

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, 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.*

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 21, 2018



CTK Dinner Dance

Friday, November 16, 2018
Madison Hotel, NJ

SAVE THE DATE



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM & 5:30 PM
Saturday (vigil) 5 PM

Weekdays

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

SIGN UP to receive our parish eNewsletter at
www.churchofchristtheking.org

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the kingdom of God, even suffering can have a new purpose and meaning.



Our reading from Isaiah's Songs of the Suffering Servant, while short, can often be easily overlooked as we rush to comment on the somewhat audacious and self-centered demands of the disciples in the Gospel. But Isaiah actually sets the scene for the Gospel passage by addressing the question of human suffering. As people of faith, suffering seems to go against our basic image of God as loving and caring, and in the face of the many expressions of suffering we are often left with the question – how could God let this happen?

Throughout history, many philosophers have attempted to answer this thorny question; for some, suffering is a divine punishment, for others a test or an opportunity to strengthen faith or to show heroic virtue or fidelity. Yet in the end, it remains a mystery – beyond our comprehension. As Christians, we often seek an explanation from Scripture. Isaiah tells us that the Lord was pleased to crush him in infirmity, and Hebrews tells us that Jesus was similarly ... tested in every way. At first glance neither sounds helpful, but when we look again through the eyes of faith, we see that these words are not simply meant to explain suffering, but to help us realize that even in suffering there can be good.

The suffering of the Servant is not without purpose or meaning, for the prophet tells us that through suffering he shall justify many. The term justification is central here. It's a term that implies that one has been acquitted and restored to right relationship with God, and that another has paid the price. Christ, in his suffering, has paid the price so that we can confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

Discovering meaning in suffering is also an element in today's Gospel passage. Having basked in the glory and fame of Jesus, the disciples want a little more – a place of status and glory in the kingdom. What they are surprised to hear is that authority and leadership in the kingdom is not about glory but about self-giving – even to the point of suffering and possibly one's death. Clearly this is a reversal of their world view.

So if discipleship and authority have a new meaning in the kingdom, is it too much to conclude that suffering, too, may have a new meaning? While it cannot be avoided or even fully explained, we can begin to use it for a greater purpose: we can learn from it and, as people of faith, join our suffering to those of the Suffering Servant whom we now recognize as Christ. Perhaps, then, our sufferings might not seem so inscrutable or meaningless. Perhaps, then, we might become Christ to others – an image of the Servant in the midst of our world. What gives us final hope is that not only did Christ experience suffering, as we do, but he ultimately overcame it in the Resurrection. Our hope is that we now can share in that triumph.

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 22

7am Rev. Edward Hinds

Tuesday, October 23

9am Andrew Valladares (*Living*)

Wednesday, October 24

7am Nancy Capone

Thursday, October 25

9am Dave Willean

Friday, October 26

7am Theresa Fronckowiak

Saturday, October 27

9am Jim Hannaford

5pm Merrill Hess

Sunday, October 28

7am Simon Vacca

9am Vivian Micciche

11am Rafaela Galdieri

5:30pm John Henry

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

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

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Annie Clarke Philpott, daughter of Kevin and Sarah (Nee Fritze) and William Paul Sciarretta, son of Richard and Sarah (Nee Irvin).

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$\$13,659.00*

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**.

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.

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – November 1

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – November 2

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

Pizza will be served for both sessions at 5:45pm

Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Thursday, November 8 – 4 to 5pm – Parish Hall

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions – Sunday November 4 & 18 6:30–8pm

All sessions will gather in the Parish Hall. We encourage families to attend the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass.

If you are new to our Religious Education program and have not yet registered please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

Sacramental Preparation First Reconciliation Workshop

Sunday, November 4

12:30 – 2:30pm

First Reconciliation Workshop- Parish Hall

Parent/s and communicant attend

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

Saturday, November 17 at 10:30am

If you are new to the Parish and have a child in the Second grade, please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.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.



Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Monday, October 22

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, October 23

10am Book of the Month

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 24

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

Thursday, October 25

9:30am Bible into Life

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, October 26

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, October 27

9:30am Reconciliation

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Here I am, Lord!



Our Diocese is blessed that there has been an increase in the number of seminarians over the years. Let's continue to pray for these men as they concentrate on their studies and reflect on how they will one day serve our parishes. They deserve all our support, and one way to show this is by giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal helps fund the significant financial costs associated with years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

Car-Fit

New Date and New Location

Northern NJ Safe Communities will be holding a free program called Car Fit for those that still drive their own cars on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 from 9:30am-12noon at the New Vernon Fire House 22 Village Road New Vernon NJ. Car Fit is a multi – point check on how well you and your car work together. Some of those are checks are of: seat belts, steering wheel position, mirror adjustments, operation of vehicle controls. We also do an outside check of tire conditions and inspect for body damage. Each inspection takes about 20 minutes. To sign up or for more information please contact Bob Conte at rac2386@comcast.net or call 973.886.1286. or visit www.Car-fit.org. This event is rain or shine.

Saint of the Week

October 23 | St. John of Capistrano



John was born in Capistrano, Italy, in 1385, the son of a former knight. He practiced law in the courts of Naples, and was also appointed governor of Perugia. During a war with a neighboring town he was betrayed and imprisoned. When released, he entered the Order of Franciscans.

St. John was known for his eloquent preaching. He traveled throughout Europe after his ordination as a priest, preaching penance and establishing new Franciscan communities. When he was seventy years old he was commissioned by Pope Callistus III to preach and lead a crusade against a Turkish army poised to invade Vienna and Rome. He led 70,000 Christians to a victory in the Battle of Belgrade in 1456. Three months later, worn out from war, John died of the bubonic plague at a Franciscan monastery in Austria.

St. John of Capistrano is the patron saint of jurists and military chaplains. He is called the "Soldier Saint."

St. John of Capistrano, pray for all of our military chaplains today who are in harm's way.



Calling All Turkeys and Hams!!



From October 26 to November 19, CTK will be collecting frozen turkeys and hams for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Please drop them off in the kitchen freezer in the Church basement. The regular monthly food collection on November 4 will focus especially on holiday food items for the Thanksgiving baskets prepared by the Food Pantry for their clients:

- stuffing mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- turkey gravy
- canned vegetables, soup (low salt), pumpkin
- brownie or cake mix
- tea bags and coffee
- yams (canned and fresh)
- pasta
- canned fruit

Thank you! God bless you for being generous!

Youth Ministry

Weekly Faith Challenge

Access Your Prayer Life.



Your first prayer challenge is to take an honest look at your prayer life. Take a few moments to answer the questions below. This information is for your use only. The next several challenges will be offered to help you move from where you are to where you would like to be. You might take a few minutes to write down your thoughts following this assessment.

<p>Am I satisfied with my prayer life?</p> <p>Do I put a lot of thought and effort into my prayer life?</p> <p>Am I confident in my understanding and practice of prayer?</p> <p>I would like to improve my prayer life in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pray more often <input type="checkbox"/> Broaden my prayer life by praying in different ways <input type="checkbox"/> Pray more on my own <input type="checkbox"/> Pray more with others <input type="checkbox"/> Have a better understanding of Catholic teaching on prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	<p>I pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alone <input type="checkbox"/> With family <input type="checkbox"/> With friends <input type="checkbox"/> With people I work or go to school with <input type="checkbox"/> With fellow parishioners <p>I generally pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In times of crisis <input type="checkbox"/> When I get up <input type="checkbox"/> Before going to bed <input type="checkbox"/> Before meals <input type="checkbox"/> On special occasions <input type="checkbox"/> At Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ 	<p>When I pray, I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to God <input type="checkbox"/> Recite memorized prayers <input type="checkbox"/> Read the Bible or meditate on scripture <input type="checkbox"/> Spend time in silence listening to God <input type="checkbox"/> Pray the rosary or other traditional devotions <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <p>I typically pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> More than once per day <input type="checkbox"/> Once per day <input type="checkbox"/> Once a week or less
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Join the combined choirs of
Church of Christ the King & St. Patrick Church
for our *8th Annual Christmas Concert.*

A Renaissance Christmas

Music by Byrd, Praetorius, Victoria and others

Saturday, December 8 – 7:30pm

Church of Christ the King, New Vernon, NJ

Sunday, December 9 – 2pm

St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

FREE ADMISSION

A free-will offering will be gratefully accepted.