

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.*

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 12, 2017



*"Blessed are they who
follow the law of the Lord."*



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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

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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

Rosary

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 9:00am 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.

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.

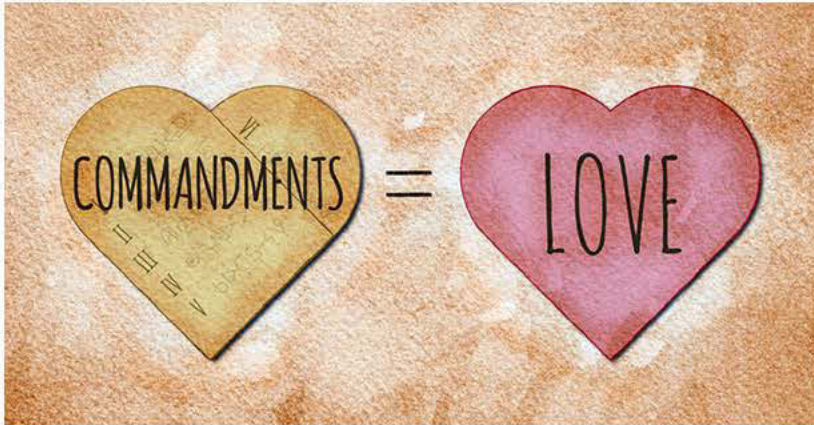
eNEWSLETTER (*monthly*)

Do you want to know more of what is happening in our parish community?

SIGN UP to receive our parish eNewsletter at
www.churchofchristtheking.org

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The desire for a deeper relationship with God inspires us to choose to keep His commandments.



In the first and second readings, we are reminded of how important it is to make good choices, and how much we rely on the wisdom of God to help us do so. This is not a wisdom of this age, but, rather, a determination to have our eyes set on heaven. The wisdom of God, the desire for a deeper relationship with him, inspires us to choose to keep the commandments and to trust in him: Whichever they choose will be given them.

As Christians and as children of God, we are given a radical freedom and free will – to listen and obey or to turn away. God has not done this in order to mock us and watch us fail. Rather, he allows us the freedom to choose to love him and be loved by him, leaving open the possibility that we might also go our own way.

A narrow reading of the Gospel, or a “Pharisaical” reading of it, portrays Jesus as an “outlaw to the outcast,” breaking so many of the rules of ritual purity – talking to and touching and eating with people he should have stayed away from, lest he be declared unclean. That is why it comes as such a surprise when he says, during the Sermon on the Mount: Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. Indeed, Jesus makes it clear that every last letter must be fulfilled. This does not suggest that he is what we might call a stickler for the rules, or a tattle-tale, looking to get us into trouble with the Father. No, the Good Shepherd is once again trying to protect his lost, wounded and wandering lambs from doing harm to ourselves or one another, and he firmly believes that a greater respect for the laws of God will lead us to show greater respect for God’s people.

Yes, Jesus, dined with tax collectors and prostitutes, and showed affection for the unclean and the untouchable, because that is what God’s law commands all of us to do – to look out for the needs of the least among us. In the mind and heart of Jesus, fulfilling the law to the smallest part of a letter means two things: 1) going further than the law requires, and 2) obeying and applying God’s law with love for God and all people whom we encounter.

This is why Jesus chooses some of the Ten Commandments, and then shows us that it would never be enough to simply not kill someone, or never cheat on our spouse. In order to live the beatitudes, first preached earlier in this same chapter, we must embrace the idea that faith in God and belief in his Son as our Savior is meant not only to change how we view and respond to God, but more importantly, it should change how we treat others – especially the weakest and most vulnerable. We can no longer say one thing and do another. Instead, let your “yes” mean “yes” and your “no” mean “no.”

Daily Readings

Monday, February 13

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 14

Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 15

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 16

Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 17

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 18

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Collection

Last weekend’s collection:

\$15,438.000*

*Included in this number is Faith Direct, electronic giving. The weekly average for electronic giving is **\$5,476.00**. 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**.

Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **Tuesday, February 28, 10am** in the Parish Life Center Library. The book to be discussed is *American Saint* by Joan Barthel. All are welcome.

Harding Seniors

On **March 7**

Trip Lunch & Mike Byrnes Band

at Doolans, Spring Lake.

All welcome. Call Gert Willean for reservations/details – 973.984.3963

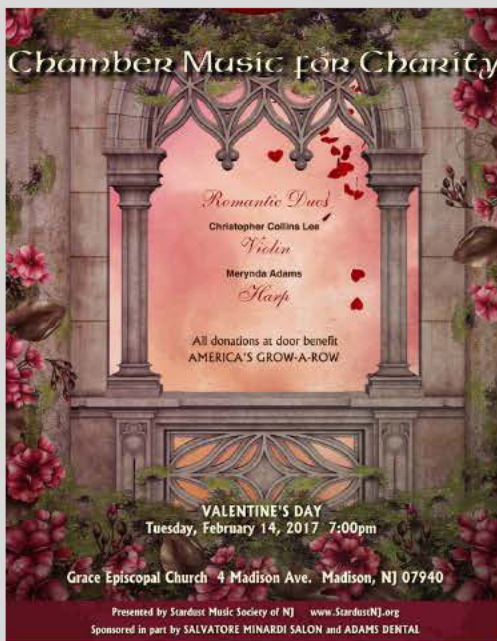
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Eva's Kitchen Volunteers Needed



Christ the King Parish has provided meals on a regular basis for clients at **Eva's Kitchen** (now Eva's Village) in Paterson for over 30 years. This ministry, headed by Kathi Matrale, continues to faithfully cook and serve a meal for 200 plus people **seven times a year**. We are looking for *several new volunteers* who would like to join the team in this very important outreach ministry. The **commitment** can be for cooking, serving, or both. Some of the meals are cooked here at Christ the King on a Friday afternoon, others at Eva's. It is served on Sunday at noon in Paterson. Our next service date is **March 5**. If you are able to assist in this ministry or would like more information, please contact Sister Mary Joseph at 973-539-4955 ext. 13, or email at srmarijoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Chamber Music for Charity



Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – 7pm
Grace Episcopal Church
4 Madison Ave. Madison, NJ 07940
All donations at door benefit
America's Grow-a-Row

Interfaith Food Pantry

Christ the King Parish has contributed very generously to the *Interfaith Food Pantry* for many years. **Next weekend, February 18-19**, Joanne Rinaldi Brashier and Tony Amitrano from Interfaith Food Pantry



When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.

will be with us at several of the Masses. They will speak briefly at the Saturday night Mass and on Sunday at 9am and 11am, to acquaint us with the work of the Food Pantry and how it sustains the lives of the clients.

Joanne has worked for the Interfaith Food Pantry for 4 years as the Grants Administrator and Community Relations and Development Associate but has been involved with the Pantry since 1999. She is also the liaison for the Houses of Worship. Tony Amitrano is one of the volunteers who works closely with IFP clients. He is retired from the Pharmaceutical industry. Both will be available to answer questions following the Masses. We are grateful for the time they will give us to show what a difference the Interfaith Food Pantry makes in the lives of others.

Family Connection

Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:17-37

"I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to fulfill them."



Families have rules. Without rules, family life would be chaos. As a family, brainstorm a list of rules that you are all called to follow in your home in order for you all to get along together. Think about rules for play time, rules for eating, rules for how to speak to one another, rules for going out with friends, and so on. Emphasize that families follow rules as a way of showing love and respect for one another. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about following the Law. Say: **God's Law of love can be thought of as rules that we are to follow in order to show our love and respect for one another.** Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:17-37. Talk specifically with one another about how anger is to be dealt with in your family. Conclude by praying for the grace to overcome anger and to show respect for one another as a family by following God's Law of love.

Religious Education Program

Junior High Religious Education (Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Parent & Student Session

February 12

5:30pm Mass (or any other weekend liturgy)

6:30pm – 8pm in the Parish Hall



Saint of the Week

Sts. Cyril and Methodius – February 14

Because we also celebrate St. Valentine on February 14, the brothers Cyril and Methodius are often forgotten. They were born in Thessalonica in the early 800's. Both were knowledgeable of the Slavic language, were well-educated and both became monks. In 862 Cyril was chosen to become the bishop of Moravia and he took his brother along. Together they labored to create a Slavonic alphabet, and they translated the Gospels and other liturgical books into the Slavic language. They taught the people their own language and even celebrated the Liturgy in their own tongue, after permission was given by the Pope. Throughout their years of ministering to the Slavic people, they fought opponents who saw value only in the Greek and Latin languages. In particular they were opposed by German clergymen who had long been missionaries in the area. The German priests did not like losing their control. Cyril was the first brother to die, while they were in Rome. Afterward, Methodius returned to Moravia and by the time of his death in 884 he had translated nearly the entire Bible and the writings of the Fathers of the Church into the Slavic language. Sts. Cyril and Methodius are known as the "Apostles of the Slavic People" and in 1980 Pope John Paul II named them co-patrons of Europe.



Saints Cyril and Methodius, pray for all missionaries and for the increase of faith of the Slavic people, among whom you labored with such devotion.

Music Ministry

Dona Nobis Pacem



Our parish **Adult Choir** will be offering a Communion Meditation this **Sunday during the 11am Mass**. The song is called *Dona Nobis Pacem*, a familiar melody here presented in an arrangement by Hal Hopson. The text comes from the last part of the *Lamb of God*, sung during our liturgies every weekend. The translation of the text is *Grant Us Peace*. Let us all join our choir in this prayer. *Grant Us Peace to our town, country, world and within ourselves.*

Explanation of the Mass

Introductory Rites



The *Introductory Rites* is the section of the Mass preceding the *Liturgy of the Word* that confers a quality of preparation and introduction on the Eucharistic Sacrifice. The intent is that the assembled group **unites as a community** properly prepared to hear God's Word and celebrate the Eucharist. It includes the following:

- Entrance / Antiphon
- Greeting
- Penitential Rite
- Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)
- Gloria (Glory to God)
- Opening Prayer

Can you identify these parts as they happen during our liturgy?

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, February 12

- 9am Children's Liturgy of the Word
- 5:30pm Antioch Follow-up
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

Monday, February 13

- 9:30pm Mardi Gras Planning Meeting
- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Parent & Teen Gathering
- 7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, February 14

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 16

- 9:30am Bible 101

Friday, February 17

- 10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, February 18

- 9:30am Reconciliation

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 13

- 7am Mary Argondizza.

Tuesday, February 14

- 9am Henrka Horman

Wednesday, February 15

- 7am Andrew Benvenuti

Thursday, February 16

- 9am Mary Bell

Friday, February 17

- 7am Stanley Borant

Saturday, February 18

- 9am Frank & Michaelina Oberd
- 5pm Lulu Mills

Sunday, February 19

- 7am Steven Olig
- 9am Sheila Teschemacher
- 11am Kris Daras & Dick Markey
- 5:30pm Joe D. Y. Quan

Pray for the Sick

Frank Alai, Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Jerry Trent, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Christopher Drzala, Grant Martin Scruggs, Anne Galdieri, John Allen, Debbie Caldwell, Nicole Hellmund, Randy Brooks, Maria Meister, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Pray for the Deceased

Msgr. Patrick Brown
Joan Kearns Malone, *sister of Bill Kearns*

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Ranjit Ramesar at the request of Pat and Lisa Burke.

Diocese of Paterson

Office of The Bishop

February 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In February, parishes throughout our Diocese take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I hope you are able to participate in this worthy cause.

Through your generosity, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe collection funds important projects in 28 countries. These projects include seminarian education, youth ministry, social service programs and church construction and renovation.

In Armenia, a grant was provided to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for a summer camp for 850 children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty or reside in poor isolated villages. In Romania, funds were used to help in the building of a Cathedral that not only serves as a house of prayer but also hosts activities for children and youth. In Montenegro, where societal views portray the elderly as a burden, a grant was provided to create educational materials in support of the dignity and rights of seniors. In addition, 100 people were also given training to advocate for the rights of this marginalized group.

These are just three examples of the good and holy work being done with the help of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. With your support, great strides are being made to bring the faith to generations lost under Communist rule. I ask you to please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson



New Day Bereavement Sessions



Are you suffering from the loss of a loved one, expected or unexpected? Do you feel alone? Do you have questions that go unanswered? Could you benefit from the support of others in a safe and confidential environment? Our parish is offering a 9-week program to assist men and women who are grieving a loss. These sessions will be held on Wednesdays, from 10:00-11:30 am **starting March 8 and ending May 3**. We will use the book "The New Day Journal" to facilitate sharing, journaling, and processing the loss.

Please contact Sister Mary Joseph to register for this program at srmarijoseph@churchofchristtheking.org - 973-539-4955 ext. 13