

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.*

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 13, 2018



*...so that they may be one
just as we are one.*



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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

7th Sunday of Easter

Trust in God when making important decisions.



Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is absolutely perfect for us today. The choosing of Matthias to replace Judas takes place after the Ascension of Jesus and before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Just like today is.

While the methodology for choosing Matthias may seem odd to us, it was common practice for our Jewish ancestors of faith to "cast lots" to make important decisions. But what must not be missed in our puzzlement over this casting of lots is that the Apostles prayed together before making this most important decision – a choice that would have an immediate impact on this very new Church.

This was certainly true throughout the lives of the spiritual leaders of Israel, such as Moses, Joshua and Ezekiel, to name but a few. So it would seem a natural approach for these new leaders of a fledging Church. It stands to reason, then, does it not, that we should bring decisions, especially important decisions, before the Lord in prayer and not leave them to chance?

When we bring decisions before the Lord in prayer and heed his voice in our hearts on a regular basis, then we understand what John is talking about in our second reading today when he states: We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

Jesus' prayer is for us to be one with him and the Father. Admitting that we are all works in progress, we must nonetheless commit ourselves to being one with the Father, as is Jesus. The more we allow ourselves to be one with Jesus in mind and in heart, the easier our decisions – important decisions, even life-changing decisions – will become.

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.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 14

7am Frances Bariso

Tuesday, May 15

9am Mari Jo Dagostino

Wednesday, May 16

7am Mari Jo Dagostino

Thursday, May 17

9am Robert T. Hughes

Friday, May 18

7am Frank & Michalina Oberc

Saturday, May 19

9am John & Marion Brennan

5pm Harold Mills and Michael Willean

Sunday, May 20

7am George Sullivan

9am Joan M. Gargiulo

11am Albert Dickson

5:30pm Robert de Poorters

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

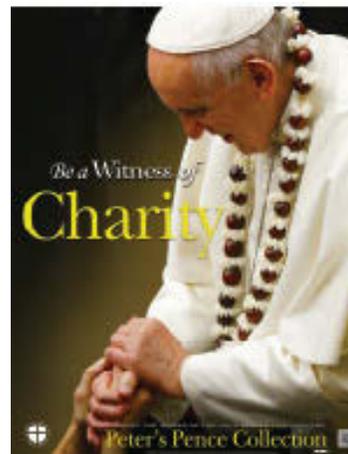
Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Paula Dugan, Tawny Wamack, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,782.50*

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**.

Second Collection Next Weekend



Next week, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



Re-Registration Forms & Calendars

Re-Registration Forms and calendars for the 2018-19 school year were recently mailed to families who attended CTK Religious Education sessions in 2017-18. Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's program. *We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office as soon as possible.*

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If you did not receive the re-registration mailing and your child will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8th grade** in September OR **if you are new to our Religious Education program** please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext.22 or email erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

Attention parents of current 1st graders

This is the traditional year for children to prepare and receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Eucharist. Preparation for First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program.

A mailing was sent to our currently registered religious education students regarding the Sacraments. We begin preparation at individual informal child & parent meetings on **June 5, 6 & 7**. Information regarding scheduling an appointment with Erin can be found in your mailing.

If you have not received this letter or you are new to the Parish and have a child who will be in 2nd grade this September, please call Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at erin@churchofchristtheking.org.

Please note that the diocese asks that all children have two years of Religious Education prior to the reception of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.



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. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now make other payments. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, May 13

9am May Crowning

Tuesday, May 15

9:30am Breakfast Club

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday, May 17

9:30am Bible 101 | *Final Session*

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, May 18

6pm 2nd Annual Polish Dinner

Saturday, May 19

Guatemala College Outreach Trip

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, May 20

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Tuesday, May 15 CTK Breakfast Club after 9:00 Mass

Thursday, May 17 FINAL Bible 101, 9:30 am

Prayer Shawl Ministry, 7:00 pm

Saint Patrick School, Chatham

Congratulations to St. Patrick School in Chatham for receiving STEM Certification from PK through Grade 8 from AdvancED. The certification process affirms the wonderful work being done at St. Patrick's by the pastor, Father Robert Mitchell, the principal, Dr. Christine Ross, and by the teachers, students, and parents in the area of STEM education. The review team noted infused STEM practices in all classrooms which validates the efforts led by the administrative team in providing STEM opportunities for students. St. Patrick School joins All Saints Academy, St. Anthony School, and St. Catherine of Bologna School, previously certified Diocesan schools, as the only Catholic elementary schools in the nation to receive this acclaim. St. Patrick School is the only US Blue Ribbon and STEM Certified Elementary School!

Tour of the Alpine Countries With Bishop Serratelli



Bishop Serratelli will be the spiritual director for a tour of the Alpine countries of Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 8 to 17, 2018. Reservations are limited. For a brochure and information, contact Great Experiences at 201-825-3725 or by email at anne@greatexperiencesnj.com.

"The Lord is Kind and Merciful."

Saint of the Week

May 15 | *St. Isidore the Farmer*

St. Isidore was born in Madrid in 1070. For most of his life he worked as a laborer in the rural area outside of the city, always with the wealthy landowner who first hired him. He married Maria Torribia, also honored as a saint, and they had one son who died at a young age.

Isidore was a very religious man and he started each day by attending Mass. Some of his fellow workers were critical of him because he sometimes came late to work, but his employer was edified by Isidore's life and never noticed that he fell behind with his work.

During his lifetime, Isidore was said to be favored with visions and visits from angels. But he is mostly remembered for his religious attitude to work. He was also devoted to the poor, though he himself was not well off. He very generously gave from his means. The poor at times would follow him to a parish supper at his Church. Isidore was told there was not enough food for this extra crowd. His reply was that God would provide. Indeed, there was more than enough food for everyone present.

Isidore died on May 15, 1130. Four hundred years later, King Philip III of Spain was gravely ill and Isidore's relics were brought to his sickroom. He immediately recovered from his sickness. The royal family then spread devotion to Isidore and worked for his canonization. In March, 1622 he was canonized along with other notables: Sts. Ignatius, Francis Xavier, Teresa of Avila and Philip Neri.

St. Isidore is the patron saint in the United States of the National Catholic Rural Conference.

St. Isidore, your example of finding God in the ordinary led you to the heights of sanctity. Teach us to do our work to the best of our ability for God alone.

Run for a Nun



Join the Fun! At the 5th Annual Sisters of Christian Charity 5K, on June 2, 2018 at Lewis Morris Park in Morristown, NJ for our 5th Annual 5K Race, Run for a Nun. This year there are discounted rates for groups of 5 or more! All proceeds

benefit the education costs of those women in Initial Formation. To register for the race, sponsor a participant, or to make a donation, visit us online at www.scceast.org and click on the vocation link. Brochures are also at the doors of Church. We hope to see you there.

John & Susan Barba



Dear Fr. Brian, Fr. Artur, Parishoners & Parish Staff,

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under Heaven".

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

John and I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your prayers and well wishes as we relocate to Austin, Texas. Our family has been so blessed to be part of this wonderful parish community. Christ The King Church is truly woven into the fabric of our lives. Through the years, we have enjoyed being part of different parish ministries and have fond memories of all the special and important celebrations we were part of and sacraments we received here.

I have received extra joy and grace from being part of the music ministry at Christ The King. I don't know if I could fully articulate the very unique and deep honor I feel to be part of the ministry and to proclaim God's word through music. Special thanks to Elias Scultori, our choir director and the choir members who have made the music ministry so extraordinary and fun!

While we will miss you all, John and I are excited about our new adventure in Austin. We are certain God set us on this path. John is already in Austin working at his new job. Our youngest daughter Kate lives and works in Austin. Our daughter Sarah lives in Iowa along with our 3 grandchildren and our son Christopher, lives in Denver.

If you would like to keep in touch or if you are ever planning on visiting Austin, you can reach us at our respective e-mail addresses stbarba@gmail.com and jwbarba@gmail.com.

We wish you God's blessings and peace.

*Truly,
John & Susan Barba*

"The Lord says, 'I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.'"

-Psalm 32:8



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May 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month our parishes will take up the Peter's Pence collection. This collection supports our Holy Father as he reaches out with charity to some of the most marginalized throughout the world and reveals the love and compassion of faithful Catholics everywhere. I invite you to participate in this worthy cause.

There are many great things that take place thanks to the Peter's Pence collection. For example, in Iraq many people still live a nightmare of war and violence. As a result, many are displaced, including young people in the midst of their studies. Without an educated population, it will be difficult for the country to gain stability. But through the Peter's Pence collection, the Archdiocese of Erbil, in Iraqi Kurdistan, has received funding for 10 scholarships for young displaced persons. With this help, the students can complete their university education and move forward with the hope of rebuilding their country. This is just one of many examples of how the Peter's Pence collection extends charity to those most in need. Your help would be a great blessing to many.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection when it is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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