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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Good News!

November 20, 2016 (C)
2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

The readings for the solemnity of Christ the king in each of the three Sunday cycles help us to see how different Jesus' kingship is from that of earthly rulers. The reign of Jesus is not tied to judgment or authority, for he subjects himself to the judgment and authority of others. His reign is not tied to an ability to make and defend laws, for he submits to the existing law which condemns him to death on a cross. His reign is not tied to the power to conquer nations or to lead great armies against oppressors. Christ the king comes to save, to conquer "death and the devil" (Catechism 636, 1019).

Rather, the kingdom of God is about comfort, peace, redemption, truth, real justice, and mercy. Even from the cross, Jesus forgave his enemies and held on to no anger or hate. He welcomed repentant sinners into the kingdom. He resisted the temptation to impress others with the power that came from who he was and who he knew. In the great contradiction of our faith, the power of Christ the King is manifest in his willingness to become powerless for love of us.

What does that mean for us, his disciples? We, too, must let go of power, reject destruction, and turn toward God. As we make our way, we are called to practice forgiveness, hospitality, and humility in loving all of God's children. As we close this Year of Mercy and enter another Advent, this may be the best gift we can give to Christ our king. — *Mary Katharine Deeley*

We are deeply grateful to Mary Katharine Deeley for her articulate stories and amazing insight into the Sunday readings for the last three years. Starting next week, we will feature reflections from Fr. Mark Haydu, LC.

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Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.
Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

Saturday 4:15 PM — 4:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

Christ
The King

THIS WEEK

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

NOVEMBER 19 — 20, 2016

USHERS GROUP IV

Thanksgiving Food Delivery

2ND COLLECTION FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES U.S.A.

SATURDAY, NOV 19

5:00 P.M. Mass offered for †Lorraine Baker
request of Her Friends

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Bert Flynn

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, NOV 20

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Irene Kwiatkowski
request of Patti Cinea

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Knox

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

8:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M. SALE OF CHRISTMAS FAIR ITEMS
in the Parish Center

TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
in the Parish Center from 8:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
in the Church

9:00 A.M. FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
***The Confirmation Candidates will be sorting and packing
Thanksgiving food for Bolton families***

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †All Departed Souls
request of Andrzej's Family

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy

Lector: Jeffrey Monroe

Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

MONDAY, NOV 21

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Thanksgiving for Blessings
received - request of week day Mass Group.

TUESDAY, NOV 22

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Intentions of
Father Susaimanickam
request of Sharon and David Caruso

**7:00 P.M. ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
AT ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BOLTON**

WEDNESDAY, NOV 23

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Lena C. Bloznalis
request of The Dean & Bloznalis Families

THURSDAY, NOV 24 — NO MASS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY, NOV 25 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, NOV 26

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP

Last week's Offertory: November 13 — \$

Projected Amount needed \$2,980

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.



NEXT WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 26 — 27, 2016

USHERS GROUP I

2ND COLLECTION — ST. MAURICE FUEL FUND

SATURDAY, NOV 26

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners
of St. Maurice Church

Altar Servers: TBD

Lectors: Georgette Pelletier

Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

SUNDAY, NOV 27

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for †Mike Giglio
request of Gloria Holbrook

Altar Servers: Shirley Holbrook

Lector: Judy Trzcinski

Eucharistic Minister: Linda Richardson

8:30 A.M. — 8:50 A.M. YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL
in the Church

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for †All Departed Souls
request of Anna's Family

Altar Servers: LeeAnn & Ben Snuffer

Lector: Rita Sheetz

Eucharistic Minister: Rita Sheetz

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY *after Mass*

MONDAY, NOV 28 — NO MASS

TUESDAY, NOV 29 — NO MASS

7:15 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, NOV 30 — NO MASS

THURSDAY, DEC 1 — NO MASS

FRIDAY, DEC 2 — NO MASS

SATURDAY, DEC 3

3:30 P.M. ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

ADVENT

Readings for the Week of November 20, 2016

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10-13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1-3, 7-9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1-5/
Lk 21:20-28

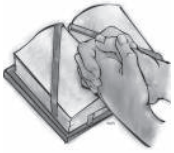
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11--21:2/Ps 84:3-6, 8/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

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FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH



ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE

Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line, especially the new requests for this week. Thank you. Carol and MaryAnn.

This month's prayer intentions:

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory



The Bolton Ecumenical Council will host its annual *Community Thanksgiving Service* on Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:00 P.M. at St.

George's Episcopal Church, Route 44. As part of the tradition, there will be the unified choir from all four churches, as well as guest soloist, Paige Olivieri. In lieu of a food collection, the town director of social services has requested a collection of paper items (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues) as these items are not covered by food stamps. A freewill offering will be used in sponsorship towards the Bolton Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will follow the service. Come and join in the spirit of Thanksgiving, offering worship and gratitude to God as a Christian community, and enjoy the singing of the combined church choir.

FROM SLEIGH BELLS RING CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP



THANK YOU FROM THE CHRISTMAS FAIR GROUP

Our sincere thanks to all who helped make our Christmas Fair a great success. So many people helped it is impossible to name all of you - the bakers of so many goodies, donations of items, shoppers and well wishes - our thanks. Dorli, Kathy, Beth and Patti.



Father Leon is available at all time for any Spiritual needs, to call or meet with him personally, your always welcomed.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

The Connecticut Catholic Conference notes that since 1919, the Catholic Church has been a longstanding advocate of universal, accessible and life-affirming health care. However, the Affordable Health Care Act harshly penalizes those employers, such as the Church, who do not provide abortions and other contraception coverage for their employees.

If you haven't done so already, please voice your opposition to the federal health care mandate by calling U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Sylvia Mathews Burwell at 202-205-5445, and your newly elected representatives. Let them know that the mandate is in violation of our First Amendment right to religious freedom.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH



**2016 Fall Retreat
Endless Mercy & Advent
With Mother Olga
St Bernard Church
Saturday, December 3rd
9:00am—3:30pm**

The Jubilee Year comes to a close, but the Mercy of our Lord is Endless! The Catholic Community of St. Bernard & St. Matthew Church invites you to join their annual retreat December 3. This year's speaker will be Mother Olga Yaqob, founders and mother servant of The Daughters of Mary of Nazareth. Mother Olga was born in Iraq and has lived through four Iraqi wars. She has lost family and friends to war, and experienced first hand persecution for her faith, and yet she has a message that is filled with hope! Her love and abiding faith in our merciful God is inspiring. She is a dynamic speaker with a powerful message that will encourage us this Advent season to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christmas with abundant joy and the peace that comes through faith. The retreat will be held at Saint Bernard Church in Rockville. Cost is \$25 and includes speaker, continental breakfast and lunch. Registration required by November 21.

For more information go to StMatthewCT.org

35th Annual Convocation

For the Priests in the Diocese of Norwich

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 28-30, 2016, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Goat Island in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

The theme of this year's Convocation is **"Becoming Merciful Servants of the New Evangelization."** The key presenter will be Reverend Jack Rathschmidt, a Capuchin Franciscan Friar, who holds a M.Th. in spirituality from the Weston College School of Theology and a Ph.D. from Fordham University in Historical Theology. Bishop Cote emphasized the importance of this annual gathering in his letter inviting each priest to the Convocation, "Your presence and commitment to this time together is important to me. This year we celebrate the 35th year of gathering as a presbyterate for the Convocation."



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