

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 9, 2018

CTKVOICES

This is our Music Ministry Weekend. This mark the beginning of our ministry season. It is the perfect time for YOU to join our team.

Take your place in our Music program. More than ever, we need YOU to join us and *have your voice heard.*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday (vigil) 5 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 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 4-6pm 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let us open our ears to the Gospel message.



A late-night comic does this routine every once and awhile where he and a guest will impersonate teenage girls saying “Ew” to a variety of things. Well, that could be our collective response to Jesus putting his finger into the man’s ears and then spitting on the man’s tongue. That’s right, “Ew.”

All joking aside Jesus’ outward actions today are symbolic, the miracle is not. Jesus placing his finger in the man’s ears symbolically represents opening his ears to sound. Spitting on the man’s tongue symbolically represents loosening, if you will, the man’s tongue. The miracle resides in the power of God, in the person of Jesus Christ, who releases the man from his infirmities, saying: “Ephphatha! Be opened!”

Be opened. Right to the heart of the matter – be opened! How is Jesus challenging us to be opened? To open our ears to the Gospel message rather than refusing to hear it; to open our lips to proclaiming the Gospel message rather than remaining silent.

We might be inclined to say the man in today’s Gospel had an excuse, but do we? There is no excuse for us when it comes to hearing Jesus speak to us and sharing what he has to say with others. Coming here to church makes very little sense if we are coming with no intention of listening or repeating what we hear God say to us.

Most likely, no one here would consciously or deliberately have this be our mindset – unconsciously or self-consciously might be another matter. Unconsciously because we allow ourselves to become so busy about so much that our well-intentioned desire to hear and act upon the Word of God gets sidetracked way too easily. We are self-conscious, perhaps, because we are a bit timid when it comes to sharing our love of God at school, in the workplace or with neighbors.

Is it possible we are being called today to clean out our ears and strengthen our voices when it comes to living our faith among others? Is it possible we are being invited today to review what we listen to and what words come forth from our mouths? Is it possible God is once again inviting us to healing? The answers are: yes, yes and yes.

Ephphatha! Be opened! Yes, let us be open to the Word of God touching our hearts today. Let our tongues be free to lift up another’s spirits, and bring truth to falsehoods and kindness to our families and others.

Mass Intentions

Monday, September 10

7am Francis Xavier Atencio

Tuesday, September 11

9am John Bocchi and Matthew Sellitto

Wednesday, September 12

7am Joan Aumand

Thursday, September 13

9am Josephine Michalczak

Friday, September 14

7am Joseph Gallagher

Saturday, September 15

9am Michael Fatina

5pm Peter Glogolich

Sunday, September 16

7am Cay Gerard

9am John McNamara

11am Joseph Mansfield

5:30pm Bob Colquhoun

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

Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Tawny Wamack, Theresa Padula, Susan Alai, Anne Sullivan, and all those listed in Our Lady’s Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,859.00*

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 weekend is our annual second collection for the *Little Sisters of the Poor*. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Here I Am Lord!

The 2018 Bishop’s Annual is officially kicking-off this weekend with the theme

Here I am Lord! Please support this important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education; priests’ extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so you are invited to make a pledge today. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

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Diocese of Paterson



Religious Education



• Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

First Session – September 30, 10 – 10:45am – PLC Library

Family-Based Religious Education

First Thursday Session – September 20

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

First Friday Session – September 21

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

First Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Thursday, October 18 – 4 to 5pm – Parish Hall

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

First Student Session – Sunday September 30 6:30 – 8pm

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

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.

• Sacramental Preparation Inscription Liturgy

Sunday, September 30 – 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.

If you are new to the Parish and have a child in the Second grade, please contact 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.

Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm**. Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, September 9

Music Ministry Weekend

Tuesday, September 11

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

7pm RCIA Inquiry Session

7pm Music Ministry Open House

Thursday, September 13

9:30am Bible into Life

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, September 14

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, May 19

9:30am Reconciliation

Vivere Christus Est Award

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Matthew 9:38)

I am happy to announce that

Mr. Larry Weppler is this year's recipient of the VIVERE CHRISTUS EST Award, which he will receive this Sunday afternoon during vespers at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson.

The goal of this award is to acknowledge the value and importance of the Laity and Religious and to express gratitude and appreciation to those who unselfishly give of themselves for the building up of God's Kingdom. Larry continues to be a great living example of the words: *Vivere Christus*; "For to me, to live is Christ..." (Philippians 1:22) These words capture the essence of what Larry has been about in his service to Christ the King. On the weekends Larry is always available to be a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. During the week, Larry has been available five days a week to oversee the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our beautiful campus. Working closely with our dedicated Building & Grounds Committee, Larry, the chairman of the committee, has helped manage many recent projects including: rebuilding the outside sacristy and kitchen steps, installation of our Church Sign, Church and Rectory Roof, upgrades in our parking lot lighting, internet/cable/television/phone and Well and Septic systems.

Larry is at the Parish on a daily basis assisting with the ongoing maintenance of our beautiful sixteen acre spiritual campus. The ongoing charity of so many people, the dedicated work of the Building & Grounds Committee and Larry Weppler are three reasons why Christ the King maintains its beauty. Larry's great faith, loving attention to detail, dedicated service and tremendous capacity makes him a most worthy recipient of this diocesan honor. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Larry Weppler for being this years recipient of the VIVERE CHRISTUS Award.



New Day Bereavement Sessions



Starting on September 19, 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: 973-539-4955, ex.13 or smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Bible Into Life

"Bible 101" NOW HAS A NEW NAME! **Bible Into Life** sessions will begin on September 13. Thursday morning sessions last from 9:30 to 11am. This year we will begin with an overview of the Bible: how the books of the Bible were chosen, how we interpret Scripture, what are the best translations, and the place the Bible should have in our lives. Later our study will delve into the Gospel of St. John. Parishioners and non-parishioners are welcome to attend; **no registration is necessary**. Sessions always include coffee, discussion among the group on the material presented, and prayer. For more information, call or contact Sister Mary Joseph at smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

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 24** 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.

27th Annual Loyola Jesuit Center Golf Outing

Monday, October 1, 2018

Spring Brook Country Club, Morristown, NJ
A day of Fun, Community and Support of Loyola Dinner and Live/Silent Auction to follow Golf. Visit www.loyola.org for information and registration.

Daily Reading

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

Car-Fit

HELPING MATURE DRIVERS FIND THEIR SAFEST FIT
Northern NJ Safe Kids/Communities will be holding a free program called Car Fit for those that still drive their own cars on Tuesday, September 25, from 10AM-1PM in the upper parking lot. Car Fit is a multi - point check on how well you and your car work together. Some of those are checks are of: seat belts, steering wheel position, mirror adjustments, operation of vehicle controls. We also do a outside check of tire conditions and inspect for body damage. Each inspection takes about 20 minutes. To sign up or for more information please contact Bob Conte at rac2386@comcast.net or call 973.886.1286. or www.Car-fit.org

Matthew C. Sellitto & Jonathan D. Sellitto Golf Outing

Thursday, September 20, 2018,
Ballyowen Golf Club, Hamburg, NJ

Schedule of Events:

9am Registration/Warm-up

9:30am Brunch, 11:00am Shotgun Start,

4pm Cocktail Reception and Awards Ceremony

Information and/or registration call 973-432-0455 or

email: mtsellitto@gmail.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 27**. 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.

Flu Clinic

The Harding Township Health Department has scheduled their influenza immunization clinics Thursday, September 27 from 9 to 11am and Thursday, October 4, 2018. Both will take place at the Kirby Municipal Building. (Vaccine cannot be administered to persons under 18 years of age.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

179 BALDWIN RD
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
(FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public
veneration, please call (973) 334-2090
or send an email to
stpeterpar@optonline.net

Come and venerate the official relics of
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion
of the 50th commemoration anniver-
sary of his passing.

A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will
be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by Msgr.
Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of the
St. Peter the Apostle Church



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