

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 ADVENT
December 16, 2018



During the season of Advent we turn our focus on waiting once again to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The media can sometimes challenge us as parents to do just that. This season why not come as a family to our annual Christmas Pageant to help our children understand what the focus of the season should be.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 at 2pm

*Come and join the children of our parish as
they tell the story of Christmas!*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 7, 9, 11 AM & 5:30 PM

Saturday (vigil) 5 PM

Weekdays

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 7 AM

Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9 AM

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PARISH DEVOTIONS

Novena Prayers in Honor of the Sacred Heart

First Fridays during morning Mass at 7 am.

Novena Prayer in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Mondays after the 7 am Mass

Rosary

Tuesdays and Thursdays after the 9 am Mass

Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of the month, 7 pm

Reconciliation (Individual Confession)

Saturday 9:30-10:15 am

BAPTISMS

Sundays after the 11 am Mass at 12:15 pm, 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 10-10:45 am (as scheduled)

Family Based Model

Grade 5 may select FBRE or Jr. High option

Families with children K-5

Thursday 4-6 pm or Friday 6-8 pm, (monthly as scheduled)

Junior High – Grades 5-8

Sundays 5:30-8 pm (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 Advent

Rejoice in the Lord, again I say rejoice!



This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday – a rejoicing reflected in rose vestments and the choice of Scriptures. We are more than halfway through our season of vigilant preparation and persevering prayer, as we ready ourselves to both celebrate the coming of Christ in history and look forward to his return in glory. For Christians, this theme of rejoicing lies at the heart of our faith. Even if we are struggling with life's great issues, we are still called to be people of joy and to be ready to share that joy with others.

So what does this spiritual or holy joy look like? Clearly, it is not the same as pleasure or human satisfaction – these are emotions that are short-lived and derived from the external, they are what we perceive and experience. Spiritual joy arises from our interior life – our relationship with the divine. Like a well bubbling up from the depths of the earth, spiritual joy wells up even in the midst of life's struggles and becomes the hallmark of the true Christian.

Zephaniah is exultant in his description of God's faithfulness and promise. Saint Paul, too, wants his community in Philippi to be joyful, not with a superficial rejoicing but with a joy that flows from the Lord as they await his imminent return in glory. To maintain this joy, Paul reminds them to stay prayerful at all times.

Yet in the midst of all this rejoicing, we hear another voice – the Baptist calling us to repentance and justice. But it is the question put to John that catches our attention – what should we do? It's a practical question, and John has practical answers. They are not to retreat from life, but be converted to a just way of living. They are not simply to put on sack-cloth and ashes or retreat to the Temple, but be sensitive to the needs of justice – to be sharers rather than takers. Tax-collectors are not to resign but be just, soldiers are not told to desert but to use their power fairly. This is a Gospel of people power, where the message can change the very face of the world.

And what must we do? How can we bring about change in our world? As spouses and family members, we can strive to love with a God-like love. As parents and guardians, we can teach our children that their true value lies not in material things or the latest gadget or brand, but in how they treat others and serve the less fortunate. As civic-minded people, by using our freedom to serve our community, As employers and employees, by paying a just wage and working hard. And as Christians, by being faithful to the Gospel and rejoicing in God's presence and promise! The list is endless – and it is only when we are faithful to Christ that we will know real joy and understand the challenging hope of Advent.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17

7am Rose Taschler

Tuesday, December 18

9am Frank & Michalina OBerc

Wednesday, December 19

7am Msgr. Leo P. Carey

Thursday, December 20

9am Dave Willean

Friday, December 21

7am Karl Meister

Saturday, December 22

9am Basil Burgess

5pm Dave Willean

Sunday, December 23

7am Grace Cipriani

9am Stuart Gutmann

11am Dan, Brian & Ricky Paris

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, Susan Alai, Anne Sullivan, Jim Dwyre, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,846.00*

*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.

Christmas Flowers



Beautiful Christmas trees and flowers will fill our church's sanctuary during this holy season, which are **donated by parishioners who contribute an offering in memory of a deceased loved one**. All the names of those loved ones will be printed in one of the Christmas season bulletins. Christmas Flower envelopes were included in your bi-monthly collection envelope mailing. If you would like to make such an offering, please return the completed envelope in the collection basket.

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – January 10

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – January 11

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

• Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Thursday, January 17 – 4 to 5pm – Parish Hall

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Parent & Student Session

Sunday December 16 6:30–8pm

Student Sessions

Sunday January 6 & 27 6:30–8pm

All sessions will gather in the Parish Hall. We encourage families to attend the 5:30pm Sunday Evening Mass.

• Sacramental Preparation Liturgy

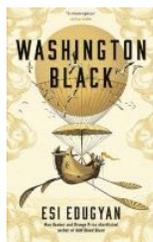
Sunday, January 6 – 9am Mass

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.

Any questions regarding our Religious Education or Sacrament Preparation please contact Erin at 973-539-4955 ext. 22 or erin@chuchofchristtheking.org.



Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 10am in the Parish Library. The book to be reviewed is *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan.

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.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, December 16

2pm **Christmas Pageant**

6:30pm Junior High RE

Monday, December 17

NO Women of Grace

Tuesday, December 18

9am Breakfast Club

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 20

NO Bible into Life

Friday, December 21

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, December 22

10:30am First Reconciliation

Sunday, December 23

NO 5:30pm Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule



4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 23 | **NO 5:30pm Mass**

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24 | 4, 6 & 8pm

Carols & Songs of Christmas | 11:30pm

Midnight Mass | 12am

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25 | 10am & 12noon

Solemnity of Mary

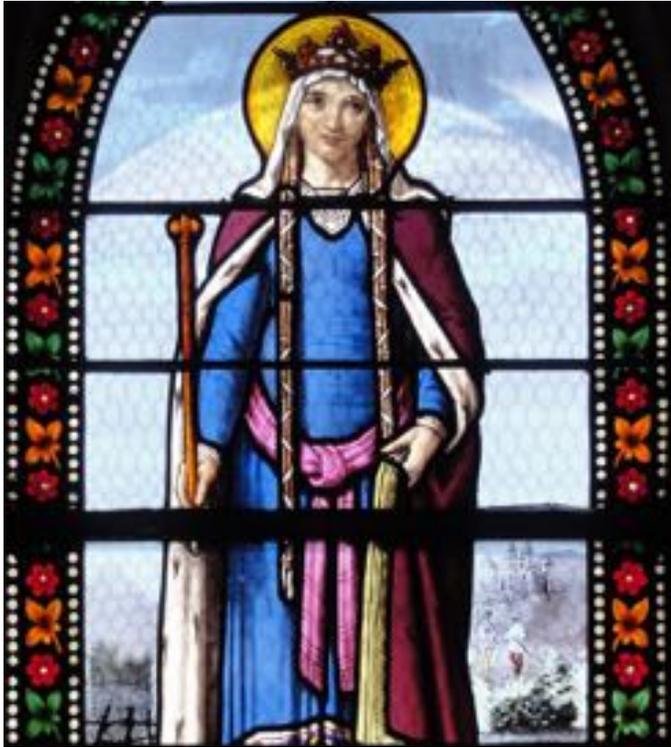
Monday, January 1 | 11am

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

December 16 | *St. Adelaide*



The story of St. Adelaide seems like a fairy tale, full of royalty, jealousy, and political intrigue. Adelaide was born in Burgundy around 931, the daughter of Rudolf II. At the age of two she was betrothed to Lothair, son of Hugh of Provence. The marriage took place when she was 16 and Lothair was King of Lombardy. Three years later, he died by apparent poisoning.

The successor of Lothair was Berengarius, who was suspected of the murder. He imprisoned Adelaide in a castle and tried to force her to marry his son, which she refused to do. When Otto the Great, King of Germany, defeated Berengarius, he released Adelaide and married her himself. Together they had five children. Otto and Adelaide were crowned rulers of the Holy Roman Empire. She quarreled with her son, Otto II, probably at the instigation of Otto's Greek wife, but they reconciled before his death in 983. His wife then became regent.

When Adelaide became regent of the kingdom after her daughter-in-law died, she sought out the best advisors, among them three men who were subsequently canonized. She founded many churches and monasteries and sent out missionaries to convert the Slavic people. She was known as a deeply spiritual woman, kind and forgiving, always sensitive to the needs of her people. In 999 Adelaide died in a convent she had founded at Seltz. She was canonized in 1097. Adelaide is the patron saint of abuse victims, princesses, in-law problems and exiles.

St. Adelaide, wife, mother, queen and empress, help us to realize that we can live saintly lives no matter what our circumstances might be. Help us to sanctify our surroundings by holy thoughts and actions.

Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father,
You give us this blessed
season of Advent as a gift of time
to prepare for the coming of
the Christ Child.

But all too often we turn this gift
into a source of frenzy,
stress and anxiety;
a time when we're apt to prepare
for a Christmas celebration
looking perfect on the outside,
but spiritually exhausting
and without true meaning.

Restore in us that inherent quest
for quiet expectation and hope.
Show us the way to a more peaceful, prayerful
disposition
that makes us more open
to a conversion of heart.

And give us the courage
to let go of things that are ultimately
unimportant to the true meaning
of Christmas.

Help us be good stewards
of this Advent season,
so that on the Feast of the Nativity,
we will be ready with
our own sacred space for the arrival
of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we now pray.

Amen



A Renaissance Christmas

56 singers, traditional dance, period instruments, bells, a full church and a lot of energy coming from the choirs of Christ the King and St. Patrick Church (Chatham, NJ). This was a night to remember and a great way to start the seasons of Advent and Christmas.



More pictures coming up in the next issue of our parish eNewsletter.
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