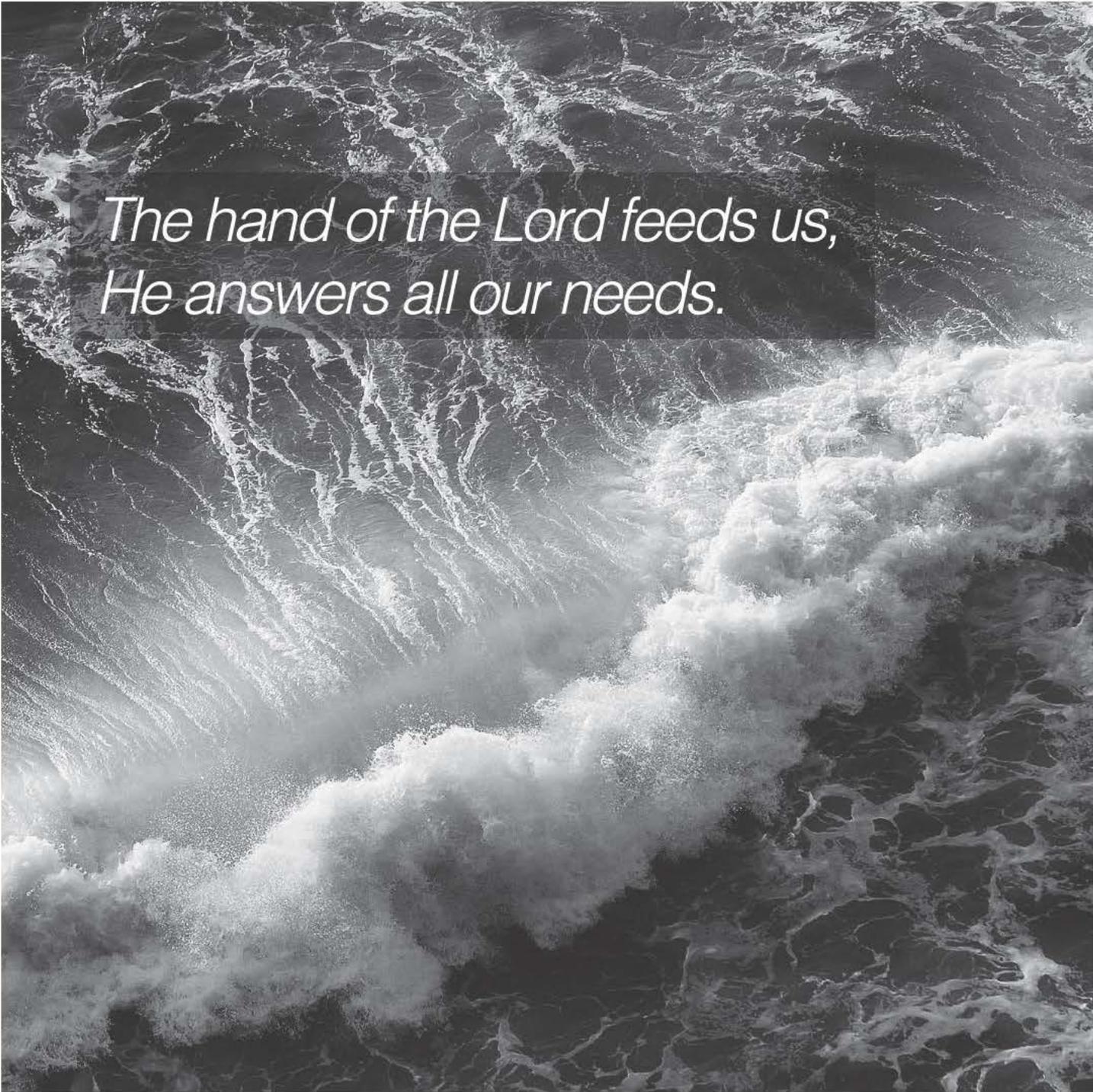


# CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, NJ

*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.*

**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
July 29, 2018



*The hand of the Lord feeds us,  
He answers all our needs.*



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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM  
Saturday (vigil) 5 PM

#### **Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 AM  
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 AM

# 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

You may recall last week's Gospel (Mk 6 30-34) Jesus offered the following invitation: "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." I tried to make the point that sometimes we get so consumed creating a life that we forgot to live and enjoy our life. *The Journey is the Joy. I hope you enjoy the following poem by Robert J. Hastings.*

Fr. Brian Sullivan

## The Station

By Robert J. Hastings

**T**ucked away in our subconscious minds is an idyllic vision in which we see ourselves on a long journey that spans an entire continent. We're travelling by train and, from the windows, we drink in the passing scenes of cars on nearby highways, of children waving at crossings, of cattle grazing in distant pastures, of smoke pouring from power plants, of row upon row upon row of cotton and corn and wheat, of flatlands and valleys, of city skylines and village halls.

But uppermost in our conscious minds is our final destination—for at a certain hour and on a given day, our train will finally pull into the station with bells ringing, flags waving, and bands playing. And once that day comes, so many wonderful dreams will come true. So restlessly, we pace the aisles and count the miles, peering ahead, waiting, waiting, waiting for the station.

"Yes, when we reach the station, that will be it!" we promise ourselves. "When we're eighteen... win that promotion. . . put the last kid through college. . . buy that 450SL Mercedes-Benz. . . have a nest egg for retirement!"

From that day on we will all live happily ever after.

Sooner or later, however, we must realize there is no station in this life, no one earthly place to arrive at once and for all. The journey is the joy. The station is an illusion—it constantly outdistances us. Yesterday's a memory, tomorrow's a dream. Yesterday belongs to a history, tomorrow belongs to God. Yesterday's a fading sunset, tomorrow's a faint sunrise. Only today is there light enough to love and live.

So, gently close the door on yesterday and throw the key away. It isn't the burdens of today that drive men mad, but rather regret over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves who would rob us of today.

"Relish the moment" is a good motto, especially when coupled with Psalm 118:24, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it."

So stop pacing the aisles and counting the miles. Instead, swim more rivers, climb more mountains, kiss more babies, count more stars. Laugh more and cry less. Go barefoot more often. Eat more ice cream. Ride more merry-go-rounds. Watch more sunsets. Life must be lived as we go along. The station will come soon enough.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, July 30**

7am Josephine Agresti

**Tuesday, July 31**

9am Eric Harquail

**Wednesday, August 1**

7am Monica Fullenkamp

**Thursday, August 2**

9am Margaret Mary Cooney

**Friday, August 3**

7am Claudia Veronica Fiore

**Saturday, August 4**

9am Steven Berstler

5pm May Colquhoun

**Sunday, August 5**

7am John & Elizabeth Clifford

9am L. Donald Horne

11am Joseph Mansfield

*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

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

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## Collection

**Last Weekend Collection: \$12,230.00\***

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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## 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.

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

*"He gave them bread  
from heaven to eat."*

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:erin@chuchofchristtheking.org).

### Attention parents of current 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

We began preparation for the sacraments at individual informal child & parent meetings. If you have **not** met with Erin and have a child who will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this September, please call Erin Ranft at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at [erin@churchofchristtheking.org](mailto: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.*



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## 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.

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## 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.

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## Saint of the Week

July 31 | *St. Ignatius of Loyola*



**I**gnatius was born in Spain in 1491, the youngest of eleven children. He lost his mother when he was only seven. By the time he was eighteen he was trained as a soldier, gaining a reputation as a duelist. He eventually became a commander, but his career was cut short when a cannonball injured both his legs, leaving one merely broken but the other badly mangled. During his long recovery, Ignatius had reading as his only form of entertainment, and it changed his life.

The lives of the saints and a life of Christ set Ignatius on a different course. When he recuperated he made a long retreat in a cavern at Manresa. There he began writing his thoughts in a journal which later became the "Spiritual Exercises," the backbone of Ignatian spirituality. After a trip to the Holy Land in 1523 he began his studies for the priesthood. While in Paris he gathered six like-minded men around him and together they formed the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. They traveled to Rome to present themselves to the Pope and pledge themselves and the Society to his service.

Within a few short years, the Jesuits spread throughout Europe and the world, educating and refuting heresies. By the time of Ignatius' death in 1556, the Jesuits numbered over 1,000. They have founded numerous educational institutions and ministered throughout the world. The Spiritual Exercises have been widely used by tens of thousands of religious, priests and lay people over the course of the centuries. They contain spiritual wisdom and a program of prayer and life lessons.

Ignatius was canonized in 1622 and named the patron saint of soldiers and educators.

*St. Ignatius, master of prayer and discernment, obtain for us the grace to cherish prayer and to listen to the voice of God.*

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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 4-6pm 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?

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