

# 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.*

**30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
October 29, 2017



I love you, Lord,  
my strength.



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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](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org)

# 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*By witnessing to the Good News, we share God's love.*

**T**he opponents of Jesus just won't give up! Last week, they tried to trip him up on the sticky question of taxes to Caesar. Today is a cunning attempt to lead him into a hair-splitting debate and lose him in the wilderness of the subtleties of the Mosaic Law! It is noteworthy that Matthew uses the same Greek word here – to test – as when describing Jesus' earlier confrontation with Satan in the desert. Clearly, he wants us to understand that those who test Jesus are in league with, or at least unwittingly doing, the work of Satan.

Matthew sets the scene well! A Pharisee – a lawyer – asks Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. His response does not seek to set aside the Law, but instead to interpret it more fully. For Jesus, the greatest commandment is found in Deuteronomy: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength" (6:5).

Jesus' answer emphasizes the centrality of love – a cord that binds together the human heart and soul and directs us toward God.

While asked for only one commandment, Jesus adds a second, quoting from Leviticus, which he says is equal to and inseparable from the first: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (19:18). Everything, he says, hangs on these two interrelated commandments. Like a door on two hinges that will not open or close properly if out of alignment, so, too, our lives if we do not love God and our neighbor. Jesus is not discounting any other commandments, but simply emphasizing that these two are foundational.

So what does this declaration mean for us today? As we struggle to live the Christian life, we can so easily compartmentalize love of God and love of neighbor. Sometimes, it may seem easier to love God than to love our neighbor. But, as Jesus proclaims, these two loves cannot be separated.

By linking this Gospel with a practical reading from Exodus, we are reminded that this love is more than a warm and fuzzy feeling. Out of Israel's experience of slavery in Egypt, there emerged the reality of a God who is compassionate and protective of the weak. No one is to take advantage of them or to imprison them in a relentless cycle of dependence. How challenging these ancient words and this ethical wisdom can sound today.

Paul confirms this teaching by reminding the Thessalonians of their fidelity to Christ. He rejoices with them because they have remained steadfast and active in faith. For them, faith is more than a passing fad. Clearly, they have recognized the word of God in Paul's preaching, and through the lived example of their lives, have now become ministers of the Gospel to others within their community and beyond. Awaiting the return of Christ, they have become people of hope, bringing the combined love of God and neighbor to others.

May we, too, be a people of hope – witnessing the Gospel to others and sharing God's love.

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, October 30**

7am Angelo Argondizza

**Tuesday, October 31**

9am Rev. Robert Hooper & Maria da Graça Van Patten

**Wednesday, November 1**

7am Lloyd Huisman (*Living*)

7pm Mildred Paine

**Thursday, November 2**

9am All Deceased Members of the Parish

**Friday, November 3**

7am Blanca Mercedes Ortiz

**Saturday, November 4**

9am Martin Ristaino

5pm Dave Willean

**Sunday, November 5**

7am Dorothy Capone

9am Celia Fiorini

11am Evelyn Sullivan

5:30pm Thomas Gallagher

*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

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.

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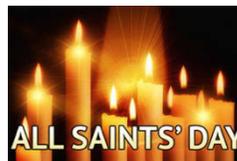
## Collection

Last weekend's collection: \$15,296.00 \*

\*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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## All Saints Day



This **Wednesday, November 1** is All Saints Day and a holiday of obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7am and 7pm.

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## 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.

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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** November 2

4:00pm to 6:00pm – In the Parish Hall

**Friday Session** – November 3

6:00pm to 8:00pm – In the Parish Hall

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

### Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

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

### Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

**Student Sessions**

Sunday November 5 & 19, 6:30pm – 8:00pm,

*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*

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## Youth Ministry



- **ATTENTION ALL 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES: Rock Retreat Registration is Open! Please complete your registration form online to register for the retreat.**
- **Attention ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Please send an email to [christa@churchofchristtheking.org](mailto: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. ☺

### 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

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## Interfaith Food Pantry



*When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.*

**Next weekend** is our monthly collection of food/donations to benefit the Interfaith Food Pantry. Thanks for your continued support of this vital ministry.

This month we are highlighting **foods that you would need to make a Holiday Dinner:** stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned corn or other vegetables, cranberry sauce, soups, apple, cranberry or grape juice, nuts, muffin mix, canned fruit, canned pumpkin, Jello or pudding, cake or brownie mix, evaporated or powdered milk, salad dressing, pasta, canned yams. **Frozen turkeys, hams or large chickens may be dropped off for the next three weeks.** Please place them in the kitchen freezer in Church. If you prefer to contribute a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the *Interfaith Food Pantry*.

*Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter donations to the Food Pantry total \$2,958 and 620 pounds of food. THANK YOU!!!*

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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**.

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## Mass of Remembrance



Our annual mass of remembrance will be on **Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30pm.**

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, October 29

4:30pm Youth Ministry – *Scripture*

### Monday, October 30

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

### Tuesday, October 31

NO RCIA Class

7pm Adult Choir

### Wednesday, November 1

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

### Thursday, November 2

9:30am Bible 101

4pm Family Based RE

### Friday, November 3

10:30am Bible Study

6pm Family Based RE

### Saturday, November 4

All Day Rock Retreat

9:30am Reconciliation

### Sunday, November 5

All Day Eva's Village Serving

10am Kindergarten

12:30pm First Reconciliation Workshop

6:30pm Jr. High RE

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## Villa Walsh

Villa Walsh will host their annual **Christmas Bazaar Extravaganza on November 5**, featuring unique gifts, crafts, a money raffle, baked goods and much, much, more. Come and enjoy pizza frittatas made right on the premises as well as luncheon packages of homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

### Sunday, November 5 from 12 to 5pm

Villa Walsh Mother House, Mother Ninetta Hall

455 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ

## Save the Date

### Monday, November 13 from 7 to 9pm

Villa Walsh Convent, Morristown

The Religious Teachers Filippini are celebrating "An Evening with Sisters." This event will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation. Food and drink will be provided. For details, please contact the office of the Delegate for Religious at 973-777-8818 ext. 207, or [kerry@patersondiocese.org](mailto:kerry@patersondiocese.org)

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## Saint Joseph School

Experience a "day in the life" of an SJS student in Mendham and observe firsthand our warm and inspiring faculty as well as the stimulating program, inclusive of the STEM curriculum, computers, Spanish, arts, and faith formation. Come visit with your child or have your child shadow a grade independently. Call Lori Arends, Principal, at 973-543-7474, ext. 7, to schedule your visit. National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, AdvancEd Accredited

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## Vianney

The inspiring live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Immaculate Conception Church on **Friday, November 10 at 7:30pm**. Experience the gripping story of Saint John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. For tickets and additional information, contact Immaculate Conception Church New Evangelization Office at 908-725-1112 ext. 1124 or [pjannuzzi@icsomerville.org](mailto:pjannuzzi@icsomerville.org) or register online at [www.immaculateconception.org](http://www.immaculateconception.org). Watch the gripping trailer at [www.vianneydrama.com](http://www.vianneydrama.com)

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## Saint of the Week

Pope St. John XXIII

**A**ngelo Roncalli was born in the small town of Sotto il Monte in Italy in 1881. He was the fourth of 14 children whose parents were sharecroppers. Eventually he became Pope John XXIII, one of the most influential Popes in history.



Angelo was ordained a priest shortly after 1900, and earned a doctorate in theology. He worked as the secretary to a bishop early in his priesthood. He was later drafted into the Italian army during World War I as a chaplain and stretcher-bearer.

In 1925 Father Roncalli was summoned to the Vatican and appointed Apostolic Visitor to Bulgaria. Later he was sent to Turkey and Greece. After being made an Archbishop, Roncalli worked during World War II to save thousands of Jews from death. After the war he was named a "Righteous Gentile." He was later sent to France as Papal Nuncio and later to Venice.

In 1958 Roncalli was elected Pope to succeed to Pope Pius XII. He surprised everyone when, at the age of 77 and in office only a short time, announced the Second Vatican Council would be convened to renew the Church and "open the windows." This Ecumenical Council would change forever the course of the Church, its relations with other religions, liturgical practices, and Catholic life in general. Sadly, he was diagnosed with stomach cancer after the opening of the Council, and never lived to see its conclusion. He died on June 3, 1963.

Pope John is known for his wonderful sense of humor. He was quick to tell jokes, even poking fun at his own rotund self and his large nose. "Good Pope John" was the first Pope to be named Time Magazine's Man of the Year in 1963. He was a prayerful and saintly man, and after his death miracles began to be attributed to him. When his body was exhumed for the process of beatification in the year 2000, he was found to be incorrupt. His body was put on display in St. Peter's Basilica. He was canonized in 2014 by Pope Francis. He is the patron saint of papal delegates and of Vatican II.

*Good Pope John, watch over our Church and pray that we might live without divisions, intent only on seeking holiness.*

# Peace to the World

Join the combined choirs of  
**Church of Christ the King & St. Patrick Church**  
for our *7th Annual Christmas Concert*.

With a repertoire of Christmas Carols from around the world,  
celebrating the message of peace, unity and harmony to all



USA, Italy, Finland, Spain, Nigeria, Russia, Brazil, Iraq, Ireland and more...

**Saturday, December 2 – 7:30PM**  
St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

**Sunday, December 3 – 2PM**  
Church of Christ the King, New Vernon, NJ

**FREE ADMISSION**

