

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, 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.*

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 21, 2018



*Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.*



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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 in Ordinary Time

When an alarm goes off in our hearts, it is best to heed the warning and respond with faith.



If only we were as quick at jumping out of bed when the alarm goes off as were the people of Nineveh in responding to Jonah, when he sounded the alarm of their impending demise if they did not change their ways! And wouldn't it be great if it were as easy for us to decide on a vocation, as it appears to have been for Simon and Andrew, and for James and John?

We are better at responding to some alarms than others – and sometimes even to gentle nudges more than loud attention-grabbers. For example, if the fire alarm goes off, we tend to take that one seriously. And if a trusted friend gently but insistently nudges us to get help when we are in a bad place, we might take that seriously too. So when it comes to making spiritual decisions for our lives, perhaps we should try to fight the temptation of becoming complacent about the alarms that go off in our hearts, or the nudges we receive from God.

God's direction to us is very seldom as obvious as Jonah's warning, or Jesus' call to his first followers. God nudges us out of the way of spiritual harm, but it is up to us if we will respond or not. If we don't accept God's prompt, then we risk occasions of sin or missing the opportunity to flourish.

It is also God who nudges us, not just away from harm, but toward the good – such as marriage, a single way of life or religious life. Once again, however, it is our decision whether or not to allow ourselves to be moved. It is true that sometimes God gets our attention with metaphorical lightning bolts, but for most of us the prompts are much more subtle. So we have to pay close attention in listening for God's voice and in sensing the soft touch of the gentle nudge.

We all long to be happy. God longs for us to be happy too! We will be happy if we respond with faith and love to the Lord's admonition to come and follow him. God knows our abilities, and how each of us fits into his grand design for the world. He encourages us to follow our heart's desire – as researchers, laborers, teachers, clergy, religious or civil servants, to name but a few. He wants us to have holy relationships, and to live holy lives.

So while, yes, we are free to choose our own path, accepting a friendly nudge from the Lord sets us on the right path: a path that leads to happiness for us and a better world for all. And ultimately, a path that leads to our eternal life with him.

So let us be attentive to those alarms, calls and nudges – and be quick and joyful to respond.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 22

11am Msgr. John F. Corr

Tuesday, January 23

9am Deacon Edward Joseph Lally

Wednesday, January 24

7am Suzanne O'Neil

Thursday, January 25

9am George Sullivan

Friday, January 26

7am Rev. Laszlo Vas

Saturday, January 27

9am Marie Sieben

5pm Kevin Leen, Jr.

Sunday, January 28

7am Dr. Renato Prati

9am Luiz Scultori

11am Jim McNamee

5:30pm Frank Dolan

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

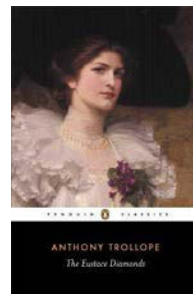
Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Paula Dugan, Tawny Wamack, Rex Linnehan, Randy Brooks, Robert dePoortere, Ben Aspero, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,810.00*

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**.

Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **February 27 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is *"The Eustace Diamonds"* by Anthony Trollope.

All are welcome.

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



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

January 7, 10am – 10:45am – PLC Library

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session February 8

4:00pm to 6:00pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session February 9

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)

Student Sessions

Sunday January 7 & 21, 6:30pm – 8pm

Parent & Student Sessions

Sunday, February 11, 6:30pm – 8pm

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, February 4 – 9am Mass

GRADES 1-5 Learning Session

Wednesday, February 14

4 to 5pm – Parish Life Center

Youth Ministry



- **'Calling all college students:** Come join us in Guatemala this May. Date is still TBD. If you are **definitely** interested please contact Christa.
- **For sophomore families:** Please note, there is a change in schedule for the Rite of Covenant from 2/11 to 3/11 at 4:30pm.

Mark your calendars

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

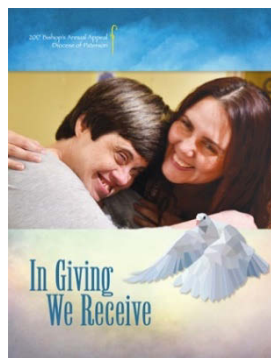
Women of Grace



WOMEN OF GRACE will resume weekly meetings (10am and 7pm) on **Monday, January 22**. Are you 21 or older, looking for a

spiritual boost each week and a supportive group of ladies who share your vision? We pray, study, share, and encourage one another in the journey to heaven. New members are always welcome! Please contact Sister Mary Joseph to register and purchase books. smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or call the parish office.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal



If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2017appeal.org.

St. Patrick School, Chatham Information Session

St. Patrick School will celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week at our parish mass at 9AM on Sunday, January 28, followed by an open house in the Parish Center beginning at 10am. All parishioners are most welcome to visit and tour the school – your investment in the academic and spiritual formation of our children is deeply appreciated! New registrations will be accepted on site. Gospel values with Blue Ribbon academics.

St. Joseph School, Mendham Open House

Come join SJS faculty, students, and families for an Open House on Sunday, January 28, 2018. Learn more about the outstanding academics in our Pre-K–8 programs and explore the SJS Makerspace where students' creativity comes alive! Mass will be at 11:30am, followed by an information session at 12:30pm, and tours of the school beginning at 1pm. 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.*

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, January 21

4:30pm Antioch Follow Up

6:30pm Jr. High RE

Monday, January 22

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

7pm Youth Ministry | *Mass & Liturgy*

Tuesday, January 23

7pm RCIA Session | *Catholic Social Teaching*

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, January 25

9:30am Bible 101

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, January 26

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, January 27

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, January 21

4:30pm Antioch Follow Up

6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Church*

Saint of the Week

January 27 | *St. Angela Merici*

Angela Merici was born in the Republic of Venice in 1474. When orphaned at a young age, she and her siblings went to live with an uncle. Following his death when she was 20, Angela returned to her hometown and was appalled at the lack of religious training and education among the young. She began to instruct a group of local girls in her own home, showing them how to pray, instructing them in their faith and teaching them how to live sacramental lives. This group eventually became known as the Company of St. Ursula.

In the beginning, Angela's group made no formal vows, wore no religious habit, and the members lived in their own homes. Because of this, she could be called the originator of the "secular institute" which exists to this day: consecrated lay persons who live in the world and carry on a ministry. Over time, however, St. Charles Borromeo organized the Ursulines into a formal religious congregation with papal approval.

St. Angela's goal was to elevate family life through the Christian education of future wives and mothers. One of Angela's famous sayings was, "Disorder in society is the result of disorder in family life."

After her death in 1540 the Ursulines became a formal religious community with a teaching ministry in the Church. They opened schools and orphanages throughout the world.

St. Angela Merici is the patron saint of disabled and physically challenged people, as well as those who grieve the death of parents.

St. Angela Merici, pray for us to be brave in following God's calls, even if we are called to something new.



Sunday Connection

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand this Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.



Gospel Reading – Mark 1:14-20

Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, to be his disciples.

Making the Connection (Grades 1, 2, and 3)

Young children can attach great importance to any number of things. God asks us to be like the first disciples, making God and his kingdom the most important thing in our lives.

Materials Needed

- 10 paper fish with paper clips attached to their tails
- 2 stick-and-string "fishing poles" with magnets for hooks
- 2 buckets
- A box
- Treats for each child

Preparation for Sunday Scripture Readings

1. Place five paper fish in each bucket. Divide the class into two teams. Give the first child on each team a fishing pole. Tell the children that they will try to catch fish by getting the magnet to attach to the paper clip. Have the teams relay to see which team will be the first to catch all the fish in its bucket.
2. Say: The team that finishes first will get a treat for each fish caught. About halfway through the game, tell the children. Say: Never mind about the relay race; instead, come over to this box to get a treat. Inside the box, have a treat for each child.
3. Say: Did you see how important fishing was to you until you heard that I had something better for you? The Gospel this week tells about people whose job it was to fish every day. This is what they did to earn their living, and their work was important to them. But when Jesus called them, they immediately stopped their work and followed him.
4. Read aloud today's Gospel, Mark 1:14-20.
5. Say: There must have been something very special about Jesus. James and John left their father sitting in the boat, that's how quickly they left to follow Jesus. These first followers of Jesus made the invitation to be Jesus' disciple the most important thing in their lives. Jesus also invites us to make becoming his disciple the most important thing in our lives.
6. Conclude in prayer together that we will make Jesus' invitation to be his disciple the most important thing in our lives. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

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