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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 22, 2020



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Come, you who are
blessed by my Father.
Inherit the kingdom
prepared for you from the
foundation of the world.”
- Mt 25:34

Many Americans are fascinated with England's monarchy. For many different reasons, we are drawn to the regal pageantry and all of the protocols associated with royal lifestyles. What's most amazing is that for all of the media attention focused on the comings and goings of English royalty, they really have very little effect on the day to day dealings of their country. Thoughts and images of kings and queens are often centered on this story book understanding of who and what they are. We associate protocols, etiquette, and proper words and actions to how we approach members of a royal family. These tools serve the necessary purpose of keeping them isolated, enthroned, and at a distance. There is something attractive about being an observer of ritual, pomp, and circumstance. It's almost theatrical.

Is this how we see Jesus Christ, too? We often behave as if Christ is an isolated, enthroned, royal, and even ineffective king. Jesus wants nothing to do with having the status of an earthly king. Jesus also does not want to be watched, observed, or set apart. He wants to get down and dirty with the very stuff of life especially the poor, marginalized, confused, hurting, lost, broken, imprisoned, and forgotten ones. Jesus is the king who turns the tables on us and wants not only our attention but our engagement and conversion. He wants us to get dirty too.

How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. We may not be physically poor, but we can easily become emotionally and spiritually poor. We may not be marginalized as many physically are, cast aside because they have too many needs or don't quite fit in. But who hasn't experienced isolation, loneliness, inner turmoil, angst, heartache, or loss? Almost every human being has experienced brokenness at one point or another, or will most definitely at some future point, facing discouragement, fear, insecurity. People are thirsty for more than water. We are imprisoned by our prejudices, misconceived notions and ideas, self-focused obsessions and ideologies. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, all of them, and see Christ himself.

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Note: during the pandemic office hours are not regular as stated above, but you can continue to call the telephone number and leave a message.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30, 9:15 and 11:00 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 a Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, 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 3:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643- 9553) 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 860-643-9553.



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NOVEMBER 21 — 22, 2020

Usher Group I
 Christmas Flower Collection

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Robert Hunt request of Jane Hunt

9:15 A.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church

5:30 P.M. Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — No MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — No MASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for the Soul of Nancy Lee Mahon request of Lou and Dorli Cloutier

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 — THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for All Parishioners of St. Maurice Church



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27 — No MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for All Souls in Purgatory

Livestream Masses:

From the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich

<https://www.norwichdiocese.org/Masses>

Sunday 9AM

Daily Mass from Blessed Sacrament Parish

<https://www.blessedsacramentct.org/>:

Monday 8 AM / Tuesday 9 AM / Wednesday 8 AM / Thursday 9 AM / Friday 8 AM / Saturday Vigil 5 PM / Sunday 10 AM



STEWARDSHIP

Projected Amount needed — \$3,130

"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me" — MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

FROM SAINT MAURICE PARISH

ST. MAURICE PRAYER LINE



Please remember all the special intentions on the St. Maurice Prayer Line and Faith Formation Students Prayer Requests. New requests this week: Carol, Jim, John

Thank you, Mary Ann



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREES

with the bells for Bolton Families in need are in the church and outside of parish center. If you can help by purchasing a requested gift for a Bolton resident in need this Christmas take a bell of the tree and return unwrapped gifts with the bell attached by **Sunday, December 13th**.

If you can't shop at this time, please send a check to St. Maurice with "Seasonal Sharing" in the memo line, and we will do the shopping for you.

If you have any questions please call:

Dorli Cloutier Beth Haney Sharon Scorso
 860-649-6255 860-649-1331 860-729-4399



SLEIGH BELLS RING SEASONAL SHARING

Our town has identified 30 families who need extra help and support this holiday season. As we have done in the past, this year the St. Maurice faith community will support the less fortunate in Bolton too. Please drop off non-perishable food donations at the church or parish center by **Sunday, November 22nd for Thanksgiving** and **Sunday, December 20th for Christmas**.

We need a few volunteers to help sort and package the food for each family on those Sundays. If you can help please contact **Tom Manning** at **860-990-4698**.



USHERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in being an usher please contact Kathy Perlitz kcperlitz@comcast.net or by phone at **860-649-1210**.

^ Tear off

Memorial Mass Form

Drop in collection ^

Father Bill, please offer a weekend ___ (or) weekday ___ Mass for the soul ___ (or) intentions ___ (as applicable) of:

Name _____

Person requesting _____

Street Address _____ E-mail Address _____

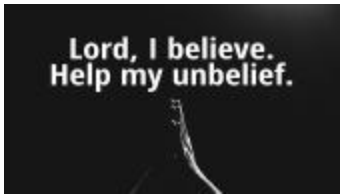
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Check enclosed ___ Envelope No. _____ We will Donate Online ___ (Customary donation \$10 weekday, \$20 weekend)

I will bring up the gifts at the Mass celebrated. Yes ___ No ___

REFLECTIONS



“Lord, I believe:” If you want to get into Olympic competition, you’d better be a pretty good athlete. If you want to get to New York Philharmonic Orchestra you need excellent musical ability and training. If you want to get into the Miss America Pageant, you’ll be greatly helped if you are good-looking and somewhat talented. But to get into the Kingdom of God, all you need is Faith — to say, “Lord, I believe”, and to say this, not in words alone, but also in action, expressing Faith through life.



Rootedness of Christianity in Judaism: Jean Marie Cardinal Lustiger, a twentieth century French Catholic prelate once explained, “I was born Jewish and so remain, even if that’s unacceptable for many. For me, the vocation of Israel is bringing light to the *goyim*. That’s my hope and I believe that Christianity is the means for achieving it.” In the same regard, Karl Barth noted, “Jews have God’s promise, and if we Christians have it too, then it is only as those chosen with them, as guests in their house, that we are new wood grafted on their tree.” Speaking to an audience of Jewish men and women, Pope John Paul II declared, “You are our dearly beloved brothers, and in a certain way, it could be said that you are our elder brothers.” Each of these three statements underscores the rootedness of Christianity in Judaism.



Thanksgiving Prayer

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

Let us pray...

God our Father,
 Graciously accept from your humble people
 a thankful heart and spirit.
 Everything we have and are able to share with others
 ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
 Often we think that everything we have
 is our own creation;
 we ask you this day to create in us
 a spirit of gratitude,
 that we may always know
 that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
 in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.



East Catholic High School

Applications for the 2021-22 keep flowing in. Also, we have many participants of family tours. For scheduling a tour, please go to: calendly.com/echstours

The month of November will bring you the Department Highlights Series. Please inquire at: <https://www.echs.com/Admissions-Process> and you will receive the information about the admissions process, as well as invitations to our ZOOM sessions.

In case if you missed our Virtual Orientation Session, please look out for information about another one coming in December



Volunteers Needed!

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” 1Pet 4:10

Catholic Charities is looking for dependable weekly volunteers to pick up, unload and put away boxes of food for our food pantries in Norwich, New London and Willimantic. If you can lift boxes up to 30 pounds and can make a regular commitment to help one day a week, please contact

Cindy Mageski at 860-889-8346 ext. 269
 or email cindymageski@ccfsn.org. **Thank you!**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED



If you are interested to serve in the Ministry of the Eucharist please call Linda Richardson at 860-965-6288 for information.

Diocesan Advent Mission

The Office of Faith Events is offering a virtual **Diocesan Advent Mission**. It will take place the **first three Thursdays in December at 7 P.M. beginning on December 3rd**. The mission will focus on three of the themes of Advent: Patience, Love and Peace. There is no cost to participate in the Advent Mission, but registration is required.

You can do so by emailing Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net
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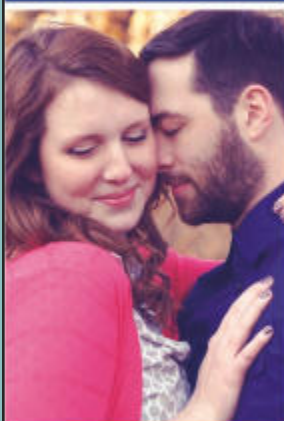
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