

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 EASTER
May 5, 2019

First Communion

We at Christ the King are blessed to welcome the following children to the table of the Lord. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Claire Anne Becker
Mia Rose Bjorkedal
Caroline Marie Byrne
Marcella Mia Cammarata
Julia Anne Castanon
Scarlet Doyle
Molly Frances Flanagan
Ava Marie Fleming
Duke James Honeker
Grace Mary Kulesa
Hanna Edith Murphy

Olivia Kate Overzat
Garrett Thomas Pela
James Robert Rice
Hunter James Riley
Hannah Elizabeth Rosen
Nicolas Albert Roure-Singh
Emma Sage Russo
Jake Alfonso Vollero
Alice Diane Werring
Avery Elizabeth Westhead
Charlotte Carrie Zacone



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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 Easter

Through the Eucharist, we receive God's divine love so that we may be witnesses to Jesus' mission.



Imagine that we are in the first century, and know that Jesus will soon be leaving. Like any anxious member of a group, we ask, "Who's going to lead us when you're gone?" Jesus replies, "Peter!" We can't believe it. How can Jesus select the person who denied knowing him, not once, not twice, but three times? He would not follow Jesus to Golgotha. And yet, he's the one who is supposed to lead Jesus' sheep. Peter might not stand out to us at that time as a first choice, but this is the man Jesus chooses to be the leader of the young Christian community.

Peter is flawed, and he might not be completely trustworthy. But redemption awaits him. He becomes a leader who is not afraid to voice his beliefs in the face of adversity. When he is brought before the authorities and reminded that he is not supposed to be talking about Jesus, Peter emphatically denounces their authority, obeying only God's authority. In following Jesus, Peter furthers Jesus' mission. And in doing so, he is honored by God the Father.

In the Gospel, Jesus and Peter have an exchange about love. For English speakers, we only have the one word – love. But the Gospel is written in Greek, and there are several words for love. Jesus asks Peter if he loves him, using the Greek word *agapas*, which is divine love. Peter responds that he does love him, but instead of using the term *agapas*, he uses the term *philo*, which is brotherly love. This happens again with the same result. Finally, Jesus asks Peter if he loves him with that brotherly love, and Peter replies that of course he does.

Peter, again showing his limitations, is not able to say that he loves Jesus with divine love because he is limited by his humanity. It takes God's grace to be able to exude divine love, and that comes in the fruit of the Spirit at Pentecost. Only when he is imbued with divine love does Peter become capable of leading Jesus' flock.

When we partake of the Eucharist, we, too, become filled with that same divine love. But that love is not meant to be hidden, it is meant for us to share. When we leave this church today, will we be able to go out and live our lives signifying that we, too, follow Jesus?

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 6

7am Frank Galdieri & Concetta VanDerveer

Tuesday, May 7

9am Richard Urfer

Wednesday, May 8

7am Special Intention

Thursday, May 9

9am Michael Willean

Friday, May 10

7am Maria Isabel Reyes

Saturday, May 11

9am Tyler J. Rodimer

5pm Mari Jo Dagostino

Sunday, May 12

7am Onofrio Palombella

9am Camille Spadaro

11am Sheila Christie

5:30pm Don Horne

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.

Collection

April 28th Collection: \$13,046.00*

Easter Collection to Date: \$71,235.00

*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 Week

Next weekend is our monthly second collection for Project Faith, our Diocesan Assessment. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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**.

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.

Family Based Year-End Picnic



Friday, May 10
6 – 8pm

3rd Annual Abbot's Table Dinner

All Christ the King parishioners are invited to the Third Annual Abbot's Table Dinner on May 15, 6-9 pm at The Hanover Marriott to benefit the monks of St Mary's Abbey at Delbarton, the home of our weekend priest, Abbot Richard. Please come out and support Abbot Richard. Invitations and Tribute Journal ad opportunities available on the St. Mary's Abbey website at SaintMarysAbbey.org/Abbots-Table



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.

Daily Reading

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

Meetings & Happenings

Sunday, May 5

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

Monday, May 6

- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Women of Grace

Wednesday, May 8

- 7pm New Day Bereavement Group

Thursday, May 9

- 9:30am Bible into Life
- 11am Harding Seniors

7:30pm Confirmation

Friday, May 10

- 10:30am Bible Study
- 6pm Family Based RE Picnic

Saturday, May 11

- All Day Wine Pull

Sunday, May 12

- All Day Wine Pull
- 12pm Choir Rehearsal

Family Promise



Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time

Family Promise of Morris County is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit organization dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness faced by Morris County families by partnering with other public and private agencies, religious congregations and community volunteers to provide shelter, case management and mentoring services leading to self-sufficiency. **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, May 21 | Tuesday dinner (5 – 8:30pm)

CTK Homeless Support Weekend

Friday & Saturday, May 24 and 25
Friday overnight stay (8pm – 8am)

Saturday breakfast & visitation with guests

1st Shift - 8 – 9:30am or
2nd Shift - 9:30 – 11:30am

Volunteers are still needed for next Saturday's shifts!

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

Loyola Day of Prayer

Loyola Jesuit Center, Morristown, NJ

Can We Heal Our Ailing Church?

Thursday, May 16 | 9:30am – 3pm

Led by Judy Schiavo, *Spiritual Director*

Ascension of Jesus (Holy Day)

Thursday, May 30 | 9am – 3pm

Led by Rev. Tom Marciniak, S.J.

Pentecost

Monday, June 10 | 9am – 3pm

Led by Anna Graziano, *Spiritual Director*

Cost per event is \$40 and includes breakfast, lunch, Reconciliation and Mass. Register at www.loyola.org

Saint of the Week

May 8 | *Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich*

This saint of the week is also a saint of our neighborhood! Miriam Teresa Demjanovich attended the College of St. Elizabeth in Convent Station, became a Sister of Charity, and is the first person to be beatified on American soil, in October, 2014 in the Cathedral of Newark.

Teresa was born in 1901, the youngest of seven children in a family of Ruthenian immigrants in Bayonne. As a child she received all her sacraments in the Byzantine Rite of her parents.

After graduating from the College of St. Elizabeth with a degree in literature, Teresa decided to become a teacher and started out at the Academy of St. Aloysius in Jersey City. For years she felt called to religious life, but her path was circuitous. She wanted to enter the Carmelites in the Bronx, but was advised to wait for several years due to some health issues. In the meantime, she grew in her deep spirituality and continued to discern where God was calling her to be. Her family suggested that she enter a teaching order of Sisters, and so Teresa made a novena to the Blessed Mother. After the novena she felt she was being called to become a Sister of Charity.

On May 17, 1925 she received the religious habit. Very early on her spiritual director recognized her spiritual gifts. He asked her to anonymously write conferences for her fellow novices, which he delivered. Only after her death was it revealed that she was the true author.

The theme of her writings was the universal call to holiness, and in particular the importance for everyone to follow the will of God. These writings were later published as *Greater Perfection* and found a wide following.

In November of 1926 Blessed Miriam became very ill and died on May 8, 1927 after making her profession of vows a month before her death at the age of only twenty-six. She is buried in Holy Family Chapel in Convent Station.

Blessed Miriam Teresa, pray for us to recognize that we are all called to become holy, no matter what our state or vocation in life.

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.

Easter Prayer



*Christ Our Lord,
risen Lord,
light of the world,
to you be all praise and glory!
Shine your light on us
this Easter season
so that we may reflect brilliantly
the glory of your resurrection.
Make us a blessing
for those who suffer, live in fear or
who are overwhelmed by life.
And let the Spirit fill our hearts
with your loving presence
so that we may become
good stewards of your Gospel
out of love for you
who, for our sakes,
lived, died and rose from the dead;
you who live and reign with your Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.*

St. Paul Inside the Walls

Upcoming events for May 2019

Morris Counties Most Historic Court Cases

Please join us on Wednesday, May 22 at the Morris County Courthouse as speaker, Judge Martiza Berdote Byrne of the Superior Court, General Equity Division, Morris County, teaches us about three historic court cases that took place in our own backyard. Event held on Wednesday, May 22nd at 4pm at the Morris County Courthouse, 56 Washington Street, Morristown. Dinner, drinks and conversation to follow at Hops (Famished Frog) 18 Washington Street. This event is free of charge.

Natural Family Planning

Saturday, May 4th, from 10 am to 12 noon at St. Paul Inside the Walls, 205 Madison Avenue, Madison, N.J. Come learn the most effective, natural, healthy and inexpensive system integrating excellent women's health and true family planning for couples trying to achieve pregnancy, couples having fertility concerns, or couples planning to postpone pregnancy. This program explores God's divine design and the good fruit born of its gifts.

Catholicism from Scratch

Join us for a course in Basic Catholicism for those who need a brush up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Our next session will be Saturday, May 4th, from 10am to noon.

Youth Pilgrimage to the Tomb of Miriam Teresa Demjanovich.

Join hundreds of young people on Sunday, May 5, from 2pm to 6pm, for this diocesan pilgrimage to the tomb of Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, where you will learn about her life and mission. The afternoon will begin with games, music, and snacks, then we will walk from St. Paul Inside the Walls to the Holy Family Chapel, where Bl. Miriam Teresa is buried. The experience will conclude with mass, celebrated by Bishop Serratelli.

New Jersey Catholic Youth Rally @ Six Flags

Sunday, May 19. Spend the day at Six Flags with catholic youth and families from throughout the state. Open to families, young adults, high school and middle school students, the event includes a special concert featuring Matt Maher from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$50 per person and include park admission, all you can eat buffet lunch, and evening concert. Tickets are only available online.

Pope Benedict XVI Institute: Science and the Soul.

This three-evening presentation, led by Dr. Christopher Blum, Academic, Dean and Professor at the Augustine Institute, will focus on Pope Benedict's views on the relationship between faith and reason. Each evening we will celebrate Mass at 7 pm, enjoy an insightful lecture, and wrap up the night with refreshments and discussion. Join us June 24, 25 and 26 from 7 to 9 pm.

Set Free: Journey of Recovery through Christian Virtues

Our addictions do not make us less loved by God. Jesus reminds us that with Him, we are capable of living in freedom. So, if God believes in us, why don't we believe in ourselves? Join us for lecture and group discussions on Tuesday, May 21.

Parish Catalyst, a Platform for Pastoral Excellence

Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11, from 10am to 4pm.

Learn skills to help you build a vibrant youth and young adult ministry at your parish. Pastors and staff will learn about "Generation Z", hear from experts who have successfully ministered to this demographic, and work with consultants and peers to develop an outreach plan for their own parishes.

To register please visit insidethewalls.org