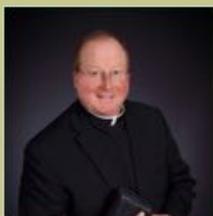


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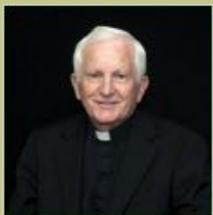
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February 16, 2020

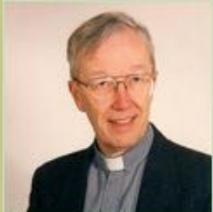
Wednesday Night Lenten Mass Series with Reverend Monsignors



Wednesday, March 4
6:30pm Mass
Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart, JCL
Pastor, Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Morristown, NJ



Wednesday, March 11
6:30pm Mass
Rev. Msgr. Martin McDonnell
Pastor Emeritus, Good Shepherd Parish - Andover, NJ



Wednesday, March 25
6:30pm Mass
Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch
Pastor Emeritus, St. Luke Parish – Long Valley, NJ



Wednesday, March 25
6:30pm Mass
Rev. Msgr. Raymond Kupke, Ph.D
Pastor, St. Anthony Church - Hawthorne, NJ / Diocesan Archivist



Wednesday, April 1
6:30pm Mass
Rev. Msgr. Kevin Flanagan
Pastor Emeritus, St. Lawrence the Martyr Church - Chester, NJ



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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, Thursdays and Saturdays 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.

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! This refrain from today's Psalm 119, part of a group of psalms known as "wisdom poems," or "wisdom psalms," is a beatitude that incorporates the explicit message of the other three Scriptures today.

Psalm 119 is not directed to God, but pours from the psalmist in a kind of joyful recitation of truth – in statements of wisdom borne through the history and experiences of the Israelite people. It reflects not a discrete situation of an individual, but a corporate one: this psalm is for all people, past, present and future. It is also in the form of an instruction rather than a typical prayer, and expresses a love of divine law, here defined as "all that had been revealed by God and handed on by the prophets" (Notes on the psalm from New Jerusalem Bible). In fact, it has been said that the psalmist does not just talk about doing the law, but loving the law.

Having this slightly broader picture of the psalm helps us understand today's refrain as a way of summarizing one aspect of the good news of the Gospel – Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

In the first reading, Sirach instructs the people of Israel to trust in God and keep his commandments – for they will be saved by doing so. Before man are life and death, good and evil, Sirach says, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Our salvation, and life itself, are certainly blessings from God. Choosing to follow the ways of the Lord leads to these blessings.

Saint Paul speaks not of law, per se, but of the wisdom of God: predetermined before the ages for our glory. That is, he speaks of God's plan for our salvation, known always to God himself but revealed to us only in Jesus Christ and through the Spirit. Jesus, of course, is that plan dwelling among us. He is wisdom incarnate, and the embodiment of the good, placed before us, of which Sirach speaks. He is the fulfillment of the divine law that God revealed to our ancestors, and that the prophets handed on.

Jesus, in the Gospel today, says to his disciples, I have come not to abolish [the law] but to fulfill [it]. In his subsequent expounding upon the existing laws and behaviors using the "You have heard it said, but I say," structure, he is not placing more restrictions on his followers, but adding to their freedom.

As the fullness of the law, he is the source – love – from which all other laws and behaviors derive any force or meaning. Therefore, for example, in love do we refrain, not just from killing, but from any behavior toward another that beats down, injures or destroys. By following the law, and by imitating him, we are more and more free to both continue in such habits, and to receive the blessings that come with it. For as Jesus says, whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Thinking about "law" as a topic often sets people on edge – perhaps because our modern context is one of prohibition and punishment. But that is not God's law, which is given for our flourishing and for our glory. So as we prepare ourselves to receive Jesus, we give thanks for the divine law, and the freedom it gives us. This is what God has prepared for those who love him. Indeed, Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 17

7am Marianne Kernan

Tuesday, February 18

9am Dorothy S. Greer

Wednesday, February 19

7am Charlie Molinary

Thursday, February 20

9am Lee Labita-Stanzione

Friday, February 21

7am Thomas Sullivan

Saturday, February 22

9am Ruth Hennessy

5pm Ruth Hennessy

Sunday, February 23

7am James Sullivan

9am Frank Galdieri, Sr.

11am Dominick & Anne Cardillo

5:30pm Thomas Sullivan

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

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Thomas Sullivan, at the request of Tom and Betsy Hollo.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,655.00*

*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**.

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.

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – March 12

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – March 13

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)

Parent & Student Session

Sunday, March 1 | 4:15 – 6:30pm

Student Session

Sunday, March 15 | 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, March 1 – 9am Mass

Eva's Community Soup Kitchen Volunteer on Sunday, March 1

The Church of Christ the King has been proudly supporting Eva's Village in Paterson for decades. Currently, we serve lunch 8 times each year on a Sunday at Eva's Community Kitchen. The Kitchen serves a nutritious breakfast and lunch daily for hundreds that are homeless or are the working poor, 365 days a year. We can always use additional men and women to help serve. If you would be

interested in volunteering to prepare and serve lunch at Eva's on Sunday, March 1 or another time in the future (April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, October 4, November 1, December 6), please email Kathleen Matrale at kathleenmatrale@gmail.com.



A Stewardship Prayer



Heavenly Father,

*You made the light
to shine out of darkness,
a light that reveals the goodness
of all you have created.*

*Your Son tells us
we are the light of the world.
It is a dark world in desperate need
of your infinite love and mercy.*

*Help us to be good stewards
of the light you shine in our hearts
so that through this precious gift,
we too may reveal your handiwork.*

*And by the power of Your Spirit,
show us how to shine
our light before others,
that they may see our good deeds
and glorify you.*

*We pray this in the name of
Christ Jesus,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.*

Amen.

Breakfast Club

Tuesday, February 18



Please join us on **Tuesday, February 18** and bring friends for this wonderful monthly morning that starts with 9 am Mass followed by a hot home cooked breakfast, fun trivia and great friendships in Parish Hall.

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Navigating the Annulment Process

Rescheduled to Wednesday, March 11

7:30 to 9pm.

Come have your questions about the annulment process answered and receive step-by-step support. For more information or to register visit the following link: insidethewalls.org

Diocesan Schools Office

Job Openings

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the 2020-2021 school year for a principal for St. Mary School, Pompton Lakes, NJ. St. Mary School is a PK-8 elementary school. Closing date for applications is March 9, 2020. A job description and application material can be found at: www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings.

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Taizé

Prayer Service

This Lenten season, give yourself a break out of your hectic schedule and join us for a time of contemplative prayer and music in the style of Taizé community.

Music provided by our parish Music Ministry

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
7 pm

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