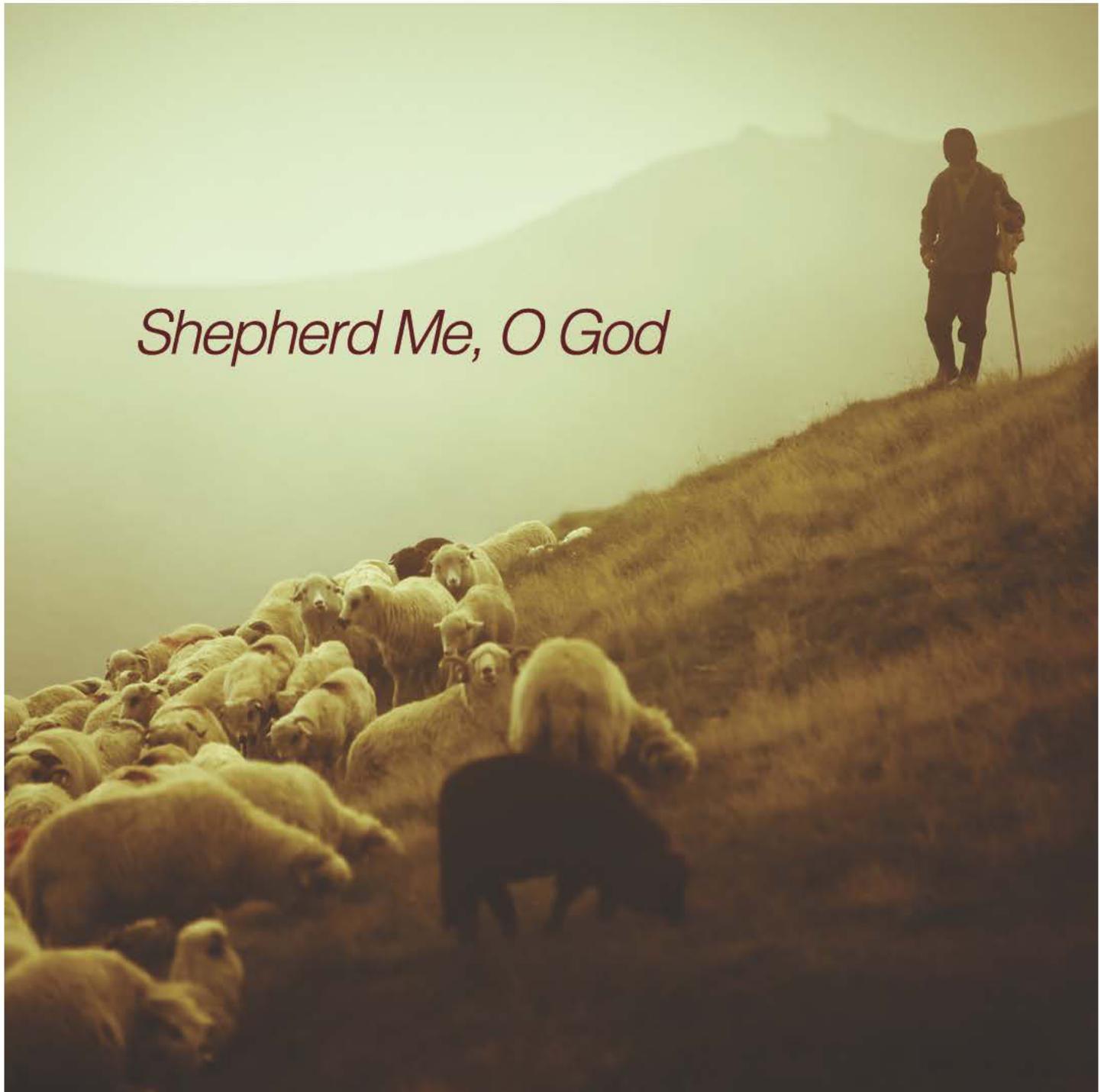


CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, NJ

*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.*

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 15, 2017



Shepherd Me, O God



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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are invited to the banquet. Are we prepared to respond?

Invitations with RSVPs. We all send them out. Seldom do we receive them all back. Sometimes those who don't respond show up anyway. Other times, people respond that they will attend our event and then don't. Occasionally, people come to an event not having read all the information and arrive at the wrong time, or in the wrong attire. In any case, not responding properly to the RSVP can have financial implications for the hosts, or other costs (social or professional, for example) for us if we come unprepared for the event.

Today's readings may not literally involve invitations with RSVPs, but the analogy serves to highlight some messages found within them. Three times we are told how God will provide for us. Isaiah says, on this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines ... he will destroy death forever. Here, God is reminding the Israelites that he will be faithful to their covenant. The invitation and response that were exchanged in Exodus (6:7) will come to pass.

In Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians, Paul tells the community, God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. At this point in human history, what Isaiah has prophesied has come to pass: (through Jesus), death has been destroyed forever. So Saint Paul is reminding them that they can be content with whatever circumstances come their way, because the banquet has begun. The invitation was extended, and for those who have actively responded (in baptism), the feast is plenty.

In the portion of Matthew's Gospel we heard a moment ago, Jesus tells the parable of the wedding feast hosted by the king. The wedding feast serves as an image of the kingdom of God: a benevolent king has prepared a lavish banquet in celebration of his son, and sent out many invitations for people to come and enjoy the feast, free of charge. For the third time today, we have heard how God provides for us. And yet, there is something very different about this example.

In this story, all who are initially invited – the worthy – refuse to attend, including some who literally kill the king's messengers! So the king widens his invitation to all they [the servants] found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. In telling this parable, Jesus is highlighting the rejection many of the Jewish people have shown to him and the prophets who preceded him. Jesus is telling the Jewish elite around him that what they refuse to accept will again be offered to the Gentiles, who will readily accept the invitation to salvation and be thankful for it.

Bad and good alike are invited to the wedding feast. This is all of us. We, the Church, are not a club where we gather to celebrate our successes and revel in how much better we are than everyone else. Rather, the Church is what Pope Francis called a field hospital where we come for healing, hope and help, believing, as Paul said to the newly baptized at Philippi: "I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Our responsibility is to honor carefully this invitation and to RSVP with conviction and love – and then prepare, through living a sacramental life, to partake of the feast for eternity.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 16

7am John D. Methfessel Sr.

Tuesday, October 17

9am John C. Sullivan

Wednesday, October 18

7am Frank & Michalina Oberc

Thursday, October 19

9am Betty Leeman

Friday, October 20

7am Deacon David V. Collins

Saturday, October 21

9am Anna Oppel

5pm Mary Pat Paris

Sunday, October 22

7am Rev. Edward Hinds

9am Maryane DeGilio

11am Kris Daras

5:30pm Kevin O'Brien

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

Collection

Last weekend's collection: \$16,348.00*

*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 Mission Sunday Collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Charlotte Olivia Beatrice, daughter of Alexander and Melissa (Nee Santucci), Cristiano and Marcel Menzel, sons of Jeffrey and Stephanie (Nee Martin).

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



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – November 2

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – November 3

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

• Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

Session – November 5, 10 – 10:45am – PLC Library

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

First Parent & Student Session

October 15, 6:30 – 8pm

Student Session

November 5 & 19, 6:30 – 8pm

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

First Reconciliation Workshop

Sunday, November 5

12:30pm – 2:30pm

First Reconciliation Workshop- Parish Hall

Parent/s and communicant attend

Coat Drive at CTK for the Market Street Mission

Would you like to donate a **new or used** coat, hat, scarf or gloves? Bring them to the parish hall during the next three weeks. These items are needed for men, women & children.

Deadline to CTK: **Thursday, October 19, 2017**

Coat Giveaway: **Saturday, November 4, 2017**

10am – 1pm, on the Morristown Green

Daily Reading

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

Family Promise



Our family promise ministry is looking for volunteers to make a difference.

We're creating **4 'teams'** to feed our homeless families. Each team will volunteer once a year to share in the facilitation of a dinner, breakfast and overnight shift. Breaking bread and guest interaction are part of the experience.

We serve up to 15 guests including single women, mothers, fathers and their children at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. This makes our ministry intimate and engaging.

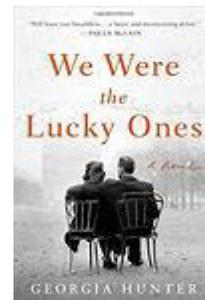
Please consider this unique opportunity to reach our brothers and sisters in a simple, yet impactful way.

For more information contact Britta Gangemi 973.493.0184 or brittagangemi@gmail.com.

Book of the Month

The next meeting of the Book of the Month group will take place on **Tuesday, October 24 at 10am** in the Parish Life Center Library. The book to be discussed is "We were the Lucky Ones" by Georgia Hunter.

All are welcome!



Catholic Charities Caritas Gala 2017

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Birchwood Manor, Whippany
6:30 – 10:30pm



Awards Presentation, Dinner and Dancing
Black tie preferred

- **Fr. Paddy O'Donovan, Bishop's Award**
Pastor, Notre Dame of Mount Carmel, Cedar Knolls
- Donna Fico, M.A. Ed., CFCS Award
Vice President, Supportive Services, Eva's Village
- Dr. Diane & Mr. Kevin Cavanagh, DPD Award
DPD Board Member and Family Volunteers
- Rev. Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, PA,
Straight and Narrow Award

For questions, contact Tom Barrett at 973.523.4456 or tbarrett@patersondiocese.org.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, October 15

6:30pm Jr High RE Parent/Student Session

Monday, October 16

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, October 17

9am Breakfast Club

7pm RCIA Session

7pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, October 18

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

Thursday, October 19

9:30am Bible 101

Friday, October 20

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, October 21

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, October 22

4:30pm Youth Ministry – *Rite of Creed*

Youth Ministry



- **Youth Ministry Registration is open!** Forms have been emailed home to all 9th & 10th grade families. Please get your forms in ASAP! If you did not receive a form please email christa@churchofchristtheking.org.
- **Attention ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Please send an email to christa@churchofchristtheking.org with your college address as soon as it is made available to you... just because you are away from home, doesn't mean we forget about you. ☺
- **Calling all Juniors & Seniors!** RETREAT TEAM APPLICATIONS can be found online at www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry! If you are interested in being a retreat leader, please complete the application and send it Christa ASAP. Application deadline is September 1.

Mark your calendars

Rock Retreat (9th Grade) | Saturday, November 4

Antioch Retreat (10th Grade) | January 12, 13, 14

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

Bishop Rodimer, 90th & Little Sisters of the Poor, 40th

Wednesday, October 25

Reception at 6pm – Dinner at 7pm

The Grove in Cedar Gove, New Jersey

For more information call 908.781.8418 or email

littlesisters@omealia.com.

The Veterans Monument

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, in collaboration with Catholic Family and Community Services - Veteran Services and Passaic County Veteran Services invites you to the Unveiling and Blessing of The Veterans Monument on the grounds of the Cathedral by Rev. Mong. Mark J. Giordani.

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist – 4 to 5pm

For more information please contact David Pearson at dpearson@catholiccharities.org - (973) 818-3601

Saint of the Week

October 16, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

St. Margaret Mary was the fifth of seven children, born in 1647 in France. She was sickly as a child, suffering from rheumatic fever and bedridden for five years, until she was 15. She refused marriage and entered the Visitation Sisters in Paray-le-Monial.



In December of 1673, Jesus appeared to Margaret. He told her she was the chosen instrument to spread devotion to the Sacred Heart. In the beginning, no one believed her stories of apparitions. Eventually she managed to convince her superior, and her confessor, St. Claude de la Columbiere, supported her and was convinced the visions were real. She was instructed by Jesus how to spread the devotion, including observing the Nine First Fridays and keeping a holy hour to the Sacred Heart.

Jesus revealed to Margaret his own heart, burning with love for all people. He encouraged Margaret to keep asking that a Feast of the Sacred Heart be established in the Church. This was eventually accomplished in 1856. However, during her own lifetime, Margaret endured misunderstanding, hostility, and ridicule, even in her own convent. The negativity stopped only when Margaret Mary was appointed the director of novices and began to spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart. St. Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized in 1920.

At her time in history, several heresies had emphasized the unworthiness of all people to approach God, and people generally kept their distance from the Eucharist and focused on penances and exaggerated self-denial. The revelations of Jesus and his Sacred Heart have led to great devotion throughout the Catholic world. Homes are blessed where pictures of the Sacred Heart are enthroned in them. We must not be afraid to approach God with all our needs. His love for us is super-abundant and constant.

St. Margaret Mary, pray that we may never fear to approach Jesus, burning with great love for us and eager to help us in all our needs.



Paterson Federation

Respect Life Mass



Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
Celebrant

Rev. Jody Baran—Federation Chaplain
Concelebrant

Saturday, November 18, 2017 — 10:00 A.M. Mass
Saint John the Baptist Cathedral
381 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505

Deacon Anthony O. Fierro, PGK
Respect Life Mass - Chairman

Michael Vaclavicek, PGK, FDD
Paterson Federation Chairman