

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.*

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 24, 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 24, 2016

Daily Readings

Monday, July 25th

2 Corinthians 4:-15; Matthew 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 26th

Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 27th

Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday, July 28th

Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53

Friday, July 29th

Jeremiah 26:1-9; John 11:19-27

Saturday, July 30th

Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, July 24th

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Monday, July 25th

7:00am Arlene Tomassone

Tuesday, July 26th

9:00am David Hagan

Wednesday, July 27th

7:00am Valarie Toth

Thursday, July 28th

9:00am Protection of Babies in the Womb

Friday, July 29th

7:00am Lorraine & George Evans (*Living*)

Saturday, July 30th

9:00am David Hagan

5:00pm Deceased Members of the
Flaim and Martine Families

Sunday, July 31st

7:00am George Sullivan

9:00am Marge Nugent

11:00am Marge Nugent

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: \$13,048.00*

*Included in this number is Faith Direct, electronic giving. The weekly average for electronic giving is \$5,123.00. 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.

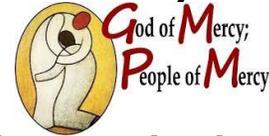
2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Diocese of Paterson



I am happy to report that through the generosity of parishioners who participated in the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, the parish received a rebate of \$4,150.00. I thank you most sincerely for your support of this Annual Appeal.

Fr. R. Sull

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



God's Mercy is Abundant

In calling for the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis said: "At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives." The pope has remarked over and over again how critical mercy is to the Church. Each of us exists as an act of God's mercy, which is pure unmerited gift.

The pope's words express hope and expectation that by gazing attentively on mercy, we will in turn be merciful like our Father. Today's readings offer us a glimpse into how our Father is merciful, and show his mercy in intimate and personal ways.

In the first reading, God, having received claims against Sodom and Gomorrah, is in the process of verifying these allegations. Abraham entreats him to consider the innocent as well as the guilty. With each number proposed by Abraham, God demonstrates his mercy by agreeing to save the wicked for the sake of as few as ten innocent people. In today's Gospel Jesus, when asked how to pray, tells us to call God Father, or Abba. He goes on to say: *And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

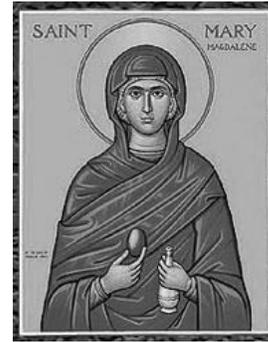
What more can we possibly need than to know and receive the Father's mercy? According to Pope Francis, "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy." God's mercy is freely and abundantly given.

Like those in the first reading, God has saved us. No claim of our unworthiness, rendered by ourselves or others, can have the final say in our lives. God extends His mercy. All we need do is accept it. We acknowledge this in the last response we make together at Mass before receiving the Eucharist: "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

This prepares us to receive the perfect and living embodiment of God's love and mercy – Jesus. Jesus, who freely chose to die upon the cross to win our salvation! Jesus, who gives Himself to us

in the Eucharist so we might continue to grow in our love for Him, and have the grace and strength needed to be founts of His love and mercy in the world.

This Eucharistic celebration resounds with God's mercy, and so we fittingly end with great gratitude by saying, "Thanks be to God!"



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

This year for the first time we celebrated the feast of **Saint Mary Magdalene** on **July 22** as a true Feast day in the Church. Earlier this year Pope Francis raised this day from a Memorial to an actual Feast. Why? Because Saint Mary Magdalene is the "apostle to the Apostles." She was the first person to see and believe that Jesus rose from the dead, and she ran back to tell the Apostles, who were all still locked in the Upper Room. Did they believe her? No, they had to go and see for themselves, and even then there were doubts. Some things never change!

Mary of Magdala is surrounded by legend and we don't know for sure if she was the woman who anointed the feet of Jesus. The facts we do know about her are sketchy. She supposedly had "seven demons" cast out; she was one of the women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles as they traveled around preaching the Good News, and taking care of them out of their own resources. She was with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the foot of the cross. She is known for her love and her fidelity to Jesus.

Just as Mary came to know Jesus through personal encounter, that is how we are to also meet Him. Once we know Him, we, too, are called to tell others. "He is Risen!" Will they believe us? We leave that up to God.

On Tuesday, **July 26** we celebrate the Memorial of **Saints Joachim and Anne**, the grandparents of Jesus. We know nothing about them from Scripture. But we can certainly picture some events of their lives, since they were normal people. Mary's unexplainable pregnancy....did you ever picture her telling her parents the news? They must have reacted as all parents would. Their love for Mary surely won out over all the initial feelings they experienced. And they accepted Jesus as the darling grandbaby He turned out to be. Imagine them spoiling Him, as grandparents are apt to do! Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for all grandparents as they strive to be role models of the faith for their families.



Christ the King

Religious Education Program

Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's CTK Religious Education 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@chuchofchristtheking.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

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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