CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER April 15, 2018





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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.

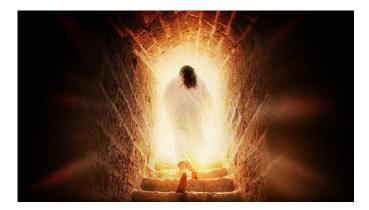
eNEWSLETTER (monthly)

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

The risen Christ releases us from fear and assures us that he lives anew, and forever.



oday's Gospel follows the encounter the two disciples had with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus, where they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Now, these same two disciples have returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where the Last Supper took place. All of the Apostles are hidden there, staying out of sight for rear that those who killed Jesus will soon be coming for them.

Jesus appears to them in that room and offers the peace that he alone can give. He reassures them they are seeing victory, not defeat – that he is truly risen. He is not a ghost and they are not hallucinating. He eats with them, and then gives them a detailed recounting of how prophesies from the Hebrew Scriptures have all been fulfilled by his passion. The disciples' mission will be to go and tell others the very same truth – God's plan of salvation did not take a detour at Calvary; instead it was the defining moment of victory.

Jesus calls them all witnesses of these things, a point echoed by Saint Peter in the Book of Acts. Peter has indeed become a witness. Before the Holy spirit came upon him in wind and fire, he, like the others, hid himself from the public eye. Now – his fears replaced by faith in the Resurrection – Peter stands publicly as the rock of Christ's Church, challenging his listeners to repent, and inviting them to be baptized and share in Christ's victory.

Then and now, the resurrection of Jesus is disbelieved by some, and ignored by many. However, for those who have faith in the Lord and lean on the cross of Jesus, the Resurrection becomes an anchor that preserves our hope, even, and especially, during the darkest days of our lives. In the sacraments, Jesus takes our fears away – the same way he did on the road to Emmaus and in the Upper Room. Like his disciples, we are then called to go and free others from their fears, by telling them the Good News that Christ has conquered death.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Benjamin Philip Pirro, son of Philip and Kathleen (Nee Giacobello).

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 16

7am Angelo Argondizza

Tuesday, April 17

9am Mari Jo Dagostino

Wednesday, April 18

7am Frank & Michalina Oberc

Thursday, April 19

9am Joanna Marinozzi (Living)

Friday, April 20

7am Rev. Michael J. Burke

Saturday, April 21

9am Salvatore Buccafusco

5pm John DeSette

Sunday, April 22

7am Robert de Poortere

9am Dave Stuart

11am Luiz Scultori

5:30pm Mari Jo Dagostino

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, Ben Aspero, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend's Collection: \$13,825.00*

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 the Campaign for Human Development. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) allocates funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Religious Education



Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session April 19 4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall **Friday Session** April 20 6pm 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 Sessions** Sunday April 15, 6:30 – 8pm **Parent & Student Session** Sunday, April 29, 6:30 – 8pm



Daily Reading

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

Family Promise

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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, April 17 Tuesday dinner (5 – 8:30pm)

CTK Homeless Support Weekend

Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21 Friday overnight stay (8pm – 8am)

Saturday breakfast & visitation with guests

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

Volunteers are still needed for Saturday's shifts!

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

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 would like to be visited by a Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

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 to enroll securely online. Our parish code is NJ658.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, April 15

6:30pm Jr. High RE

Monday, April 16

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, April 17

9:30am Breakfast Club

5pm Family Promise (Chatham, NI)

7pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, April 18

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

Thursday, April 19

9:30am Bible 101

4pm Family Based RE

Friday, April 20

7pm Family Based RE

8pm Family Promise (Chatham, NJ)

Saturday, April 21

9:30am Reconciliation

St. Joseph School (Mendham) Parent Information Session

Come join the SJS principal, faculty, and parents for an Information Session on Tuesday, April 24, 2018. Learn about the outstanding academics in our Pre-K – 8 programs, new Makerspace where creativity is stimulated, numerous extracurricular activities, and aftercare program. The Early Childhood Session (Pre-K, K, and 1st) begins at 6 pm and Transfer Student Session (Grades 2-8) at 6:45 pm. For further details, visit our website at www.sjsmendham.org, or contact Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7. St. Joseph School – National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence; AdvancEd Accredited

Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen:
The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen:
The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen:
The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen:
The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

-St. Hippolytus of Rome

Saint of the Week

April 17 | St. Stephen Harding



Stephen Harding was an Englishman, born in 1059. He was a brilliant scholar and fluent in many languages. In addition, he was a devout Catholic. When he was returning from a pilgrimage to Rome as a young man, he came upon a community of monks in Molesme, France. These monks lived a seemingly very austere life; Stephen was immediately inspired to join them.

Led by St. Robert, who was Abbot at the time, the community grew and prospered. Eventually, Robert, Stephen, and a third monk, Alberic, desired to break off from the group and live an even more austere religious life according to the primitive Rule of St. Benedict. With the permission of the Archbishop they built a new monastery in a remote clearing in a forest in Citeaux. Here was the foundation of the Cistercian Order, one of the most strict and austere orders in the Catholic Church. It exists to this day in many places throughout the world, including the United States.

Robert eventually returned to Molesme and Alberic succeeded him as Abbot. When Alberic died, Stephen became the third Abbot. He insisted on strict poverty and the reliance on manual labor. No new members joined for years, and the abbey was on the brink of dissolution, but God intervened. In 1112, Bernard of Clairvaux and 30 companions arrived, looking for just such a strict lifestyle of devotion to God. They asked for admission on the spot. Between 1112 and 1119, Stephen Harding had to build a dozen new monasteries to accommodate all those who came. He remained Abbot until 1133 and died the following year.

St. Stephen Harding, teach us to look beyond the allure of worldly possessions. Help us to desire growth in prayer and nearness to God.

POLISH Dinner Dance



May 18, 2018 6:30 PM Adults \$35 Children \$15

Checks Made Payable to Christ the King Registration Due Date: May 14

Seats are VERY Limited! Reserve your spot with Fr. Artur! frartur@churchofchristtheking.org

Name:			

Number of Adults:____ Number of Children: ____