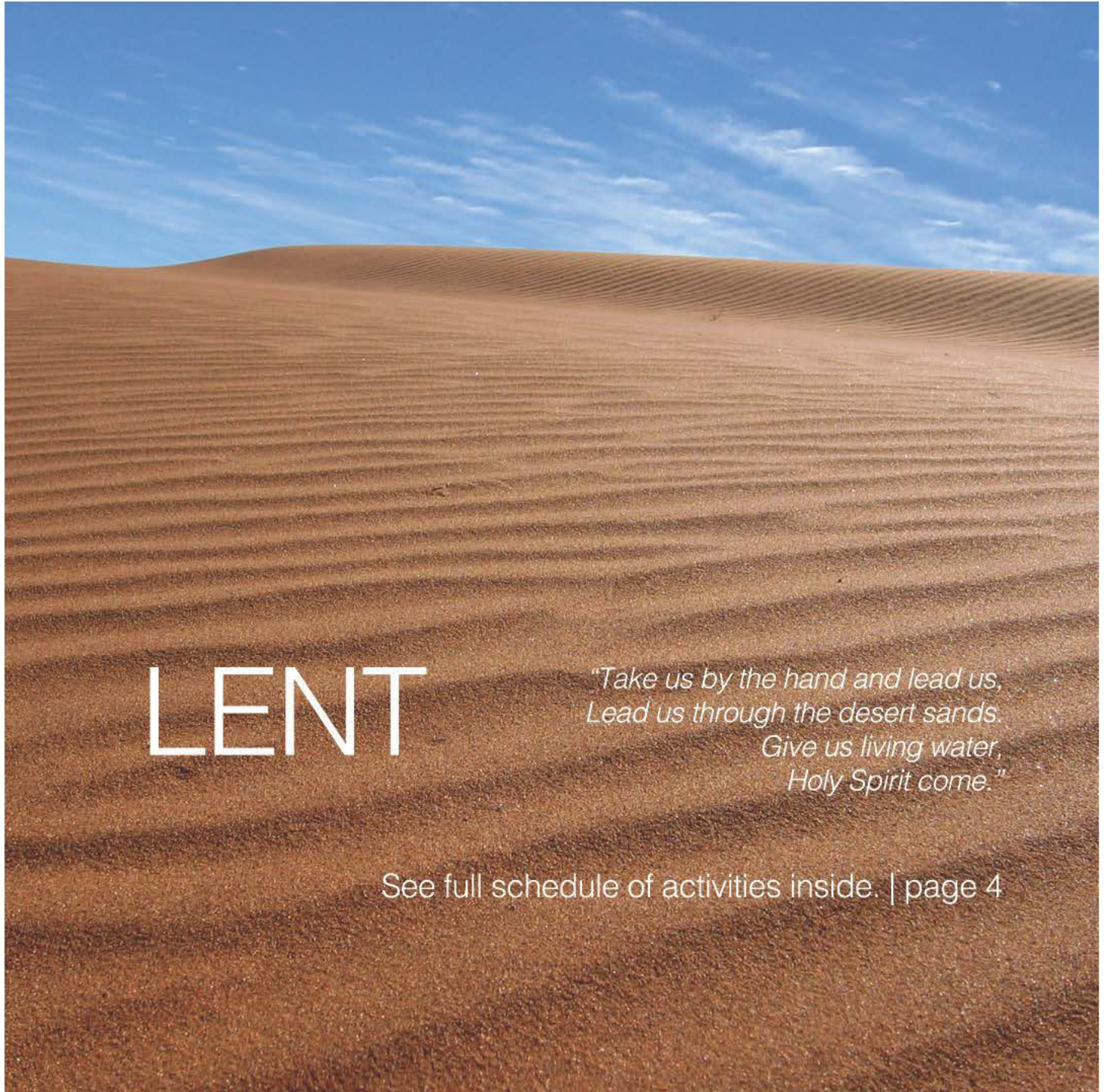


CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEWVERNON, NJ

*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.*

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
February 18, 2018



LENT

*"Take us by the hand and lead us,
Lead us through the desert sands.
Give us living water,
Holy Spirit come."*

See full schedule of activities inside. | page 4



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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

1st Sunday of Lent

The desert is transformed into green pastures.



There are some wonderful contrasts in our readings today, all dealing with nature. In Genesis, we find God speaking to Noah after the flood waters have receded. God is establishing his covenant with Noah and his descendants, but also every living creature that was with him on the Ark: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals. God promises that flood waters shall never again destroy the earth, and he establishes the rainbow as a sign of this covenant, to be witnessed among the clouds.

The imagery of the colorful rainbow among cloud-filled skies, with the fresh scent of the newly-rained-upon earth that is filled with animals of all variety, clashes quite a bit with the imagery in our Gospel passage. Here, Jesus is spending forty days in a desert – dry, dusty and most likely free of much color or scent. He is alone but for wild beasts, and the ministrations of angels. Unlike what we see with Noah, there is no apparent conversation with God, but there are temptations from Satan.

What might these contrasts have to share with us about the Good News we come to this place to hear? Let us look at two things in particular. The first is the fullness of nature in Genesis. As in the beginning of Creation, God is intervening in and caring deeply for the earth and its inhabitants. He promises to remain with all of his creation in a covenant that promises that full destruction shall never again come upon it. In fact, God will come to impose destruction upon death itself, renewing his covenant with all of creation in the person of Jesus Christ.

And Jesus comes to us, with a fully human nature, and initiates the kingdom of God on earth. But prior to his final victory, he spends time in the desert. This is the second way that nature “speaks” to us today: in his time before his glory, Jesus is in the dry, arid and naturally dead environment of the desert; as were we. His forty days remind us of the desert of death and sin, even in a world where rainbows grace the sky and vegetation springs from flood-receded plains. Compared to the kingdom, this earth – even as just described – is a desert. But once Jesus had died and was raised, the valleys of the shadow of death were transformed into green pastures – the pastures where we, too, hope to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 19

7am Roger Tuohey

Tuesday, February 20

9am Beverly Davie

Wednesday, February 21

7am Mary Ann Molinari

Thursday, February 22

9am Ruth Hennessy

Friday, February 23

12pm Roseann Monaco

Saturday, February 24

9am Daniel P. McGovern, Sr.

5pm Emma Willean

Sunday, February 25

7am Rev. Gerald Kanzic

9am Louis Thebault

11am General & Mrs. Alexander Haig

5:30pm Louis Thebault

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.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Marie and Vincent McDermott at the request Arlene and Jim Gibbons.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,243.00*

*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.

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

March 4, 10am – 10:45am – PLC Library

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session March 8

4:00pm to 6:00pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session March 9

6:00pm to 8:00pm – 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 March 11 & 25, 6:30pm – 8pm

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, March 4 – 9am Mass

Youth Ministry



Catechetical Topics

Morality - Monday, February 19 at 7pm

ABC's of Our Faith - Sunday, February 25 at 6:30pm

Scripture - Sunday, March 4 at 6:30pm

Holy Spirit - Monday, March 12 at 7pm

Antioch Retreat Follow Ups (Sophomores Only)

February 25 - 4:30pm

Rite of Creed (Freshmen Only)

March 4 at 4:30pm

Rite of Covenant (Sophomores Only)

March 11 at 4:30pm

For more information contact

christa@churchofchristtheking.org.

Mark your calendars

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

Welcome Home to Healing



Welcome Home is a Diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. **Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from February 19 to March 19, from 7 to 8:30pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson.** Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

Learn "Hands Only CPR"



Each year, over 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States. Statistics prove that early intervention saves lives. For each minute that CPR and defibrillation are delayed a patient's chances of survival drop 10%. If more people knew CPR, more lives could be saved.

In the event of an emergency people want to help, but often don't know what to do. Now you can learn "Hands Only CPR," a simple CPR technique that saves lives.

Join the New Vernon Volunteer First Aid Squad as members demonstrate **"Hands Only CPR" on February 24 at the Kemmerer Library.** Drop in any time between 11am and 1pm and in less than 15 minutes you too can learn this simple technique that saves lives. Adults and older children are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

If you would like to learn more about the First Aid Squad or are considering joining us, email us at joinus@nvvfd.org or call 973-538-1277, ext. 3. There are many ways you can lend your support to the First Aid Squad.

"We are neighbors helping neighbors."

Harding Township Civic Association
PO Box 72
New Vernon, NJ 07976

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, February 18

- 4pm RCIA | *Rite of Election*
- 4:30pm Antioch Follow Up
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Morality*

Monday, February 19

- Parish Office Closed
- NO Women of Grace this week

Tuesday, February 20

- 9am Breakfast Club
- 7pm Adult Choir
- 7pm RCIA Session | *Creed*

Wednesday, February 21

- 7pm The Bible – The Epic Series

Thursday, February 22

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 7pm Lectio Divina

Friday, February 23

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 12pm Daily Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
- 12:30pm Simple Soup Lunch

Saturday, February 24

- 9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, February 25

- 4:30pm Antioch Follow Up
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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.

St. Patrick School – Chatham

Did you know St. Patrick School is STEM Certified? As such, we teach students in Pre-K through Grade 8 how to think critically to solve problems. Using the engineering design process, it prepares students for careers that do not even exist yet. STEM skills of communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity are integrated across the curriculum to challenge students to “Do Something Beautiful for God”. Curious? Learn more on Walk in Wednesdays – stop by the school between 9 to 11am for a guided tour! Can’t make Wednesday? Call 973-635-4623 to schedule a time that works for you and your family!

Breakfast Club



This Coming Tuesday is our CTK Breakfast Club after the 9am Mass. Come join us!

Assumption – Morristown

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Massacre in El Salvador: A Priest Remembers and Forgives
Rev. Raimundo Rivera, M.Div.

Father Rivera was born and raised in El Salvador and became a U.S. Citizen in 2006. His journey to the U.S. was dangerous and difficult. Extremists in El Salvador murdered his family during the country's civil war in the 1980s. With his experiences, Father Raimundo has an incredible witness of forgiveness to share. Join us from 7 to 8:30pm on Thursday, February 22, in Rauscher Hall for this free event. To register visit www.assumptionparish.org or call Theresa Miller at Immaculate Conception School of Theology at (973) 761-9575.

Saint of the Week

February 24 | *Venerable Samuel Mazzuchelli*

Samuel Mazzuchelli was born in Italy in 1806. At the age of 17 he entered the Dominican seminary, and soon afterward persuaded his superiors to send him to America as a missionary, to answer the call of Dominican bishop of Cincinnati, Bishop Edward Fenwick. Samuel was



the only one to answer the call. Bishop Fenwick's diocese covered an area larger than the entire country of Italy!

Mazzuchelli was assigned to the Northwest Territory after his ordination. He ministered to Native American people, living among them and speaking out against the injustices they were suffering under the “Indian Removal Act.” Eventually Father Mazzuchelli extended his ministry to poor immigrants in the Upper Mississippi River valley. He founded 30 parishes in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, and the women's congregation of the Sinsinawa (Wisconsin) Dominicans to educate young women. His schools included St. Clara's Academy, a frontier school that eventually became a college.

Samuel got along very well with his Protestant neighbors, even during a period of anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States. His zeal was legendary. He was remembered as a kind and gentlemanly person who broke down barriers between hostile people. Father Mazzuchelli is also remembered for his devotion to the native people he encountered. He insisted that they be allowed to keep their traditions, language and customs, and that these would not be stamped out, as many missionaries were known to do. He insisted that the natives be taught, but in their own language and by their own people.

After a life of ceaseless service, Father Mazzuchelli died in 1864. His cause for canonization is progressing in Rome.

Father Mazzuchelli, obtain for us the grace to understand and respect those who differ from us. Help us to be gentle peacemakers.

LENT 2018

Every Day an Opportunity

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (FOR LENT)

Monday & Wednesday – 7am
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – 9am
Friday – 12noon
No 7am Mass

MONDAYS



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WEDNESDAYS



Breathtaking in scope and scale, *The Bible* features powerful performances, exotic locales and dazzling visual effects that breathe spectacular life into the dramatic tales of faith and courage from Genesis through Revelation. This historic television event is sure to entertain and inspire the whole family.

In the Beginning and Exodus – February 21
Homeland and Kingdom - February 28
Survival and Hope - March 7
Mission and Betrayal – March 14
Passion and Courage – March 21

All sessions at **7pm** in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAYS



Want to sing for Easter? Tuesday night is choir rehearsal night. Come and join our volunteer parishioners in preparing for the Easter celebrations. More than just singing, this is a group of friends, coming together to pray, serve our community, serve our God and have fun together. **Tuesdays at 7pm** in the choir loft.

THURSDAYS



Lectio Divina is an ancient method of prayerful sharing of Scripture in a small-group setting. We will read, reflect and pray about the Gospel reading for the upcoming Sunday. Copies of the Scripture text will be provided. Participants are welcome to pray and reflect in silence and through prayerful conversation. All are welcome. **Thursday evening at 7pm** in the Parish Life Center Library.

FRIDAYS



We will pray the *Stations of the Cross* together right **after the 12noon Mass on Friday**. A simple soup lunch will follow.