

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.*

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 20, 2017



*O God,
let all the nations praise you!*



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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

Daily Reading

Monday, August 21

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 22

Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 23

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 24

Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

Friday, August 25

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 26

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 27

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 21

7am Donald Georgen

Tuesday, August 22

9am Michael Barry

Wednesday, August 23

7am Catherine Trezza (*Living*)

Thursday, August 24

9am Raymond Trombetta

Friday, August 25

7am Phyllis Caulfield

Saturday, August 26

9am Charles Sedlak

5pm Anna Dickson

Sunday, August 27

7am Robert L. Clifford

9am Siobhan Kavagngn

11am Sister Rose Marie Padovano

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

Collection

Last weekend's collection: 14,510.00*

*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**.

Summer Office Hours



The Parish Office will be closed on Fridays from June 30 until after Labor Day Weekend.

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jesus came to save us all, not just a chose few.



God's chosen people in Israel and Judah believed that anyone who was not Jewish was a lesser human being and could not be saved. Associating with Gentiles was forbidden. You were not to do business with them or even pass through their towns. Jesus' frequent association with Gentiles was one of many strikes against him by the time he was led out to the cross, but it was also a fulfillment of prophecy.

Nearly eight centuries before Jesus was born, Isaiah prophesied that the coming of the Messiah would bring about the hope of salvation for all, even for foreigners who join themselves to the Lord. Whereas the Temple at Jerusalem was a house of worship only for the Jewish people, the Church to be founded on Peter would be a house of prayer for all peoples, especially and including the Gentiles and all those who previously did not know the one God or his son, Jesus Christ.

Saul of Tarsus was an unlikely choice to become an Apostle, let alone one who would pursue the conversion primarily of Gentiles. As a Pharisee, Saul would have considered Gentiles to be unclean, and would have condemned them. Now as an Apostle, Paul seeks their conversion. Israel's rejection of Jesus opened the door of the Gospel to the Gentiles, and Paul is anxious for their inclusion in the newly formed Church.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus rewards the Canaanite woman for her great faith by healing her daughter. For a moment, it seems as if Jesus is agreeing with the Pharisees with whom he had been debating earlier in this same chapter of the Gospel. He refers to the Gentiles as "dogs," a common reference used for them by the Pharisees. Jesus does this only to test her faith, and she shows that she believes that even she – a non-Jew, a Canaanite, a Gentile – is intended to share in the scraps that fall from the table of their masters, meaning she believes she, too, can be saved by the King of the Jews.

The people in Jesus' day spent too much time highlighting differences among people and emphasizing the things that divide them. We do the same today. Looking through the new eyes of faith, we are called to see that all are called to faith – to be children of God. Even though we may all be sinners, we can all be saved. Let us try to see one another with the eyes of faith – with the eyes of Jesus.

Communion for the Sick & Homebound

Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit and bring Holy Communion to anyone who is ill or homebound. If you, or someone you know, would like to be visited by a Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Music Ministry | Save the Date



Our Music Ministry will have its annual Open House on **Tuesday, September 12 from 7:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity for you to get involved and get to know more about our ministry. Come and join us for a fun, music filled evening to start the new season!

Religious Education



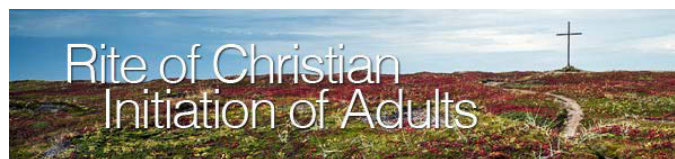
We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office ASAP so that your child will have the appropriate materials for his/her first day of instruction.

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If you have a child who will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8th grade** in September OR **if you are new to our Religious Education program** and have not yet registered please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or email 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.

RCIA



Do you know a non-Catholic who is perhaps pondering the faith and considering joining the Church? Does someone need a personal invitation? Is the Holy Spirit leading anyone you know to pursue full initiation? Do you know anyone who is baptized but has not been confirmed? **It is never too late to extend an invitation!** It is never too late to embrace full initiation as a Catholic! **Anyone can join our RCIA classes throughout the year...**one of them or many! For more information, please contact Sister Mary Joseph at srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or 973-539-4955, ex. 13.

NEW DAY | Bereavement Sessions



Starting on September 13th, 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 at srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or 973-539-4955, ex. 13.

Youth Ministry



- **Youth Ministry Registration is open!** Forms have been emailed home to all 9th & 10th grade families. Please get your forms in ASAP! If you did not receive a form please email christa@churchofchristtheking.org.
- **Attention ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS!** Please send an email to christa@churchofchristtheking.org with your college address as soon as it is made available to you... just because you are away from home, doesn't mean we forget about you. ☺
- **Calling all Juniors & Seniors!** RETREAT TEAM APPLICATIONS can be found online at www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry/! If you are interested in being a retreat leader, please complete the application and send it Christa ASAP. Application deadline is September 1.

Courage to Change

Do you find yourself struggling to replace bad habits with good ones? Do you often feel powerless to end a type of behavior or relationship you know is harmful to you? Do you feel as though hurts from past relationships negatively impact your relationships in the present? Consider attending a Celebrate Recovery session and discover change is possible. Celebrate Recovery is not just a program to fight addictions, it's for any kind of struggle in your life. Struggles in relationships, dealing with the addiction of a loved one, compulsive behavior - anything that keeps you from becoming the best version of yourself. Celebrate Recovery, a non-denominational Christian, Bible-based 12 step program, offers you the tools and support to deal with your hurts, habits and hang-ups and receive healing to live a healthier life. Join us at Covenant Chapel, Basking Ridge, NJ, Thursdays at 7pm.

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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