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Our Lord Jesus Christ the King • November 25, 2012

Good News!

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Dn 7:13–14 / Rv 1:5–8 / Jn 18:33b–37

A few weeks ago, our country elected a president. Though at this writing I don't know the results, I'm certain that whether your candidate won or lost, you're relieved that the endless speeches, debates, and recorded phone calls are over. It's exhausting to hear people endlessly promote themselves, whether it's for student-council treasurer or leader of the free world. We all grow weary of the promises, the list of accomplishments, and the often-false humility.

In a timely contrast, today's readings invite us to reflect on Jesus' kingship. Jesus—the one in whom many candidates claim deep faith—is crowned our ultimate leader, our king, in heaven. Yet his kingly leadership is so different than that of our leaders. The Book of Revelation claims he is "the one who is and who was and who is to come." He's not in it only for four or eight years, after which he'll retire to a comfortable coastal bungalow. Jesus' kingship is everlasting—he'll never falter, fail, or retire.

Revelation also claims "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him." Unlike our presidential candidates, whose rhetoric divides the country, Jesus as king brings people together. And he certainly didn't know the basic rules of self-promotion—in today's Gospel, he refuses to claim the king title. Instead, he continually points to his Father and their intimate connection.

We're probably used to thinking of Jesus as our savior, our friend, our brother. But it's good to spend time this weekend pondering him as king. He's a profoundly different leader than any president, prime minister, or parliament.

And for this we can be deeply grateful.

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WEEKEND MASSES:

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):

By appointment.

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.

THIS WEEK
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
NOV. 24 – 25, 2012

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS

USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, NOV. 24 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council # 6199

SUNDAY, NOV. 25 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Barbara & +Donald Sullivan request of the Earle Armstrong Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION TODAY

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Memorial Mass for Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus Council # 6199

MONDAY, NOV. 26 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Romanofsky request of the St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, NOV. 27 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Alfred Wenzel request of the St. Maurice Christmas Fair Group

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 28 –

9:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Thomas Downes request Tony & Kathleen Conneely

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, NOV. 29 – No Mass

FRIDAY, NOV. 30 – No Mass

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 –

10:00 A.M. – Funeral Mass for Arthur Chamberlain

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 1 – 2, 2012

USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DEC. 1 –

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for a Special Intention request of Mary Mumford

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea

Lector: Patti Cinea

Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, DEC. 2 –

7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Alden Chick request of Jennifer and Phil Daly

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino

Lector: Lynn Mancino

Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

8:30 A.M. – Breakfast for Faith Formation

9:00 A.M. - Faith Formation

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Michael Dennis Willette request of Mike and Marge Mlodzinski

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine

Lector: Evelyn O'Connor

Eucharistic Minister: Betty Aitkin

MONDAY, DEC. 3 – No Mass

5:00 P.M. – Parish BINGO – Food available from 5 P.M. GAMES begin at 6:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, DEC. 4 – No Mass

7:15 P.M. – Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5 – No Mass

3 to 7 P.M. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, DEC. 6 – No Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 7 – No Mass

SATURDAY, DEC. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’” (John 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

Readings for the Week of November 25, 2012

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv1:5-8/Mk 11:9, 10
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2,21-23;19:1-3,9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Math 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

MINI FAIR

On Dec. 9th there will be a mini Fair along with the breakfast and C C D. Please come for some last minute shopping.

PRO-LIFE MASS

Join our Diocesan family for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, December 1st ~ 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both in the Cathedral and at the Planned Parenthood. Brunch served after the Rosary. Join us with your prayer and presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

“God’s Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage”

To register for a 4 session class call the Family Life Office at: 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Cost: \$50.00 per couple.

- Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2013 9:30am-11:45am – at St. Joseph Church, Occum.
- Feb. 22, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm – at St. Francis Church, Middletown.
- Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 2013 9:30am-11:45am – at St. Matthew Church, Tolland.
- Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm – at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry.
- June 28, July 12, 19, 26, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm – at Our Lady of Lourdes, Gales Ferry.
- Oct. 4,11,18,25, 2013 6:30pm-8:45pm – at St Joseph Church, Occum.

TOYS FOR KIDS:

For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please encourage your child or children to bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Although we expect children to drop off toys during the Christmas masses, adults can certainly contribute a gift. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three King's Day on January 6th. If you have any questions, please call Clif Scorso at 860.646.1423. Thank you.

THE GIVING TREE

"The Giving Tree" is up and is in the rear of the Church. We hope you will take a tag and fulfill a wish for someone that is in need. Unfortunately there are way too many of God’s children in need. All gifts must be unwrapped and it would be most helpful if you provided the wrapping paper. Please have your gifts in by Dec. 9th and place them under the tree. Please secure the tag to the outside of the gift to help us sort the gifts more easily. If you have any questions you may contact Dorli at 860-649-6255.

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE

Schedules for Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are in the rack in the back of Church. Please pick them up.

Defending Our Religious Liberty

After the election, we continue to stand in defense of life, marriage, and our first, and most cherished liberty, the freedom of religion. We will continue to do all that we can to ensure that we are able to live out our faith. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops continues to urge the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the White House in the strongest possible terms, actually to eliminate the various infringements on religious freedom imposed by the mandate. I assure you all that we are watching this situation very closely, including the many lawsuits taking place throughout the country in this regard and will continue to investigate ways we can fight this infringement.

If you haven’t expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

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