

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.*

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 10, 2017

CTKVOICES

This weekend we will hear the voices of our own parishioners who volunteer their time and talent to our Music Ministry.

It is time for **YOU** to listen to their voices and respond to your call to join us and to take your place in our Music program.

Read Eileen Loughnane's testimony inside.



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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is much riding on our ability to follow Jesus' instructions for salvation.



Perhaps you have seen the commercial for a security company that shows a man inspecting a family home for termites. The conversation goes something like this. "Yup, it's termites." Husband: "Well, get rid of them." Response: "Oh no, I'm not an exterminator, I'm a pest monitor." Just then, a young girl comes romping down the stairs and falls through two of the steps.

I don't think this is what God had in mind when he appointed Ezekiel watchman for the house of Israel. God basically tells Ezekiel he didn't hire a monitor, he hired a spokesperson. As God's spokesperson, Ezekiel will be held responsible if he does not care for God's people as instructed. By doing what God expects of him, Ezekiel finds salvation.

Saint Paul's message to the Romans, and therefore his message to us, is also to do what God expects. Saint Paul paraphrases Jesus in telling the people they don't need to remember all the commandments about how to get along with each other, if they remember to love one another. By being faithful to this great commandment about love, they will, in fact, be keeping the commandments passed down to them through Moses.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is giving his disciples a primer on how to deal with someone who wrongs them.

Basically, all of our texts today lay out for us a right way and a wrong way to go about doing the work of the Lord. Yes, it is our responsibility, like it was for Ezekiel and Saint Paul to bring others to the Lord.

We do this by guiding our children down the right path; not so much by our words, as by our example. We do this by loving our neighbor regardless of the circumstances. We do this most importantly when we believe we have been wronged, by first lovingly bringing it to a person's attention, and trying to reconcile.

God's expectations are not easy. They are downright difficult. Embracing the cross of Christ requires a spiritual stamina that is only possible because Jesus has promised to be ever yoked to us. We are also promised eternal life.

With Ezekiel as our watchman, Saint Paul cheering us on and Jesus ever at our side – how can we fail? We dare not, for a lot is at stake, is it not? Not just for us, but for our children and their children and their children's children.

Make no mistake about how to love one another; how we treat one another is at the very heart of who we are as faithful servants of the Lord. We need to get this right.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 11

7am John Bocchi & Matthew Sellitto

Tuesday, September 12

9am Mary Paris

Wednesday, September 13

7am Carmela Kramer

Thursday, September 14

9am William Smith

Friday, September 15

7am Alice Anagnostis

Saturday, September 16

9am Mary Bell

5pm Christina Corsini

Sunday, September 17

7am Dorothy Capone

9am Anne Galdieri

11am Kathleen Dolan

5:30pm Diana DeRosa

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

Collection

Last weekend's collection:

\$12,235.00*

*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 annual second collection to support the Little Sisters of the Poor. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Baptisms

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Anthony Julien-Eric Charleston, son of Clauter and Carmelle (Nee Charles), Georgia Ruth Lawlor, daughter of Michael & Amy (Nee Ernst), Robert Boone Waldele, son of Robert and Jesse (Nee Lagle),

Youth Lectors

Children in grades 3 to 8 who wish to become Youth Lectors should contact Mary Bentzlin at (973) 971-9926 or mary.bentzlin@yahoo.com.

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – September 21

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – September 22

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

Pizza will be served for both sessions at 5:45pm

• Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

First Session – October 1, 10 – 10:45am – PLC Library

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

First Student Session – Sunday October 1 6:30 – 8pm

First Parent & Student Session

October 15, 6:30 – 8pm

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

We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office ASAP so that your child will have the appropriate materials for his/her first day of instruction. If you are new to our Religious Education program and have not yet registered please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

• First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Registration

Sacrament preparation began at individual informal child & parent meetings. If you did NOT attend a meeting please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

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

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 erin@chuchofchristtheking.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.

• First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, October 1 – 9am Mass

First Reconciliation Activity Books are due. Children will meet with Erin in St. Joseph's Chapel at 8:45am in preparation of the Liturgy.

Vivere Christus Est Award

The goal of this initiative is to acknowledge the value and importance of the laity and to express gratitude and appreciation to those who unselfishly give of their time, talent and treasure for the building up of God's Kingdom. The Vivere Christus EST medal, accompanied by a personalized scroll of recognition will be presented to those chosen for this honor.



This year's Vivere Christus Est Award recipients are Karl and Linda Meister. Karl and Linda have been faithful, supportive parishioners for over 25 years. As the Coordinator of our "Forward In Faith" Building and Renovation Project, Karl diligently oversaw its day-to-day progress and addressed issues and problems as they arose. Karl also served as a Eucharist Minister, member of our Parish Advisory Council and Chairman of our Parish Finance Council. Linda was a very active member of our parish Regina Mundi Guild as well as our Altar Flower and Fortieth Anniversary Committees. Karl and Linda have made eight trips to Guatemala to build homes as members of our From Houses to Homes work team and continue their support of this program serving as sponsors for students.

Please join me in congratulating Karl & Linda on this well-earned honor, which will be bestowed upon them by Bishop Serratelli this Sunday afternoon.

Fr. R. Sull

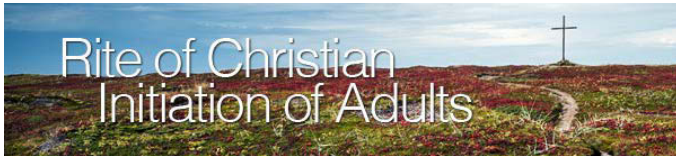
2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is currently underway. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "In Giving, We Receive". By being generous with our God-given gifts, we not only help people in need, but we also help ourselves. Jesus reminds us of the blessings that come from being good stewards.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our inner-city area elementary schools. You can help make this year's Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Every single gift is important, valued and changes lives. Whatever you do to help is a profound blessing!

RCIA | Inquiry Session



This year's RCIA will be held on Tuesday evening, September 12 at 7pm in the Parish Center Library. If you are considering becoming a Catholic or pursuing further sacraments, come and check out this introductory session. No commitments necessary! For more information, please contact Sister Mary Joseph at 973-539-4955, ex. 13. or smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Bible 101



Bible 101 classes will begin on September 7. Thursday morning sessions last from 9:30 to 11am. This year we will study the Letters of St. Paul Written from Prison: 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Philippians, Colossians and Ephesians. ALL ARE WELCOME!

New Day Bereavement Sessions



Starting on September 13, the "New Day" Bereavement Group will meet for nine evening sessions. If you are interested in this 9-week healing journey or if you know someone who might be helped through their grieving process, please contact Sister Mary Joseph to register: smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or 973-539-4955, ex. 13.

Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1967 or 1992? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. **Sunday, November 5, 2017 at 4pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. Registrations will be accepted through Tuesday, October 17, 2017. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Breakfast Club | Save the Date



The first Breakfast Club of this year will be on **Tuesday, September 19 after the 9am Mass.**

Youth Ministry



- **Youth Ministry Registration is open!** Forms have been emailed home to all 9th & 10th grade families. Please get your forms in ASAP! If you did not receive a form please email christa@churchofchristtheking.org.
- **Attention ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Please send an email to christa@churchofchristtheking.org with your college address as soon as it is made available to you... just because you are away from home, doesn't mean we forget about you. ☺
- **Calling all Juniors & Seniors!** RETREAT TEAM APPLICATIONS can be found online at www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry! If you are interested in being a retreat leader, please complete the application and send it Christa ASAP. Application deadline is September 1.

Mark your calendars

Rock Retreat (9th Grade) | Saturday, November 4
Antioch Retreat (10th Grade) | January 12, 13, 14
Confirmation (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm

Women of Grace®



Ladies 18 years of age and older are welcome to join our parish Women of Grace® group. We will begin meeting on **Monday, September 25** in the Parish Center Library. Choose either the morning session at 10am or the evening session at 7pm. This nationwide study group is designed to assist women to pursue their true feminine vocation as together we study the Catholic faith, Scripture, the saints, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. To register, contact Sister Mary Joseph at the parish office or email: smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, September 10

Music Ministry Weekend

Tuesday, September 12

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

7pm RCIA Inquiry Session

7:30pm Music Ministry Open House

Wednesday, September 13

7am New Day Bereavement Group

Thursday, September 14

9:30am Bible 101

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, September 15

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, September 16

9:30am Reconciliation

Pilgrimage to National Shrine

Diocese of Paterson Marian Pilgrimage The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception



There is still time to sign up for the Pilgrimage on **October 21**. The day will include Holy Mass with Bishop Serratelli, Confessions in Crypt Church, Catechetical Presentations, Rosary (multi-lingual), Devotional Time, Divine Mercy, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

For information please contact Fr. Artur:
frartur@churchofchristtheking.com.

Sisters of Christian Charity Golf Outing



The Sisters of Christian Charity will be holding their Fourth Annual Golf Outing at Cedar Hill Golf and Country Club in Livingston, New Jersey on **Thursday, September 28**. 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.scceast.org, or contact Casey Dolan, Associate Director of Mission Advancement via email at Dev.director@scceast.org, or call 973-543-6528, ext. 313.

CTK VOICES [Music Ministry]

by Eileen Loughnane



Questions I've often asked myself:

- How can I make time for God?
- How can I surround myself with likeminded people?
- Where can I belong to a fellowship of people who will make a positive impact on my journey to be closer to God?

Time is valuable - once I decided to make time every morning, spend the beginning of my day with God, and give my time to Christ The King through our Music Ministry, things started to change in my life in every possible way.

I now invite you to decide to make time and share your talents with CTK, just like I did. Now STOP and don't say "I have no talents". Jesus took the old, the young and the meek. We are not looking for perfection, we are looking for heart! If you have ever had an inkling to sing or play an instrument and/or be a part of a group who praises God through music - NOW is the time! We hope you will decide this fall to become a member of our Music Ministry.

We all decide to make time for things that are important to us. We now ask for you to follow your heart and join in the CTK Music Ministry. We welcome you with open hearts and look forward to seeing you at our Open House on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017 - 7:30pm** in our Parish Hall. Again, we all have busy lives and we can work around each other's schedules and still be a part of the music ministry.

Thank you for making a decision and making a difference in the life of the CTK family.

- Listen to Eileen singing "I Will Be With You" at <https://youtu.be/pgeUGtttaHE>

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Open House

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, a Catholic independent school, invites you to attend an Open House for the Upper School (grades 7-12, all girls), on **Saturday, September 30, 9:30-11:30am**. For more information please call 908-522-8109 or visit www.oakknoll.org.

Daily Reading

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