

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, NJ

*We are a grateful and welcoming Catholic family of faith,
nourished by the Word and Eucharist,
called to serve as disciples of Christ, the King.*

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 17, 2016

save the date



CTK Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 12, 2016
Madison Hotel, NJ

Invitations to follow



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 AM
Saturday (vigil) 5:00 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:00 AM

July 17, 2016

Daily Readings

Monday, July 18th

Micah 6:1-4, 608; Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday, July 19th

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday, July 20th

Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9

Thursday, July 21st

Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17

Friday, July 22nd

Jeremiah 3:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday, July 23rd

Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30

Sunday, July 24th

Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14;

Luke 11:1-13

Monday, July 18th

7:00am Frank & Michalina Oberc

Tuesday, July 19th

9:00am Eugene Quinn

Wednesday, July 20th

7:00am Ignacio Armada

Thursday, July 21st

9:00am Daniel Jay Dolecki

Friday, July 22nd

7:00am John Taschler

Saturday, July 23rd

9:00am Eileen Kabanagh

5:00pm William Henderson

Sunday, July 24th

7:00am Anthony Pryer

9:00am Marge Nugent

11:00am Stephen Prendergast

Pray for the Sick

Frank Alai, Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Jerry Trent, Cannon Sittig, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Christopher Drzala, Grant Martin Scruggs, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last weekend's collection: \$10,935.00*

*Included in this number is Faith Direct, electronic giving. The weekly average for electronic giving is \$5,123 c.00. For an easier more consistent way of supporting Christ the King, please consider using Faith Direct at www.faithdirect.net. Our parish code is NJ658.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Service to others must be rooted in listening to God's word.

It seems terribly unfair, doesn't it? Even a child can see that it is not right to sit making pleasant conversation with a guest while your sister works all alone in the kitchen. How can we make sense of the story?

We can never make sense of it if we read it as a lesson in the duties of hospitality. It immediately follows Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, which we heard last Sunday. In that story, Jesus contrasts the behavior of two members of the Jewish clergy, a priest and a Levite, with the behavior of a despised outsider, the Samaritan. Though he lacked the knowledge of God's law available to the priest and the Levite, the Samaritan fulfilled the law's spirit better than the legal experts. The parable shows the futility of a religion which has no application to daily life.

Today's story of Mary and Martha turns that lesson around. It shows the futility of active service which, because it is not based on attentive listening to God's word and nourished by such listening, becomes mere busyness. When Jesus says to Martha, *You are anxious and worried about many things*, he is not criticizing her for performing the duties of hospitality, but for doing so without first attending to his word. Martha, we might say, is the kind of person who likes to go about doing good, especially the kind of good that requires a lot of going about.

The story in today's Gospel does not ask us to choose between being a Mary or a Martha. The true disciple of Jesus must be both. Mark's Gospel tells us that when Jesus called his Twelve Apostles, He called them for a dual purpose: to be with Him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message. (3:14) Which is more important: to be with Jesus, or to proclaim His message to others? Our relationship with the Lord must come first. Being with the Lord and listening to His word must be the basis of all we do for Him.

When we act without listening, we are guilty of a subtle kind of pride. We are assuming that we already know what must be done, and need no guidance. Acting without first attending to God's word can mean doing what we want to do, not what God, or the situation, requires of us. The remedy is

to sit at the Lord's feet, like Mary of Bethany in today's Gospel, and listen to His word.

How can we do this? We can spend time praying and reflecting upon sacred Scripture. We can set aside a part of our daily prayer time for listening to the Lord, who

speaks in the silence of our hearts. And we can listen attentively to the word of God preached and proclaimed here at Mass. When we do these things, we are like Mary of Bethany choosing *the better part*, as Jesus calls it in today's Gospel, which will not be taken from us.

In short, opening our hearts and minds to Jesus and His words leads us to choose *the better part*, and helps us in the fruitful work of sharing the Gospel message with others and helping to build up God's kingdom on earth. It is also one of the primary ways to grow in our faith and love for Jesus, and come to experience the blessings of peace, joy and fulfillment that God wishes to give us.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know an adult who has never been baptized, confirmed, or received Holy Communion? Is there a friend who has been pondering becoming a Catholic but needs a gentle nudge? Is there a possibility that you will be asked to become a godparent of a niece or nephew? Are you baptized but have had no religious education? Now is the time!

The three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, are required for a Catholic to be fully initiated into the Church. They are also required for someone to act as a godparent or sponsor for the baptism of someone else.

Our RCIA process is, above all, a tool of education and formation in the Catholic faith. Apart from preparation for the sacraments, anyone can join the classes to just brush up on Catholic teachings or to fill in the gaps on a particular topic.

Stay tuned for more information on dates and times for the Inquiry Phase of RCIA, due to begin in September. For more information contact Sister Mary Joseph at SrMaryJoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or call 973-539-4955 ext. 13.



Christ the King

Religious Education Program

Re-Registration Forms and calendars, for the 2016-17 school year, were mailed to families who attended CTK Religious Education sessions in 2015-16. Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's program. *We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office as soon as possible.*

If you did not receive the re-registration mailing and your child will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8th grade** in September **OR if you are new to our Religious Education program** please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext.22 or email erin@churchofchristtheking.org.



Attention parents of children entering the second grade this Fall

This is the traditional year for children to prepare and receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Eucharist. Preparation for First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program.

A mailing was sent to our current religious education students regarding preparation for the Sacraments. Included was a copy of "My Prayer Book" to allow you and your child to spend time over the summer preparing for their Sacramental year.

If you have not received this letter or you are new to the Parish and have a child who will be in Second grade this September please phone Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. #22 or email at erin@churchofchristtheking.org



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

Please note that the diocese asks that all children have two years of Religious Education prior to the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

• 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

Optional program for families whose oldest child is in Kindergarten

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

Family Based Model

Grade 5 may select FBRE or Jr. High option

Families with children K-5

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

Junior High – Grades 5-8

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

• RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

September—May

Adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians should contact Sister Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC, ext. 13.

• 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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