

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.*

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 11, 2018



Ash Wednesday

Come join us this
Wednesday, February 14
as we begin the *Holy Season of Lent*.

- Ashes will be distributed during
Mass at 7am, 12pm & 7pm
- *Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes*
will take place at **4:30pm**.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday (vigil) 5:00 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:00 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9:00 AM

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

Novena Prayers in Honor of the Sacred Heart

First Fridays during morning Mass at 7:00am.

Novena Prayer in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mondays after the 7:00am Mass

Rosary

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 9:00am Mass

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday of the month, 8:00am

Reconciliation (Individual Confession)

Saturday 9:30-10:15am

BAPTISMS

Sundays after the 11:00am Mass at 12:15pm, 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 10:00-10:45am (as scheduled)

Family Based Model

Grade 5 may select FBRE or Jr. High option
Families with children K-5

Thursday or Friday 6-8pm, (monthly as scheduled)

Junior High – Grades 5-8

Sundays 5:30-8:00pm (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.

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

Let us use all that God has given us to lift up the last, the lowest and the least around us.



People in ancient Israel and Judah had a very limited concept of sin and grace. For many, God was a distant figure – one who had little patience and almost no mercy. There were real and lasting consequences for sin, and one of the worst was leprosy. It was thought to be a consequence of sin, and, as such, untreatable – and the sin unforgivable. For the Jewish person trying to keep and observe all the laws of ritual purity, touching a leper could make you unclean and bring upon you all their misfortunes.

For thousands of years lepers were, for all intents and purposes, the “walking dead.” Their diagnosis cut them off from their families and left them on the furthest fringes of society. They could not work or have a family; they were deprived of their dignity, and treated as subhuman. They had to stay out of the towns, touch no one but other lepers, leave their heads uncovered in the hot, desert sun, and ring a bell calling out “unclean, unclean!” to deter other people from making contact with them, even by accident.

As we know, Jesus did not come to congratulate the worldly, the wealthy and the wise, he came to lift up the last, the lowest, the least, the lame, and even the lepers. Jesus touches the man in today’s Gospel which, given the ritual purity laws of the time, is something he should never have done, and in that moment, two miracles occurred. The man has his humanity restored to him by the loving touch of Christ, and then his skin is healed.

In healing the leper, we see a miracle not unlike the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Jesus took a man, as good as dead, and gave him his life back. Isn’t it strange that Jesus does not want this man to tell anyone about who is responsible for his good fortune? But Jesus has his reasons. He wants people to believe in him because of faith, not because of fame.

Jesus was able to work this amazing feat for this desperate soul because he did everything for the glory of God, as Paul suggested in the second reading. He is not alone. The Church has raised up countless saints who have imitated the selfless love of Christ in working with the sick, the diseased and the poor – chief among them the recently canonized saints, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Saint Damien, the Leper Priest of Molokai. Their charity was not for their own benefit, but that others may be saved. That is where our time, talent and treasure can do the greatest good – when we use all that God has given us to lift up the last, the lowest and the least all around us.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 12

7am Morgan Murray

Tuesday, February 13

9am Catherine Trezza (*Living*)

Wednesday, February 14

7am Fred Witt

12pm Randy Brooks (*Living*)

7pm Mary Argondizza

Thursday, February 15

9am Josephine Collins

Friday, February 16

12pm Helene DelSordo

Saturday, February 17

9am Hazel Hinds

5pm Lulu Mills

Sunday, February 18

7am Frank & Michaline Oberc

9am Donald Rainone

11am Apolonia Chico

5:30pm Morgan Murray

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

Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Paula Dugan, Tawny Wamack, Rex Linnehan, Randy Brooks, Robert dePoortere, Ben Aspero, and all those listed in Our Lady’s Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$15,234.00*

*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 the annual second collection for *European Relief*.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Oliver Herbert Lima, son of Yolexis Lima and Maura (*Nee Dunn*).

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

Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Parent & Student Sessions

Sunday February 11, 6:30pm – 8:00pm,

Student Sessions

Sunday March 11 & 25, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

GRADES 1-5 Learning Session

Ash Wednesday, February 14
4 to 5pm – Parish Hall & Church

We will gather at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall and go upstairs to Church for the Ash Wednesday Prayer Service at 4:30pm

Youth Ministry



Here is the updated schedule for the Confirmation Prep during the spring semester.

Catechetical Topics

Church - Sunday, January 28 at 6:30pm

Morality - Monday, February 19 at 7pm

ABC's of Our Faith - Sunday, February 25 at 6:30pm

Scripture - Sunday, March 4 at 6:30pm

Holy Spirit - Monday, March 12 at 7pm

Antioch Retreat Follow Ups

(Sophomores Only)

January 28 - 4:30pm

February 4 - 10am

February 11 - 6:30pm

February 25 - 4:30pm

Rite of Creed (Freshmen Only)

March 4 at 4:30pm

Rite of Covenant

(Sophomores Only)

March 11 at 4:30pm

For more information contact

christa@churchofchristtheking.org.

Mark your calendars

Confirmation (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm

Daily Mass Schedule (For Lent)



DAILY MASS LENT SCHEDULE

Monday & Wednesday – 7AM

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – 9AM

FRIDAY – Mass at 12 noon

followed by Stations of the Cross

No 7am Mass on Friday

“Fat Tuesday” Ice Cream Social



All are Welcome on **Tuesday, February 13 from 4 to 5pm** in the Parish Hall for some friends, fun ...and frozen treats! Come and *Feast* before we *Fast* for Lent!

Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **February 27 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is *“The Eustace Diamonds”* by Anthony Trollope.

All are welcome.

An Evening with Sisters Save the Date

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" – **Friday, February 23 from 7 to 8:30pm** at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: sbernadette@scceast.org.

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, February 11

4:30pm Youth Ministry | *Rite of Covenant*
6:30pm Jr. High RE | *Parent/Student Session*

Monday, February 12

10am Women of Grace
7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, February 13

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
5pm Family Promise | *Presbyterian Church, Chatham*
7pm Adult Choir
7pm RCIA Session | *Morality*

Wednesday, February 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

See schedule on cover page

Thursday, February 15

9:30am Bible 101
7pm Lectio Divina
7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, February 16

10:30am Bible Study
8pm Family Promise | *Presbyterian Church, Chatham*

Saturday, February 17

8am Family Promise | *Presbyterian Church, Chatham*
10am Diocesan RCIA Retreat | *St. Paul Inside the Walls*
9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, February 18

4pm RCIA | *Rite of Election*
4:30pm Antioch Follow Up
6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Morality*

Family Promise



Family Promise provides emergency shelter, meals and support services. Christ the King is a support congregation and is assigned four commitments a year. On those dates we provide and serve dinner and breakfast. We also need two volunteers who are willing to stay overnight. Would you like to help? Christ the King is responsible for:

CTK Homeless Support Dinner Evening

Tuesday, February 13 (5 to 8:30pm)

CTK Homeless Support Weekend

Friday & Saturday, February 16 & 17 (8pm to 8am)

Saturday breakfast & visitation with guests

1st Shift - 8 to 9:30am or 2nd Shift - 9:30 to 11:30am

Volunteers are still needed for next Saturday's shifts!

Please contact Britta Gangemi for more details at (973) 493-0184 or brittagangemi@gmail.com

RCIA – Meet Stefanie Leonard



You may have seen this lovely family at Mass in our Church over the past couple of years. Stefanie Leonard is a Candidate in the RCIA program and will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church here this spring.

Stef is originally from New Castle, PA, near Pittsburgh. She has a wonderful husband, Brian, who is from upstate New York, and their beautiful, curly-headed, 20-month old son, Jace. Her second child is due even as this bulletin goes to print! And Blitz completes the picture.

Brian played football at Rutgers and was drafted in the second round for the NFL, where he played for 8 years. Stefanie moved to NJ in 2002 on a Division I Volleyball Scholarship to Rider University. After college she met Brian through a mutual friend. About three years ago Stef and Brian moved to a lovely home on Spring Valley Road, conveniently close to Christ the King.

Baptized Lutheran, Stef and her two sisters alternated between attending Church with her Lutheran Mom and Catholic Dad. With the background of Church and Sunday-school, she is well-versed in the Christian life-style, and has also come to know very much about Catholicism through her consistent Mass attendance and now RCIA. Her mother was particularly influential in raising her three daughters with a firm faith-foundation.

Having her son baptized at Christ the King was the springboard that has led Stef to pursue full membership in the Catholic Church. She is eager to deepen her relationship with God and build her faith. She feels very much at home in Christ the King parish and loves the community she has found here.

Saint Patrick School, Chatham

St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with Blue Ribbon academics every day. Transfer grants are available to new students entering grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools.

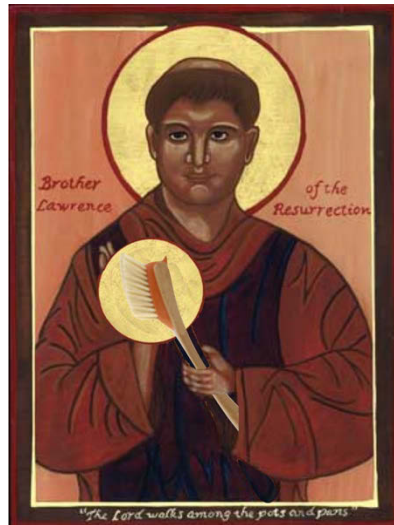
Curious? Learn more on **Walk in Wednesdays** – stop by the school any Wednesday between 9 – 11am for a guided tour! Can't make Wednesday? Call 973-635-4623 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!

Saint of the Week

February 13 | *Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection*

Very little is known of Brother

Lawrence but he left a very important legacy in the Catholic Church by his deep union with God. Lawrence was born in France in 1611 and served in the army in the Hundred Years' War. From his early life he seems to have had a sense of the Providence of God and tried to live in the consciousness of God.



Lawrence joined the Carmelites in Paris as a lay brother. For forty years he worked in the kitchen in the monastery, doing ordinary tasks which many would consider mundane. When a cardinal visited the monastery, a Church official who accompanied him had some in-depth conversations with Brother Lawrence, and was astounded at the deep spirituality and wisdom he possessed. These conversations and several letters were later written down and published as *The Practice of the Presence of God*. In this little book, Lawrence shares his secret of living in the continual awareness of God's presence and conversing with Him all day long.

The wisdom and teaching of Brother Lawrence show us that no matter what activities we are engaged in, we can converse with God and live in His presence. The wisdom shared in this best-selling book reveals how a humble lay brother who worked in the kitchen his whole life became a great spiritual master. Centuries before St. Therese of Lisieux, he lived by the same spiritual foundation: "God regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed."

Brother Lawrence died in 1691 at the age of 80.

Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, pray for us to have the grace to cultivate a continual awareness of the presence of God.

40 Days for Life...

Prayer and Fasting, Peaceful Vigil, and Community Outreach. Join Morris County Right to Life at:

Planned Parenthood
196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown
7am to 7pm seven days a week.

Begins February 14 and ends March 25.

Diocese of Paterson

Office of The Bishop
February 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes in our Diocese will take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. The collection offers a way for us to stand in solidarity with those who experienced decades of Soviet control and who continue to feel the effects of poverty, infrequent pastoral care and a lack of buildings in which the faithful can worship.



This collection provides grants that focus on training seminarians and lay leaders, supporting social service programs, youth ministry, catechetical centers, schools, church construction and evangelization. Teaching the Catholic faith to generations who lived under Communist rule is vitally important. Your participation in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe brings hope to many and unites us with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

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

Pizza Night with Bishop



Tuesday, February 27 – 7 to 9pm
Pope John XXIII H.S., Sparta

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the **Vocation Office** at 973-777-8818, ext 711