

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.*

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 19, 2017

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 to 11:30am 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 smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org – 973-539-4955 ext. 13



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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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living the faith is acting with love and mercy.



Today's reading from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew can be very challenging for us. The first part of this passage speaks of the familiar, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. This is often misinterpreted to mean that if someone hurts you, you should hurt them back. The actual point of this passage is about justice, not revenge. God is a just God, which explains why, at times in the Old Testament, when it sounds like God is being mean to people, in actuality, he is keeping his word – fulfilling his promise. If God told the Israelites what they should do and what the consequence would be if they did not do it, he would provide the anticipated punishment out of justice if they did not follow his command.

In the "Love your Enemies" verses, we are given one of the most difficult tasks – to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. Isn't it true we sometimes find it much easier to do physical tasks in the name of Jesus than respond in humility to someone who offends us? It is easier to take care of the church's flower gardens than to forgive our wayward son or daughter. It is less challenging to work at the soup kitchen than it is to love the co-worker who does not do his or her share of work, or the neighbor who is argumentative and irritating. Of course, garden and soup kitchen work are good and necessary, but loving our enemies or praying for those who persecute us is incredibly difficult to do.

Jesus tells us in today's passage that the greatest response to any situation is love. It is a direct imitation of the way God treats us – his children – in his great mercy. When we come to realize that our worthiness is not the cause of God's loving us – that his love and mercy are pure gift – our response should be one of gratitude, which brings about a transformation in our relationships with others. Quite simply, it may feel counter-intuitive to be kind to those who are unkind to us, but that is what we are called to do. Living out the Gospel in a radical way is essential to spreading the Good News. Of course, praying for others and treating them lovingly does not mean we have to endure disrespect or abuse from others. Rather, we are to set appropriate boundaries which shield us from abusive and disrespectful behavior on the part of others toward us.

At the end of this passage, Jesus tells us to be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. Here, he is not literally calling us to be perfect. This is impossible due to our human weakness and sin. But, we are called to perfection in the sense of striving each day to be all that God has called us to be – to love without limit, to be generous beyond measure, to show mercy to those in need. We work at these and, with the grace of God, we are transformed, and transform the world around us. Jesus did not say that doing this would be easy, but clearly, we are called to go the extra mile as we serve him and work to build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

Daily Readings

Monday, February 20

Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday, February 21

Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 22

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Thursday, February 23

Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 24

Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, February 25

Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, February 26

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

Collection

Last weekend's collection:

\$15,062.000*

*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

February 23 – 11am

In the program: Bahara, an Afghan student from Drew University, speaking of her education and experiences trying to improve the educational opportunities for other Afghan girls.

All welcome. Christ the King Parish Hall.

March 7

Trip Lunch & Mike Byrnes Band
at Doolans, Spring Lake.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY IS MARCH 1

Join us on **Wednesday, March 1** as we begin the Holy Season of Lent.
Ashes will be distributed during **Mass at 7am, 12pm & 7pm.**
Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes will take place at 4:30pm.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (FOR LENT)

Monday & Wednesday – **7am**

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – **9am**

Friday – **12noon** (followed by Stations of the Cross) - *No 7am Mass*

A simple soup lunch will be offered on Friday after the Stations of the Cross.



Stations
of the Cross

March 3 through April 7

2 Sessions

- Fridays immediately following the 12noon Mass
- Friday evenings at 7:30pm



Lent is about allowing the Holy Spirit the time and intention to change our hearts. **Those who wish can receive the Sacrament by going to one of the priests individually.** "Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. **Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, through April 3, from 7 – 8:30pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson.** Ask the priest to help you! Experience the gracious mercy of God!
www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

LENT 2017



Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is an ancient method of prayerful sharing of Scripture in a small-group setting. We will read, reflect and pray about the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Copies of the Scripture text will be provided. Participants are welcome to pray and reflect in silence and through prayerful conversation. All are welcome. **March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, from 7 to 8pm** in the Parish Life Center Library.



LENTEN
SOUP SUPPER

- Soup, water and bread will be served at our **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper** between 5 to 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.
- You are also invited to partake in a delicious meal of homemade soup **Wednesday, April 12 at 6pm.** This informal dinner gathering allows us to share a simple meal of soup and bread with fellow parishioners. **Beginning at 7pm we will pray the Stations of the Cross in the church.** It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Jesus' final journey to the cross. *If you are interested in volunteering for our Soup Supper please contact Erin Ranft at erin@churchofchristtheking.org.*

Religious Education Program

Kindergarten Religious Education (Monthly Sunday)

March 5

10am – 10:45am in the Parish Life Center Library

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

Sunday Evening Student Sessions

March 5 & 19

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

6:30pm – 8pm in the Parish Hall

Pick up from the Parish Life Center

Family Based Religious Education

Thursday Evening Session – March 9

Friday Evening Session – March 10

6pm to 8pm in the Parish Hall

Pizza will be served at 5:45pm

Saint of the Week

St. Margaret of Cortona – February 22

St. Margaret of Cortona is the patron saint of reformed prostitutes, the insane, and hoboes. She was born in Tuscany in 1247. Her mother died when she was just seven years old. When her father remarried, the stepmother did not show any interest in Margaret. She grew up unhappy and eventually eloped with a young nobleman. She lived as his mistress for nine years, always hoping for a marriage that never came to be. When her lover was murdered, Margaret took her son and returned to her home. Her father, however, would have nothing to do with her. Margaret found help from the Franciscans, but often fell into temptations of the flesh. Eventually she underwent a complete change of her life and began to work among the poor and the sick, even founding a hospital and organizing a group of women to staff it and contributors to support it. She became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis, and later her son also became a Franciscan. Margaret lived a life of penance for her past sins, and experienced deep prayer and mystical experiences. Even amid rumors of insanity and promiscuity, Margaret persevered in her penance and prayer. Many lapsed Catholics came back to the faith, her prayers led to the conversion of sinners and even miracles. For twenty-nine years she performed penances for her sins. Crowds flocked to her funeral in 1297. She was canonized in 1728 and her incorrupt body is venerated in her shrine in Cortona.



St. Margaret of Cortona, obtain for us the grace to never judge others and to continue praying for the conversion of even the most hardened of sinners.

Mardi Gras Celebration

Help Needed



We are once again coming up on our Lenten season, which means it's time for a Mardi Gras Celebration before we enter into this reflective time! We are in need of parent volunteers to organize and/or coordinate this event. Should you be willing to help, there will be a meeting held on **Tuesday, February 21 at 9:30am** in the Parish Center Library. For more information, please contact Erin at erin@churchofchristtheking.org

Memoir by Storytelling Workshop

Facilitated by Mary Kenny & Markie Burke
At Kemmerer Library

**Wednesdays, March 8, 15 and 22
1 to 3pm**

No experience necessary.

Bring pad and pen and get started.

Explanation of the Mass Liturgy of the Word



The major part of the Mass between the Opening Prayer and the preparation of the Gifts during which the Word of God is proclaimed, responded to, authoritatively explained, accepted and held fast, and appealed to. Includes the following:

- First Reading
- Responsorial Psalm
- Second Reading
- Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)
- Gospel Reading
- Homily
- Silence
- Profession of Faith (Creed)
- General Intercessions (Prayer of the Faithful)

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, February 19

9am Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, February 20

President's Day

No Women of Grace this week!

Tuesday, February 21

9:30am Senior Breakfast

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, February 23

9:30am Bible 101

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, February 24

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, February 25

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, February 26

9am Children's Liturgy of the Word

5:30pm Antioch Follow-up Gathering

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 20

7am Dorothy Reading

Tuesday, February 21

9am Joan Kearns Malone

Wednesday, February 22

7am Sean & Mai Maher

Thursday, February 23

9am Msgr. Patrick Brown

Friday, February 24

7am Catherine Nichols

Saturday, February 25

9am Catherine Coughlan

5pm Emma Willeam

Sunday, February 26

7am Robert Miele, Jr.

9am Richard Simon

11am Sheila Teschemacher

5:30pm Jim McNamee

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, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Vincent and Marie McDermott at the request of Arlene and Jim Gibbons.

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

If you received a final request from our Bishop asking for your support of the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal, please respond as your means permit. The Appeal is essential to the work of the Church in reaching out to those in great need who come to our Catholic Charities agencies. It also supports seminarian education, inner-city area education and our priests' retirement residence. Every gift is important so whatever you can do is a blessing. Please respond today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2016appeal.org. May God bless you for your support.

**BE RICH
IN GOOD
WORKS**

Pizza Night with Bishop



Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 7 to 9pm

Pope John XXIII H.S., Sparta

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza.

For more information, please contact the **Vocation Office** at 973-777-8818, ext 711

Diocese of San Pablo

December 1, 2016

Dear Fr. Sullivan,

Greetings of Peace!

On behalf of the Diocese of San Pablo, Philippines, I am extending my heartfelt gratitude to you, your parish community and the Diocese of Paterson for giving us the opportunity to become part of the 2016 Missionary Cooperation Plan. We received total donations amounting to \$4,671.90 from the two parishes assigned to our Diocese.

Our Diocese is indeed blessed with this opportunity that will support our missionary works and evangelization programs specially the formation of seminarians, lay catechists and financial support for our Home for the Elderly and the Abandoned. I am also grateful for your support and accommodation to Fr. Rico Villareal who made the appeal. Kindly extend my warmest gratitude and regards to your parish staff and parish community. We issued the receipt to the Mission Office.

Please be assured of our prayers to you and your parish community. May God bless and guide us in all our missionary works, I remain.

In Christ,

Most Rev. Buenaventure M. Famadico, D.D.
Bishop of San Pablo

