

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, NJ

*We are a Roman Catholic intergenerational community of faith,
centered in the Eucharist, and committed to being faithful stewards of God's gifts
in an ongoing and deepening relationship in the way of Christ.*

HOLY FAMILY
December 27, 2015



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:00 AM

December 27, 2015

Daily Readings

Monday, December 28th

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29th

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30th

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31st

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

Friday, January 1st

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7;

Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2nd

1 John 2:22-28; John 1-19:28

Sunday, January 3rd

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;

Matthew 2:1-12



Monday, December 28th

7:00am Alice & Arthur Benning

Tuesday, December 29th

9:00am Serena Hubble

Wednesday, December 30th

7:00am Susan Ingalls

Thursday, December 31st

9:00am Rose Wrigley

Friday, January 1st

11:00am John Pavlick

Saturday, January 2nd

9:00am Virginia Ware

5:00pm John & Lottie Martin

Sunday, January 3rd

7:00am George Sullivan

9:00am Rose Wrigley

11:00am Robin Colarusso Messuti

and Dawn Colarusso Ciasulli

5:30pm Roger Doyle

Pray for the Sick

Frank Alai, Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Jerry Trent, Cannon Sittig, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Geraldine Marty, Jim Dwyre, Gonzalo Rahausen and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Due to the early bulletin deadlines, the collections for December 20th, Christmas and December 27th will be reported in the January 3rd bulletin.

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph**



"Not finding Him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of Him. On the third day they came upon Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were amazed at His intelligence and His answers. 'Why did you search for Me? Did you not know I had to be in My Father's house?' But they did not grasp what He meant....His mother kept all these things in her memory."

How appropriate that today's celebration follows so closely on the Bethlehem event of Christmas. We jump from the stable to the temple, twelve years, in just a few days. We will return to Bethlehem, but first we reflect on this search and rescue.

Anxious parents, seeking a lost child, for three days! Where can He be? At last, in a second home, the temple, and in conversation with teachers in His Father's house. A harried mother's question and a clear concise answer 'did you not know that I had to be?'

As parents we too worry about our children, where ever they are on their journey of growth. We try to feed, clothe and teach them well. By word and example, we bring them closer to the Lord.

As disciples, we too search for the Christ. We encounter Him at worship, where we offer prayer and praise. We encounter Him in the words of the bible. I might even decide to join a bible group, as well as read the scriptures at home alone or with my family. We encounter Him in our community of faith. It is not just me at mass or prayer, it is my 'Holy Family' where I share the values of the gospel in a challenging world.

The picture of our families might be quite distinct; a single parent, an elderly couple, a widow or widower, a single person or extended family of relatives and friends. We are family through our baptism and faith. May we look to the family which settled in Nazareth as a model, with trials and tribulations, challenges, hurts and sorrow, but centered on the Person of Christ.



The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God, is January 1st.
It is a Holy Day of obligation.
Mass will be celebrated at 11am.



Mark your 2016 Calendars

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

Sunday, January 3
10:00am - 10:45am
Parish Life Center

Family-based Religious Education

Wednesday Evening Session- January 6

Thursday Evening Session- January 7

Friday Evening Session- January 8

5:45pm to 8:00pm
In the Parish Hall
Pizza will be served at 5:45pm

Junior High Religious Education **GRADES 6, 7 & 8**

Sunday Evening Student Sessions
January 10 & 24

5:30pm - 8:00pm

Beginning with 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass



Reintroducing **Kindergarten & First Grade Religious Education**

For those families whose oldest child is in either Kindergarten or First Grade and prefer not to participate in the larger CTK Family Based Religious Education Program, we're reintroducing a Sunday morning religious education program. This session will meet once a month, from approximately 10 to 10:45, on the following dates:

JANUARY 3

FEBRUARY 7

MARCH 6

APRIL 3

Children will attend with at least one parent. These sessions will follow the 9:00am Mass and conclude prior to the start of the 11:00am Mass. Please see Registration Form in this bulletin. Any questions, please contact Pam Spellman, Coordinator for Family Based Religious Education, pam@churchofchristtheking.org.

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

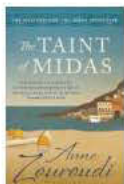


Sunday, January 3
9:00am Mass

Munchkin Sunday
January 3, 17 & 31



What is Munchkin Sunday you ask? After Mass the children lead their families to the Parish Hall for Juice and Dunkin Munchkins (coffee and tea will be available for the "older munchkins"). **All** in attendance at the 9:00 Masses are invited to join in the fun.



Book of the Month

Book of the month will meet on Tuesday, January 26 at **10:00am** in the **Parish Life Center Library**. The Book to be reviewed is "The Taint of Midas" by Anne Zouroudi. All are Welcome.



Interfaith Food Pantry

Serving Morris County

Next weekend is our monthly collection for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your non-perishable pantry items and leave them in the entrances of the church. *If you prefer to contribute a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Interfaith Food Pantry.*



Mark your 2016 Calendars

Family Promise provides emergency shelter, meals and support services. Christ the King is a support congregation and is assigned four commitments a year. On those dates we provide and serve dinner and breakfast. We also need **two volunteers** who are willing to stay overnight. *Would you like to help?*

CTK Homeless Support Dinner Evening

Tuesday, February 23rd

Tuesday dinner (5:00pm – 8:30pm)

CTK Homeless Support Weekend

Friday & Saturday, February 26th & 27th

Friday overnight stay (8:00pm – 8:00am)

Saturday breakfast & visitation with guests

1st Shift - 8:00am – 9:30am or

2nd Shift - 9:30 – 11:30am

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please contact Britta Gangemi for more details at (973) 493-0184 or brittagangemi@gmail.com



MEETINGS & HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK

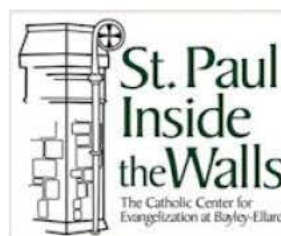
SUNDAY, JANUARY 3RD

9:00AM – FIRST COMMUNION PREP LITURGY

10:00AM – MUNCHKIN SUNDAY- PARISH HALL

10:00AM – KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION- PARISH LIBRARY

5:30PM – ANTIOCH TEAM – PARISH LIFE CENTER



Upcoming Programs

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+)

Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every "single" day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Saturday, January 9 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Young Adult Mass (Ages 23-39) with Bishop Serratelli

All young adults between the ages of 23-39 are invited to pray together at the annual diocesan-wide Young Adult Mass with Bishop Serratelli. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli at 5:30 p.m. followed by a young adult social with drinks and light food until 8:30 p.m. hosted by the Diocese of Paterson Office of Evangelization with hospitality provided by the St. Paul Young Adults. This is a great opportunity for all young adults in the Diocese to come together in faith and fellowship to pray

Saturday, January 9 from 5:30-8:30 pm



It's will soon be that time of year again, after the holidays, to spend a weekend away from business issues and family concerns to reflect and get a fresh slant on your life. A time to reawaken a sense of reality of God and to grow in the gift of faith. Our Parish Men's Retreat is under the direction of the Jesuits at Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown and begins with supper on Friday, January 8th and ends with lunch on Sunday, January 10th. You may call any of the men listed below if you would like more information or to make a reservation. You can also visit www.loyola.org.

Jim Penders 973-377-8803, Mike Newman 973-822-2078, Steve Penders 973-443-0570, Jim Perrello 646-419-4463 or Bill Rojack 973-377-1962.

THE BEACON

The Beacon is the newspaper of the Paterson Diocese and is published every Thursday. It has 100,000+ readers who live primarily in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. (There are 425,000 Catholics living in these three counties — almost 40% of the total population.) If you would like to learn more about happenings throughout the Diocese and join parishioners who currently receive The Beacon delivered directly to their homes, please call the parish office.



Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments.

Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

Amazing Stewardship Ancestors

By Mary Ann Otto



Several years ago, just prior to Advent, I was thinking about Jesus' family lineage in sacred scripture. I wanted to ponder all the way they were stewards of their day and pointed to the incredible event that was the Incarnation. As you may know, we refer to our salvation history ancestors as members of the Jesse Tree.

The time I spent with Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, David, Joseph and Mary to name a few, was wonderful. To look at their lives through the lens of stewardship was a remarkable and prayerful time for me. Each Advent I find myself encouraged by their example of faith and wonder if my life in any way is preparing the way for Jesus' Second Coming.

As I pondered many of our ancestors, the person of Noah spoke to me in a new way. Though not a shipbuilder or zookeeper by trade, he remained very close to God, listened with an open heart and trusted. Noah was a steward of his relationship with his Creator. His story relays a life filled with many questions and an unusual adventure, yet he was able to stay the course where God had placed him. He served God in many unexpected ways with his life.

One of the most touching moments for me in the story of Noah is when the water receded and he came out of the boat. He built an altar to honor God. This beautiful act of love and gratitude calls me to ponder my own response to God as I journey through some of my greatest unexpected adventures. I would like it to be that authentic.

Since one of my roles in my ministry is to provide resources for parishes, I decided to reflect on these incredible characters and their qualities in a simple and understandable way that could be used inter-generationally. It became Stewards in Scripture: A joyful Parish Skit to Celebrate Advent. If you would like to view or use it, please see the link below. In the meantime, may your Advent experience prepare you to welcome our Savior in a new and wonderful way.

<http://www.qbdio.org/stewardship-and-pastoral-services/stewardship/resource-packets.html> Click on Advent 2010- Stewards in Scripture.



Youth Ministry



The Importance of Family...

Luke 2:41-52

Can you identify with Jesus in this wonderful story from Luke's Gospel? Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence.

When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place. What do we learn about Jesus in this story? How can you put God first in your life? Jesus understood his relationship with God. It enabled him to grow "in wisdom and age and grace." How do you think following Jesus' advice will help you in your family life?

<http://www.sadlierreligion.com/webelieve/weeksliturgy.cfm?id=27>

Feast of the Holy Family

Right: Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence. When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.



"...And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus..."

Colossians 3:17

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**SUNDAY MORNING
KINDERGARTEN & FIRST GRADE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM 2016**

Parents and children will gather in the Parish Life Center Library from
10:00am until 10:45am on the following Sundays.

**JANUARY 3 FEBRUARY 7
MARCH 6 APRIL 3**

This program is best suited for those children in kindergarten and first grade who are the oldest sibling in the family and whose family doesn't participate in the traditional CTK Family Based Religious Education Program. Parent attends with child and sessions will follow the 9:00am Mass and conclude prior to the start of 11:00am Mass.

REGISTRATION

(for those families not previously registered through FBRE)

Child's Name: _____ Child's Grade: Kindergarten First Grade
(circle one)

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Mother's E-mail: _____ Father's E-mail: _____

Mother's Cell #: _____ Father's Cell #: _____

Primary Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Primary E-mail: _____
All correspondence will be sent to this email address

The Registration Fee for this program is \$150. Please attach **checks** payable to the **Church of Christ the King**.

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Permission to Use Photographs

There will be times when photographs of students will be posted on the parish website, Facebook and other parish communication materials. Students will not be identified by name. Do you allow photographs to be taken of your child for these purposes?

(circle one) YES NO

Parent/ Guardian's Signature: _____ Date _____

Important Information

Does your child have any allergies?

Does your child have any special needs or learning disabilities?

Is there any additional information we should be aware of?

Stewardship Opportunities

I/WE CURRENTLY OR WANT TO VOLUNTEER IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:

(Please volunteer for at least one activity)

Name(s): _____ Preferred contact information (cell/email): _____

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Ministries	Please check
Catechist (<i>Family-based</i>)	
Catechist (<i>Junior High</i>)	
Children's Liturgy of the Word	
Christmas Pageant	
Internet Communications (<i>Facebook, Website</i>)	
Parish Hospitality (<i>Munchkin Sunday, etc.</i>)	
Photography	
Religious Education Hospitality	
Religious Education Outreach Projects (<i>Food Pantry, Family Promise</i>)	
Seasonal Children's Activities (<i>Mardi Gras, Easter Egg Hunt, etc.</i>)	
Other <u>Talents</u> you are willing to share: _____	

For more information on Outreach/Service opportunities contact Dennis at dcorcoran@churchofchristtheking.org

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth

cordially invite you to join them for



The Feast of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Seton Associate Commitment Ceremony

January 2, 2016

**11:00 a.m. Mass in Holy Family Chapel
Convent Station, NJ**

**Light lunch in Academy Study Hall following Mass
Tour of Heritage Room**

For more information visit www.SCNJ.org or call 973-290-5470.

In case of inclement weather call (973) 290-5478 - Snow date January 9, 2016

- **PARISH DEVOTIONS**

Novena Prayers in Honor of the Sacred Heart

First Fridays during morning Mass at 7:00am.

Novena Prayer in Honor of

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mondays after the 7:00am Mass

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday of the month, 8:00am

Reconciliation (Individual Confession)

Saturday 9:30-10:15am

- **BAPTISMS**

Sundays after the 11:00AM Mass at 12:15pm, schedule permitting. Please call the Parish Office to make the necessary arrangements for a Baptismal Preparation Session.

- **MARRIAGES**

Please contact the Parish Office a year prior to the requested wedding date so the proper marriage preparation can be completed. Pre Cana takes place in the spring and fall.

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Kindergarten & First Grade

Monthly on Sunday 10:00-10:45am (as scheduled)

Family Based Model

Families with children K-8

Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday 6-8pm, (monthly as scheduled)

Junior High – Grades 6-8

Sundays 5:30-8:00pm (twice a month)

- **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)**

September—May

Adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians should contact Father Brian or Dennis.

- **MOMS AND TOTS**

Meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of the month from 9:00am-10:30am

- **MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND**

Priests and Ministers of Communion are available to visit the sick and homebound. Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

- **NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome new parishioners to register at any time. Please call the Parish Office.



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