

# 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 EASTER**  
May 7, 2019



*My sheep hear my voice...*



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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 Easter

*Jesus the Good Shepherd grasps our hand and continues to offer us eternal life.*



**M**ost folks are aware by now that sheep are not the brightest of God's four legged creatures. When left to their own devices, they wander off and risk being lost or injured. But we must not resent Jesus for referring to us as sheep! Let's face it, when left to our own devices we, too, can wander off and risk becoming lost. We need Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in our lives.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. No matter which liturgical cycle we are in, the Gospel will always be about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. So great is our Good Shepherd that he knows each of us by name and gives us eternal life.

Jesus states that no one can take a sheep from his hand or from the Father's hand because he and the Father are one. Some choose to interpret this as a "get out of jail free" card. In other words, we can choose to do what we want and it's okay because we are, after all, in Jesus' hand.

The truth is that no external force, no other person or entity, can take us out of Jesus' hand or the Father's hand. But we are certainly capable of letting go of Jesus' hand, the Father's hand. As tightly as Jesus grasps our hand out of love, we can break the grasp and choose to run away – risking the very real chance that we can become lost.

By the grace of God, however, we have Jesus the Good Shepherd grasping our hand, bringing us back time and time again – forgiving us, making us new and re-gifting us with salvation. Wander as we do, as lost as we might become, Jesus has promised us he will leave the ninety-nine and come and find us.

The reality of our faith and our free will is such that we must allow ourselves to be found. God will never force himself upon us any more than the evil one can force himself upon us. It is always up to us to choose good over evil, light over darkness, and life over death.

We may not be smart sheep, but we are wise disciples. Wise enough to know that embracing Jesus and his ways and his truth bring us to the eternal life we strive for.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 13

7am Edward Kohlschreiber

### Tuesday, May 14

9am George Brush

### Wednesday, May 15

7am Teresa Proietti Capitani

### Thursday, May 16

9am George Brush

### Friday, May 17

7am Andrew Narduzzi (*Living*)

### Saturday, May 18

9am Frank & Michalina Oberc

5pm Lois Ann Doyle

### Sunday, May 19

7am Carl Woodson

9am John & Marion Brennan

11am Carlos Barboza

5:30pm Mary Louise O'Connor Wilson

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

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## Collection

### Last Weekend Collection: \$15,511.50\*

\*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 the annual *Peter's Pence for the works of our Holy Father*. This collection provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Your generosity 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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## Daily Reading

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

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## Religious Education



### Re-Registration Forms & Calendars

Re-Registration Forms and calendars for the 2019-20 school year were recently mailed to families who attended CTK Religious Education sessions in 2018-19 Thank you to all of the families that have already returned the necessary forms for next year's program. *We ask that you return your registration form to the parish office as soon as possible.*

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If you did not receive the re-registration mailing and your child will be entering **Kindergarten thru 8th grade** in September OR **if you are new to our Religious Education program** please contact Erin by phone at 973-539-4955 ext.22 or email [erin@chuchofchristtheking.org](mailto:erin@chuchofchristtheking.org).

### Attention parents of current 1<sup>st</sup> graders

This is the traditional year for children to prepare and receive the Sacraments of both Reconciliation & Eucharist. Preparation for First Eucharist is separate from your family's participation in our Family Based Religious Education program.

A mailing was sent to our currently registered religious education students regarding the Sacraments. We begin preparation at individual informal child & parent meetings on **June 3, 5, 6, & 9**. Information regarding scheduling an appointment with Erin can be found in your mailing.

If you have not received this letter or you are new to the Parish and have a child who will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this September, please call Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at [erin@churchofchristtheking.org](mailto:erin@churchofchristtheking.org).

*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.*

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## Volunteers Needed

Fellowship Garden State Hospice invites you to make a difference. Only a few hours of your time can make all the difference in the world. Hospice volunteers provide emotional support, companionship and respite to terminally patients and their families. No previous experience required. Training sessions will be starting soon in our office located at 8000 Fellowship Road, Basking Ridge, NJ. For information please contact Carolyn at 908-432-7277 or email [cvadimski@fellowshipsl.org](mailto:cvadimski@fellowshipsl.org).

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, May 12

All Day Wine Pull

### Tuesday, May 14

9:30am Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Thursday, May 16

9:30am Bible into Life

7pm Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Friday, May 17

10:30am Bible Study

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## 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

1<sup>st</sup> Shift - 8 – 9:30am or

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:brittagangemi@gmail.com)

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## Loyola Jesuit Center

An evening in the Loyola Prayer Garden featuring the **Baroque Orchestra of New Jersey** with Maestro Robert Butts conducting. Thursday, June 27, 2019 from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Reception Tickets \$40/individual and \$75/couples. Cocktails, Light Buffet Dinner, Live Music and Super 50/50 Raffle. To register go to [www.loyola.org](http://www.loyola.org).

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## Saint of the Week

May 12 | *Blessed Margaret of Castello*

**M**argaret was born to wealthy parents in Perugia in 1287. She was born blind, deformed with severe curvature of the spine, and a dwarf. Her parents were embarrassed by her and hid her from everyone. When Margaret was about six they went so far as to literally wall her into a small room attached to their chapel, sealed in supposedly until her death. Eventually they took her to a famous shrine in Castello, hoping for a miraculous cure. When no cure was granted, they abandoned her there.

Some kind residents of the town discovered Margaret in the Church, fending for herself. They took her in and took turns housing her with kind families around town. Margaret never resented her parents' abandonment of her; on the contrary, her sweet disposition endeared her to everyone she met. Eventually Margaret went to live in a convent, much to her delight. This backfired when she discovered that the nuns there were living worldly and lax lives. Her own holiness was an affront to them, and they tossed her out.

Margaret was again taken in by kind neighbors and she began to care for children while their parents worked. She started a small school and instructed the children in the faith. She was deeply prayerful and knew all of the psalms by heart. Some Dominicans came to know of Margaret and she was admitted to the Third Order of St. Dominic. She wore the Dominican habit the rest of her life.

Several miraculous events were attributed to Margaret during her lifetime, but after her death in 1320 there were many miracles at her tomb. When her body was moved in 1558, it was found to be incorrupt over 200 years after death! She was measured to be only four feet long, with her head a little larger than normal and her features irregular. Her right leg was 1 ½ inches shorter than her left. She remains incorrupt to this day and her body lies in view under the main altar of St. Dominic Church in Castello, Italy. Blessed Margaret of Castello is the patron of the unborn and unwanted.

*Dear Blessed Margaret, pray for all our unborn babies today. Let the hearts of mothers be moved to save and cherish the lives of innocent ones. Change the hearts of legislators who threaten them. Amen.*

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## Quo Vadis

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. "Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. June 26 and 28, 2019 at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, NJ. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: [revedgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:revedgar@patersondiocese.org) and [dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org](mailto:dmonteleone@patersondiocese.org)

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## To Women

### A timely Celebration and Challenge

**"I**t is to you that we address ourselves, women of all states – girls, wives, mothers, and widows, to you also, consecrated virgins and women living alone – you constitute half of the immense human family. As you know, the Church is proud to have glorified and liberated woman, and in the course of the centuries, in diversity of characters, to have brought into relief her basic equality with man. But the hour is coming, in fact has come, when the vocation of woman is being achieved in its fullness, the hour in which woman acquires in the world an influence, an effect and a power never hitherto achieved. That is why, at this moment when the human race is under-going so deep a transformation, women impregnated with the spirit of the Gospel can do so much to aid humanity in not falling.

You women have always had as your lot the protection of the home, the love of beginnings, and an understanding of cradles. You are present in the mystery of a life beginning. You offer consolation in the departure of death. Our technology runs the risk of becoming inhuman. Reconcile men with life and above all, we beseech you, watch carefully over the future of our race. Hold back the hand of man who, in a moment of folly, might attempt to destroy human civilization.

Wives, mothers of families, the first educators of the human race in the intimacy of the family circle, pass on to your sons and your daughters the traditions of your fathers at the same time that you prepare them for an unsearchable future. Always remember that by her children a mother belongs to that future which perhaps she will not see.

And you, women living alone, realize what you can accomplish through your dedicated vocation. Society is appealing to you on all sides. Not even families can live without the help of those who have no families. Especially you, consecrated virgins, in a world where egoism and the search for pleasure would become law, be the guardians of purity, unselfishness and piety. Jesus who has given to conjugal love all its plenitudes, has also exalted the renouncement of human love when this is for the sake of divine love and for the service of all.

Lastly, women in trial, who stand upright at the foot of the cross like Mary, you who so often in history have given to men the strength to battle unto the very end and to give witness to the point of martyrdom, aid them now still once more to retain courage in their great undertakings, while at the same time maintaining patience and an esteem for humble beginnings.

Women, you do know how to make truth sweet, tender and accessible; make it your task to bring the spirit of this council into institutions, schools, homes, and daily life. Women of the entire universe, whether Christian or non-believing, you to whom life is entrusted at this grave moment in history, it is for you to save the peace of the world."

Excerpt from the closing message of the Second Vatican Council, December 8, 1965.



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May 2019

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month our parishes are asked to take up the Peter's Pence Collection. This collection is a unique opportunity for Catholics in our Diocese and worldwide to come together to help alleviate the plight of those who suffer and are marginalized. For example, the Peter's Pence collection helped our brothers and sisters in Haiti as they faced difficult challenges from the 2010 earthquake and the destruction caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

Pope Francis calls each of us to see each person as an individual "infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ" (Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 98). By supporting the Peter's Pence collection, you help our Church respond to the Gospel imperative to show mercy and grace to those in need.

Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Arthur J. Serratelli*

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