

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.*

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT
February 25, 2018



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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

2nd Sunday of Lent

Give god everything – hold nothing back.



Many lessons can be gleaned from the story of Isaac and Abraham. God appears to be asking the impossible of him: to surrender his only son through mortal sacrifice. But perhaps what is really being asked for here is trust, faith and total self-gift back to God – in the same way that God has been all, and only, total self-gift to us.

Because – notice – Abraham does not actually kill his son. Nor does God actually demand it. He simply tells Abraham to prepare the sacrifice [of course with the implication that it would be carried out], and then stops him. And Abraham’s willingness to comply is not reflective of aberrant behavior, but representative of complete vulnerability and a willingness to put love of God before any and every other attachment and affection. That is a tough act to follow.

Moses and Elijah were two men of the covenant who also gave their all to God, withholding nothing. In their carrying out of God’s divine plan, they prefigure Jesus Christ. Jesus gave his all to God, putting his love for God, and for us, above all else to the point of sacrificing his own life for the sake of obedience to God’s will. And he now intercedes for us as we, too, strive to put God ahead of all things.

Saint Paul reminds the Romans and each of us today that Jesus always intercedes for us to the Father. To paraphrase Saint Paul: “Our God did not spare his own Son to prove how far he is willing to go for each of us. Will he not provide whatever we truly need throughout our journey of life?”

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent, the pre-resurrection event of the Transfiguration of Jesus is proclaimed. It sets the stage for the Passion of Christ to unfold right before the disciples, and strengthen their resolve to endure what was coming.

Christ crucified, Christ glorified is who gives us the strength to work through our own personal ways of the cross that end with “Resurrection grace.” Think of Resurrection grace as the grace of letting go of fear: the grace of letting go of the transient and focusing on the eternal; the grace of vulnerability that allows us to put love of God before any and every other attachment and affection.

In this season of Lent, and in every season, may we have such grace!

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 26

7am Kathy Marabondo

Tuesday, February 27

9am Lillian Battagliola

Wednesday, February 28

7am Ed Schollmeyer

Thursday, March 1

9am Alison Walters Soderberg

Friday, March 2

12pm Mari-Jo Dagostino

Saturday, March 3

9am Morgan Murray

5pm John Jarka

Sunday, March 4

7am Thomas Dooley

9am Morgan Murray

11am Dorsey Thebault

5:30pm Barbara Nault

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, Randy Brooks, and all those listed in Our Lady’s Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Mari-Jo Dagostino at the request Marianne Ruane.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,717.00*

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**.

Easter Flower Memorials



We invite you to contribute an offering for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the Easter Flower Envelope from your weekly contribution envelope mailing and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. *Intentions will appear in the Parish Bulletin during the Easter Season.*

Religious Education



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

March 4, 10 to 10:45am – PLC Library

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session March 8

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session March 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 March 11 & 25, 6:30 to 8pm

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, March 4 – 9am Mass

Youth Ministry



Catechetical Topics

ABC's of Our Faith - Sunday, February 25 at 6:30pm

Scripture - Sunday, March 4 at 6:30pm

Holy Spirit - Monday, March 12 at 7pm

Antioch Retreat Follow Ups (Sophomores Only)

February 25 - 4:30pm

Rite of Creed (Freshmen Only)

March 4 at 4:30pm

Rite of Covenant (Sophomores Only)

March 11 at 4:30pm

For more information contact

christa@churchofchristtheking.org.

Mark your calendars

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

Saint Patrick School, Chatham

Congratulations to our Junior Model UN for their first place finish as Best Delegation. The team, as a part of the New Jersey Consortium of Gifted and Talented, presented at Drew University representing the country of Spain on the topic of nuclear proliferation. This is the second year in a row that our team has placed first in this competition. Considering a change for your child's educational experience? St. Patrick School invites families with children currently enrolled in non-Catholic schools to consider the benefits of our parish school environment where Gospel values are combined with Blue Ribbon academics every day. Transfer grants are available to new students entering grades 1 through 7, coming from public, charter or home schools. Curious?

Learn more on Walk in Wednesdays – stop by the school any Wednesday between 9 to 11am for a guided tour! Can't make Wednesday? Call 973-635-2311 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!

Saint of the Week

February 27 | St. Anne Line

A relatively unknown saint, Anne Line was canonized in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. She was hanged in 1601 for illegally harboring a Catholic priest.

Anne was born in 1565 and raised in a strong Protestant family in Essex, England. She and her brother were disinherited by their parents when they converted to Catholicism. Anne married Roger Line, a fellow convert. Roger was arrested and exiled, and he subsequently died in Flanders; Anne was left destitute. She decided she would spend the rest of her life in helping persecuted Catholics.

With the assistance of Jesuit priests, Anne opened a safe house where priests could hide to celebrate Mass. She took religious vows and her work went undetected for a number of years. However, in 1601 her illegal activity was discovered when the house was stormed by the King's agents. The priest escaped but because an altar was found, Anne and others were arrested and she was sentenced to death. She kissed the gallows before she died by hanging on February 27, 1601.



St. Anne Line, pray for all those Christians who are persecuted in our day and age, particularly in the mid-East. Help us all to be courageous in times of misunderstandings and persecutions, great and small.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, February 25

4:30pm Antioch Follow Up

Monday, February 26

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, February 27

7pm Adult Choir

7pm RCIA Session

Wednesday, February 28

7pm The Bible – The Epic Series

Thursday, March 1

9:30am Bible 101

7pm Lectio Divina

Friday, March 2

12pm Daily Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

12:30pm Simple Soup Lunch

Saturday, March 3

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, March 4

10am Kindergarten RE

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

6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Scripture*

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.

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 to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

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

New Day Bereavement



Starting on April 4, the "New Day" Bereavement Group will meet for nine evening sessions. If you are interested in this 9-week healing journey or if you know someone who might be helped through their grieving process, please contact Sister Mary Joseph to register: 973-539-4955, ex. 13 or srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

*"In the land of the living,
I will walk with God
all my days."*

Daily Reading

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

LENT 2018

Every Day an Opportunity

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (FOR LENT)

Monday & Wednesday – 7am
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – 9am
Friday – 12noon
No 7am Mass

MONDAYS



Welcome Home is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, **from February 19 to March 19, from 7 to 8:30pm** in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

WEDNESDAYS



Breathtaking in scope and scale, *The Bible* features powerful performances, exotic locales and dazzling visual effects that breathe spectacular life into the dramatic tales of faith and courage from Genesis through Revelation. This historic television event is sure to entertain and inspire the whole family.

In the Beginning and Exodus – February 21
Homeland and Kingdom - February 28
Survival and Hope - March 7
Mission and Betrayal – March 14
Passion and Courage – March 21

All sessions at **7pm** in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAYS



Want to sing for Easter? Tuesday night is choir rehearsal night. Come and join our volunteer parishioners in preparing for the Easter celebrations. More than just singing, this is a group of friends, coming together to pray, serve our community, serve our God and have fun together. **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the choir loft.

THURSDAYS



Lectio Divina is an ancient method of prayerful sharing of Scripture in a small-group setting. We will read, reflect and pray about the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Copies of the Scripture text will be provided. Participants are welcome to pray and reflect in silence and through prayerful conversation. All are welcome. **Thursday evening at 7pm** in the Parish Life Center Library.

FRIDAYS



We will pray the *Stations of the Cross* together right **after the 12noon Mass on Friday**. A simple soup lunch will follow.