

# 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.*

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
January 7, 2018



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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](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org)

# The Epiphany of the Lord

*What gifts do we have to offer to the Christ Child?*

There is a story about a parish children's Christmas pageant from a few years ago. Everyone was selected for the variety of roles and the costumes were all prepared. There was lots of practice, but as is often the case when young children take the lead, one never knows exactly what to expect. Such was the case that day as the Magi proceeded down the church's main aisle, headed toward the manger and the Christ Child. Upon arriving, the leader of three turned to the congregation, and proclaimed in a loud voice, "We are the Magi, and behold, we come bearing gifts of gold, common sense and fur!"

The Magi brought to Christ the gifts they could bring: gold, frankincense and myrrh. Today's celebration of the Epiphany should encourage each of us to reflect on the gifts we can bring to Christ, so that he may put them to use in building his kingdom here on earth. The gifts don't have to be wildly expensive, but they must come from the heart of who we are, and must be rooted in the unique way that each of us has been fashioned by God.

Consider Dorothy, who at eighty-four, was a widow who had grown tired of only talking about the world's problems. She wondered what she could do to make a difference. She had heard about the plight of her community's homeless, and decided that what she could do is to make them sandwiches. And so she did, taking the sandwiches to the local park where she knew a number of the homeless gathered daily. Engaging them in conversation, she discovered that many of the homeless wanted to work, but didn't have a way to make or receive phone calls or to receive mail regularly. Some of them shared that even if they were fortunate enough to arrange a job interview, they didn't have good clothes to wear or a place to shower.

She took their concerns to her friends, and in a short while, with all of them working together, they were able to secure safe shelter, have a general telephone, a general mailbox, a clothes closet that made available gently used clothing for free, and a place that would eventually be able to serve three simple meals each day. Dorothy is now ninety-four, and still going strong. The place she and her friends helped to create now assists hundreds of people annually.

What is the most valuable gift that each of us has to offer? A sense of humor? An ability to pray with others? Kindness, gentleness and patience? An ability to fix cars or computers? Musical talent? The ability to make others feel welcome? People such as Dorothy help us to know that each of us has a gift that can be offered to Christ. In making that concrete choice, we can help to make God's presence known, and so the Epiphany continues.

In a few short moments, we will present our gifts of bread and wine, as well as our monetary gifts. As we do so, Christ will lovingly accept them and then return them to us, transformed into his body and blood. This is all the nourishment we need to continue to love and serve the Lord.

## Mass Intentions

**Monday, January 8**

7am Clement Furey

**Tuesday, January 9**

9am Sal Miele

**Wednesday, January 10**

7am James E. Nugent

**Thursday, January 11**

9am Roger Taylor

**Friday, January 12**

7am Rev. John Kamphausen

**Saturday, January 13**

9am Margaret Feledy

5pm Stephanie Saley

**Sunday, January 14**

7am Robert Miele

9am Dr. Renato Prati

11am Walker Dillard Kirby

5:30pm Jess Adams

*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

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

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## Collections

December 24	\$ 11,414.00 *
Christmas	\$ 131,700.00
December 31	\$ 12,495.00 *

\*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**.

## Second Collection

Next weekend is our monthly second collection for *Project Faith*, our Diocesan Assessment. Your generosity in helping us meet this obligation is greatly appreciated.

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## Book of the Month



The next meeting of the *Book of the Month* will take place on **January 9 at 10am** in the Parish Life Center Library. The book to be discussed is "*I Will Have Vengeance; The Winter of Commissario Ricciardi*", by Maurizio de Giovanni.

All are welcome!

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## Religious Education



### Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

January 7, 10am - 10:45am - PLC Library

### Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions

Sunday January 7 & 21, 6:30pm - 8:00pm,

### First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, January 7 - 9am Mass

### GRADES 1-5 Learning Session

Wednesday, January 10

4 to 5pm - Parish Life Center

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## Youth Ministry



- **Attention all sophomores!** Please return your Confirmation Name and Sponsor Sheet to Christa ASAP! This must be completed before the Antioch Retreat on 1/12/18-1/14/18. Form can be found online under the Youth Ministry Tab!
- Registration for the Antioch retreat is available online! Please complete registration by 1/7/18
- **Calling all college students:** Come join us in Guatemala this May. Date is still TBD. If you are **definitely** interested please contact Christa.
- **For sophomore families:** Please note, there is a change in schedule for the Rite of Covenant from 2/11 to 3/11 at 4:30pm.

### Mark your calendars

Antioch Retreat | January 12, 13, 14

Confirmation (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm



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## March for Life - 2018

This year the March for life will be held in Washington, D.C. on **January 19, 2018**. It will be the 45th anniversary of the passage of the land mark decision of Roe v. Wade that made abortion legal for the entire country. Our people from the Paterson Diocese will board buses to go to Washington, D.C. to show solidarity against abortion and stand for life issues. They will join three hundred to four hundred thousand marchers from all over the world to make their statement for the sanctity of life in the womb. As in the past years, the media will ignore this large number of marchers and give little or no mention of this momentous occasion. Buses will be leaving from the parishes listed below:

1. St. Mary, Denville - 973-627-2596
2. Independent, Chester - [aschlafly@aol.com](mailto:aschlafly@aol.com)
3. St. Michael, Netcong - 973-670-7457
4. St. Joseph, Mendham - 908-347-9660
5. St. Jude the Apostle, Hamburg - 973-827-8030
6. St. Vincent de Paul, Stirling - 908-647-0118
7. St. Vincent Martyr, Madison - 973-408-9042
8. Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville - 973-948-3185
9. Holy Family, Florham Park - [tinarifr@shu.edu](mailto:tinarifr@shu.edu)

Once again, Mass will be offered at Saint Peter's Church on Capitol Hill on the day of the March at 12:10pm. Any priests wishing to concelebrate should contact Fr. Michael Rodak at 973-827-8030. For any other information, please contact Dr. Mary Mazzarella (973-777-8818 x269).

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## Daily Reading

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



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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, January 7

- 9am Sacramental Preparation Mass
- 10am Kindergarten RE
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

### Monday, January 8

- 7pm ABC's of Our Faith

### Tuesday, January 9

- 9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 10am Book of the Month
- 7pm RCIA Session – *Liturgy of the Word*
- 7pm Adult Choir

### Wednesday, January 10

- 4pm Family Based RE (snow day)

### Thursday, January 11

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 11am Harding Seniors

### Friday, January 12

- All Day Antioch Retreat
- 10:30am Bible Study

### Saturday, January 13

- All Day Antioch Retreat
- 9:30am Reconciliation

### Sunday, January 14

- All Day Antioch Retreat
  - 6:30pm Youth Ministry – *Prayer*
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## Women of Grace



WOMEN OF GRACE will resume weekly meetings (10am and 7pm) on **Monday, January 22**. Are you 21 or older, looking for a spiritual boost each week and a supportive group of ladies who share your vision? We pray, study, share, and encourage one another in the journey to heaven. New members are always welcome! Please contact Sister Mary Joseph to register and purchase books. [srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org](mailto:srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org) or call the parish office.

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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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## Fishes and Loaves Ministry



**This week** is our monthly food collection for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Baskets are placed at the doors of the church for anyone who was unable to shop or who would like to donate.

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## Saint of the Week

January 12 | *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys*

**M**arguerite Bourgeoys was born in France in 1620. Her father was a candle-maker who died when Marguerite was very young, and her mother died when Marguerite was 19.

Education of young girls was her passion, but she also felt drawn to religious life. At that time in history, women religious were all cloistered and unable to open schools for the general public. They taught young women who were rich enough to be boarders in the monastery. Marguerite did not feel that this was her calling. She sailed to Quebec and settled there in 1653. She lived among the poor settlers and helped build the first church, Our Lady of Good Counsel. A few years later someone gave her a vacant store to start a school. She opened a school in 1658 and this was the start of public schooling in Montreal. Shortly after this, she returned to France in order to bring back more young women who were interested in joining her to teach.

Marguerite and her companions began to live a religious way of life, eating and praying together as a community. She founded the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame, and was determined to keep the unenclosed nature of her religious congregation. At this time, it was an innovation, since all women religious lived a cloistered existence. Due to this, Marguerite had to fight for her vision of active religious life. Over the years she traveled back and forth to France several times, but eventually depended on native-born Canadian women to carry on her apostolate. She was loved by all, and was called the "Mother of the Colony."

On January 12, 1700 Marguerite died. There were 40 members of her congregation to carry on the work. They advanced the works of education ranging from primary schools up through university level and many other ministries. At the time of her canonization in 1982, there were 2,600 members of the Congregation of Notre Dame spread throughout the world. She is the first woman saint of Canada.

*St. Marguerite, pray for us to remain true to our personal calls and not to back down in the face of difficulties or misunderstandings.*

## Christmas Blessings 2017 – Part 1\*

We are grateful to the following parishioners who have donated our beautiful wreaths, trees, flowers and garland.



Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Auteri  
Mrs. Jean Barry in memory/honor of Jack Barry  
Drs. Eric & Eve Benvenuti in memory/honor of Adam Stupur,  
Andrew Benvenuti and Kerwin Nancoo  
Mrs. Mary Bentzlin in memory/honor of Bertel V. Bentzlin,  
Margaret Ruehle  
Mrs. Michele Bocchi-Sandello in memory/honor of John Bocchi  
Ms. Sheila Briscoe in memory/honor of Thoma Briscoe  
Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Burns in memory/honor of the Burns &  
Webster Families  
Mr. & Mrs. Jay Caldwell in memory/honor of Jim Caldwell, Janet  
Caldwell, Deborah Caldwell and Thoms Gavigan  
Cathleen Callahan & Stephen Jonathan in memory/honor of  
Patrick F. Callahan, Margaret Forke, Mary Jennings and Kit  
White  
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Casse in memory/honor of Edward Swatt and  
Mary Swatt  
Mr. James Cassino in memory/honor of Daniel Williams  
Mr. & Mrs. John Clowes in memory/honor of Joyce Kessock and  
Phyllis Baum  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Conte in memory/honor of Irene B. Conte  
Mr. & Mrs. David Conti  
Mr. & Mrs. John Cox in memory/honor of Mary Lacombe and Msgr.  
John F. Corr  
Mr. & Mrs. John Cruce  
Mr. & Mrs. Louis Dagostino in memory/honor of Marion & James  
Dagostino, Jeanine & Joseph Lucia, Nunzio Dagostino and Fred  
& Ann Lucia  
Ms. Marion Dagostino  
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew DeLaney in memory/honor of Paddy Kelly, Dr.  
& Mrs. John DeLaney and Mr. & Mrs. H. Kelly  
Dr. & Mrs. Peter De Lotto, Jr., in memory/honor of Charles & Ann  
Connolly, Eugene Connolly and Peter & Alice DeLotto  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Demeter in memory/honor of Patrick Burke, Sr.  
Ms. Mary Ann Dickson in memory/honor of Ann & Albert Dickson  
and Skip Dickson  
Ms. Moira Dolan in memory/honor of Frank & Kathleen Dolan  
Dr. & Mrs. Mark Drzala, in memory/honor of Christopher Drzala  
Mrs. Patricia Dwyre in memory/honor of Billy Dwyer and Jim  
Dwyre

Mrs. Shirley Emmens in memory/honor of Bob Emmens and May  
& Gus Gernert  
Mrs. Bonnie Faust in memory/honor of Rainer Faust and Thomas  
Fisher  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael FitzPatrick  
Dr. & Mrs. H. Stephen Fletcher  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Foley III  
Mr. Lawrence Forno  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Francis in memory/honor of Alice & George  
Francis, Elizabeth & Harry Rose and Ken Meyer  
Mr. Steven Fullenkamp in memory/honor of Monica Fullenkamp  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gangemi  
Mrs. Elizabeth Gilfillan in memory of Jack Gilfillan  
Mr. & Mrs. Albert Graf in memory/honor of Graf Family, Kenney  
Family, O'Brien Family and McEntee Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Grande in memory/honor of Vito Giuliano, Mr.  
& Mrs. Turnquist, David Gross, Mr. & Mrs. N. Grande and Mr. &  
Mrs. R. D'Amato  
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Grather in memory/honor of Frank W. & Mary A.  
Grather, Frank Crines, Joseph & Mary Crines and  
Art Brady  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gregor in memory/honor of Elizabeth &  
Vincent DeForge, Dorothy & Robert Gregor and  
Diane & Paul Bongard  
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Hahn  
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hanifin in memory/honor of the Hanifin Family,  
the Kelley Family, the Waldron Family and the Fahey Family  
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Hayes  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Heitsenrather in memory/honor of Robert A. &  
Helen M. Heitsenrether, Kevin McBennett and Alice Paruso  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Hinds in memory/honor of Mr. & Mrs. Louis  
Hinds, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Meyer and Richard Stephenson  
Colonel & Mrs. Frank Hock in memory/honor of deceased family  
members & friends  
Mr. & Mrs. Eric Jaso in memory/honor of Mary Savitski, Grace  
Mendes, Hector Jaso and Geraldine Meyer  
Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lannon in memory/honor of William  
Lannon, Hillary Lannon and Parina Pergola

**\*Part 2 will be published in next week's bulletin.**