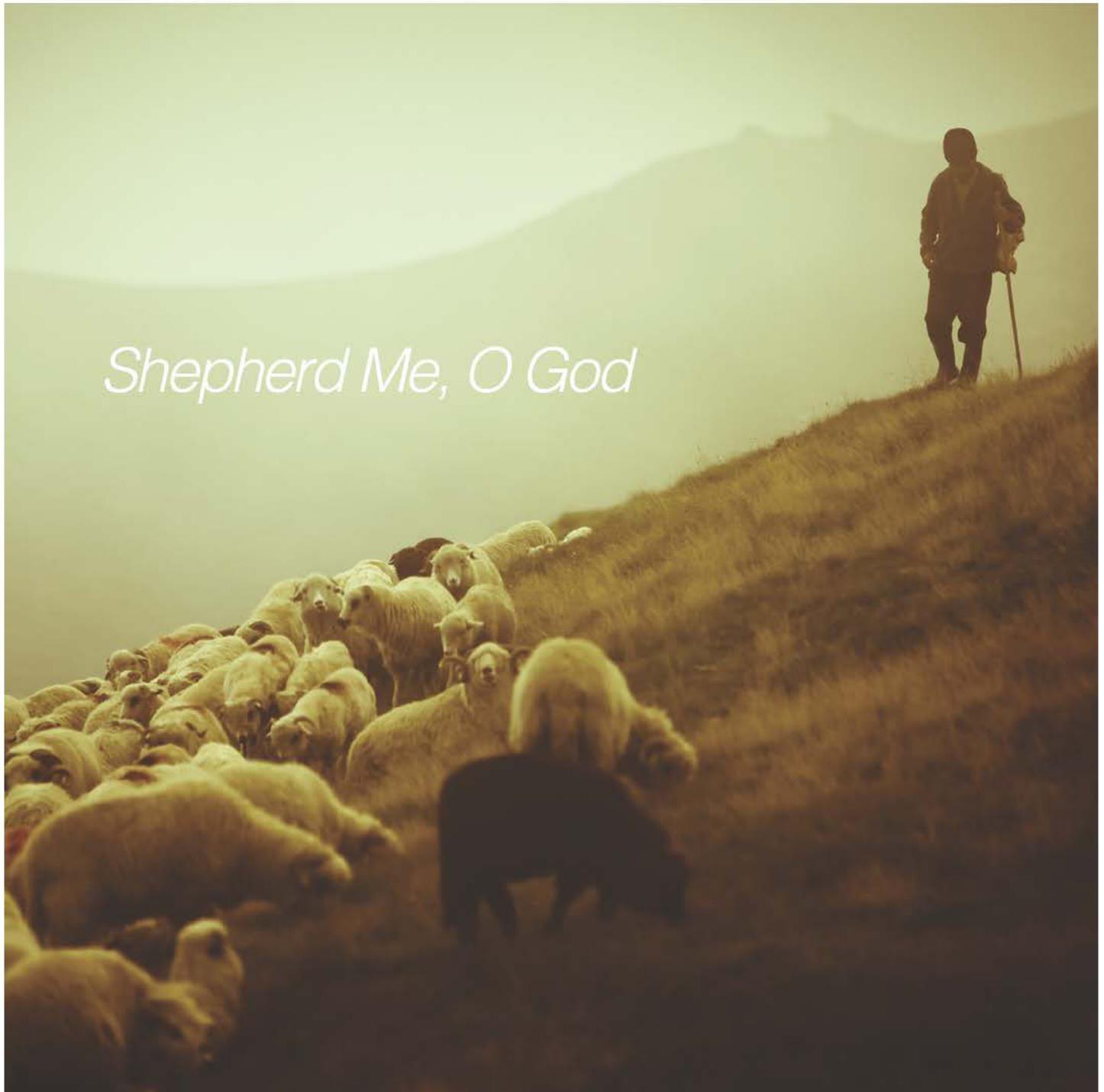


CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING NEW VERNON, NJ

*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.*

16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 22, 2018



Shepherd Me, O God



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM
Saturday (vigil) 5 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 AM
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 AM

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus is the Good Shepherd who reconciles all to the Father.



The context of today's first reading is interesting. Jeremiah preached in Israel before the Babylonian Exile, preaching under five different kings, each more sinful than his predecessor. God gave Jeremiah a message that forecast famine, war, exile and death as punishment for these kings who were leading the people astray. Israel's kings were chosen by God to shepherd the flock, but instead, they [misled] and scatter[ed] the flock, driving the sheep away.

After all the bad news Jeremiah foretold, in today's reading, he is given a prophecy about what will occur when the exile comes to an end, as God decided to take matters into his own hands: I myself will gather the remnant of my flock, God says. He promises to raise up a shoot from David's line, referring to the birth of Christ – a promise that would not see its fulfillment for nearly six centuries. In the wake of such bad shepherds who scattered the flock, the Lord God planned to send his only Son as the Good Shepherd to gather all the lost sheep together.

Paul alludes to this in his letter to the Ephesians. While not explicitly referencing Jeremiah, whose words he would have known well, Paul emphasizes that Jesus came to make peace: between God and human beings, and among people. Through the blood of Christ we are reconciled with God. Those who were far off – such as sheep that have been misled and scattered – are now brought back to the Father.

In the Gospel, we see the prophecy from Jeremiah fulfilled; and we encounter the Jesus of whom Paul spoke. Jesus, who wanted to get away and rest for a while, but who sees the vast crowd of people in need and begins teaching them. For his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

This is a lot of history, and it is a lot of material to take in within a short time frame. But the essence is this: From the beginning, God prepared for our reconciliation and salvation in the person of his Son. We may have been, and continue to be at times, scattered and misled, but now we have the Good Shepherd who seeks us out, calls our name and carries us home.

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 23

7am John Taschler

Tuesday, July 24

9am George Dabinett

Wednesday, July 25

7am Arlene Tomassone

Thursday, July 26

9am Mary Bell

Friday, July 27

7am Valarie Toth

Saturday, July 28

9am Leroy Swayze

5pm Marjorie B. Magnier

Sunday, July 29

7am Richard & Ann Wachenfeld

9am L. Donald Horne

11am Mr. & Mrs. John Leonard

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

Joan Dagostino, Kristen Johnson, Kathryn Olden, Grant Martin Scruggs, John Allen, Tawny Wamack, Theresa Padula, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$13,434.00*

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**.

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.

Daily Reading

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

"Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life."

Religious Education



Re-Registration Forms & Calendars

Re-Registration Forms and calendars for the 2018-19 school year were recently mailed to families who attended CTK Religious Education sessions in 2017-18 Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's program. *We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office as soon as possible.*

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If you did not receive the re-registration mailing and your child will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8th grade** in September **OR if you are new to our Religious Education program** please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext.22 or email erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.

Attention parents of current 1st graders

This is the traditional year for children to prepare and receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Eucharist. Preparation for First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program.

We began preparation for the sacraments at individual informal child & parent meetings. If you have **not** met with Erin and have a child who will be in 2nd grade this September, please call Erin Ranft at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at 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.



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**.

Saint of the Week

July 23 | *St. Bridget of Sweden*



Birgitta was born in 1303 in Sweden. Her parents were very pious and instilled a deep faith into their daughter. When she was 10 years old her mother died. As was common at the time, Birgitta was married at 13 years of age to a young man named Ulf Gudmarrson. Together they had 8 children who all survived infancy.

The King of Sweden was a relative of Birgitta and she was asked to be a Lady in Waiting at the Court. After her years of service, she and her husband made the long pilgrimage to Santiago di Compostela in Spain. When she was 41 her beloved husband died and she prayed at his grave in sorrow for long hours. In response to a divine calling, Birgitta started a new religious order and organized a new monastery, aided and endowed by the King. Through visions, the Lord called her to Rome in 1349 and directed her to give messages to the Pope, the King and other people in high places and to assist in reforming the Church. Strangely, she worked in obedience to the Lord's directives, but none of her projects were ever realized. In July of 1373 she died in Rome, never having returned to Sweden.

Though she could be called the Patron Saint of Failures, she was canonized in 1391, just a short time after her death. She was known for her acts of charity and care of the poor, as well as her devotion to the Passion of Christ. She is the Patron Saint of Sweden.

St. Bridget, pray for us to never be discouraged at our failures, but to place all our trust in God's Providence.

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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 4-6pm 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
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