

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.*

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
January 28, 2018



A New Roof

see details inside



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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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."



This response calls to mind the words that were spoken by the Roman centurion to Jesus when he begged the Lord to heal his sick servant in Matthew 8. When we offer this response at Mass, we are asking the Lord to heal not our servant, but our very soul, our inmost being. We are acknowledging that we are receiving Him under the "roof" of our mouths and thus to welcome Him into our physical abode; into our bodies, the dwelling place of the soul. These words are spoken in preparation for the Divine encounter; this is not the moment of intimacy itself. Our response, in other words, is intended to orient our thoughts in such a way as to help us embrace the breathtaking reality of what is about to take place. This is important! In humility we are not worthy but by being baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus we are made worthy.

Speaking of roofs...

At the end of January we will commence the work of putting new slate roofs on the rectory and the church. The total project should be completed by the end of March. The roofs have served us well for sixty years. As I understand the story, Mrs. Geraldine Dodge drove by in a car while the church was being constructed and commented: "That Church looks like it needs a slate roof." Her words were matched with a gift and the rest is history. The current roof is Pennsylvania Slate that has an approximate life span of 60 years. Our new roof will be Vermont Slate that has a life span between 75 and 100 years. It is a great blessing to maintain our beautiful church and at the same time make an improvement so that others will enjoy the Divine encounter into the next century.

I want to publicly thank our Building and Grounds Committee for their tireless work maintaining our beautiful campus: Larry Weppler chairman, John Barba, Kim Caldwell, Frank Cauterucci, Tamera Coelho, Ron Dolecki, Paul Gisone, Tom McDermott and Jim Novotny.

In humility we are not worthy. In Jesus we are made worthy. In gratitude we commence with the placement of the roof on the church and rectory. In faith we gather each week "under our roof" to celebrate our life in Christ. Please pray for the safe completion of this project. I got my truck in the nick of time should the roofers need any help.

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Mass Intentions

Monday, January 29

7am Jim McNamee

Tuesday, January 30

9am Michael Lynch

Wednesday, January 31

7am Rev. V. Desmond O'Connor

Thursday, February 1

9am Morgan Murray

Friday, February 2

7am Morgan Murray

Saturday, February 3

9am Oscar Perez

5pm Jean Claude Rancourt

Sunday, February 4

7am Fred Witt

9am Clement A. Furey, Jr.

11am Luiz Scultori

No 5:30pm Mass – Super Bowl Sunday

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

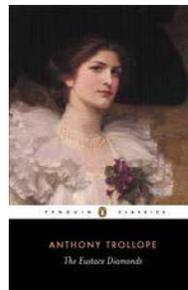
Terry Zimmer, Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Paula Dugan, Tawny Wamack, Randy Brooks, Ben Aspero, Robert de Poortere, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,879.00

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**.

Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **February 27 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is *"The Eustace Diamonds"* by Anthony Trollope.

All are welcome.

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



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

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

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session February 8

4:00pm to 6:00pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session February 9

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions

Sunday January 7 & 21, 6:30pm – 8pm

Parent & Student Sessions

Sunday, February 11, 6:30pm – 8pm

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, February 4 – 9am Mass

GRADES 1-5 Learning Session

Wednesday, February 14

4 to 5pm – Parish Life Center

Youth Ministry



- **'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

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

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.

St. Patrick School, Chatham Information Session

St. Patrick School will celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week at our parish mass at 9AM on Sunday, January 28, followed by an open house in the Parish Center beginning at 10am. All parishioners are most welcome to visit and tour the school – your investment in the academic and spiritual formation of our children is deeply appreciated! New registrations will be accepted on site. Gospel values with Blue Ribbon academics.

TREP\$ Marketplace at St. Joseph School (Mendham)

Come shop at the St. Joseph School TREP\$ Marketplace on February 5 from 6 to 8pm. The students have been taking part in an extra-curricular program called TREP\$ (short for entrepreneur). The Program teaches students in grades 5 to 8 how to start their own businesses in 6 to 8 weeks. They learn the lessons in the 6 weekly workshops and apply them at home as they build their business. The whole community is invited to enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace, in the St. Joseph School gymnasium, on February 5 from 6 to 8pm, where the young entrepreneurs launch their businesses together and sell their inventions.

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. Visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is NJ658.

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, January 28

4:30pm Antioch Follow Up

6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Church*

Monday, January 29

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

7pm Youth Ministry | *Scripture*

Tuesday, January 30

7pm RCIA Session | *Morality*

Thursday, February 1

9:30am Bible 101

Friday, February 2

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, February 3

9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, February 4

10am Kindergarten RE

10am Antioch Follow Up

Saint of the Week

January 28 | *St. Thomas Aquinas*

Thomas Aquinas, one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Catholic Church, was born in Italy in 1225. His family was well-off, and Thomas enjoyed the benefits of a good education. However, when his family learned of his desire to join the newly-founded Order of Preachers (Dominicans), they were not in agreement. His brothers were sent to kidnap him and he was held in their castle for a year while his family tried to force him to change his mind. Eventually his mother helped him to escape and he made his way to Rome.

Thomas studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Albert the Great, the greatest teacher of his age. Because he was quiet and rarely participated in classroom discussions, Thomas was nicknamed “The Dumb Ox.” However, his teacher, St. Albert, remarked: “You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world.”

Throughout his years of study, teaching, and lecturing at the finest universities, Thomas Aquinas eventually became the papal theologian and wrote his most famous work, the *Summa Theologiae*. In the year 1273 Thomas experienced some type of vision during his prayer before an icon of the crucified Christ. The sacristan witnessed him levitating and crying. Jesus had said to him, “You have written well of me, Thomas. What reward would you have for your labor?” Thomas replied, “Nothing but you, Lord.” Following this profound experience Thomas never wrote another word. He said that all he had written up to that point seemed as straw.

The following year he was on his way to Rome to present his works at the Council of Lyon but met with an accident from which he never recovered. He died on March 7, 1274 and was canonized in 1323. He is the patron saint of students and universities.

St. Thomas Aquinas, be with us in our studies and help us to put Christ above all earthly goals and honors.

Sunday Connection

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand this Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.



Gospel Reading – Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

Making the Connection (Grades 1, 2, and 3)

Most young children are active learners, needing to be engaged in their subject. Like the crowds in today's Gospel, they may be impressed by words, but they can be astonished by actions.

Materials Needed

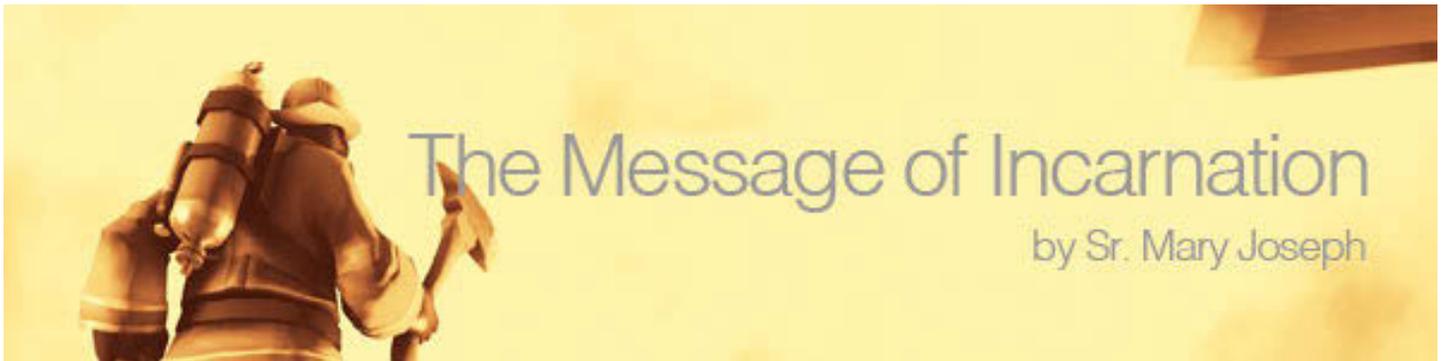
Pencils and pencil-top erasers for each person in the group.

Preparation for Sunday Scripture Readings

1. Distribute pencils to the group and challenge them to balance the pencils on their index fingers. While they are trying to do this, explain that gravity is the force that makes objects fall to the ground. Then demonstrate that one can easily balance a pencil on one's finger by positioning it so that the weight is evenly distributed. Add a slip-on eraser to a pencil and show the children how to rebalance the pencil by moving the eraser end closer to their finger, thereby equalizing the weight on both sides.
2. Say: Which would your friends find more amazing—if you told them about gravity or if you showed them how gravity works by balancing a pencil on your finger? Why? (Accept all reasonable answers.)
3. Say: In the Gospel this week, we hear that people were surprised at how much Jesus could tell them about God. But when Jesus demonstrated the power of God to control even the unclean spirits, the people were truly amazed.
4. Read aloud today's Gospel, Mark 1:21-28.
5. Say: In the Gospel today we learn how Jesus' actions demonstrated the power and authority behind his words. There is a saying that actions speak louder than words. Our actions also demonstrate our faith in God.
6. Conclude in prayer together that the power of God will show through in our actions. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

The Message of Incarnation

by Sr. Mary Joseph Schultz, SCC



As an EMT uses hands-on life-saving skills at the scene of an accident, as a lifeguard plunges into the water to save a drowning person, as a fireman rushes up a ladder to save someone in peril, so is the Incarnation. None of these people stand by and merely dictate what must be done to save the one in danger. They put their skin in the game, as Jesus did in becoming man.

This line from Barbara Brown Taylor speaks volumes to me: "It has never been his style to shout directions to us from some safe place of his own." Jesus came right down to earth, became one of us, in order to save us and show us the plan. He modeled for us how God intended for humans to live.

Jesus could have orchestrated another way, perhaps a way that would not involve getting his divine hands dirty. But that was – IS – not his style. Today Jesus is not walking around in the flesh touching the sick, feeding the hungry, or speaking words of comfort to those who mourn. But wait! YES, he is! He is using you and me to do it. My skin is in the game.

He uses the words and hands of the priest to make himself food for us. He uses my words, my hands, my looks of mercy and care to comfort others and do acts of kindness. Not only did he model human life for us, but he went further. He showed us the way to be human and then became the Way, working from within us as a result of our baptism.

No, Jesus does not shout directions to us from afar. He is too creative, too loving, and too hands-on to settle for that. Thank you, Jesus, for the immense reality of your Incarnation.

Please share your comments and experiences with me:
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