

CHRIST THE KING PARISH

Saint Athanasius Church
300 Haverhill Street
Reading, MA

Saint Agnes Church
186 Woburn Street
Reading, MA

ChristTheKingReading.org

January 28, 2024

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



All were amazed and asked one another,
“What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the
unclean spirits and they obey him.” Mark 1: 27

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

JANUARY LIFE ACTIVITY: 2024 BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

This year our Christ the King Sanctity of Life Ministry, Confirmation Prep I and II Candidates and the Knight of Columbus are combining efforts to support LIFE through prayer, financial and material donations. The parish Baby Bottle Drive and Baby Shower will be offered concurrently from Saturday, January 20th to Sunday, February 4th. Please consider taking a bottle and filling it with a donation. This year you will have the options to direct your financial donation to your favored organization. Unspecified donations will be shared equally with our friends at the Pregnancy Care Center and Your Options Medical. Donations will be accepted through Sunday, February 4th. Look for the baskets at the entrance of church. Thank you all for your kind continuing support for unborn children and their mothers.

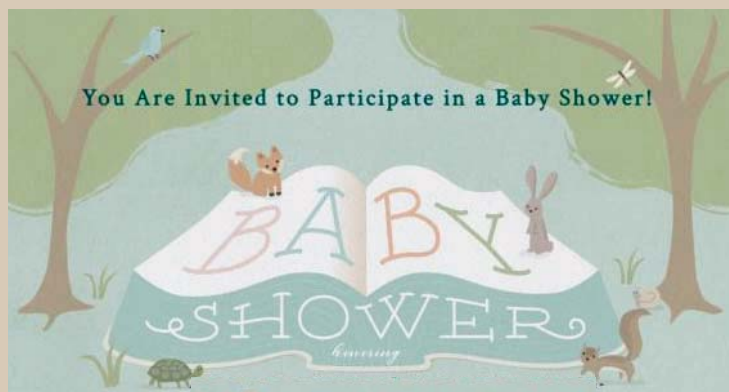
JANUARY LIFE ACTIVITY: PARISH BABY SHOWER

The Christ the King Parish-wide Baby Shower ends February 4th. Between now and the 4th, baby shower items can be dropped off in three different ways:

1. To the Parish Office (184 Woburn Street)
2. To the drop boxes located at both churches
3. If you have children in Faith Formation, donations can be dropped off to their classroom.

This year, perhaps you might consider a financial donation, in lieu of diapers or baby items? If this is the case, make your check out to: Knights of Columbus

Council 1031 and the Knights of Columbus National Supreme Council will make an additional donation to these organization based on monies received. Checks can be dropped in the offertory basket and memo'd "Baby Shower". All donations will benefit *The Pregnancy Care Center* and *A Women's Concern*, two organizations that assist expectant families in need with basic support.



MISSION OF DEEDS PILLOW/BLANKET DRIVE

Our Annual Pillow and Blanket Drive which benefits Mission of Deeds has begun! The Drive will run from January 13th until January 28th. Collection boxes will be near the restroom at St. Athanasius Church, and at the Woburn street entrance of St. Agnes Church. Mission of Deeds has been serving families in need for 29 years, and we thank you for your support.

COLLECTION ITEMS:

BLANKETS - NEW full/queen/twin in original packaging

PILLOWS - NEW standard/queen size pillows



Drop off is Wednesdays
4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
at the back door.

ITEMS IN NEED:

- Laundry Detergent
- Granola bars
- Apple or Grape Juice boxes
- Pancake Syrup
- Canned chopped clams
- Paper towels

Addressing the food and personal care needs of our neighbors through high quality, respectful service in a welcoming environment, with a goal of enhancing wellbeing in our community.

Bringing hope and healing through encounters with the Living Christ.

From the Parochial Vicar

Dear Parishioners and Extended Family Members,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

With all the talk taking place of the Patriots, I thought that this may be a good time to review the Seven Deadly Sins. Not only are we approaching the season of Lent, but as the hype about the Super Bowl gets amplified as we get closer to Super Bowl Sunday, there is a temptation to fall into one or more of these Seven Deadly Sins. (Please know that this is all personal conjecture and not Official Church Teaching regarding the Patriots or any other team or group of fans.)

I wonder if Patriots Fans are tempted to commit GREED. Greed is the desire for material wealth or gain, ignoring the realm of the spiritual. While being in the Super Bowl or being a Super Bowl Champion is not quantifiably material, it is still an object that seems to be excessively desired by Patriots Fans, even in their present state.

GLUTTONY is an inordinate desire to consume more than that which one requires. Patriots Fans consider anything short of a Super Bowl appearance a failure, even a disaster. Patriots Fans' appetite for Super Bowl appearances is awfully hard to suppress.

PRIDE is excessive belief in one's own abilities that interferes with the individual's recognition of the grace of God. It has been called the sin from which all others arise. Patriots Fans took an awful lot of pride in THEIR victories (WE won) even though they had nothing to do with the win, and loving to mention a Patriots' victory to opposing fans. The same are probably saying "THEY STINK!" after the Patriots' latest season(s).

LUST is an inordinate craving for the pleasures of the body. I submit that there is a lust for the Super Bowl trophy that seems to be imbedded in many Patriots Fans that gets stronger this time of the year, no matter what the prospects of the next season may be.

ENVY is the desire for others' traits, status, abilities, or situation. Disgust for other teams or their talent by Patriots Fans is usually rooted in this and is made manifest by trying to take away from the other teams by means of accusations, rumors, or gossip.

ANGER is manifested in the individual who spurns love and opts instead for fury. It is also known as Wrath. It is very Christian to be happy for others and their accomplishments when they have been justly earned. Patriots Fans can choose to be happy for other teams and their accomplishments, or not.

SLOTH is the avoidance of physical or spiritual work. Ownership of the Patriots can invest in the team's coaching and personnel instead of holding on to the money their fan base spends on tickets and merchandise.

I hope that this was at least somewhat amusing and / or educational.

Speaking of educational, I hope my countdown of the 10 Worst Names in the Bible have been that - as well as at least the cause of some joy for you. Now, for THE worst name in the Bible. Drumroll please...

JOKTAN - A son of Eber and a brother of Peleg and from whom thirteen tribes of Arabia sprang (Gen 10:25-29; 1 Chron 1:19-23) - The name is so wrong in so many ways!!!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Z.

This Week in Church Signs:

**"Hate is an expensive emotion.
It costs everything."**



RCAB SPECIAL COLLECTION: CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA (CLA) - JANUARY 27/28

This weekend we have an Archdiocesan special collection to support the Church in Latin America

(CLA). As we have only one collection at Mass, or if you are an electronic giver, please consider increasing your regular contribution to support both the Parish and the Church in Latin America. Thank you.

The CLA provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. CLA funds catechetical and lay leadership programs, youth ministry, evangelization programs, and formation programs for religious, priests, and deacons. CLA is making it possible for the Catholic faithful in the Western hemisphere to help each other. Please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-giving

FAITH & FELLOWSHIP MIDSEASON CELEBRATION

Please join us on January 31st at 6:30PM over at St. Athanasius church for mass followed by refreshments, snacks and fellowship in the PAC. Faith and Fellowship is our small groups ministry that has been active for 9+ years, and currently has over 120 participants. We take the time between our fall and spring campaigns to stop and give thanks for the work that the Holy Spirit continues to do through this ministry in bringing people closer to Christ. We will share thoughts and feedback from our fall session which focused on the book, *Start With Jesus*. We will also look forward to our spring session which we will kick off with the Lenten season and use the book, *Open Our Hearts* which focuses on the readings through Lent. We welcome all parishioners to come and see. For more information on signing up to be part of a group, visit our page at:

<https://christthekingreading.org/faith-and-fellowship>

Or email Steve Goldner, sgoldner74@hotmail.com

Or return the Sign Up Card to the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

| Priests | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Jan 28 | Fr. Thomas Wyndham |
| Jan 29 | Fr. Christopher Casey |
| Jan 30 | Fr. Darin Colarusso |
| Jan 31 | All Salesians |
| Feb 1 | Fr. Richard Conway |
| Feb 2 | Fr. Andreas Davison |
| Feb 3 | Fr. Thomas Domurat |
| Seminarians/Deacons | |
| Jan 28 | Deacon Barry Mongeon |
| Jan 29 | Deacon David Pineda |
| Jan 30 | Deacon John Tanyi |
| Jan 31 | Deacon Hung Tran |
| Feb 1 | Deacon Jeremy Wagner |
| Feb 2 | Max Muenke |
| Feb 3 | Luca Contini |



CHRIST THE KING PARISH — SIGN-UP CARD

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Choose preference by available days and times

Day: ☐ Mon ☐ Tue ☐ Wed ☐ Thu ☐ Fri ☐ Sat ☐ Sun

Time: ☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon ☐ Evening

☐ I would like to host a small group in my home.

2024 SACRAMENTS

Please keep in prayer the students in our Faith Formation program who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist, or being Confirmed this year. We have 91 students preparing to receive First Communion, and 80 teens preparing for Confirmation.

First Communion Celebrations

Saturday, May 4, 10:00 AM at St. Athanasius
(Rehearsal is Friday, May 3, 4:30 PM)

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM at St. Agnes
(Rehearsal is Friday, May 10, 4:30 PM)

Confirmation Masses

Saturday, April 6, 6:00 PM at St. Athanasius
(Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 PM)

Sunday, April 7, 2:00 PM at St. Agnes
(Rehearsal is Thursday, April 4, 7:00 PM)



Tuesday, January 30th

Grade 2 Parent Meeting

7:00 PM, St. Agnes Parish Center

Your Child's First Communion

A Family Celebration

All Parents Expected to Attend

COFFEE, DONUTS AND HOSPITALITY

Join us at the St. Athanasius Parish Activity Center following the 10:00 AM Mass - coffee, delicious donuts and great community EVERY SUNDAY!



Next weekend, St. Agnes has "Welcoming Sunday" at the Parish Center following the 8:30 and the 11:30 morning Masses. Stop in for coffee and donuts to the St. Agnes Parish Center 2nd Floor: a great way to end Sunday worship, and for families with children coming to the Children's Liturgy of the Word on February 4th at the 8:30AM Mass - this is an "added treat!" St. Agnes Welcoming Sunday, February 4th following the 8:30AM and 11:30AM Masses. All are welcome. Hosted by the Parish Council

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

DATE: Saturday, February 17

TIME: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM

LOCATION: St. Athanasius PAC

Here's what you will enjoy! All are welcome to join!

- CHINESE FOOD BUFFET
- CHINESE TRIVIA WITH PRIZES
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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Reading Knights of Columbus sponsored a Free Throw Contest for Boys and Girls Ages 9 to 14 at the Burbank YMCA on Sunday, January 21. Twenty-one kids participated. The winners compete at the Knights District competition with a chance to go on to the Regionals and State competition. Congratulations to all boys and girls who participated!





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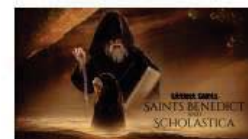


Zack and Yalla

In this exciting new series on FORMED, follow Zack, a young shepherd boy, and his sheep Yalla as they encounter the story of Jesus' birth and learn many lessons along the way. This show, designed for young children, is a fantastic opportunity for parents to introduce the story of the Holy Family to their children through fun and engaging animation and storytelling.

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints

The Littlest Saints series captures the lives of saints through the artful and creative storytelling of children. In this episode, kids can learn about two saints who were family: St. Benedict and St. Scholastica. Following their lives, viewers can learn about the beauty of holiness within the family and perseverance in faith.



The Wonderful World of Benjamin Cello

With three seasons of exciting adventures and musical storytelling, Benjamin Cello is an engaging, entertaining show for kids of all ages. Whether it's journeying to Pennywhistle Park or reading in the Book Endless Book Tower, each episode reveals the importance and excitement of imagination and creativity while also sharing the goodness of virtue and faith in everyday life.

Our Parish's FORMED subscription can help families build holy habits and create new prayer routines at home. Check out the links below revealing the beauty of our Catholic Faith!

FORMED Daily Reflections - Each Daily Reflection is a short video that features Dr. Tim Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life. Sign up to receive these at: <https://daily.formed.org/>

Pray at Home: <https://watch.formed.org/prayathome>

Children's Cartoons: <https://watch.formed.org/kids-1>

Movie Night: <https://watch.formed.org/movie-night>

MASS St. Athanasius: Vigil 4:00PM, 10:00AM | St. Agnes: 8:30AM, 11:30AM
SCHEDULE 9:00 AM Weekdays: Mon, Wed, Fri at St. Agnes | Tues, Thurs at St. Athanasius
 1st Saturday 9:00 AM Mass at St. Athanasius | Livestream Masses: 4:00PM Vigil, 11:30AM
CONFESSION St. Athanasius: Saturday, 2:45PM - 3:45PM; or by appointment
ADORATION St. Agnes: Tuesday, 7:00 PM & Friday, 9:30AM | St. Athanasius: Thursday, 7:00 PM

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN
MILITARY SERVICE**

God of compassion, we pray for our loved ones in the military, who offer themselves for the sake of others and who are separated from family and loved ones. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for the living of these days.

Sustain them through their every trial.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

Please pray for all service members, especially for:

Capt. Jared Peledge (US Army),
 Capt. Jeffrey Peledge (US Army),
 Spc. William T. Fisher (US Army),
 LCPL Dean Lepore, Timothy Thomas (US Army),
 Cpl. Daniel Gonzales (US Marine Corps),
 Capt. Nicholas Staffier (US Army),
 Capt. Luke Beaulieu (US Army), Cpl. Brenden Amico,
 Justin Whitmarsh, Chaplain Tom Whiteman,
 USMC Major Zachary Johnson,
 1st Lts. Ryan & Nolan Johnson (US Army)
 PFC Christopher Lewis, USMC Capt. Katie Sliwoski,
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 Jackson Nicolo (US Army Rangers),
 Capt. Stephen Campo (USMC),
 Spc4 Zachary Thomas, US Army,
 2nd LT Keegan Coulter, US Army
 2nd LT John O'Brien, US Army

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

4:00 PM - Sam Magro, Maria Salerno and Josephine Zito

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

8:30 AM - Leah O'Shea - 4th Anniversary

10:00 AM - Emiko Bielinski

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:00 AM - Anne Gray

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

9:00 AM - First Saturday Mass at St. Athanasius

- Vocations to the Priesthood

4:00 PM - Jim Curran

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:30 AM - Kathy Velasquez - 1st Anniversary

10:00 AM - Louise and Tony Rubbico

11:30 AM - Ryan Crane - 10th Anniversary

MASS INTENTIONS - Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer," and is said in communion with the entire Universal Church. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable. The offering given to apply the Mass for their intention contributes to the good of the Church, and by that offering share its concern to support its ministries and works (Can.946). Mass Intentions can be scheduled up to four months in advance of the requested date. Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE - is lit to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection. If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning in memory of a loved one, to honor a special occasion or a special intention, please make arrangements with the Parish Office. The Candle will burn for one week.



*St. Agnes
Sanctuary Candle*

In loving memory of
Jim Curran

SUNDAY FUNDAY

QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- Moses spoke to the people about:
 - a prophet whom God would raise up
 - building a temple
 - warfare?
- Saint Paul wanted people to be:
 - more aggressive
 - free of all worries
 - busy with their business concerns?
- Jesus entered the synagogue on the:
 - feast of the Passover
 - last day of the week
 - Sabbath?
- The unclean spirit made the man:
 - shriek
 - strangely docile
 - foretell the future?
- Jesus made the unclean spirit:
 - undergo punishment
 - become visible
 - leave the man?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(a); 2(b); 3(c); 4(a); 5(c)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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GOSPEL READING:
MARK 1: 21-28



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If you would like to join this ministry:
 website: ChristTheKingReading.org/serve
 email: Contact@ChristTheKingReading.org
 Call the Parish Office for more information; talk to clergy

HOW DO I BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER?

If you would like to join this ministry:
 website: ChristTheKingReading.org/altar-server
 email: chelle1127@msn.com
 Call Michelle Goldner, 508-942-9788

MUSIC MINISTRY, DAVID COLPITTS, DIRECTOR

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Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized but not Confirmed? Call us, we are here to answer your questions!

GLUTEN ISSUES - Please see a Priest or Deacon before Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesday, 7PM-8PM at St. Agnes Church - with Rosary
 Thursday 7:00pm at St. Athanasius Church with Rosary
 Friday 9:30am-12Noon at St. Agnes Church

MASS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS, MASS CARDS

Call the Parish Office to schedule

PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the Parish Office or submit online at:

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SACRAMENTS

† BAPTISM: Maximum of 6 babies at each service

We hold a Baptism Service twice a month on Sunday at 1:00 PM. Submit your request for baptism at: ChristTheKingReading.org/baptism
 The Parish Office will contact you to schedule the baptism date. Please call Office if you wish to have child baptized at Mass.

† BAPTISM PARENT MEETING: attend prior to the baptism. Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of every month at 7:00PM, at the St. Agnes Parish Ctr

† MARRIAGE:

Arrangements are made with a priest at least six months in advance.

† RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays, 2:45PM - 3:45PM at St. Athanasius or by appointment with Clergy

† ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to request. Extraordinary Ministers are also available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound.

† FUNERALS: ChristTheKingReading.org/funerals or call the Parish Office, 781-944-0490



"I had a project going in the garage. I told my wife it would be the last one and that I was ready to die. My peripheral neuropathy pain had gotten unbearable and my balance was very unsteady. Then I started treatment at Acupuncture & Wellness Clinic. Needless to say I'm looking for a new project. - Gary

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