

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.*

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
March 4, 2018



*“Lord, You have the words
of everlasting life.”*



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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

3rd Sunday of Lent

We are all in need of our Father's mercy.



Le Retour du fils prodigue, Michael Martin Drolling (Wikimedia Commons)

The parable of the lost son, sometimes called the prodigal son, is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. Its message is so powerful that the entertainment industry has used similar themes in such films as *The Godfather*, *Legends of the Fall* and *The Lion King*, among others.

The focal point in these movies is the son who leaves home. Perhaps this is because he makes for a dynamic character. Or maybe it's because we identify with the poor choices this son makes. While these stories reach us on a number of levels, none is as rich as the original that we read in today's Gospel.

Jesus begins the parable of the lost son by introducing a man who has two sons. Our attention is placed first on the father, then the actions of his sons. The father desires to give his sons everything. After his younger son squanders his inheritance, he welcomes him home and celebrates his return. The father then invites the older, resentful son to share in the great feast. As Christians, we perceive the father in this parable to be our heavenly Father – the Lord – who gives us everything, and, despite our sins, invites us to celebrate with him at the great banquet.

The younger son teaches us that no matter what we have done, we can always return to our Father. Humbly, we must acknowledge our sins, express sadness at having done wrong and seek forgiveness. The sacrament of reconciliation offers us the opportunity to restore our relationships with the Father and one another.

The parable of the lost son can help guide our examination of conscience. With whom do we identify in the story? Are we repentant of our wayward deeds? Are we resentful when another is shown mercy, or when something seems unfair? Or are we like the father – merciful and loving? In any case, we are all in need of our Father's mercy. He waits for us – eager to welcome us home.

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 5

7am Eileen Olsen

Tuesday, March 6

9am Harry and Patty Elmendorf

Wednesday, March 7

7am Mario Teixeira

Thursday, March 8

9am Rev. George Kuzhipallil

Friday, March 9

12pm Mari Jo Dagostino

Saturday, March 10

9am George Goedhart

5pm Louis Thebault

Sunday, March 11

7am Mari-Jo Dagostino

9am Karin Clarke

11am Ellen Crecca

5:30pm Margaret Mary Cooney

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

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,370.00*

*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**.

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.

Adult Parish Guatemala Outreach Trip
July 28th - August 4th, 2018

Information Meeting
Sunday, March 11th
12:15pm
Parish Life Center Library

If you cannot attend the meeting, but would like information, contact Erin at erin@churchofchristtheking.org

Religious Education



Kindergarten Religious Education

(Monthly Sunday)

March 4, 10 to 10:45am – PLC Library

Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session March 8

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session March 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 March 11 & 25, 6:30 to 8pm

First Communion Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, March 4 – 9am Mass

Youth Ministry



Catechetical Topics

Scripture - Sunday, March 4 at 6:30pm

Holy Spirit - Monday, March 12 at 7pm

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

Daily Reading

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

Interfaith Food Pantry



When I was hungry, you gave me to eat.

This 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.

Many thanks to all generous parishioners

Our 2017 contribution to the Food Pantry was

\$11,276 and 3,471 lbs. of food.

New Day Bereavement



Starting on April 4, 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: 973-539-4955, ex. 13 or srmaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org.

Organ Concert

Saint John the Baptist Cathedral



As part of the Diocese of Paterson's 80th anniversary and in celebration of the reopening of St. John's Cathedral, internationally acclaimed recitalist Stephen Tharp will give a solo organ recital at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson on **Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4pm**. This event has no admission, but a free-will offering will be accepted at the end of the event. Seating is first-come, first-serve, and free parking will be available in the parking garage across from the Cathedral. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Mr. John Peragallo at john@peragallo.com.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, March 4

- 10am Kindergarten RE
- 4:30pm Youth Ministry | *Rite of Creed*
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry | *Scripture*

Monday, March 5

- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Women of Grace
- 7pm Youth Ministry | *Holy Spirit*

Tuesday, March 6

- 7pm Adult Choir
- 7pm RCIA Session

Wednesday, March 7

- 7pm The Bible – The Epic Series

Thursday, March 8

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 11am Harding Seniors
- 4pm Family Based RE
- 7pm Lectio Divina

Friday, March 9

- 12pm Daily Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
- 12:30pm Simple Soup Lunch
- 6pm Family Based RE

Saturday, March 10

- 9:30am Reconciliation

Sunday, March 11

- 12:15pm Parish Guatemala Trip Information Meeting
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

Office of the Bishop

Diocese of Paterson

2018 Liturgical Guidelines for the Flu Season

There have been a number of inquiries as to how long the Liturgical Guidelines for the Flu Season should be in place in the Diocese of Paterson. Statistically, the number of hospital visits for the flu in New Jersey continues to rise during the month of February. Therefore, we are asking that these guidelines remain in place until further notice.

1. If you don't feel well and suspect that you may have the flu: remain at home.
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. Sign of Peace: If you feel uncomfortable with exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
4. Distributing and Receiving the Eucharist: Priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist must thoroughly wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser both before and after the distribution of the Eucharist. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
5. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice is discontinued until the level of flu cases is dramatically decreased.
6. Children. In parishes where Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated, the pastor may suspend the practice during flu season.

Saint of the Week

March 7 | *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity*

Perpetua and Felicity were martyrs in the early days of

persecution in northern Africa. We have a well-documented record of their lives from the hand of Perpetua herself and others who knew her, called "The Passion of Perpetua and Felicity."



In the year 203, Perpetua, born a noblewoman, decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and become a Christian. She was 22 years old at the time, possibly already a widow, with a baby son. Her father was frantic with worry and tried to talk her out of her decision since he knew what consequences could befall her. Perpetua was arrested along with four other catechumens, and she was baptized before she went to prison.

Felicity was Perpetua's servant and she was eight months pregnant. She went into premature labor in prison and gave birth, but was able to hand over her baby to Christian friends who promised to care for her newborn daughter. Perpetua, too, saw that her baby son would be cared for after her death. This gave her comfort and strength to go forward.

Perpetua experienced prophetic visions in the prison and she was comforted and reassured that after brief suffering she would enjoy eternal happiness in heaven. Bravely she spoke out in prison and encouraged those who surrounded her in the jail.

When the time came for them to be thrown into the arena, the men were attacked by wild beasts. The women were ultimately killed by gladiators while the crowd cheered.

Perpetua and Felicity are the patron saints of expectant mothers, ranchers and butchers.

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, intercede for all pregnant women who are fearful, that they may be led by your courageous example.

Easter Flower Memorials



We invite you to contribute an offering for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one(s). Please fill out the Easter Flower Envelope from your weekly contribution envelope mailing and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. *Intentions will appear in the Parish Bulletin during the Easter Season.*

LENT 2018

Every Day an Opportunity

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE (FOR LENT)

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

MONDAYS



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!

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.