

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.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
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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 am.

Novena Prayer in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mondays after the 7 am Mass

Rosary

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 9 am Mass

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of the month, 7 pm

Reconciliation (Individual Confession)

Saturday 9:30-10:15 am

BAPTISMS

Sundays after the 11 am Mass at 12:15 pm, 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 10-10:45 am (as scheduled)

Family Based Model

Grade 5 may select FBRE or Jr. High option

Families with children K-5

Thursday 4-6 pm or Friday 6-8 pm, (monthly as scheduled)

Junior High – Grades 5-8

Sundays 5:30-8 pm (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

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi help to make known God's presence in the world in a particular way.



As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany today, we hear the familiar story of the Magi -- The Magi who help to make known God's presence in the world in a particular way. They are the first visible and tangible recipients of the mystery of which Saint Paul speaks. A mystery now revealed ... by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

We are often so enamored by this familiar story of the expectation, wonder, joy and faithful homage that we may forget something essential to the importance of the story: The Magi were not Jewish. They were Gentiles! They were not children of Abraham, people of the Covenant, or Israelites. They were "foreigners," most likely Persian, whose religious affiliation and actual occupation have not yet been settled by biblical scholarship.

Yet, they knew about Jesus. They knew about the coming of the Messiah. And they had the fearlessness to approach the Roman-appointed King of Judea -- that is, Herod, then the current "king of the Jews," and as him: Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. Asking such a question - essentially implying Herod's successor and perhaps even deposer -- could have been inferred as a threat, if not outright treason. But that did not deter the Magi in their quest.

Their journey in faith, and their strength in following God's prompts and witnessing to his faithfulness, is a model for our own discipleship. With one exception: God is already made manifest to us -- we do not have to seek him out; he seeks us out. And when we respond to his call, there are things we can count on -- as if they were a star in the sky -- to help us make our way to him: his word; his sacraments; his grace; and the gifts he has given us that we might in turn offer back to him. We are not alone in this endeavor.

As the Magi were a community of support for each other, so we, too, gathered here, are a community of support and belief. We have come here because we have heard about the coming of the Messiah and we wish to offer our gifts to him. Gifts that will be returned to us in the gift of Christ's body and blood, making his presence just as substantially real to us as he was to the Magi. What a powerful, mysterious gift that transcends time.

May this and every encounter with Christ empower us and direct us to go forth and witness to the faithfulness of God's promises, and his enduring presence within and among us.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 7

7am Marguerite Bennett

Tuesday, January 8

9am Karl Meister

Wednesday, January 9

7am Hazel Hinds

Thursday, January 10

9am James E. Nugent

Friday, January 11

7am May Lynch

Saturday, January 12

9am Patrick Burns

5pm Virgal Quick

Sunday, January 13

7am George Sullivan

9am George Henry Parsells, Jr.

11am Benedict Aspero, Sr.

5:30pm Karl Meister

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

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Lucy Alexandra Maguire and Cooper Thomas Magurie, daughter and son of Frank Maguire and Christie (Nee Thebault).

Collection

Due to early holiday Bulletin deadlines collections will be reported in future bulletins.

Second Collection

Next weekend is our monthly second collection for Project Faith, our Diocesan Assessment. Your generosity in helping us meet this obligation is greatly appreciated.

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – January 10

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – January 11

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

• Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Thursday, January 17 – 4 to 5pm – Parish Hall

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions

Sunday January 6 & 27 6:30–8pm

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

• Sacramental Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, January 6 – 9am Mass

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.

Any questions regarding our Religious Education or Sacrament Preparation please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials



Mr. & Mrs. John Crusis; Ms. Moira Dolan, in memory of Frank & Kathleen Dolan; Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Hayes; Mr. & Mrs. Robert Heitsenrether, in memory of Robert A & Helen M. Heitsenrether, Kevin McBennett & Alice Paruso; Ms. Mary Ann Mason, in memory of Charles Mason & Mary Mason; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Morris, in memory of Rose & Ellis Walling, Mary & Walter Morris, Sr, Kate & Norman Bradshaw; Mr. Martin O'Connor, in memory of Mary Louise O'Connor Wilson; Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Quinn; Mr. & Mrs. Scott Schubiger; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Vollero; Dr. & Mrs. Henry Wroblewski, in memory of Bernard & Margaret Reilly & Henry & Angela Wroblewski.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, January 6

9am First Communion Prep #3

10am Kindergarten RE

6:30pm Junior High RE

Tuesday, January 8

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 10

9:30am Bible into Life

11am Harding Seniors

4pm Family Based RE

Friday, January 11

10:30am Bible Study

6pm Family Based RE

Sunday, January 13

10am Learning Session | RE

Interfaith Food Pantry



When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.

This weekend is our monthly collection of food/donations to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks for your continued support of this vital ministry. If you prefer to contribute a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

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.

Faith Direct

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

Daily Reading

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

Saint of the Week

January 11 | *St. Leonie Aviat*



Leonie Aviat was born in France in 1844 to a shopkeeper and his wife. As a young girl, Leonie was educated in the Visitation convent, which gave birth to the desire to live religious life. One day she had to take her mother's eyeglasses to be repaired in a factory. This event helped to point the way to where God was leading her.

In the factory, Leonie witnessed the poor and dangerous working conditions of the young women. It was the era of industrialization, and women were exploited in the factories and elsewhere. Many were homeless and demoralized. The chaplain of Leonie's school had opened a center in her town for these women to find safe housing and education. Leonie joined him and soon became the administrator of this house.

Eventually other young women joined Leonie and Father Brisson to found the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales. Their goal was to form young working women into apostles of Jesus and to spread the love of God into their workplaces. The congregation spread into South Africa and Ecuador. They ran boarding schools and worked for the education of girls.

Mother Leonie served two terms as the Superior General of her order. Over the years she was at times treated poorly by even her closest friends. She never spoke about these humiliations and painful encounters. The secularization of France in 1905 led her to move her motherhouse to Italy to escape persecution, though she knew no Italian. She died of pneumonia in 1914 and was canonized in 2001.

Prayer for the New Year



Heavenly Father,

*Thank you for the gift of a new year.
You have entrusted us with the coming days,
weeks and months as stewards of your divine plan;
to live in gratitude, joy, and an ever-growing confidence in your Kingdom to come.*

*We ask for the humility to reform our lives;
the courage to commit ourselves to you no matter the cost;
and the wisdom to shine the light of faith on others.*

*Open our hearts, give us your Spirit and show us how to share your love
so that we may bring hope to a world in need of your justice and peace.*

*We pray to be a sign of your grace in this new year through your son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

Amen