

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.*

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 19, 2017

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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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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

If we risk all for Christ and the Gospel, we will be rewarded with the promise of eternal life.



The Victorians were noted for their interest in all things related to death. They built great tombs for their heroes and cherished their loved ones through the possession of memento mori – personal items that once belonged to loved ones, such as a lock of hair or a favorite photograph. For them death was a part of life – ubiquitous and very democratic. What was important was what was left behind. In addition to their ornate tombs, the Victorians also loved grandiose epitaphs that recalled for posterity the great achievements of deceased heroes and national figures.

As we come to the end of another liturgical year, our readings seem solemn and sober, challenging us to reflect on our own lives and to consider our own epitaphs – what we will leave behind or what others will say about us. Will they say that we used our God-given talents well? That we did our part to improve that little piece of the world we inhabited? Today's readings help us with this challenge.

The Gospel tells of three investors and invites us to identify with them – the two who risked and gained and the one who, stricken by fear, made sure he did not lose the little he had. Our initial reaction might be to side with the prudent guy and why not? In today's world where the market can be so unpredictable, it makes sense to be cautious, especially when dealing with another's money.

Yet is that what Jesus wants? If we equate the word talent with a huge amount of money, we run the risk of misunderstanding this parable. Instead, we should see it as referring to something of tremendous value – the Gospel message. Because Matthew has chosen to place this parable ahead of the Last Judgment, we know that it speaks to us of success, failure and judgment. Some scholars suggest the parable is really an accusation against the Pharisees for their spiritual timidity. They knew the promise of the Good News, and yet chose to bury it in a tomb of rules and regulations. On the other hand, Jesus exhorts his disciples to take risks – to invest their whole lives in the truth of the Gospel and, if necessary, to risk all for the glory of God.

By first leading us to favor the timid servant, Jesus then turns the story upside down. The irony is that he loses everything – even the little he has. For we need to take note of the fact that each is given according to his ability and that when risked, the reward is a share in the master's joy.

So what, then, is the moral of this parable? If we see it as an exhortation to work diligently and fearlessly for the return of Christ, then now is the time for all Christians to use and, if necessary, to risk all their gifts and talents, their resources and faith to share Christ with others and to bear the fruit of the dividends of that investment.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 20

7am J. Brian Moran, Sr.

Tuesday, November 21

9am Lawrence Martine

Wednesday, November 22

7am Bernard Daly Berry

Thursday, November 23

9am J. Brian Moran, Jr.

Friday, November 24

7am John Byrnes

Saturday, November 25

9am Christine Capone

5pm J. William "Bud" Barba

Sunday, November 26

7am Christine Capone

9am Sheila Teschemacher & J. William "Bud" Barba

11am Kris Daras

5:30pm Marie Henderson

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of J.

Brian, Moran, Jr. & J. Brian Moran, Sr. at the request of the Moran family.

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

Last weekend's collection: \$15,433.00*

*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**.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Matthew John Keller, son of Erik and Gretchen (Nee Bridgen).

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

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – November 30

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – December 1

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions – Sunday November 19, 6:30pm – 8pm

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

Antioch Retreat (10th Grade) | January 12, 13, 14

Confirmation (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm

Daily Reading

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

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

This time of year, as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme – In Giving, We Receive – your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.



Christmas in a Box



This program provides gifts for a needy area family. If you would like to participate please call or text Claire O'Mara at 973.886.4516.

Villa Walsh Academy Christmas Concert

O Holy Night

Sunday, December 10 – 3pm

Mother Ninetta Auditorium

455 Western Avenue, Morristown

Donations: \$10 – www.villawalsh.org

Diocese of Paterson 80th Anniversary

Save the Date | You Are Invited

On **December 9, 2017**, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese of Paterson (December 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11am. **Tickets are \$40/person and are available online** at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

Lector Workbooks

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical cycle, which begins December 3, are available in the Priest's Sacristy. Please stop in the Sacristy and pick up your Workbook before you leave Mass.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, November 19

4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up

6:30pm Jr. High RE

Monday, November 20

10am Women of Grace

6pm Youth Ministry – *Friendsgiving*

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, November 21

9:30am Breakfast Club

7pm RCIA – *Forms of Prayer*

7pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, November 22

11am Harding Seniors

Thursday, November 23

9am **Thanksgiving Day Mass**

Saturday, November 25

9:30am Reconciliation

Saint of the Week

November 25 | *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

Not much is known about St. Catherine of Alexandria, but she is believed to have been martyred in Egypt in 305. The Orthodox as well as the Roman Catholic Church lists her in the canon of saints and martyrs.

Catherine was possibly a princess, born in 287 in Alexandria in Egypt. This city was, at that time, one of the greatest centers of culture and learning in the world. Catherine was well-educated and eager to learn. After she had some type of vision of Mary and the Infant Jesus, she decided to become a Christian.

When the emperor, Maxentius, began to persecute Christians, he did not immediately torture Catherine. Instead, he recognized how gifted she was, even as a teenager. He summoned learned men to come and debate with her, and Catherine outshone them in the debates. In fact, some of the pagans were converted to Christianity and were immediately put to death. According to legend, Valeria, the wife of Maxentius, was also converted and the emperor had her put to death as well. Catherine was arrested and scourged but did not give up her faith.

The emperor, when rebuffed by Catherine in his marriage proposal, as a last resort sentenced her to be put to death on the “breaking wheel,” a brutal instrument of torture. When Catherine touched the wheel it fell apart. Unable to torture her, he simply had her beheaded.

St. Catherine was one of the most popular saints in the early centuries. She is often depicted in artwork with a spoked wheel. She is the patron saint of unmarried girls and those who speak in defense of the faith.

St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us to have courage to speak in defense of our faith and not to be afraid of those who mock us for our beliefs and values.



Interfaith Food Pantry

From now until Thanksgiving, food is being accepted for the Interfaith Food Pantry collection. Donations of non-perishables can be placed in the plastic bins near the kitchen in the parish hall. **Frozen turkeys are needed**, which should be put into the kitchen freezer on the right. Thanks for your generosity for those in need!

Giving Trees

Our parish Giving Trees will be up in the vestibule and at the side door of Church this weekend. Please take a tag and follow the directions on the sheets provided near the trees regarding wrapped or unwrapped, and the due dates. The symbol on the front of the tag tells you where the gift will be donated, and for whom. Tags should be attached to the gift when you return it under the tree. Help us to reach out in love and kindness for Christmas. As in the past, there are many people relying on your generosity to make their Christmas celebration more special. Your gift may be the only one they receive.

Morris County Correctional Facility

In conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, Christ the King parishioners are asked to contribute items from the following list. They will be picked up on **December 11**. Due to security clearance, we must stick to the guidelines for the items that are permitted.

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (medium or large, no over-size bottles)
- White crew socks for men and women, all sizes.
- White briefs for women
- White briefs for men.

Please do not wrap these items. They can be placed in the wrapped boxes in the back of Church. The items will be distributed to the prisoners in gift bags for Christmas.

Family Promise

Family Promise of Morris County is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness faced by Morris County families by partnering with other public and private agencies, religious congregations and community volunteers to provide shelter, case management and mentoring services leading to self-sufficiency. As a support congregation, Christ the King is assigned to provide and serve dinner and breakfast on the dates below. Would you like to help?

Tuesday, December 12 – dinner

Friday, December 15 – overnight stay

Saturday, December 16 – breakfast & visitation

For more information contact Britta Gangemi 973.493.0184 or brittagangemi@gmail.com.



COOKIES FOR HEROES

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

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP!

<p>DONATIONS NEEDED!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packing Peanuts • Bubble Wrap • Copy Paper Boxes • Monetary Donations • Baked Cookies • Hand Made Christmas Cards 	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">December 10th at 4:00 PM in the Parish Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Help wrap and package cookies, create cards, & bake some last minute cookies!</p>
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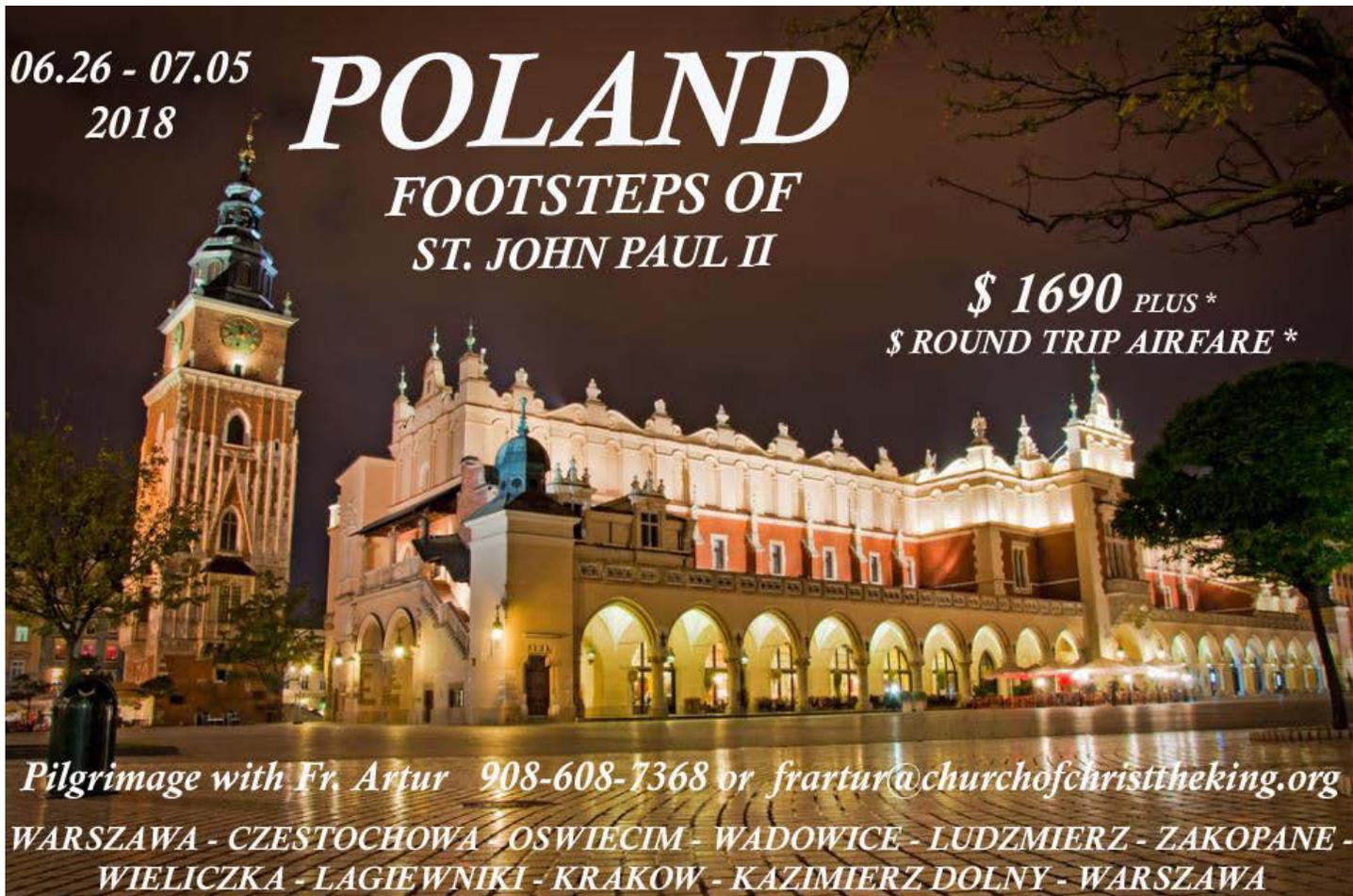
DONATIONS NEEDED BY FRIDAY, 12/9 TO PIC

Questions? Contact Christa Romano:
christa@churchofchristthekeing.org



Wreath Pre-Order Form

Name: _____ Weekend of Pickup (Please circle)
 Number of Wreaths: _____ 12/2-3 or 12/9-10
 Number/ Color of Bows: _____ Pre-Orders Due By: 11/30
 Maroon _____ Return Forms to Parish Life Center
 Red _____ Please Make Checks Payable to: CTKYM



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