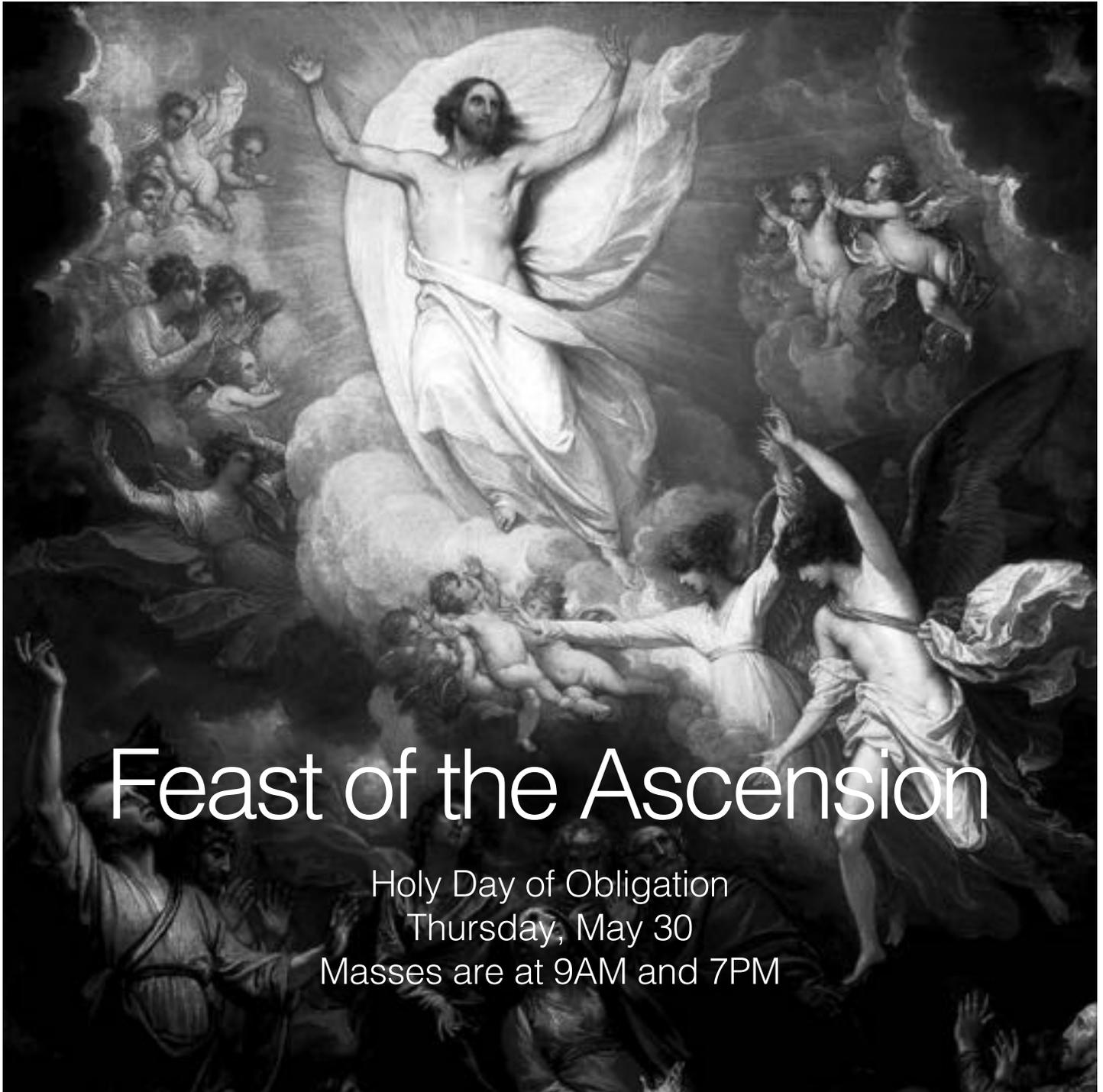


# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, NJ

*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.*

**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
May 26, 2019



## Feast of the Ascension

Holy Day of Obligation  
Thursday, May 30  
Masses are at 9AM and 7PM



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**MASS SCHEDULE**  
Sunday 7, 9 & 11 AM  
Saturday (vigil) 5 PM  
**Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 AM  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 AM

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Do not let your hearts be troubled. We are not alone in our mission to the world.*

**H**ow many of us have ever wished, in moments of indecision, that God would send us a clear sign about what we are called to do at that moment – perhaps an angel to tell us exactly what God wants? At times like these, when we're surrounded by turmoil and violence, it can be easy to feel that God has left us alone to fend for ourselves – that we're left on our own with no clear direction.

But the readings today, as we come ever nearer to the great Feast of Pentecost, are reassuring. We are not alone, but have God, the Church, and the people around us to give us guidance and support when we need it – as long as we're open to the different ways the Holy Spirit operates in our daily lives.

In the first reading, we see the Church, our brothers and sisters in the faith, as a support system to help us understand what is required of us. The earliest Gentile disciples in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia were misled into believing they had to follow the ancient Mosaic law if they were to be saved – if they were to be Christians. But the Apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit in their discussions, realized that Gentile believers were not called to the same strict code of law that the Jewish people had been, and they sent emissaries to encourage the Gentiles, to lighten their load. Sometimes, in this case, the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the word of those around us, the faithful people who listen to the voice of the Spirit and help us to understand.

Jesus assures us in the Gospel that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be with us if we stay close to God, if we listen to God's word and allow God to make his dwelling in us. Even though Jesus is not physically with us any more (in his human form), his Spirit is with us to guide us to the truth – to remind us of the words that Jesus spoke to the Apostles and continues to speak to us through Scripture. The Holy Spirit who dwells in us speaks to us in our heart, during our prayer and when we are open to receiving his message.

How do we know that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us? One way is to stay close to God through daily prayer, Scripture reading and the sacraments. One special type of prayer is the nightly Examen, in which we review the day past and see how God has been working in that day – where we received special blessings, where we were effective in our discipleship and where we might have failed. Through the daily practice of examining our lives, we can more easily see how God has spoken to us that day – through prayer, for example, or through the words or action of a family member or colleague.

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, let us always remember that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, longs to speak God's word to us and guide us – if we're open.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 27

7am Jerry O'Connor

### Tuesday, May 28

9am Joseph Bardwil

### Wednesday, May 29

7am Peter McHugh

### Thursday, May 30

9am Harold Mills

7pm Marion O'Grady

### Friday, May 31

7am Timothy O'Brien

### Saturday, June 1

9am Lois Vieser

5pm William Michael Foley

### Sunday, June 2

7am Sheila Christie

9am Annette Presti

11am Judge John Gibbons

*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.*

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## Pray for the Sick

Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Tawny Wamack, Theresa Padula, Susan Alai, James VanDerveer, Mary Borrello Cerreta, Joseph A. Vales, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

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## Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Theodore Thomas Sheldon, son of Keith Sheldon and Sally (Nee Gregor).

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## Collection

### Last Weekend Collection: \$14,601.00\*

\*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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **NJ658**.

### Second Collection

Our second collection next weekend is for the Church in South & Latin America and Catholic Relief Services. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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## 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.

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## Religious Education



### Re-Registration Forms & Calendars

Re-Registration Forms and calendars for the 2019-20 school year were recently mailed to families who attended CTK Religious Education sessions in 2018-19 Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's program. *We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office as soon as possible.*

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If you did not receive the re-registration mailing and your child will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade** in September OR **if you are new to our Religious Education program** please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext.22 or email [erin@chuchofchristtheking.org](mailto:erin@chuchofchristtheking.org).

### Attention parents of current 1<sup>st</sup> graders

This is the traditional year for children to prepare and receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Eucharist. Preparation for First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program. A mailing was sent to our currently registered religious education students regarding the Sacraments. We begin preparation at individual informal child & parent meetings **on June 3, 5, 6, & 9**. Information regarding scheduling an appointment with Erin can be found in your mailing. If you have not received this letter or you are new to the Parish and have a child who will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this September, please call Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at [erin@chuchofchristtheking.org](mailto: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.*



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## 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

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## Interfaith Food Pantry



**Next 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.

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## Saint of the Week

May 26 | St. Philip Neri

**P**hilip was born on July 21, 1515 in Florence, Italy. As a child he was called “good little Phil” because he was always so obedient and cheerful. Philip was unusual and impressive in many ways.

At the age of 17 he went off to live with a wealthy uncle who promised to set him up in business. He was not impressed with running the family business, and after having a profound spiritual encounter he set off for Rome looking for something more. There he organized a group of laymen dedicated to helping poor and sick pilgrims. In 1551 he was ordained a priest and became a popular preacher and confessor.

Philip possessed a unique talent for relationships and bringing the best out of people. He had an incredible sense of humor and loved to initiate conversations with people on the street. Eventually he began to organize a group of priests called the “Congregation of the Priests of the Oratory.” He had no intention of starting a religious order and the members did not make vows. They were called to simply “share a common table and perform spiritual exercises.” His organization was officially approved in 1575.

Philip Neri was known and loved throughout Rome. One year, on the night before Pentecost, he saw what appeared as a globe of fire that entered his mouth. It caused his heart to dilate and a swelling appeared over his heart, though it caused him no pain. He was so filled with divine love that he cried out, “Enough, enough, Lord, I can bear no more.”

From sun up to sun down, Philip conversed with people, telling them about the saints and martyrs and helping them to live better lives. He was constantly in a crowd of people. In 1595, on the Feast of Corpus Christi, he was told by his physician that he was not well. He spent the rest of the day hearing confessions, and before retiring he said, “Last of all, we must die.” During that night he suffered a hemorrhage and passed away at the age of 80.

St. Philip Neri was canonized in 1622 and is the patron saint of Rome and of humor and joy.

*Pray for us, dear St. Philip Neri, that we might be apostles of joy to everyone we meet, realizing that true joy comes from doing the Will of God.*

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

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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?

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