

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.*

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 3, 2017

Wreath Sale



The Youth Ministry will once again be holding a
Christmas Wreath Sale after all Masses this weekend!



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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

1st Sunday of Advent

Let us be watchful and alert for the Lord of the house to come.



It is fitting that the very first reading we hear this Advent is a lament imploring God's personal intervention. For Advent is a time of waiting: waiting for the opportunity to celebrate God's intervention in human history; waiting for, and preparing for, Jesus' return.

The writers of the book of Isaiah – which we will hear proclaimed these first three Sundays of Advent – witnessed colossal historical events in the life of the Israelites: wars, revolts, dethroned rulers. Yet in Isaiah, no military or political power compares in importance to God's majesty, and to the intimate relationship between God and his beloved, chosen people.

So in the midst of the Israelites' exile, Isaiah recalls all the times in history that God provided protection, and begs for the Lord to come once more to their aid. He acknowledges that they have sinned, but is confident in God's abiding covenantal promise.

Isaiah's plea is one of confident hope, proclaimed by someone who knows that nothing the Israelites have done changes God's love for them. Isaiah emphasizes God as Father and redeemer – a God who shapes us with the loving tenderness of a potter molding clay.

We hear this same confidence in the Gospel message of Jesus to his disciples. His words, Be watchful! Be alert! are not a threat or some doom message. They are instead instructions for how to live with assurance: we don't have to wonder or worry, because we know with certainty that the Lord of the house will come! We will not be abandoned or forgotten. The Master will return.

The nights are much longer than the days in this dark time of the year. We may be facing harsh difficulties, unknown risks or painful circumstances. Yet what the prophet Isaiah names is what Paul the Apostle confirms: In him you were enriched in every way, because God is faithful. We have already been given the graces we need to face our specific circumstances. In the words of Saint Paul in today's reading: you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is, indeed, faithful. The only question we must answer is, how are we responding to this awesome grace?

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 4

7am Paul Didier Amiel

Tuesday, December 5

9am Ralph E. Behre

Wednesday, December 6

7am Robert Seton Ryan

Thursday, December 7

9am Marjorie B. Magnier and Thomas Riley

Friday, December 8

7am Nelson Vetrino

7pm Fred & Dot Yeomans

Saturday, December 9

9am Robert Ryan

5pm Marjorie B. Magnier

Sunday, December 10

7am John Manna & Family

9am Maria Giovannello

11am Chris Daras

5:30pm Tina Cerrigone

If you are a family member or friend of the person being remembered at Sunday Mass, please feel free to approach an usher and offer to bring up the gifts.

Pray for the Sick

Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Paula Dugan, Tawny Wamack, Rex Linnehan, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

November 19 – \$14,225.00*

November 26 – \$14,759.00*

*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**.

Second Collection Next Week

Next weekend is our monthly collection for Project Faith, our Diocesan Assessment. Your generosity in helping us meet this obligation is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Liturgies

EM, Lectors & Altar Servers

Sign-up sheets are posted in the Priest's Sacristy. Please indicate your availability to serve for the Christmas liturgies.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to anyone who is sick or homebound. If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited by a Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Religious Education



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

December 3, 10am – 10:45am – PLC Library

Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Parent & Student Session

December 10, 6:30 – 8pm

All sessions will gather in the Parish Hall. We encourage families to attend the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass.

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

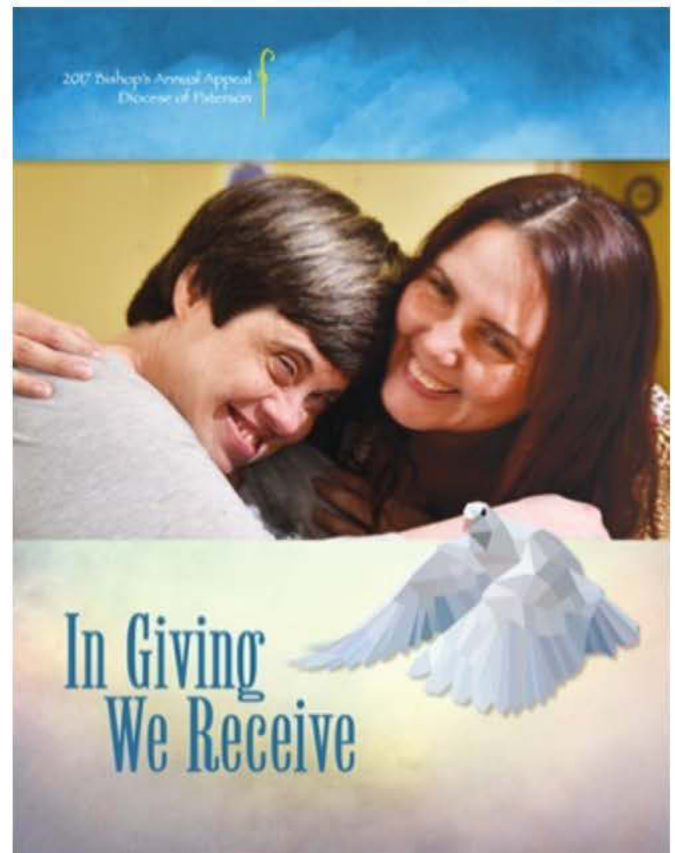
Sunday, December 3 – 9am Mass

GRADES 1-5 Learning Session

Wednesday, December 20

4 to 5pm – Parish Life Center

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal



As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand name tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this **Friday, December 8.** Masses for this holy day will be celebrated at **7am and 7pm.**

COOKIES FOR HEROES
Join the Youth Ministry in spreading Christmas Cheer & appreciation to our troops overseas!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

DONATIONS NEEDED!	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Packing Peanuts• Bubble Wrap• Copy Paper Boxes• Monetary Donations• Baked Cookies• Hand Made Christmas Cards	<p>December 10th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall</p> <p>Help wrap and package cookies, create cards, & bake some last minute cookies!</p>

DONATIONS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, 12/9 TO PLC

Questions? Contact Christa Romano:
christa@churchofchristtheking.org

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, December 3

Wreath Sale (*after all Masses*)

Eva's Village Serving

9am Sacramental Preparation Mass

10am Kindergarten RD

10am Pageant Costume Fitting

2pm Christmas Concert – in Church

4:30pm Youth Ministry – *Rite of Covenant*

6:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up

6:30pm Cookies for Soldiers Packaging

Tuesday, December 5

7pm RCIA Session – *Sacraments*

Thursday, December 7

9:30am Bible 101

4pm Pageant Rehearsal

Friday, December 8

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, December 9

Wreath Sale (*after 5pm Mass*)

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, December 10

Wreath Sale (*after all Masses*)

12:30pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

2pm Christmas Pageant

4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up

4:30pm Cookies for Soldiers Packaging

6:30pm Jr. High RE – Parent/Student Session

Faith Direct

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**.

Thank You – The Food Pantry!



When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.

Christ the King parish donated **30 turkeys, 1087 lbs. of food, and \$1745 in donations** during the month of November! Thanks to all our generous parishioners, many

needy families enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast! God bless you all! Special thanks to Susan Pellegrino for her coordination of the **Fishes and Loaves** ministry.

Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU

Saint of the Week

December 6 | *St. Nicholas*



There are many legends attached to St. Nicholas, most of them wrapped up with Christmas traditions.

Most of the stories pay tribute to his generosity.

What we do know of Nicholas is that he was the bishop of Myra, which is present-day Turkey. He was present at the Council of Nicaea in 325, was imprisoned during the persecution of Diocletian, and died at Myra in 350.

Legend has it that St. Nicholas as bishop provided dowries for poor girls who could not afford to get married. It is said he threw the bags of coins through the open window of the house and they landed in stockings hung up to dry by the fire. This is a stretch of the imagination, but it explains some of our Christmas traditions. Another tradition has children placing their shoes outside the bedroom door on the night of December 6 and finding them filled with candy the next morning.

When the Muslims conquered the Middle East, Italian soldiers took Nicholas' relics to Bari, in southern Italy, and they have remained there to the present day. Devotion to Nicholas spread all over Europe, with over 2,000 churches dedicated to him. In Holland he was known as Sinter Klaas, which evolved into Santa Claus, with no religious connotation.

St. Nicholas is the patron saint of pawnbrokers and gift givers, and definitely a recognizable figure all over the world!

St. Nicholas, help us to keep the true meaning of Christmas in our minds and motivations for giving gifts this month.

Villa Walsh Academy O Holy Night | Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 10 - 3pm

Mother Ninetta Auditorium
455 Western Avenue, Morristown
Donations: \$10.00 – www.villawalsh.org

to the **Peace World**

Join the combined choirs of
Church of Christ the King & St. Patrick Church
for our *7th Annual Christmas Concert*.

With a repertoire of Christmas Carols from around the world,
celebrating the message of peace, unity and harmony to all.



USA, Italy, Finland, Spain, Nigeria, Russia, Brazil, Iraq, Ireland and more...

Saturday, December 2 – 7:30PM

St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

Sunday, December 3 – 2PM

Church of Christ the King, New Vernon, NJ

FREE ADMISSION



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