

# 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.*

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
March 31, 2019



*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*



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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](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org)

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Lent

*God provides for us, but also gives us free will.*



**T**oday's readings remind us that we have a loving God who supplies all our needs but also gives us free will. He knows our weaknesses, and is always ready to receive us with forgiveness and mercy – when we turn to him with trust, repentance and humility.

The first reading in particular is a reminder that God provides for us. For years while the Israelites were in the desert, God had provided manna, which miraculously showed up in the desert so the people could keep up their strength during their journey in the desert. But once they arrived in the land that had been promised to them and had access to the fruits of the land, God ceased the necessity of providing the extraordinary gift of manna and allowed the people of Israel to be nurtured through their free cooperation with nature and the natural order of crops.

Similarly, Jesus shows us how God – through the character of the father in the parable of the prodigal son – takes care of us without forcing himself on us or preventing our turning away from him. The father honors the unreasonable request of his younger son (who by Jewish law has no claim on any inheritance) and divides his estate between the two sons. He doesn't prevent the younger son from leaving home to live a life of sin in a foreign country, but gives him the freedom to make mistakes. He doesn't chase after his son or send out detectives to find him and bring him back – but lets the son use his free will to embark on the path he has chosen. Once the son realizes his mistake and comes back home, however, the father meets him more than halfway and welcomes him whole-heartedly, without judgment or reproach.

God works the same way with us. He provides for us, but he does not force us into a relationship with him. By his grace we are invited; by our will and his grace do we respond. During Lent, we are invited in a special way to turn back to God in whatever way may be necessary – to take the first step of reconciliation with God or with others. God waits for us patiently in the sacrament of reconciliation, and is ready to absolve us and make us “new creations” as we confess our sins and ask for God's forgiveness and strength. Let us pray and encourage one another to live out God's call to us in Lent: to provide manna for one another and to turn back to God with all our hearts, minds and souls.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 1

7am Peter Cauterucci

### Tuesday, April 2

9am Anthony A. Magnier

### Wednesday, April 3

7am William Randazzo

### Thursday, April 4

9am Holy Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, April 5

Noon William Randazzo

### Saturday, April 6

9am Joseph Maroney

5pm Mari Jo Dagostino

### Sunday, April 7

7am William Michael Foley

9am Emily Narduzzi (Living)

11am Stacy Sibona

5:30pm Carol Esposito

*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.*

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## Pray for the Sick

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

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## Collection

**Last Weekend Collection: \$14,093.00\***

\*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](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is **NJ658**.

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## Welcome Home to Healing



You are invited to celebrate the gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), throughout the Diocese of Paterson (Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties), every Monday starting March 11, 2019 to April 8, 2019 from 7 to 8:30 pm.

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

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## Religious Education

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### • Family-Based Religious Education

**Thursday Session** – April 4

4 to 6pm – In the Parish Hall

**Friday Session** – April 5

6 to 8pm – In the Parish Hall

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

### • Grades 1-5 Learning Session

Sunday, April 14 - 10 from 10 to 11am – Parish Life Center

### • Junior High Religious Education

(Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8)

**Parent & Student Sessions**

Sunday, April 7 from 6:30–8pm

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

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## 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.*

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## Taizé Prayer Service



Our Music Ministry wants to thank all who participated in our Taizé Prayer Service this past Sunday, March 24. We had a beautiful moment of communal prayer and reflection that helped us walk this year's Lenten journey. It was

a perfect way to prepare us for the work week ahead. A special thanks to Sr. Mary Joseph for her support and organizational skills in helping us put the service together.

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## Meetings & Happenings

**Sunday, March 31**

12pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Junior High RE

**Monday, April 1**

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

**Tuesday, April 2**

6:30pm RCIA

**Wednesday, April 3**

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

**Thursday, April 4**

9:30am Bible into Life

4pm Family Based RE

**Friday, April 5**

10:30am Bible Study

6pm Family Based RE

**Sunday, April 7**

12pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Junior High RE

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## Saint of the Week

April 4 | *St. Isidore of Seville*



**S**t. Isidore was literally born into a family of saints. His sister and two of his brothers are canonized saints venerated especially in Spain.

Isidore was born around 556 in Spain. He was a scholar and archbishop of Seville for over 30 years. He labored under six Visigothic kings and was responsible for their conversion to Christianity, and, further, to abandoning the Arian heresy. He established monasteries and convents and decreed that in the monasteries there were to be no distinctions between freeborn and slaves. He promoted seminary education and the study of medicine, classical arts, languages and law, philosophy and theology. Through his efforts, Spain became a center of culture and learning.

Isidore was considered the most learned man of his age. He was loved by the poor for his generosity to them; he was loved and revered by his priests, to whom he was an outstanding father and leader. He also was the driving force behind many of the Church councils in Spain.

St. Isidore died when he was almost 80, clothed in sackcloth and ashes, and asking for the prayers of others. His example to us today is that one person can have a profound influence on the people he or she touches in everyday relationships. Our circle of influence does not have to be far-reaching, but the ripple effect of good example, kindness and wise words can have profound effects.

*St. Isidore, pray for us to be courageous as we go about our daily tasks, trusting that God's Spirit will guide our circle of influence for the good.*

# Easter Schedule | 2019



## **PALM SUNDAY**

April 14

*Solemn Blessing and Distribution of Palms*

Saturday – April 13 – 5pm

Sunday – April 14 – 7, 9, 11am and 5:30pm

## **HOLY THURSDAY**

April 18

*Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:30pm*

Eucharistic Adoration Following until Midnight

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

April 19

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Communion – 3pm*

*Living Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm*

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

April 20

*Blessing of Easter Foods – 9:30am*

*Easter Egg Hunt – 9:45am*

***Easter Vigil – 8pm***

## **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 21

Masses Celebrated at 7, 9, 11am and 12:30pm

*(No 5:30pm Mass)*

# Church of Christ the King New Vernon, New Jersey

## Wednesday Night Lenten Mass Series with Reverend Monsignors



**Wednesday, March 13**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart, JCL**  
Pastor, Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Morristown, NJ



**Wednesday, March 20**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. Martin McDonnell**  
Pastor Emeritus, Good Shepherd Parish - Andover, NJ



**Wednesday, March 27**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. George F. Hundt**  
Pastor, St. Vincent Martyr Church - Madison, NJ



**Wednesday, April 3**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch**  
Pastor Emeritus, St. Luke Parish - Long Valley, NJ



**Wednesday, April 10**  
**7:00pm Mass**

**Rev. Msgr. Kevin Flanagan**  
Pastor Emeritus, St. Lawrence the Martyr Church - Chester, NJ