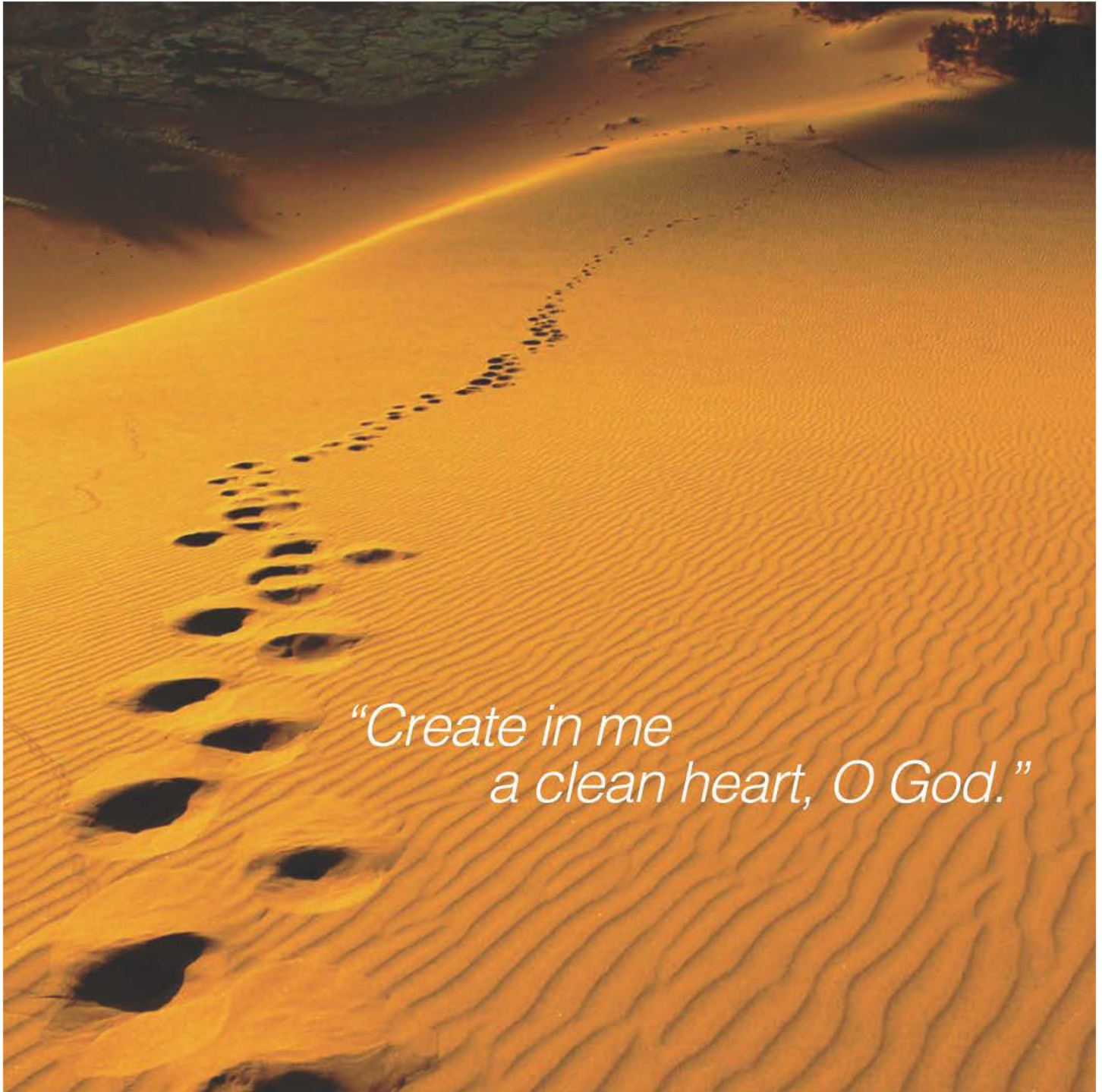


# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, NJ

*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.*

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
March 18, 2018



*“Create in me  
a clean heart, O God.”*



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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*)

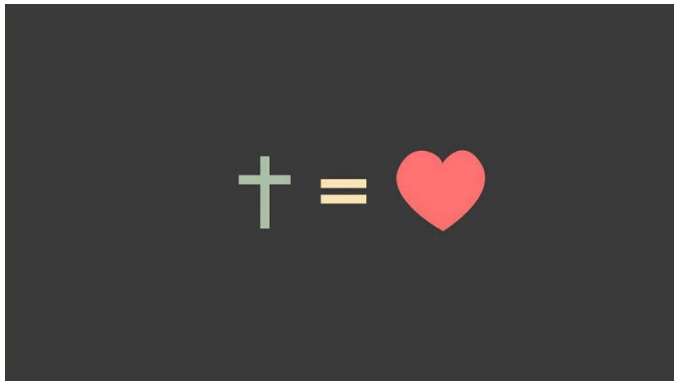
Do you want to know more of what is happening  
in our parish community?

**SIGN UP** to receive our parish eNewsletter at  
[www.churchofchristtheking.org](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org)



## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*Jesus Christ is the new covenant.*



In the Old Testament, covenant commitments were typically sealed in blood and with sacrifice. In today's first reading, Jeremiah prophesies a new covenant that the Lord will make with his people – the power of which can make the whole world into the New Israel. That covenant came in the person of Jesus.

The central saving act of Jesus Christ was his shedding of blood as a sacrifice for us – dying on the cross in order that we might share in God's life. Through the blood of that covenant all of us, Jew and Gentile alike, can share in God's divine life.

As Christians, we can enter into that new covenant in this Mass. In the fullness of Jesus Christ – body and blood, soul and divinity – present in the Eucharist, God shares his life with us, and offers us the opportunity to respond. And so we do. We receive the body of Christ from the table of the Lord, and receive the blood of Christ from the chalice of our salvation given to us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The shocking thing is that in order to fill us with his life-giving blood, Jesus had to die. This is at the core of the Mass – it is what Mass is all about. Without it being the real blood of Christ, the Mass would be nothing more than an empty ritual. Instead, it is a joining of heaven with earth; it is the union of God's divine life with human life.

In the Old Testament, that call for union was found in the voices of the prophets and in obedience to and observance of God's laws. But that union was somewhat distant. Now it is restored in the blood of Christ who, in the words of our second reading, was made perfect, [and] became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Christians see God through the lens of love, something more profound than mere obedience. The Incarnation of God the Son calls us into a relationship of love, where we are to know God not just with our minds, but more importantly, with our hearts.

God is love, and love always seeks union. In Jesus Christ that union is perfected, impossible to be broken even by death itself. In fact, it is through the sacrificial death of Christ that we find the ultimate union God seeks with us. Such is the profound reality of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who continues to pursue union with us in the blood of his cross, draw[ing] everyone to [him]self.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 19

7am Morgan Murray

### Tuesday, March 20

9am Mari-Jo Dagostino

### Wednesday, March 21

7am Louis Thebault

### Thursday, March 22

9am Maureen Rodgers

### Friday, March 23

12pm Mari Jo Dagostino

### Saturday, March 24

9am Salvatore Giannini

5pm Bob Emmens

### Sunday, March 25

7am Vito Giuliano

9am Patricia Kearns

11am Marjorie Prendergast

5:30pm Robert de Poortere

*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, Randy Brooks, Ben Aspero, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

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## Collection

### Last Weekend Collection: \$13,352.00\*

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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## 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.*

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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



### Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

**Student Sessions** | Sunday March 25, 6:30 to 8pm

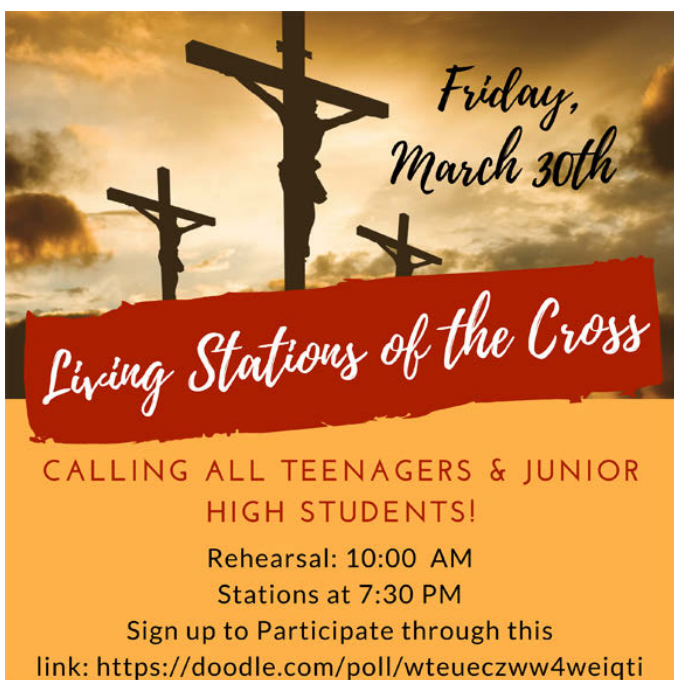
### First Communion Workshop

Saturday, March 24 - 9 to 11am in the Parish Hall  
(Parent/s and communicant)

*Please return your completed Eucharist workbooks!*

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## Youth Ministry



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## Easter Egg Hung

March 31 - 9:45am | Front Lawn of Church

### High School Volunteers Needed

Stuff Eggs: Thursday, March 29 at 5:30pm

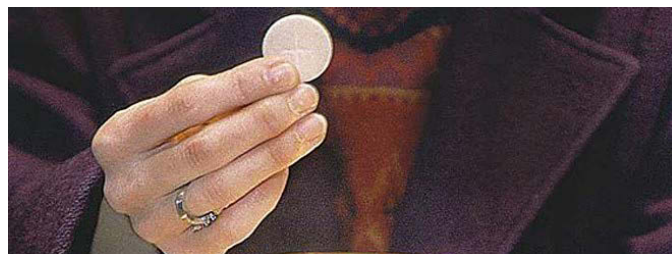
Hide Eggs/Assist with Hunt: March 31, 8:45am

*Breakfast will be served*

Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2Fiy6IK>

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## Lectors, Ministers of Communion & Altar Servers



Please indicate your availability to serve during Holy Week and Easter on the **sign-up sheets that are posted in the Priest's Sacristy.**

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## 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](mailto:srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org).

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## Harding Seniors

March 22 at 11am | Parish Hall

Program: **Bagpipes & Irish Step Dancing**

*Lunch at noon*

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## Celebrate New Life!!!

The Interfaith Food Pantry has identified some special needs this month. For our Easter contribution, our monthly food collection in April will focus on

### Ensure and Glucerna

give a boost to someone who needs it!

### Baby Formula

help nourish the new life in our county!

As usual, baskets for monetary donations will also be available. God bless our generous parishioners who always come through!

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## Positions Available

The Sisters of Christian Charity are looking to hire Full and Part-time LPN's and CHHA's to assist the sisters in their new Motherhouse in Mendham, NJ. Please send resumes to [administrator@scceast.org](mailto:administrator@scceast.org) or call directly 973-543-6528 x268

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, March 18

2pm Laurentian Singers | *in Concert*

### Monday, March 19

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

### Tuesday, March 20

9am CTK Breakfast Club

7pm Adult Choir

7pm RCIA Session

### Wednesday, March 21

7pm The Bible – The Epic Series

### Thursday, March 22

9:30am Bible 101

11am Harding Seniors

7pm Lectio Divina

### Friday, March 23

12pm Daily Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

12:30pm Simple Soup Lunch

### Saturday, March 24

9:30am Reconciliation

### Sunday, March 25

6:30pm Jr. High RE

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## Saint of the Week

March 21 | *St. Benedetta Frassinello*

**B**enedetta's is a most unusual story of how God chooses people for a specific mission. She was born in Pavia, Italy, in 1791. Benedetta wanted to devote her life to prayer, but her parents insisted that she marry a good Christian man, Giovanni Frassinello, who was a farmer and carpenter.

Giovanni and Benedetta agreed to live in a chaste relationship as brother and sister, and care for Benedetta's sister, Maria, who was suffering from incurable cancer and whose husband had left her. When Maria died in 1825 the couple felt they were now free to pursue the vocations they both truly desired. With the Church's permission, Giovanni joined a religious community and Benedetta entered a convent. As a result of ill health, Benedetta did not stay in the convent very long, and was asked to return to her family.

Benedetta had a vision in which she was convinced God was calling her to help young girls whose poverty put them in danger of resorting to prostitution. As a result of the vision she was healed of her ailment. The Bishop also convinced her former husband to leave his community and assist her. They assumed their chaste relationship and in this unusual partnership they established orphanages, schools and workshops for poor girls. Eventually Benedetta founded a new religious community, the Benedictine Sisters of Providence.

She died on March 21, 1852 and was canonized in 2002. At the time of her canonization, her Sisters were actively ministering in Burundi and Spain.

*St. Benedetta, pray for us to be open to the voice of God in our lives, even when His direction might seem confusing. Let us surrender to Divine Providence.*

SPRING TOUR  
NYC-BOSTON MARCH 16-25

LAURENTIAN  
SINGERS

Sunday, March 18 at 2pm

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# 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.