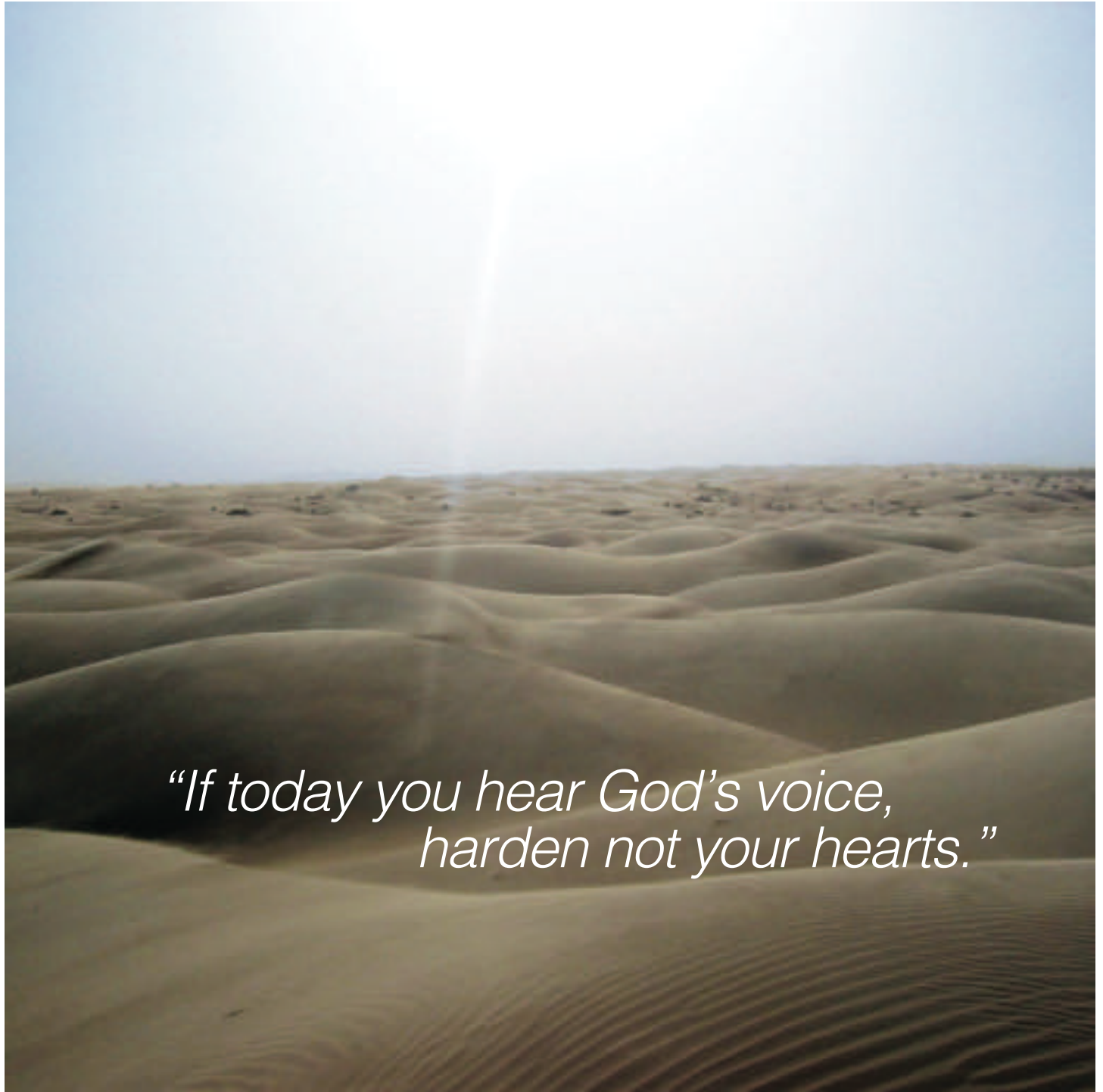


# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, NJ

*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 LENT**  
March 15, 2020



*“If today you hear God’s voice,  
harden not your hearts.”*



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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.

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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)

# Sunday of Lent

*God's mercy flows like living water.*

**W**hat does Paul mean when he writes: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ?

It helps to remember and understand that faith and salvation are not something we can achieve on our own, but are God's freely given gift. That does not mean we are mere puppets in a cosmic salvation show, or passive recipients of God's actions. The truth is, that with free will, our actions and choices – our commitment to Gospel living – does matter before God.

But Paul didn't stop at telling us that we have been justified. He went on to say that we now have hope and access to grace. Because we have been justified, we can boast: For God's love has been poured out into our hearts, reconciling us to him. In other words, because of what Christ has done by his death and resurrection, we have hope – hope for an eternal life in God. It is a confidence that, at the moment of judgment, God will not prove hostile to those who are faithful and in a state of grace, but his mercy will pour forth like water, giving life to all who believe in him.

The image of mercy flowing like water is present in today's Gospel, where Jesus encounters the woman at the well. From the start, we know this is no ordinary meeting: It is with a Samaritan with a mixed marital history, spurned by others such that she must come to the well at the hottest time of day, when no one else is there.

But there is someone there: Jesus. And despite her situation and cultural conventions, it is Jesus who first speaks to her. And what a conversation it is! For in looking at where the woman "is," spiritually, at the start and again at the end, it is almost like two different people. This simple encounter with Jesus radically changes her. Into the desert of her sinful, sad and lonely existence Jesus pours the fast-flowing water of God's mercy and love.

Initially, she so easily misunderstands his words; she cannot let go of her limited understanding of water. Her very questions and replies betray this failure to understand what Jesus is saying on a much deeper level. And yet Jesus gently affirms and brings to the surface her deepest need – to drink from the waters of salvation – to be renewed in her relationship with God and her community.

She slowly begins to hear his message, and moves from being a woman of great suspicion to one who rushes to tell others that she has met the Messiah. Look how she describes Jesus: first a Jew, then Sir, then a prophet and finally, the Christ. Along the way she is changed from being an outsider/sinner to an evangelist.

Like the woman at the well, we, too, are seeking the living water of God's mercy. Lent invites us to be more purposeful in our efforts, as it reminds us that God is also seeking us. He is taking the initiative to engage us so that we might experience this flowing water, and so live in ways that are worthy of him. This is our hope and our faith. With God's help, we pray that God's flowing water will wash us clean and refresh us today and always.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 16**

7am Rev. Charles Griego

**Tuesday, March 17**

9am Dave Willean

**Wednesday, March 18**

7am James E. Nugent

**Thursday, March 19**

9am Marguerite Meister

**Friday, March 20**

Noon Richard Burian

**Saturday, March 21**

9am Mary Crummy

5pm Frederick Horn, Sr.

**Sunday, March 22**

7am Pat Cunningham

9am Patricia A. Kearns

11am James Van DerVeer

5:30pm Catherine Sorace

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

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## Collection

**Last Weekend Collection: \$13,317.00\***

\*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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## Easter Flower Memorials



We invite you to contribute an offering for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the Easter Flower Envelope from your weekly contribution envelope mailing and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. *Intentions will appear in the Parish Bulletin during the Easter Season.*

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## Daily Reading

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

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## Religious Education



### • Family-Based Religious Education

**Thursday Session** – April 16

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

**Friday Session** – April 17

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, March 15 | 4:15 – 6:30pm

**Parent & Student Session**

Sunday, April 19 | 4:15 – 6:30pm

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

## First Communion Workshop



**Saturday, March 28**

9 to 11am | *Parish Hall*  
(Parent/s and communicant)

*Please return your completed Eucharist workbooks!*

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## Welcome Home to Healing



“Welcome Home” is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord.

You are invited to celebrate the gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), throughout the Diocese of Paterson (Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties), every Monday starting March 2, 2020 through March 30, 2020 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

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## Breakfast Club



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

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3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find your parish by "Church of Christ the King" or "07976"
5. Enter your email - and you're in! Enjoy!

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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**.

## Eva's Community Soup Kitchen

Volunteer on Sunday, April 5



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, April 5 or another time in the future (May 3, June 7, July 5, October 4, November 1, December 6), please email Kathleen Matrале at [kathleenmatrale@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenmatrale@gmail.com).

## Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Boonton, NJ

Invites you to one final School Tour before our enrollment season closes. Please join us on March 27th at 9 a.m. to meet our faculty, get to know our parents, and see our classrooms in action! Visit [www.olmc.academy](http://www.olmc.academy) for more information and to register.

## New Parish Directory



Our Parish Directories have finally arrived! If you had your picture taken by Lifetouch or submitted your own family photo, you can pick up your complimentary hardcopy of the Directory from Carol Scanlan in the Parish Office ... Monday - Friday from 9 am to 2:30 pm.

In the near future the online version of the Parish Directory will be available to all parishioners. Once the system is set up you will receive instructions on how to access the Digital Parish Directory.

## Villa Walsh Academy presents "The Wizard of Oz"

You won't want to miss the upcoming Spring Musical Production of "The Wizard of Oz" at Villa Walsh Academy. Tickets are available for Friday, March 20 at 10 am for (Group Reservations), Saturday, March 21 at 7 pm and Sunday, March 22 at 3 pm and may be purchased online now at [www.villawalsh.org](http://www.villawalsh.org) or at the door on the day of the event. For more information, call 973-538-3680. Don't miss this family friendly production with beautiful costumes and sets and great performances from our talented cast and crew!

### A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

**Session Three: Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained**

God, in his wisdom and mercy, has given us a beautiful gift in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you go to Confession regularly or you haven't gone since second grade, this session guides you step-by-step through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the rite—what it is, why we do it, and how it impacts your life. God's merciful love shapes every word and action of the Sacrament, and when we prepare for it honestly and prayerfully, we will be open to receiving the fullness of his grace.

This week, login to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and watch *Forgiven*, Session 3.

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Church of Christ the King  
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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 18  
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, PhD**

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