & Joanne Lepore

SATURDAY, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, BVM

7:30am (CC) Intention available

SATURDAY, July 30 Vigil - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm (CC) Special Intention

5:00pm (INC) Julian & Virginia Nesta & the Deceased members of the Nesta Family

SUNDAY, July 31 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am (CC) Thomas & Laura Colella, requested by their daughter 8:30am (INC) Maria Riccardi

10:15am (CC) 10th Anniversary for Michael Derech, requested by Bill & Pat Derech.

10:30am (INC) Antonino & Concetta Valvo



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION <u>Christ the King Parish:</u> <u>ELEMENTARY GRADES K-6 &</u> <u>MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL</u> <u>GRADES 7-9</u>. Online registration for 2022-2023 is

now available on the parish website.

<u>Christ the King Parish.....QUESTION:</u> 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.



blessed shawl.

<u>Prayer shawls are not</u> <u>solely for the sick...</u>

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Mission Co-op <u>Collection last</u> weekend.

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 &

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 Htfd. Division 2 is sponsoring a <u>Food Drive</u> <u>this Sunday, July 24th, 11:30am-12:30</u> <u>pm at Christ the King in the parking</u> <u>lot between the church & middle</u> <u>school.</u> This drive is part of the regular parish food collection. We will be there after 10:15am Mass for donations. We 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. Also collecting cooking oils, spices/condiments. Thank you!

Social Action Committee News

Save the Date! Sat. Sept. 17, 2022:

Mary Jane Densmore of the Social Action Committee will be presented the prestigious and well deserved Bishop Rosazza Social Justice Award at the conference on Sat. Sept.,17th at the Omni New Haven at Yale.

The theme, *Dreaming Together: Forming* **Disciples for Faith and Justice** takes its name from "Let us Dream" by Pope Francis, who encourages us to dream of a better future. Conference includes educational and practical pieces on faith formation topics such as lifelong formation, parental involvement/social justice issues, and Catholic social teaching. Co-sponsored by The Center for Catholic Education & Formation and the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford. For info: go to <u>https://</u> www.catholicedaohct.org/faithformation/dreaming-together

Mary Jane has been a very active member of the Social Action Committee for at least the past 10+ years. These are some of her accomplishments through the committee:

- Successfully coordinates the weekly food collection and delivery to four different organizations. Initiated the Homeless Bag Project
- in 2019, which has grown tremendously since then.
- Was one of four committee members to go through the orientation and six week training to become one of our parish's four core team leaders for GHIAA (The Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance).
- Obtained a significant donation from her Nursing Alumni organization at Hartford Hospital for the startup of Amirah's safe house in CT.
- Has done prison ministry on her own.
- Coordinates our parish's annual Wish Tree during Advent to collect/distribute hundreds of gifts and donations for 12 different organizations serving low income people throughout Hartford.

Congratulations Mary Jane on this award!! We are very proud of you!!

WORLD DAY AGAINST TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS -JULY 30th

The United Nations Office on Drugs/ Crime has set "responding to the trafficking of children & young people" as the focus for WDATIP 2022. In observance of the Day, LIGHT UP THE DARK, will take place at Coe Park, Torrington, Saturday, July 30th, 2022, 2-9:30pm. Designed as a day of fun & awareness for families/friends, event includes food, music, crafts, face painting. Proceeds benefit 2 CT antitrafficking organizations–Love 146 & the underground New England. lightupthedark.ct@gmail.com

New School Supplies Needed: July

23/24th, 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 Christ the King & Incarnation parishioners are so generous. Donations may be dropped off at any Mass July 23/24th. Please drop off donations no later than the 10:15am Mass Sunday at Christ the King or 10:30am Mass on Sunday at Church of the Incarnation. Suggested: spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, 2pocket 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, binder paper, drawing/construction paper, index cards (3 X 5), rulers, solar calculators (T1-23), & backpacks for all ages. Call Lucy Russo (860) 529-3698. CHRIST THE KING Weekly Food DriveSPONSORED BY SOCIAL **ACTION COMMITTEE continues** through the summer & food can be brought to any Mass at Corpus Christi Church & put in box in the vestibule. Urgent need for white rice in small bags or boxes, sugar & salt. Foodshare has not delivered these items lately to Weth., & the town's food bank shelves are bare. We all feel the rising costs of goods/services, this is felt profoundly on those with less means. Also needed: instant oatmeal packets, jelly, baked beans, pancake mix, canned ravioli, instant mashed potatoes, Ramen noodles, snacks, such as peanut butter or cheese crackers, granola bars/breakfast bars. Thank you!

LEARN, GROW & SHARE—ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Hasty Judgement...The dictionary meaning of the word 'Judgement' is 'The ability to make considered decisions or come to sensible conclusions'. Hasty judgement, on the contrary, is made or done with haste, especially; done or made without due or attention consideration; a hasty decision; a hasty conclusion. Hasty judgement results in an action done in reaction to something that has just happened.

"Hasty conclusions lead to speedy repentance" Publilius Syrus.

The following is a tragic story that took place in a family. The husband was a farmer and the bread winner for his family. The wife took care of the house, cooking, cleaning and most importantly, taking care of their newborn male child. They also had a faithful dog which was part of their family.

One day, like always, the wife went out to fetch water from the well and the dog stayed home looking after the child. When she returned home after an hour, she found the dog standing at the door with blood dripping from its mouth. As an anxious mother, she thought it was the dog that killed her child. Erroneously assuming that it was the blood of her child, she killed the dog with a huge stone.

When she entered the house, she saw lots of blood on the floor. It wasn't the blood of her child, but of a big snake that was found dead on the floor. The faithful dog bravely wrestled with the snake to protect the child.

The poor and faithful dog was the victim of a hasty judgement. Filled with remorse, she wept inconsolably for the dog, but it was too late!

"Learn diligence before speedy execution" Leonardo DaVinci.

"We are like a judge confronted by a defendant that declines to answer, and we must determine the truth from the circumstantial evidence" Alfred Wegener.

"Hasty climbers have sudden falls" Robert Greens. "One cool judgement is worth a thousand hasty councils. The thing to do is to simply supply light and not heat" Woodrow Wilson.

"To make rash, hasty decisions shows that you are not trusting the Lord. But when you rely totally on God, you will still act carefully & prudently" Proverbs 28:25. "You will continue to suffer if you have an emotional reaction to everything that is said to you. True power is sitting back and observing everything with logic. If words control you that means everyone else can control you. Breath & allow things to pass" Bruce Lee.

"Stop trying to calm the storm. Calm yourself, the storm will pass". "Be curious, but not judgmental" Anonymous Author.

Jesus was a wise judge who did not show partiality to anyone. When a crowd of irrational and hypocritical people brought an adulteress before Jesus, he did not share their biased mindset. It was a standoff between the vociferous crowd and the wise and compassionate Jesus, who ultimately saved a defenseless sinner; "I do not condemn you either. Go. From now on sin no more" John 8:11. By this, not only did he save the life of the 'sinner' from 'near death', but also made the crowd realize its folly. It was an eye opener for those who were bent upon judging hastily another weaker person of society. He advocated inner change and a second chance to both the sinner as well as her accusers.

"Of all the judgements we pass in life, none is more important than the judgement we pass on ourselves" Nathanial Branden

"Everyone may not be good, but there's always something good in everyone. Never judge anyone shortly because every saint has a past and every sinner has a future" Oscar Wilde.

"The ability to observe without evaluating is the highest form of intelligence" Jiddu Krishnamurthy.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them" Mother Theresa of Calcutta. Remember that when you point your finger towards another person, you have your three fingers pointing towards you!

Dear Lord, help us that we may have the prudence to acknowledge our own faults and the wisdom to reflect your love and compassion to our neighbors. Amen. Fr. Zack

> BAPTISMS <u>Christ the king parish</u> Martin Ronald Goodwin Bradley Alberto Whalen