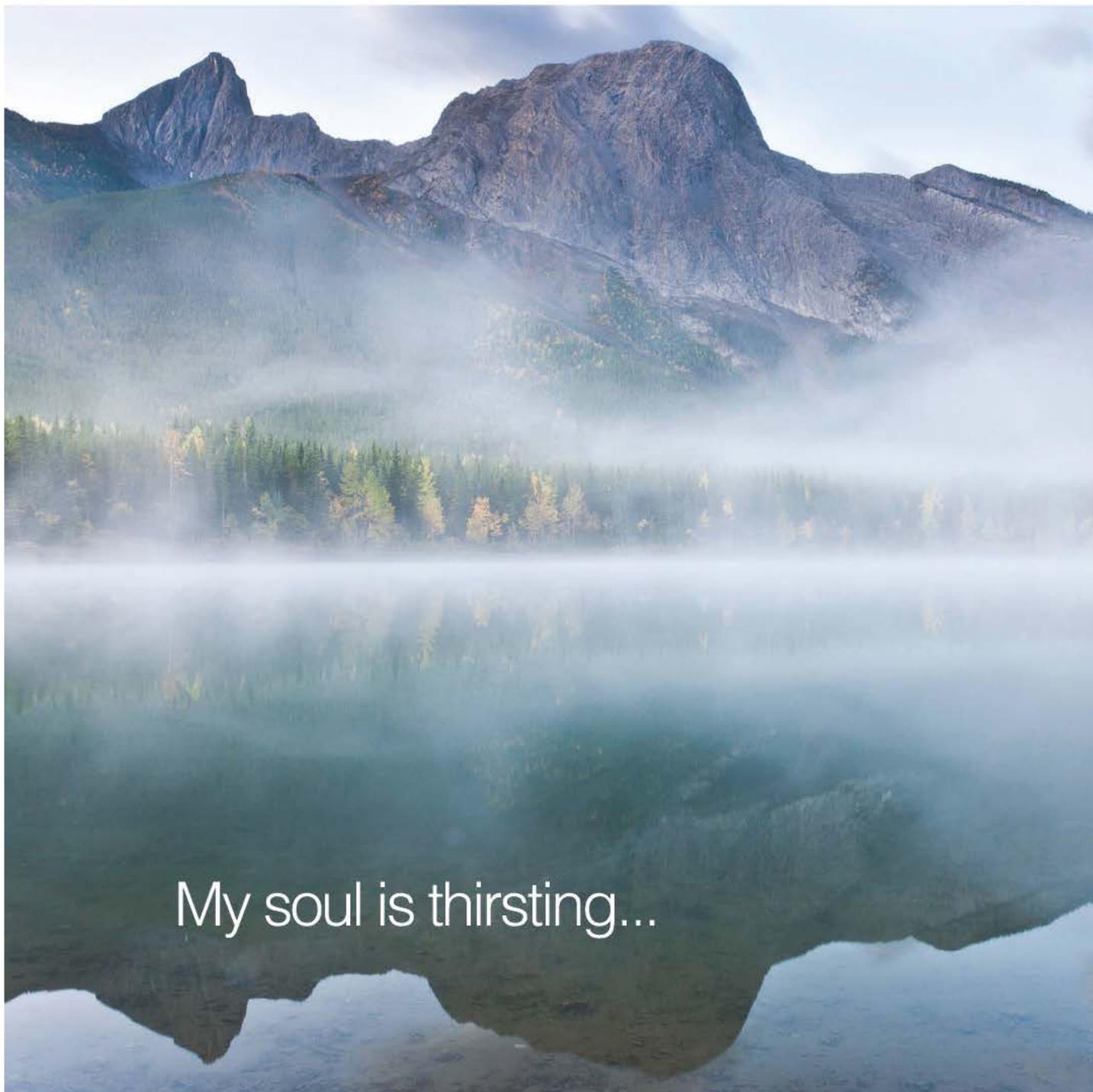


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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 12, 2017



My soul is thirsting...



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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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus provides the wisdom needed for being ready to meet Him when He comes again.



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cautions his listeners to stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. He warns them not to be like the foolish bridesmaids who were unprepared. They assumed they could always get more oil for their torches whenever they needed it, and that the door of the house would be opened for them even if they arrived late. The foolish bridesmaids were shocked to discover that, at the decisive hour, because they were unprepared, they were excluded. Until then, there seemed to be no difference between the wise and foolish bridesmaids. "They all became drowsy and fell asleep", Jesus tells us. But the midnight call to action finds the wise prepared and welcomed, and the foolish unprepared and left out.

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep. These words from our second reading direct our attention to a subject we mostly try to avoid: death. The Church puts death front and center during this month of November. It begins with All Saints' Day, which is immediately followed by All Souls' Day, when we pray in a special way for our departed loved ones. Paul tells the Thessalonians that when the Lord Jesus returns in glory, those who have already died will rise first. "Then we who are alive ... will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air".

How, then, can we best prepare to meet the Lord? Our first reading may have the key. Wisdom can be found by those who seek her. And the wisdom we seek – to be prepared to meet the Lord – is found in what Jesus teaches his disciples. His message is about how we are to live in the kingdom of God here on earth, so as to live with God after our death. His lessons are about forgiving others generously, being grateful for the generosity of others, following through on our word, and not expecting reward for doing the right thing. Most important, he teaches that loving God with all our mind, heart and soul, and humbly loving our neighbor as ourselves, are the greatest commandments.

The lessons Jesus taught his listeners as he prepared for his death provide us all the wisdom we need for being prepared for our own deaths. Let us stay awake in seeking to live in the wisdom he shares. Let us grow in wisdom by finding ways to grow in our love for God and in our love for our neighbors. In doing so, Scripture tells us we will not be disappointed. As we gain this wisdom, we will also grow in gratitude for God's kindness, and in certainty of the hope we have for being joined with the Lord and those who have gone before us.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 13

7am Augustine "Gus" Rushparaj

Tuesday, November 14

9am John Byrnes

Wednesday, November 15

7am Robert Fink

Thursday, November 16

9am Mary Bell

Friday, November 17

7am Nancy Romaine

Saturday, November 18

9am Frank & Michalina Oberc

5pm Alfred & Patricia Mills

Sunday, November 19

7am James A. McLaughlin

9am Virginia Worthington

11am Frank & Kathleen Dolan

5:30pm Elizabeth A. Ireton

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

Collection

Last weekend's collection: \$16,650.00*

*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 Collect Next Weekend

Next weekend is annual collection for *Catholic Home Missions*. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

Lector Workbooks

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical cycle, which begins December 3, are available in the Priest's Sacristy. Please stop in the Sacristy and pick up your Workbook before you leave Mass.

Religious Education



Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions

Sunday November 19, 6:30pm – 8:00pm,

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

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Saturday, November 18 at 10:30am

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

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

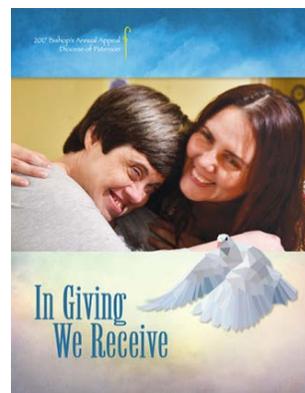
Confirmation (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm

Prayer Shawl Ministry Reminder

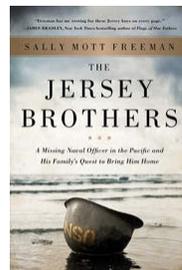
The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Tuesday, **November 14 at 9:30am** in the Parish Library. Please join us in making shawls for the homebound, grieving and ill members of our parish. We have patterns, yarn, and instructions for anyone interested. New members are always welcome! Share your time and talent!

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

After decades of service to our parishioners, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.



Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **November 28 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is "The Jersey Brothers" by Sally Mott Freeman.

This is the story of three brothers from New Jersey who are all Navy men in 1942. The youngest, sent to the Philippines, is listed as missing-in-action after a Japanese air attack. The book centers on the family's quest to bring the lost brother home. All are welcome.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the US are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

Diocese of Paterson 80th Anniversary

Save the Date | You Are Invited

On **December 9, 2017**, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese of Paterson (December 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11am. **Tickets are \$40/person and are available online** at www.rcdop.org/breakfast. This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, November 12

- 4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry – *Holy Spirit*

Monday, November 13

- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Youth Ministry – *Morality*
- 7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, November 14

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7pm RCIA
- 7pm Adult Choir

Wednesday, November 15

- 7:30pm Mass of Remembrance

Thursday, November 16

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 11am Harding Seniors

Friday, November 17

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 6:30pm **CTK Dinner Dance – Madison Hotel**

Saturday, November 18

- 9:30am Reconciliation
- 10:30am 1st Reconciliation

Sunday, November 19

- 4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

Interfaith Food Pantry

From now until Thanksgiving, food is being accepted for the Interfaith Food Pantry collection. Donations of non-perishables can be placed in the plastic bins near the kitchen in the parish hall. **Frozen turkeys are needed**, which should be put into the kitchen freezer on the right. Thanks for your generosity for those in need!

Christmas in a Box



This program provides gifts for a needy area family. If you would like to participate please call or text Claire O'Mara at 973.886.4516.

*O God, you are my God
whom I seek.*

Saint of the Week

November 15 | St. Albert the Great



Albert was born before the year 1200 somewhere in Bavaria and died on November 15, 1280. As a young man he studied at the University of Padua. After he met Jordan of Saxony, a famous Dominican university professor, Albert also joined the Dominicans. He continued his education in Paris and was asked by his superior to set up a house of studies in Cologne. One of his pupils was St. Thomas Aquinas.

“The teacher of everything there is to know” was said of Albert. His brilliance led him into the field of science and he constructed a science lab where he did experiments in chemistry and physics, and had large collections of plants, insects, and chemical compounds. Besides being a renowned scientist, St. Albert was also a theologian and a philosopher. He wrote commentaries on almost all of the works of Aristotle.

In addition to his outstanding brilliance, Albert was a holy priest who was advisor to bishops, kings, statesmen and even popes. He saw the hand of God in all of creation and his contributions to learning in his age were enormous. During his life he wrote 38 volumes covering topics from philosophy and astronomy to friendship and love.

St. Albert the Great was canonized and declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931. He is the patron saint of scientists, philosophers, and medical technicians.

St. Albert the Great, teach us a greater appreciation for the gifts of creation and let us do all in our power to preserve these gifts for generations to come.

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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**.

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Saturday, December 2 – 7:30PM

St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

Sunday, December 3 – 2PM

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