

# 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.*

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**  
April 7, 2019



*The Lord has done great things for us  
and we are filled with joy.*



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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)

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

*As Jesus liberates the woman caught in adultery, so he wishes to free us from our sins and our guilt.*

**G**uilt is one of the most common of all human experiences, and often the heaviest burden to carry. Some will use it to come to terms with their life choices and bring about renewal and change. Others will deny its reality even though it may burn like a fire within them or they may project it onto others, avoiding responsibility and the need for change. Some will even use it to punish themselves and so add to their pain.

The biblical perspective on guilt is evident in today's Gospel. Dragged before Jesus by the Pharisees and scribes, the woman is, by all appearances, guilty, and deserving of the punishment laid down by Moses that she be stoned. Other than the sin of which she is accused, we know nothing about her or her life's circumstances. We do not know her name, her family or the identity of her partner in the act. Alone, humiliated and at risk, she stands before Jesus awaiting her fate. Yet we know that she is a sinner not just because of the adultery, but because like all humanity, she has fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

When understood in strict legalistic terms, sin is usually seen as the breaking of rules and regulations – she was a sinner because she committed adultery. But for Jesus, sin is a bigger concept when understood in spiritual and relational terms – it is our alienation from God, from others and from ourselves. Its origins lie in our prideful and rebellious hearts, and so all humanity is sinful and in need of God's forgiveness and healing.

What makes the passage even more provocative is that the scribes come to Jesus not out of concern for the law, but in the hope that they might put him to the test. Would he uphold the law or demonstrate compassion? Either way he would alienate someone.

To this day, we will never know what Jesus wrote in the dirt – was he playing for time or giving the scribes time to think again before he turned the tables on them? But his response to their demands has echoed through the centuries: let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her. Outflanked and silenced, they are without words and slowly – one by one – they slip away.

For most folks the story could have ended there, but Jesus goes one step further by offering her not just forgiveness but a new beginning. Instead of condemnation, he challenges her to turn her life around and sin no more.

What happened ultimately to this woman we will never know; and perhaps it's just as well for the real focus here is on God's mercy and forgiveness. In this encounter, Jesus opened the door for her to a new way of life, but the decision to walk through was hers alone. We see it over and over again – Jesus invites but does not coerce, he challenges but never infringes on our freedom. For love that is not freely given is not true love, and it is true perfect love that God wants us to experience and share.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 8

7am Alexandra Knox

### Tuesday, April 9

9am Diane Keegan

### Wednesday, April 10

7am Mr. Carrol Muccia

### Thursday, April 11

9am Joan Grimes

### Friday, April 12

Noon Nandy Bickford (Living)

### Saturday, April 13

9am Barbara Warner

5pm Patrick Burns

### Sunday, April 14

7am Rosemarie Raiola

9am Karl Meister

11am Judge John Gibbons

5:30pm George Sullivan

*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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## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Patricia Cox at the request of Tom and Betsy Hollo.

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## Collection

**Last Weekend Collection: \$14,902.00\***

\*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.

### Second Collection Next Week

Our Second Collection next weekend is for *Project Faith*, our Diocesan Assessment. Your generosity in helping us meet this obligation is greatly appreciated.

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## 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.

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## Religious Education



### • 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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## 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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## Meetings & Happenings

**Sunday, April 7**

12pm Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm Junior High RE

**Monday, April 8**

10am Women of Grace

7pm Women of Grace

**Tuesday, April 9**

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:30pm RCIA

**Wednesday, April 10**

7pm New Day Bereavement Group

**Thursday, April 11**

9:30am Bible into Life

11am Harding Seniors

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, April 12**

10:30am Bible Study

**Sunday, April 14**

10am Learning Session | RE

12pm Choir Rehearsal

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## 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

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## Interfaith Food Pantry



**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.

**We are also accepting hams for the following week. These can be placed in the kitchen freezer or refrigerator.**

# 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