

# 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.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
December 15, 2019



During the season of Advent we turn our focus on waiting once again to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The media can sometimes challenge us as parents to do just that. This season why not come as a family to our annual Christmas Pageant to help our children understand what the focus of the season should be.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 at 2pm**

*Come and join the children of our parish as  
they tell the story of Christmas!*



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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

### 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 4:15 – 6:30 pm (twice a month)

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)

September—May

Adults interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians should contact Jonathan Camiolo at 973.539.4955, 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.

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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](http://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](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org)

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

*Emmanuel – the Messiah is with us.*



**T**oday we celebrate the third Sunday of Advent. With the presence of the rose-coloured candle, we notice there is something different. We discover the difference through the readings. Instead of waiting in hopeful anticipation, now we are called to rejoice because the Messiah is in our midst and we recognize him through the attributes h Scripture provides for us today. It is as if we have just received the job description written by God.

In the first reading, Isaiah prophesies that the Messiah will be the one who will bring hope of healing to the blind, deaf and lame. The psalm even gives praise for God's faithfulness, and adds to Isaiah's list the hungry, the oppressed, and orphans and widows. When Jesus tells John the Baptist's disciples, go and tell John what you hear and see, he is confirming these attributes, while revealing that his coming is more than an historical event. The Messiah is in our midst.

John must have been filled with joy when his disciples confirmed that Jesus is the one who is to come. We are filled with joy when we see and hear the healing and transformative works of God taking place all around us. The Messiah is with us. This joy is intended to be shared.

John the Baptist was the messenger sent to prepare the way for Jesus, which he did with joy. Jesus is the message. In him we learn the Messiah is the one who brings good news to the poor and healing to all those in need. We rejoice in this knowledge. We are faithful to Christ, and truly his disciples, whenever we allow God to work through us and make visible the Messiah in our works of charity. Emmanuel – God is with us.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 16

7am Betty Metcalfe

### Tuesday, December 17

9am Tony Bickford *(Living)*

### Wednesday, December 18

7am Rose Taschler

### Thursday, December 19

9am Julia Figueroa *(Living)*

### Friday, December 20

7am Katie & Ben Zeidler *(Living)*

### Saturday, December 21

9am Wen Chen W. Lee

5pm Dave Willean

### Sunday, December 22

7am Bobby Miele

9am Robert Connelly

11am Masimo & Rachel Danese

5:30pm John Elias

*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, Mary Borrello Cerreta, Gerry Matrisciano, Mary Lopez, Catherine Soreace, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

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## Collection

### Last Weekend Collection: \$12,296.00\*

\*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.

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## Christmas Angels Needed for Morris County Correctional Facility

Christ the King parishioners are asked to contribute items from the following list. Items can be dropped off at the church until Sunday, December 15. Due to security clearance, we must stick to the guidelines for the items that are permitted.

- Deodorant (neutral scent)
- Shampoo (medium or large, no over-size bottles)
- Soap Bars (regular size, individually wrapped)
- White crew socks for men
- White men's briefs
- Men's white crew t-shirts in L-3X (no V-necks or pockets)



Please do not wrap these items. They can be placed in the wrapped boxes in the back of Church. The items will be distributed to the prisoners in gift bags for Christmas.

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## Religious Education



### • Family-Based Religious Education

**First Thursday Session** – January 9

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

**First Friday Session** – January 10

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

### • Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

**Student Session**

Sunday, December 8 & January 12 | 4:15 – 6:30pm

**Parent & Student Session**

Sunday, January 26 | 4:15 – 6:30pm

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

### Sacramental Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, January 5 – 9am Mass

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## Youth Ministry



### Wreath Set Up

Help the parish get into the Christmas Spirit by decorating our Church Grounds with Christmas Wreaths!

**Friday, December 20 – 3:30 to 5:30 pm**

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2YCAXqx>

### Luminary Set Up

Help beautify our Church Grounds for Christmas Eve Masses by setting up Luminary Bas around our Campus.

**Tuesday, December 24 – 9:30 to 10:30 am**

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/2LGCa16>

### Antioch Retreat Registration

ALL SOPHOMORE FAMILIES!!

**You must register online by 12/31/19.**

[www.churchofchristtheking.org/antioch-retreat](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org/antioch-retreat)

Retreat dates: January 17-19, 2020

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## Breakfast Club



**Tuesday, November 19 is our CTK Breakfast Club after the 9 am Mass.** Make sure to join us and bring friends for this wonderful morning of 9 am Mass followed by a hot home cooked breakfast, fun trivia and some extra Christmas cheer in Parish Hall.

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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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## 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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## Daily Reading

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

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

4, 6 & 8 pm Mass

11:30 pm Carols & Songs of Christmas

12 am Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

Masses at 10 am & 12 pm

# Home for Christmas

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert was full of joy, community and people. 61 singers, instrumentalists, bell choir, children's choir and standing room only to celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



More pictures coming up in the next issue of our parish eNewsletter.  
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# Home for Christmas

Below one of the readings for our Christmas Concert this year.  
Written by our own parishioner Christine Anderson.

*Home for Christmas is the theme of our concert this year and Home is where our Christmas traditions begin. It is where we first learn these carols we sing with such familiarity here today. Home is the place where the hope of a toddler with eyes filled with wonder is reflected in the lights of a shining Christmas tree.*

*Home is the place we squirrel away gifts for mom and dad when we are finally old enough to buy them a present. And the place we can't wait to come home to from college or a tour overseas. Home is a hot meal, a familiar hug, the sweet scent of cookies baking and the sound of carols lilting through each room as we ready our homes for the holiday. And whatever your Christmas traditions entail, whether you put your tree up the day after Thanksgiving or wait to decorate until the night before Christmas. Whether you sing carols with friends around the piano or gather at a local hospital to share the season's music. Whether you open presents on Christmas eve or save them all for Christmas morning. Whatever your family tradition the center of our celebration on the 25th day of December, is God made flesh lying in a manger.*

*What would Christmas be without Jesus? All the glitter and none of the glory, all of the stress and none of the savior, all of the hurry with none of the heart. Filled with gifts to soon forgotten until our focus turns to faith. Sometimes during the four weeks of advent as the clock ticks down to Christmas and our days are filled with presents to buy, meals to plan, pageants and parties, we could start to feel that Christmas is one more thing on our plates that needs to be accomplished before the new year begins. And I have to admit that I have had the feeling myself. A bit of Scrooge and his BaHumbug attitude slips into my demeanor, until I stop and remember . . .*

*That the child wrapped in swaddling clothes will walk the road to Calvary for me. He will move from the warmth of the manger and the admiration of kings to the cold humiliation of the cross for you. The manger and the cross are one story. We can't think of one without the other, they are as linked as God's mercy and his love.*

*When I lift my eyes to the cross my whole approach to December changes, the hurry and the hassel fade away and I am filled with gratitude. And suddenly the lights twinkle a little brighter. The laughter of children makes me stop and smile. The familiar carols are more than words on my lips but a prayer of praise. The world out there is still the same, nothing has changed. . . but my heart that newborn lying in the manger and the man he grew up to be, changed the world. An infant, then a Savior, A babe and then a King.  
And a little child shall lead them. . . Home.*