

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.*

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 4, 2019



*“If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.”*



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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

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Following Christian virtues leads us and others to the kingdom.



There is a simple, good and holy custom that exists among some. Whenever a funeral procession passes by, one pauses and prays for the person who has died, and for the family grieving their loss. Whether or not we have participated in that custom, it is doubtful any of us has ever witnessed a U-Haul following the hearse to the cemetery.

Why? Because of the old adage, “you can’t take it with you.”

Fool is not a word we are accustomed to hearing Jesus use. Jesus’ use of the word in today’s parable is done so to drive home a very important reality. If we are going to spend our lives chasing after things that in the end will not follow us in that U-Haul to the cemetery, instead of following after him, we may not like where we end up.

Jesus does not condemn the rich or call everyone to live in poverty. It is about balance. It is about perspective. Saint Paul puts it this way today: Put to death . . . immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire and greed that is idolatry.

Another way to approach this would be to ask ourselves about our most fundamental and underlying motives for our decisions, behaviors and actions. Is it to serve others or simply to get ahead in life? If we approach whatever we do with the attitude of service to others, we will be rich beyond our imagination. If we approach our actions only with the attitude of, “bigger is better, status is important, success at the expense of others is part of the cost of doing business,” then we are headed toward spiritual poverty, which can produce catastrophic consequences.

We must see each person, including ourselves, as equally contributing to the kingdom of God; each according to his or her abilities and blessings. Remember, God does not show favorites. We are all to be on the same path, for Christ is within each of us, guiding us and sometimes pulling us toward the finish line. So let us spend our time growing rich in the things of God and not of this world.

Daily Reading

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

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 5

7am Deacon Brian Mather

Tuesday, August 6

9am Carl Deo

Wednesday, August 7

7am Dominick Narduzzi (Living Intention)

Thursday, August 8

9am Pamela Barba

Friday, August 9

7am Geraldine Feula

Saturday, August 10

9am James E. Sweeney

5pm Mari Jo Dagostino

Sunday, August 11

7am Lisa Calabrese

9am John Flynn

11am Paul Pellicano, Jr.

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, 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: Olivia Harper Hayes, daughter of Kyle and Nicole (Nee DiBattista); Caroline Anne O’Callaghan, daughter of Geoffrey and Amanda (Nee Palmer), Radhika Candina Vaverchak, daughter of Robert and Shareen (Nee Mani).

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,044.00*

*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

Our second collection next weekend is the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan appeal. Rev. Emmanuel Ndecchihiro will speak at all the Masses on behalf of this appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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



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.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Registration

Sacrament preparation began at individual informal child & parent meetings. If you did NOT attend a meeting, please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program. If you are new to the Parish and have a child who will be in Second grade this September, please phone 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.

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.

Our second quarter 2019 donations to the IFP
Total \$2,806 and 703 pounds of food.
Thank you to all for your generosity!

The Mission Appeal for Archdiocese of Dodoma, Tanzania

The Archdiocese of Dodoma is located in central Tanzania, East Africa. This region is faced with prolonged drought, so its people are living in extreme poverty. The



archbishop is requesting you, brothers and sisters, to join us in helping our brothers and sisters in Dodoma, Tanzania. It is by generosity like yours the Word of God is preached, education is provided to the marginalized and sick are helped. Your donation will be used in promoting faith by providing good formation and education to seminarians, providing care to old and sick priests, providing catholic education, promoting and preparing lay evangelizers. Dear brothers and sisters, we promise to keep you in our prayers. May God bless you abundantly. In Christ,

Fr. Emmanuel Ndechihiro

Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

SAVE THE DATE
Friday, September 27



Save the date for our yearly
"Welcome Back from Summer" event,
Friday, September 27.

Fr. Brian will bless the newly renovated steeple (fire truck and all) and our Music Ministry will present an inter-generational concert of contemporary music titled, **"Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."**

Come, join us and be inspired for the new season.

Free Admission
A reception will follow.

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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