

# 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.*

**CHRIST THE KING**  
November 26, 2017



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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.

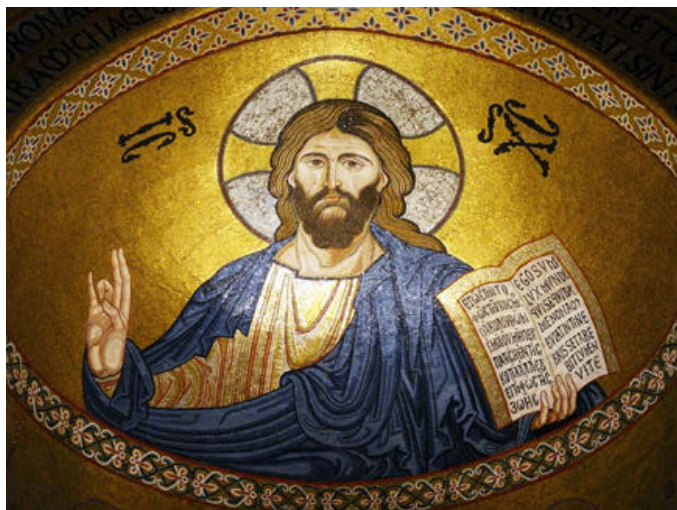
### eNEWSLETTER (*monthly*)

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)

# Feast of Christ the King

*We serve our king by serving each other.*



**T**oday's Solemnity always takes place on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year. In Advent, we prepare for the two comings of Christ – as a baby in Bethlehem, and his return as a king in glory. This celebration of Jesus' kingship prepares us for both comings of the Christ.

Though this feast exalts the royal and divine attributes of the Christ, Ezekiel prophesies the coming of a Messiah who will live humbly as a shepherd, focusing his efforts on seeking out the lost, the straying, the injured and sick: I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. This shepherd promises a safe ground for pasture, and rest for the weary of his flock. Above all, Ezekiel suggests the personal concern and care the Lord will show for each of his lambs: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. This reading is very much in Jesus' mind centuries later when he evokes the same image in the Gospel – that of the shepherd separating the sheep from the goats.

At this point in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is soon to be led out to the cross. Before he goes, he draws our attention to his return in glory and the final judgment. With so little time left in his life, Jesus calls upon his disciples to use whatever time has been left to them, and to us, wisely and well – not out of self-interest, but rather to look after the needs of the least among us, knowing that whatsoever we do for one of these little ones, we do for him. We serve our king by serving each other.

Jesus is a king like no other. The only crown our king ever wore was made of thorns and brambles. As we conclude the season of Ordinary Time and move into Advent, let each of us make an accounting of our stewardship before the coming of our king. Have we been loyal subjects? In our prayers and daily living, do we treat Christ as a sovereign over us or as a servant who exists only to do our will? We pray with the coming of Advent that Jesus will lead us and guide us in the ways of service, helping us to show our love for God by how we love and serve one another, especially the least among us.

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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, November 27**

7am Michael Brandon Marino

**Tuesday, November 28**

9am Virginia Ferber

**Wednesday, November 29**

7am William O. Murphy

**Thursday, November 30**

9am Mary Elizabeth McGlennon

**Friday, December 1**

7am Kevin J. O'Brien

**Saturday, December 2**

9am Stan Feely

5pm Jose Nogueiras

**Sunday, December 3**

7am Vincenzo Raccanelli

9am Dr. Charles Straniero

11am William Harrison

5:30pm Mary Elizabeth McGlennon

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

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## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the deceased members of the Kearns family at the request of Bill Kearns.

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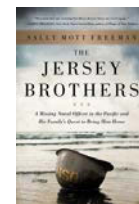
## Collection

*Due to the early bulletin deadline for the Thanksgiving Holiday the collections for November 19 and 26 will be reported in the December 3 bulletin.*

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## 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 Freemen.



*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.*

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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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## Religious Education



### Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

December 3, 10am – 10:45am – PLC Library

### Family-Based Religious Education

**Thursday Session** November 30

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

**Friday Session** – December 1

6 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)

**Parent & Student Session**

December 10, 6:30 – 8pm

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

- **First Communion Preparation Liturgy**

Sunday, December 3 – 9am Mass

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## 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](mailto:christa@churchofchristtheking.org).
- **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. ☺
- **Calling all Juniors & Seniors!** RETREAT TEAM APPLICATIONS can be found online at [www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry/](http://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

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## Interfaith Food Pantry



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

contribute a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the Interfaith Food Pantry.

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## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal



This time of year, as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme – In Giving, We Receive – your participation not only impacts the lives of

tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org).

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## Villa Walsh Academy Christmas Concert

*O Holy Night*

Sunday, December 10 – 3pm

Mother Ninetta Auditorium

455 Western Avenue, Morristown

Donations: \$10 – [www.villawalsh.org](http://www.villawalsh.org)

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## Diocese of Paterson 80<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast). This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

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## 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.

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Tuesday, November 28

- 10am Book of the Month
- 7pm RCIA Session – *Sacraments*
- 7pm Adult Choir

### Thursday, November 30

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 4pm Family Based RE

### Friday, December 1

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 12pm Cooking for Eva's Village
- 6pm Family Based RE

### Saturday, December 2

Wreath Sale (*after 5pm Mass*)

- 9:30am Reconciliation
- 7:30pm Christmas Concert – *St. Patrick Church*

### Sunday, December 3

Wreath Sale (*after all Masses*)  
Eva's Village Serving

- 9am Sacramental Preparation Mass
- 10am Kindergarten RD
- 10am Pageant Costume Fitting
- 2pm **Christmas Concert – in Church**
- 4:30pm Youth Ministry – *Rith of Covenant*
- 6:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up
- 6:30pm Cookies for Soldiers Packaging

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## Saint of the Week

November 26 | *St. John Berchmans*

On March 13, 1599 John Berchmans was born in Belgium, the eldest of five children of a shoemaker and his wife. John wanted to become a priest from an early age, and worked as a servant in order to be able to pursue his studies.

In 1615 the Jesuits opened a college in Malines, and John was among the first to enter. He was a leader among his peers, energetic, pleasant, and an avid student. The following year he entered the Jesuit order and developed a fervent spirituality.

John was determined that a person could become holy through ordinary things. He had an endearing personality, and practiced kindness and cheerfulness toward everyone. In 1618 he was sent to Rome to study philosophy. His hope was that after his ordination he would be allowed to become a chaplain in the army and even to be martyred on the battlefield. He never achieved his dream.

In the summer of 1619, John began to suffer from the intense Roman heat. Doctors could not determine what was wrong with him, but for two years he was continually sick and grew weaker and weaker. On August 13, 1621 John died. At the time of his funeral numerous miracles occurred that were attributed to him. His body lies in the Church of St. Ignatius in Rome. He was canonized in 1888, and is the patron saint of altar servers.

*St. John Berchmans, help us to appreciate the little ways in our daily life when we can serve God and turn our thoughts to Him in prayer. Pray for us.*

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## Giving Trees

Our parish Giving Trees will be up in the vestibule and at the side door of Church this weekend. Please take a tag and follow the directions on the sheets provided near the trees regarding wrapped or unwrapped, and the due dates. *The symbol on the front of the tag tells you where the gift will be donated, and for whom. Tags should be attached to the gift when you return it under the tree.* Help us to reach out in love and kindness for Christmas. As in the past, there are many people relying on your generosity to make their Christmas celebration more special. Your gift may be the only one they receive.

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## Morris County Correctional Facility

In conjunction with the First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon, Christ the King parishioners are asked to contribute items from the following list. They will be picked up on **December 11**. Due to security clearance, we must stick to the guidelines for the items that are permitted.

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (medium or large, no over-size bottles)
- White crew socks for men and women, all sizes.
- White briefs for women
- White briefs for men.

**Please do not wrap these items.** They can be placed in the wrapped boxes in the back of Church. The items will be distributed to the prisoners in gift bags for Christmas.

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## Family Promise



*Family Promise of Morris County is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization*

dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness faced by Morris County families by partnering with other public and private agencies, religious congregations and community volunteers to provide shelter, case management and mentoring services leading to self-sufficiency. As a support congregation, Christ the King is assigned to provide and serve dinner and breakfast on the dates below. Would you like to help?

**Tuesday, December 12** – dinner

**Friday, December 15** – overnight stay

**Saturday, December 16** – breakfast & visitation

For more information contact Britta Gangemi  
973.493.0184 or [brittagangemi@gmail.com](mailto:brittagangemi@gmail.com).

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

# *to the* Peace 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**



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