

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.*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
January 13, 2019



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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

The Baptism of the Lord

We are God's beloved children.



Today's Gospel recalls a significant moment in Jesus' public ministry. There was Jesus, God made Man, who certainly did not need a ritual cleansing, submitting to a baptism by his cousin John. Unlike the other baptisms John must have performed that day, this baptism was a manifestation of Christ's "acceptance and inauguration of his mission as God's Suffering Servant" (CCC 536).

Can we imagine standing on the banks of the River Jordan and witnessing the baptism of Jesus? What a sight it must have been! The Holy Spirit descends like a dove. The waters are sanctified by Jesus and by his Spirit. Jesus is "sealed" or anointed by the very presence of the Spirit. As if that weren't enough, the heavens (once closed by Adam's sin) are now opened up and a voice calls out You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased. And what was Jesus doing? Interestingly, Jesus was praying – a habit that would mark all the decisive moments of his earthly ministry and our salvation (CCC 2600). Surely, this was yet another sign of his humble and trusting commitment to the will of the Father.

As spectacular as that scene must have been, we can relate to it – for a similar scene plays out every time one of God's children is baptized. As each infant, child or adult is brought to the waters of baptism, the Trinity is there. We do what Jesus commanded us to do – to baptize in his name and in the name of the Father and the Spirit. We encounter Christ, the indelible seal of the Spirit is conferred, and the Father is pleased with his beloved child. From that moment on, we get a glimpse of what heaven must be like.

As Saint Paul reminded Titus, the grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope. Christ redeemed us and claimed us as a people as his own, eager to do what is good. Similarly, Isaiah prophesied that our guilt would be expiated and that the Shepherd would gather the lambs in his arms. We belong to Christ!

Today, let us not just reflect on the baptism of the Lord. Let us reflect on our own baptism. Let us recall, with great awe and wonder, what happens to us when we are baptized: the cleansing water, the presence of the Trinity, the rejoicing in heaven, and the strength of the grace that still abides with us. Most important, let us be reminded of the great responsibility that comes along with that baptism. God claimed each one of us as his own, and gave each of us the grace to overcome the evil in the world.

So as we celebrate this Eucharist today, let us be transformed by our partaking of Christ's body and blood so as to go forth and fulfill that baptismal mission.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 14

7am Piotr Nowak

Tuesday, January 15

9am Patrick Burns

Wednesday, January 16

7am Louis & Dorsey Thebault

Thursday, January 17

9am Patrick Bruns

Friday, January 18

7am Frank & Michalina Oberc

Saturday, January 19

9am Daniel P. Nugent

5pm Karl Meister

Sunday, January 20

7am Lottie Martin

9am Anna Bjorkedal

11am Benedict Aspero, Sr.

5:30pm Patrick Burns

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

Collections

Due to the early holiday bulletin deadlines, collections not previously reported are as follows:

December 23 \$ 26,018.50 *

Christmas \$109,331.00

December 30 \$12,849.50 *

January 6 \$ 12,974.00 *

*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

Next weekend is the annual second collection for Retired Religious. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Pauline Alba Crystal, daughter of Matthew and Emily (Nee Simon).

Daily Reading

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

Religious Education



• Family-Based Religious Education

Thursday Session – January 31

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

Friday Session – February 1

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

• Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Thursday, January 13 – 4 to 5pm – Parish Hall

• Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Student Sessions

Sunday January 27 6:30–8pm

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

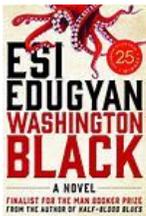
• Sacramental Preparation Liturgy

Sunday, February 3 – 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 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22 at 10 am in the Parish Life Center. The book to be discussed is *Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan. 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.

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, January 13

10am Learning Session | RE

Monday, January 14

7pm Protecting God's Children for Adults

Tuesday, January 15

9am CTK Breakfast Club

6:30pm RCIA Session

7pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 17

9:30am Bible into Life

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, January 18

Antioch Retreat

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, January 19

Antioch Retreat

Sunday, January 20

Antioch Retreat

Saint of the Week

January 17 | *St. Anthony of Egypt*

Here is a saint from the third century that is not easily imitated, except in his utter devotion to God. When he was 18 years old, Anthony inherited 300 acres of land from his parents when they died, along with the responsibility for his younger sister. The words of Jesus in Mt. 19:21 which he had heard in Church burned into his heart: "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come and follow me." He walked out of Church and immediately gave away all the property, except what his sister needed to live on.

Anthony settled in a remote location, seeking to commune only with God. For a total of 85 years he lived in seclusion, mostly in the desert. He ate only bread and water, and refused to bathe. For twenty years he was walled up in a room close to town, unable and unwilling to leave. His friends supplied him with bread. Finally they broke the door down and Anthony calmly emerged, only to wander farther out into the desert where he would not be disturbed.

Contrary to his desires, hundreds of people came to visit this simple, uneducated man to learn his secrets of spirituality. He endured many temptations from the devil, and literally wrestled with Satan many times. He had the gift of being able to heal people who came to him, and he counseled many, urging them to live simply and devote themselves to prayer.

Eventually, Anthony gathered some scattered monks in the area and formed a community. They came together only to worship, but otherwise lived in separate dwellings and each man sought God in solitude and prayer. Anthony is known as the Father of Monasticism. Shortly after his death in 356 at the age of 105, St. Athanasius wrote a biography of St. Anthony.

St. Anthony of Egypt, teach us to deny ourselves, even in small ways, so that through asceticism we can open our hearts more and more to God.

Family Promise



Family Promise provides emergency shelter, meals and support services. Christ the King is a support congregation and is assigned four commitments a year. On those dates we provide and serve dinner and breakfast. We also need two volunteers who are willing to stay overnight. Would you like to help? Christ the King is responsible for:

CTK Homeless Support Dinner Evening

Tuesday, February 5
Tuesday dinner (5 – 8:30pm)
CTK Homeless Support Weekend

Friday & Saturday, February 8 & 9
Friday overnight stay (8pm – 8am)

Saturday breakfast & visitation with guests
1st Shift: 8 – 9:30am or 2nd Shift: 9:30 – 11:30am

Please contact Britta Gangemi for more details at
(973) 493-0184 or brittagangemi@gmail.com.

Thanks from the Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women for Giving Tree contributions.

*Dear Sister Mary Joseph, please extend our thanks to everyone who participated in the Giving Tree!
Because of their generosity, the Passaic Neighborhood Center for Women received:*

*--over \$800 in gift cards
--over 8,000 baby wipes
--over 2,000 diapers*

We are grateful! One of the benefits of this ministry is being able to collaborate with such generous people as the parishioners of the Church of Christ the King.

Sister Ann Marie, SCC

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**CLOTHED WITH STRENGTH AND DIGNITY:
A NEW YEAR'S RETREAT FOR WOMEN**

All women of the parish are welcome!

Date: January 26, 2019
Time: 9:30am to 4:00pm
Cost: \$40 (lunch and snacks included)
Place Villa Pauline Spirituality Center
350 Bernardsville Rd.
Mendham, NJ 07945

Please register with Sister Mary Joseph:
smaryjoseph@churchofchristtheking.org or call 973-539-4955 (ext. 13)

Deadline for registration is January 19th