

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, 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.*

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 11, 2016

music ministry open house

Tuesday, September 13th
7:30 to 9:00PM

Curious? Considering? Maybe??

Our Music Ministry will be offering an **OPEN HOUSE** to all parishioners who may be considering joining our team. Come and meet our intergenerational group of volunteers who offer their time and talent to uplift us during our liturgies in many different functions throughout the year within our Music Department.

Absolutely no previous experience necessary!!!

It will be an evening of fun, food, friendship, fellowship...
and lots of music!

Contact Elias at elias@churchofchristtheking.org to learn more.



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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

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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.

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.

eNEWSLETTER (monthly)

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God's mercy is poured out on us because we need it, not because we deserve it.

One of the greatest conversion stories recorded in all of the Scriptures is the conversion of Saint Paul. Having once been responsible for the persecution of Christians, he becomes one of the greatest advocates of our salvation in Jesus Christ. So we can believe him when he says, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

As we move toward the end of another liturgical year and the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, we are once again reminded of God's boundless love for even one lost sheep. In today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to compare a lost sheep with a lost son of a loving father.

We all know the story of the prodigal son, or – as I like to call it – “The Doting Father,” inside out. The powerful image of the embrace between the father and his son still softens hardened hearts to this day.

How different a message would have been conveyed had the father reacted the way many of us do when hurt in such a way, with arms crossed instead of outstretched: “You deeply hurt me, now you come wanting my forgiveness. I will have to think about whether I can do that or not, because right now I don't think you deserve it.”

God's mercy is not parsed out in dribs and drabs. God's mercy is not divvied up based on who is most worthy of it. Rather, God's mercy is lavishly poured out upon us because we need it – not because we deserve it.

We must not fall into the trap of being the other son mentioned in today's Gospel. If we are to be faithful to God's plan for us in this life, we cannot walk around with hardened hearts. God's plan for us is to bring Saint Paul's message alive in our time and place. Do we live our lives in such a way that people will believe us when we tell them, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”?

If I believe that Jesus came to save me, then I must walk and talk as someone saved, not as someone still lost. Holding onto grudges, past hurts, bitterness or hostility have no place in the life of a Christian.

Remember that when Jesus was asked by his disciples how to pray, he gave them the Lord's Prayer. He indicates that being forgiven is linked to how we forgive: Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. We need to remember this the next time we try winning a grudge match with someone.

Walking in the ways of the Lord requires that we be ever-mindful that we have been saved by our faith in Jesus, and that there is no room in our lives for revenge. Rather, there is room only for love, mercy and forgiveness in the life of a disciple of Jesus.



DAILY READINGS

Monday, September 12th

1 Corinthians 11:17-26, 33; Luke 7:1-10

Tuesday, September 13th

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a; Luke 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 14th

Numbers 21:4b-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Thursday, September 15th

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; John 19:25-27

Friday, September 16th

1 Corinthians 15:12-20; Luke 8:1-3

Saturday, September 17th

1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49; Luke 8:4-15

Sunday, September 18th

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

Collection

Last weekend's collection: \$15,210.00*

*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**.

Second Collection

Our second collection next weekend is our annual collection for the *Little Sisters of the Poor*. Your generosity in helping us meet this obligation is greatly appreciated.

9/11 Memorial Service

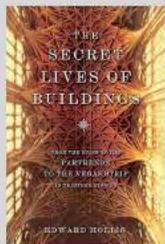
Sponsored by The Harding Township
Citizen's Park Advisory Committee (CPAC)



Sunday, September 11th – 1PM

At Memorial Park (across from the New Vernon Fire Department). Guest Speaker will be *Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen*, 11th District Representative. The service will include music provided by the Harding Township Middle School Chorus and teaching staff and the placing of a wreath.

Book of the Month



The Book of the Month will meet on **Tuesday, September 27th, 10AM** in the Parish Life Center Library. The book to be reviewed is *The Secret Lives of Buildings* by Edward Hollis. All are welcome!

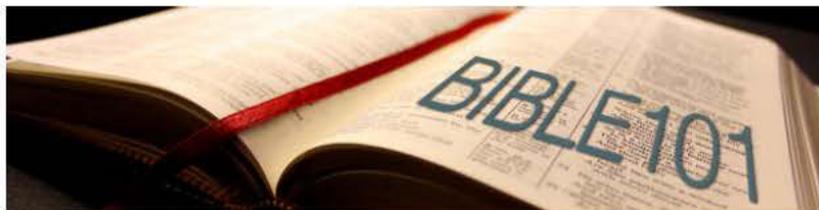
Eucharistic Ministers Training Session



Any fully initiated Catholic interested in serving the parish as a Eucharistic Minister is invited to join Father Brian for a training session this **Wednesday, September 14th, at 7PM** in the Church.

Bible 101

Beginning September 15th



Come and join us to read, pray, and discuss together the *Acts of the Apostles*. Starting date is **Thursday, September 15, from 9:30am to 11:00am**. Sessions will be on Thursday mornings in the Parish Life Center, second floor. We look forward to a lively sharing of Sacred Scripture and its impact in our lives. To sign up please contact Sister Mary Joseph at (973)539-4955 ext. 13, or email: srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Women of Grace

Christ the King is launching a new initiative for women ages 18 and older. It is a Catholic program called "Women of Grace" already established in many parishes throughout the country. We will offer a choice of **two meeting times** in the fall: *Monday mornings, 10:00-11:30 in the Parish Hall, and Monday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Parish Life Center*. Dates of the meetings will be October 3, 17, and 24, and November 14 and 21. Women of Grace uses a book and study guide to provide discussion material, as well as a DVD presentation. Discussions can take many forms, led by the facilitator and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This program is designed to help women explore Mary and the lives of other female saints, incorporating Scripture quotations and selections from the Catholic Catechism. Material presented is for personal meditation, growth in feminine spirituality, and practical application to life situations.



Anyone who desires to progress in the spiritual life, find the support of others, and deepen her knowledge of Catholic teaching is welcome to attend. There is no commitment to attend every week.

Check out the website for a complete description of the program: www.womenofgrace.com.

Contact Sister Mary Joseph to register or for more information: srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or 973-539-4955 x 13

Religious Education Program

Registration

Religious Education Sessions for children in grades K - 8 will begin *in just a few weeks*. If you have not yet registered please contact Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@churchofchristtheking.org ASAP so that your child will have the appropriate materials for his/her first day of instruction.

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – September 22

Friday Session – September 23

5:45pm to 8:00pm – In the Parish Hall

Pizza will be served at 5:45pm

Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

First Session – October 2

10:00am – 10:45am – Parish Life Center Library

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

First Session – Sunday October 2

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Beginning with 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass

First Parent & Student Session

October 16

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Beginning with 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass

Religious Education Parent Orientation Meeting

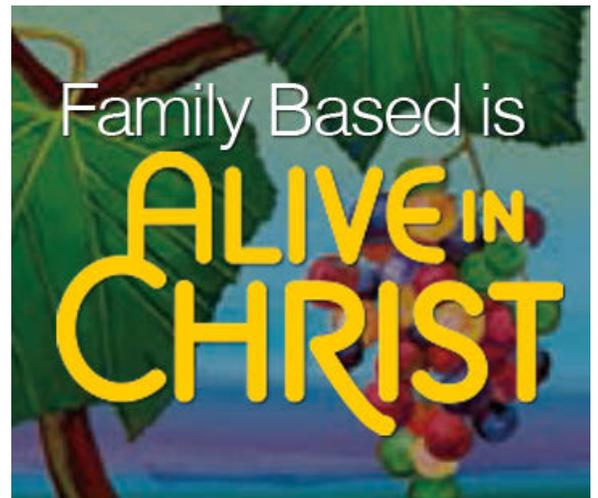
(for parents NEW to the Christ the King RE Program)

If you have a child in Grades 1 – 8 who has not been registered in the Parish Religious Education Program in prior years.

Monday, September 19th

10:00am or 7:30pm in the Parish Hall

For questions or information please email Erin at erin@churchofchristtheking.org



First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Registration Parent Meeting

Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program.

A Sacramental Registration Parent Meeting will be held on **Monday, September 19th at 9:30am or 7:00pm** in the **Parish Hall**.

Attendance is expected at this meeting if your child will be receiving First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist this year.

If 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.



Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, September 11

10AM Munchkin Sunday – Parish Hall
4PM Rock Team Meeting - PLC

Monday, September 12

1PM Deanery Meeting & Lunch – PLC
7PM Catechist Meeting – PLC

Tuesday, September 13

9:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - PLC
7:30PM Music Ministry Open House –
Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 14

7PM RCIA Inquiry Session - PLC

Thursday, September 15

9:30AM Bible 101 – PLC

Friday, September 16

10:30AM Bible Study with Fr. Beatus – PLC

Saturday, September 17

9:30AM Reconciliation – Church

Sunday, September 18

4PM Rock Team Meeting – PLC

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 12th

7AM Elizabeth Griffinger Shelby

Tuesday, September 13th

9AM James Henderson

Wednesday, September 14th

7AM Richard A. Lydon

Thursday, September 15th

9AM Gonzalo Rahausen

Friday, September 16th

7AM José Fabio Salus

Saturday, September 17th

9AM Susan Docherty
5PM John & Lottie Martin

Sunday, September 18th

7AM George Sullivan
9AM Rose Suarez
11AM Nick Peter, Sr.
5:30PM Stanley & Dolores Swaintek

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

2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Be Rich in Good Works

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Many parishioners have received, or will soon receive, a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting support for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is Be Rich in Good Works.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four very worthy causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence; our inner-city elementary schools and seminarian education. Last year's Appeal raised a record amount which meant that even more could be done for the people in our Diocese. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Whatever you can do to help will be a great blessing!

Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing



The Sisters of Christian Charity will be holding its Third Annual Golf Outing at Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club in Livingston, New Jersey on Thursday, September 29, 2016. Registrations begin at 10am, at which time the practice range will also open and brunch will be served. Sponsorship opportunities and combination packages are also available. For more information, please visit www.sceast.org, or contact Casey Dolan, Associate Director of Mission Advancement via email at Dev.director@sceast.org, or call 973-543-6528, ext. 313.