

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.*

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 22, 2018



I Am the Good Shepherd



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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

4th Sunday of Easter

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who has laid down his life that we might find salvation.



Jesus says to each one of us, I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. I remember as a child playing games where each one of us would choose an animal we wanted to be. We would almost always choose lions, tigers, bears, etc. We wanted to be strong, at the top of the food chain, a dangerous predator that could fend for itself. As I think back, I don't think any of us ever chose to be a sheep.

In this life, we probably don't want to be a lion, tiger or bear, but we do desire some of those qualities. We want to be strong, self-sufficient and able to fend for ourselves – and our culture tells us this is good, that this is what we should be striving for. But Jesus gives us a different way, encouraging us to be sheep.

As sheep we are weak, often defenseless, and reliant on others. This would be incredibly bad news if we were being sent out into the world alone, or if we chose to try to do it all on our own. But we are never alone because Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

As sheep we are weak, but Jesus our Shepherd is strong. As sheep we are defenseless, but Jesus our Shepherd is our protection. As sheep we cannot succeed on our own, but Jesus is with us as the Good Shepherd to give us the guidance and strength to succeed in this life and reach the pastures of eternal life.

It is vital for us to recognize that we cannot do this on our own – we need Jesus! In the first reading, Saint Peter tells us that there is no salvation through anyone else other than Jesus. We cannot save ourselves, we cannot find salvation somewhere else or through anyone else. But we don't have to. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down his life freely, offering it up for you and me that we might have life and salvation in and through him.

May each of us choose to follow the words of our psalmist today: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. Jesus is the only one who can save us, and he chooses to lay down his life for us. We do not have to earn it or merit it, we simply have to choose to follow him. Even in my weakness and my helplessness, Jesus loves me, for he is my Good Shepherd.

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 23

7am Rev. Brian Tomlinson

Tuesday, April 24

9am Marie Lumelleau

Wednesday, April 25

7am Pawel Kania

Thursday, April 26

9am Jean Wahlstrom

Friday, April 27

7am John M. Castro

Saturday, April 28

9am Gene L. Stock

5pm Msgr. John Corr

Sunday, April 29

7am Abbott Giles P. Hayes, O.S.B.

9am Christopher Rochford

11am Josephine Ferrer

5:30pm Eileen Duane

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

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$15,248.00*

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**.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Walker Halvorson Hauk, son of Matthew and Brooke (Nee Worthington) and Vail Laine Leonard, daughter of Brian and Stefanie (Nee Lombardo). We also welcome Stefanie into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

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.

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



Junior High Religious Education (Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

April 29 | Parent & Student Session

5:30pm Mass (or any other weekend liturgy)

6:30 – 8pm in the Parish Hall

First Communion Rehearsals

Wednesday, May 2

4 – 5pm | Rehearsal for May 5, 10:30am Mass

5 – 6pm | Rehearsal for May 5, 1pm Mass

Parents must attend the rehearsal!

Youth Ministry

Adirondacks Trip

There are 5 more spots for the Adirondacks Trip happening this summer. For more information contact Christa at christa@churchofchristtheking.org.

Wine Pull
APRIL
28 & 29
A collection of donated wines to help build homes in Guatemala!
Donate!
Bring your bottle(s) of wine (suggested price \$25 or more) to one of the weekend Masses or drop them off at the Parish Office during office hours: (Mon. -Fri. 9am-5pm) BY April 27th.
Purchase a cork for either \$25 or \$50 after any of the Masses on April 28-29.
\$25 Cork: Bottle Valued \$25-\$50.
\$50 Cork: Bottle Valued \$50+
win!
CONTACT CHRISTA WITH QUESTIONS:
CHRISTA@CHURHOFCHRISTTHEKING.ORG

Diocese of Paterson

Office of the Bishop

April 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As a diocese, we are taking up a special national collection this month for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support of this collection brings positive change to communities across the country that are too often trapped in a cycle of

poverty. In addition to making an impact nationally, 25% of this collection remains here to support our efforts at helping the poor in our own neighborhoods.

For over 40 years, CCHD has been working to improve the living conditions of those who live at or below poverty level. The CCHD allocates grants to provide long-term solutions for the millions of poor people who live in the United States.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for many of our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our country and in our own backyard. Please prayerfully consider contributing to this collection when it is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*
Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson



St. Paul Inside the Walls

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Starting Monday April 23 from 7:30 to 9pm

We invite YOU to a deeper relationship with Jesus with the HELP of the Holy Spirit. Come and learn about the Holy Spirit that dwells within us, who helps us with His gifts and fruits. The Holy Spirit – learn how to talk with Him. Come and sing His Praises! For more information and registration, contact Betty at 973.448.8847, epinsonault@gmail.com.

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**.



Meetings & Happenings

Monday, April 23

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, April 24

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, April 26

9:30am Bible 101

11am Harding Seniors

Saturday, April 28

Wine Pull Fundraiser (*All Masses*)

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, April 29

Wine Pull Fundraiser (*All Masses*)

6:30pm Jr. High Parent/Student Retreat

Saint Patrick School, Chatham

"Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand." –Chinese proverb

Have you heard about center-based learning? At St. Patrick School, our innovative approach to early education... We have very limited spacing remaining in our PK3, PK4, and Transitional Kindergarten programs. Curious? Learn more on Walk in Wednesdays – stop by the school on any Wednesday between 9 – 11am for a guided tour! Can't make Wednesday? Call 973-635-2311 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!

St. Vincent Martyr School

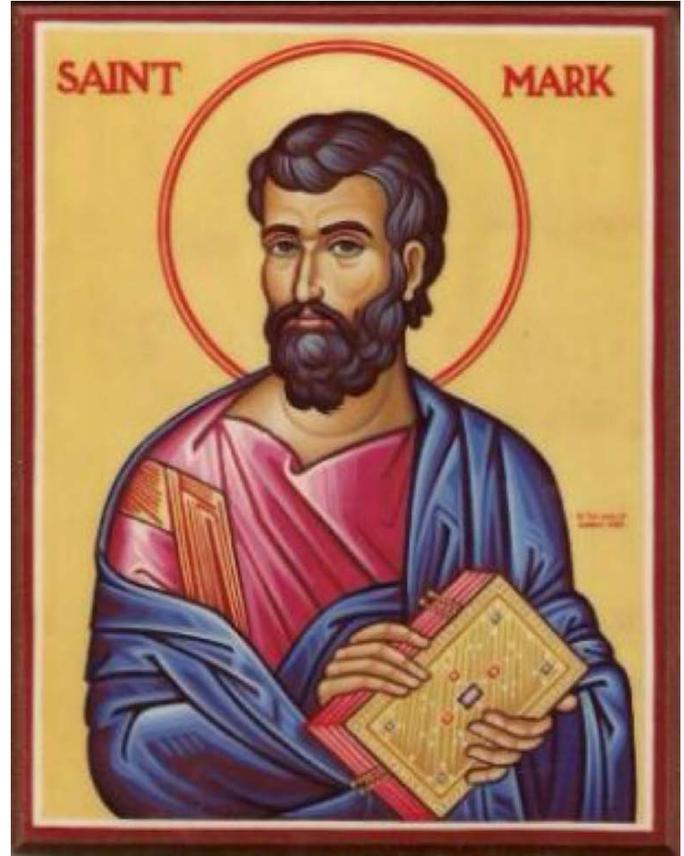
St. Vincent Martyr School in Madison is offering Tours on Tuesdays throughout April and May for families seeking education for their children in Preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade. Please visit the school between 9am and 11am on Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 to tour the school with Admissions Director Mary Brooks. Discover how this unique school teaches the whole child by nurturing academic, social, emotional and spiritual growth. Contact Mrs. Brooks with questions regarding our Preschool, Elementary and Middle School programs at admissions@svmsnj.org or (973) 377-1104, ext. 203.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Boonton

Please join us at Our Lady of Mount Carmel's School Tour on Friday, May 4, from 9 to 10:30. Meet the Headmaster, take a guided tour of the school to witness our classrooms in action, and discover the OLMC difference! OLMC offers Montessori preschool and Kindergarten, and a classical liberal arts elementary and middle school. Our curriculum awakens the imagination, inspires the mind, and inflames the heart of students in every grade! We are conveniently located in Boonton, and parents from all over the region send their children to us to receive an authentically Catholic and academically excellent education. Come and get to know us! All are welcome, and babysitting will be available. For more information and to register, please visit www.olmc.academy/light-world-tour.

Saint of the Week

April 25 | St. Mark



The identity of Mark is uncertain. He could have been the John Mark who appears in the Acts of the Apostles as a companion of St. Paul. This would make him the son of Mary of Jerusalem and the cousin of Barnabas. All we know of him is what we read in the New Testament references. He was definitely not one of the Twelve Apostles, but certainly a disciple of Jesus and a possible eye witness of miracles and hearer of parables.

Mark was the first to write a Gospel, around the year 70 AD. His writing has had a profound influence on history and the spread of Christianity. His was the first written narrative about the life of Jesus. As the first generation of believers began to die off and the early Christians realized that the Second Coming was not imminent, they found it crucial to write down the teachings, sayings and miracles of Jesus that had been circulated orally, in order to preserve them. The writers of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke used Mark's writing as a reference. These three have such strong similarities that they are called the Synoptic Gospels.

St. Mark was probably the founder of the Church in Alexandria. He later became its bishop, and he was martyred there by being dragged through the streets. In 828 his relics were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, where they are enshrined in a cathedral dedicated to him. He is the patron saint of Venice.

St. Mark, obtain for us the grace to love Holy Scripture. Fill us with the commitment to read and learn the Word of God.

POLISH

Dinner Dance



May 18, 2018

6:30 PM

Adults \$35
Children \$15

Checks Made Payable to
Christ the King

Registration

Due Date:

May 14

Seats are VERY Limited! Reserve your spot with Fr. Artur!
frartur@churchofchristtheking.org

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____