

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.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
April 18, 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

2nd Sunday of Easter

Jesus' peace liberates us from our prison of fear.



In the readings for the Mass today, fear is contrasted with confidence. In the first reading, despite the signs and wonders performed by the Apostles, some are unable to join them as believers, while others confidently are added to the number. A similar fear is evident in the seven churches of Asia in the reading from Revelation when John acknowledges their distress, and speaks with confidence about his testimony and imprisonment on Patmos.

John's confidence comes from his encounter with the risen Jesus in today's Gospel. This encounter carried the greeting, Peace be with you. Now this greeting is more than just a wish or a hope. It is a statement. It does not mean "may peace be with you." It means "peace is with you." The immediate effect of Jesus' presence and words is shown in their "rejoicing." And for this reason, John and his fellow Apostles have confidence that Jesus' peace will abide with them, providing the strength to face any fears life may present.

Thomas, who was not with them when Jesus appeared to the others, refuses to believe their testimony. While we do not know the exact reason Thomas was not present with the Apostles when Jesus came, nor why he does not believe what he is told, we do know what happens when Jesus appears again.

This time, Thomas is present and professes his belief in the Resurrection after touching Jesus' wounds. But, before Jesus invited Thomas to touch his wounds, he greeted him with, Peace be with you. Again, this simple phrase, as it did for the other Apostles, instilled within Thomas a sense of confidence that would ultimately lead him to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

We all face encounters, events and people that can create distress and leave us fearful. But Thomas, John, Peter and the other disciples teach us today that Jesus came to liberate us from our spiritual and emotional prisons of fear. Jesus invites us to embrace the peace he offers and join with the other believers, who walk with confidence knowing the peace of Jesus dispels any fears. Jesus' desire for us to enjoy his peace is echoed in his words when he told Sister Faustina, in one of his appearances to her: "My child, life on earth is a struggle indeed; a great struggle for my kingdom. But fear not, because you are not alone" (Diary,1488).

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 29

7am Marion Brennan

Tuesday, April 30

9am Onofrio Palombella

Wednesday, May 1

7am Maurice Meyer III

Thursday, May 2

9am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, May 3

7am Brian Moran, Jr.

Saturday, May 4

9am Tom O'Mara

5pm Patricia Cox

Sunday, May 5

7am Manna Family

9am Ann Matysek

11am Lisa Yarosz

5:30pm Kevin Kelly

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, James VanDerveer, Mary Borrello Cerreta, Joseph A. Vales, and all those listed in Our Lady's Chapel prayer book of intentions.

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of J. Brian Moran, Sr. and J. Brian Moran, Jr. at the request of the Moran family.

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Jack Dunbar Grom, son of Peter and Judith (Nee Toia).

Collection

Due to the early Bulletin deadline, the Easter Collection will be reported at a later date.

Second Collection Next Week



Our Second Collection next weekend is for *Operation Rice Bowl*. Your generosity is greatly appreciated

Religious Education



Religious Education **Re-registration forms** for the 2019-2020 school year have been distributed. If you did not receive a form please email Erin Ranft at erin@churchofchristtheking.org.

First Communion Rehearsals

Wednesday, May 1

Rehearsal for May 4, 10:30 am 1st Communion Mass
4 to 5 pm

Rehearsal for May 4, 1 pm 1st Communion Mass
5 to 6 pm

Parents must attend the rehearsal!

First Communion Celebrations



Saturday, May 4
10:30 am & 1 pm

Easter Flower Memorials Addition



Ms. Sheila Briscoe, in memory of Thomas Briscoe | **Ms. Moira Dolan**, in memory of Frank & Kathleen Dolan | **Mr. & Mrs. Frank Grather**, in memory of Helen Grather Hanrey, Sarah Joyce Ryno, Joseph & Mary Crines, Frank & Mary Grather, & in honor of Jo Marie Grather | **Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Hayes** | **Ms. Lisa Mortensen-Guli** | **Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Quinn** | **Mr. Charles Spinelli**.

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Monday, April 29

10am Women of Grace
7pm Women of Grace

Tuesday, April 30

7pm Adult Guatemala Trip Information Meeting

Wednesday, May 1

4pm 1st Communion Rehearsal | 10:30 session
5pm 1st Communion Rehearsal | 1pm session

Thursday, May 2

9:30am Bible into Life

Friday, May 3

10:30am Bible Study

Saturday, May 4

10:30am 1st Communion Liturgy
1pm 1st Communion Liturgy

Sunday, May 5

12pm Choir Rehearsal
3:30pm YM Retreat for 7 & 8 Grades
6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal



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.faihdirect.net to enroll securely online. Our parish code is **NJ658**.

Loyola Day of Prayer Can We Heal Our Ailing Church?

Thursday, May 16, 2019
9:30 am to 3 pm
Led by Judy Schiavo, Spiritual Director. Cost \$40 includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass.
Register at: www.loyola.org



Assumption College for Sisters

Summer Session 2019 | May 28 – July 3

200 A Morris Ave.
Denville, NJ 078334

The Church: Its Nature and History

Th201 | 3 credits

Sister Carol Schuyler, SCC

Monday, Friday – 9 to 11:45 am

Wednesday - 12:45 to 3:30 pm

8 due to Memorial Day Holiday

July 4, Independence Day—No classes

Fundamental Moral Theology

Th 203

Rev. Jared Brogan

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9 – 11:45 am

Cost – Three Credit Course – \$510

Cost – Audited Course – \$255

For more information call 973-957-0188 Ext. 106 or email academicdean@acs350.org.

The Poetry of the Home and The Restoration of Christian Culture With Mr. Robert Gil

Join us for a women's tea and treats as Mr. Robert Gil speaks about what we can do to bring about the restoration of a truly Christian culture by what we do in the home.

May 18 – 1 to 4pm

St. Vincent de Paul

250 Bebout Avenue, Stirling NJ

RSVP at www.stvincentschurch.org/christian-culture



Christ Is Risen!

Alleluia

Saint of the Week

April 29 | *St. Catherine of Siena*



Catherine of Siena was born in 1347, the youngest of twenty-five children. Her father was a dyer and her mother was a remarkable woman. At a young age, Catherine declared that she would not marry because she was betrothed to Christ. To her parents this was unacceptable, and they forced her to work as a household servant. Catherine complied and concentrated on her spiritual life and intimacy with Christ as she quietly went about her daily work. While living at home, Catherine was accepted as a Third Order Dominican and wore the Dominican habit.

In 1373, Catherine received a divine mandate to leave her room and to become involved in public affairs to help heal the Church and the world. Though never learning to write, which was common for women at the time, Catherine dictated hundreds of letters to the pope, to kings, and to other powerful men. She converted people by the thousands through the force of her personality. Some hardened sinners were converted merely by the sight of her. She attracted a large group of followers who assisted her in caring for the poor and sick, and who sought out her advice. Perhaps Catherine is most famous for persuading the pope, living in Avignon, France, to return to his rightful place in Rome.

St. Catherine was a mystic who had visions and was given the stigmata. In addition, it was said that she survived for some years on the Eucharistic host alone, offering her life for the unity of the Church. She had a final vision of the Church as if it were a huge ship placed on her back. She collapsed in pain and died soon afterward on April 29, 1380 at the age of thirty-three. Catherine was canonized in 1451 and in 1970 was declared a Doctor of the Church. Her major work, the *Dialogues*, a transcript written by her secretary, records the conversations between God and Catherine.

St. Catherine, intercede for our broken Church today. Ask the Lord to grant many graces of healing and fortitude to those most in need.

Youth Ministry



Confirmation

MAY 9, 2019

7:30 PM

*CANDIDATES
ARRIVE BY 7PM*

REHEARSAL:

MAY 5, 2019

6:30 PM



2019-2020 Youth Ministry Registration is up!
2019-2020 Youth Ministry Schedule available online.

For more information go to www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry