

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.*

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 2, 2019



*The Lord is King,
the most high over all the earth.*



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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

7th Sunday of Easter

In Jesus and his first martyr Stephen, we see how trust in God frees us from our fears.



Stephen the Deacon is the first martyr of the Christian faith, and we celebrate his feast the day after Christmas. As the Church continues celebrating the Resurrection and as we reflect on the Ascension that we just witnessed in Scripture this past Thursday, we find here the moving account of Stephen's death – a sentence carried out for crimes he did not commit. What stands out most is the faith and grace with which Stephen accepted his fate. It is a humbling lesson for all of us in this world, where so many seek revenge and are so angry at those with whom they disagree. One might argue that Stephen was so serene in the face of torture and death because he believed that better things awaited him beyond the horizons of this life.

The Book of Revelation had yet to be written when Stephen was giving his life for the faith, but the truth and beauty of the vision of heaven recorded in Revelation by John the Beloved Disciple was in evidence long before, ever since Jesus used his cross as a key to open heaven's gate. Jesus is portrayed here as the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, but also as the Groom, beckoning us through the Spirit and the Church: Come.

Stephen, faithful to the end, now wearing the martyr's crown, has washed his robe in the blood of the lamb, that he might enter the heavenly city through the gate. Jesus is the one whom Stephen saw when he saw the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.

These same sentiments and selfless love are found in John's Gospel today, in the words prayed by Jesus at Gethsemane. Sweating tears of blood, awaiting Judas and the centurions coming to carry him away, Jesus' last thoughts were not those of self-concern or pity; he was not asking for an escape route. Jesus spoke of unity, that we might be one with him just as he is one with God the Father. In unity, Jesus prayed we might be brought to perfection. He was not praying for himself that his life might be spared, he was praying for us that our lives might be.

In Jesus and his first martyr Stephen, we see how trust in God frees us from fears of both life and death and all that comes between. During the storms of our lives and all the upsets we experience – all the rejection that may come our way – we turn to the Lord and trust in his word, his will and his work. For it is all for us and for our salvation. May we be one with Jesus and his Church just as Jesus was one with the Father. With Jesus and Stephen, let us forgive those who wrong us, in hopes that they, too, will be with us one day in the Father's house, for the Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the hearer say, "Come."

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 3

7am Anne Cardillo

Tuesday, June 4

9am Karl Meister

Wednesday, June 5

7am Joseph Narduzzi

Thursday, June 6

9am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, June 7

7am Marjorie M. Nugent

Saturday, June 8

9am Ridgely "Chip" Harrison

5pm Mari Jo Dagostino

Sunday, June 9

7am Richard R. O'Connor

9am Margaret Farrell

11am Mary Ann Adamczyk

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, James VanDerveer, Mary Borrello Cerreta, Joseph A. Vales, 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 Walker Henry Waldele, son of Robert and Jesse (Nee Lagle).

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$11,954.00*

*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

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

Interfaith Food Pantry



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.

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 8th 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.

Attention parents of current 1st 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 2nd grade this September, please call Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at erin@churchofchristtheking.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.



Position Available

Accounts Payable Specialist

Part-time (15-18 hours/week)

Requirements: Accounts Payable coding/processing, filing invoices, bank reconciliations, and other general accounting activities as needed; payroll experience a plus. Minimum 2 years accounting experience, proficiency in MS Office 365. Must be team oriented and have a "can do/will do" attitude. Please e-mail resume to: secretary@scnj.org, Attn: Accounts Payable Specialist

Diocese of Paterson

Office of The Bishop
June 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month's special combined collection is for two important and worthy causes: *Catholic Relief Services* and the *Church in Latin America*.

Your support of Catholic Relief Services provides financial assistance to some of the most marginalized communities in the world. For example, a remote village in Afghanistan with an illiteracy rate of over 80% became a place of hope because of Catholic Relief Services. They created a classroom so that children could learn about the world around them and have a chance to succeed in life. Everyday miracles like this happen with your support of Catholic Relief Services.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is needed in a part of the world where the Catholic faith is strong but the resources are limited due to the financial constraints of the people living there. Through your support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America, programs that strengthen the family unit, provide catechetical training and promote the Rosary are made possible and continue to be tools for evangelization.

Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish. Your participation is a great blessing to your brothers and sisters in Christ!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

Quo Vadis

Where Are You Going?

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. **June 26-28, 2019** at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: revedgar@patersondiocese.org and dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org

Reading

Find Today's Readings at 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.

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistant Coordinator: Dr. Ken McNiel at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org

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