

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.*

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 19, 2019



I will praise your name forever...



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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

5th Sunday of Easter

A Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.



Everyone, believers and non-believers alike, is familiar with the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. In other words, treat others as you would expect to be treated. We can all agree that it is very reasonable and practical and makes good sense. Even Jesus seems to endorse it! But as we hear today, Jesus is never one simply for minimums or convenient half-measures. He always calls us to a higher standard or way of thinking – one that is not just in keeping with human expectations, reason and demands, but one that aligns with God’s ways.

In today’s Gospel passage from John, Jesus gives us a new commandment, one that will take commitment, perseverance and self-giving on our part even when it might not seem practical or even sensible. We are told today that we are to love as he loves.

Note that Jesus calls it a commandment, not an option but a mandate for every Christian: As I have loved, so you also should love one another. Measure for measure, our behavior in all aspects of our life must strive to be Christ-like, not merely reasonable or convenient but modeled on Christ. Now that is quite a demand!

So how can we describe this Christ-like love? One key word that the ancient Greeks used was agape – selfless, unconditional and self-giving love. We have only to look upon the cross to see that love poured out for each one of us in the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ. Right through the Gospels, we see this love exemplified in Jesus’ words and actions in the way he encounters sinners, heals and liberates the sick, faithfully preaches the word and is faithful to the Father in all things.

Based simply on reason, it might seem like the life and mission of Jesus ended in failure and death. But God’s ways are so different from ours; Christ’s love is so much richer and fuller than mere human love. And it is this love that we are called to imitate in all its fullness, its faithfulness and, even at times, its impracticality.

Here today, Jesus sets a new command for his disciples. But he also give us the means to fulfill it: through his example (as he says in the passage), and in the sending of the Holy Spirit later to help us. We are not set up for failure, for the very credibility of the Christian message depends on our witness and how we live out that commandment of love.

Today, as we ponder his command, we might ask ourselves whether love is at the heart of our lives. And keeping in mind that we can do all things with God’s help, let us commit to love of God and love of neighbor. To serving others lovingly, speaking lovingly and forgiving abundantly. For a Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 20

7am Gregory Deo

Tuesday, May 21

9am Kathleen Geiger

Wednesday, May 22

7am Anne Lofredo

Thursday, May 23

9am Mary Mason

Friday, May 24

7am Madeline Narduzzi

Saturday, May 25

9am Geprge Brisj

5pm Albert Dickson

Sunday, May 26

7am James Seaman

9am Onofrio Palombella

11am Patricia Cox

5:30 Mass resumes after Labor Day

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

Baptism

This weekend we welcome into the Church through the waters of Baptism Frederick Francis Losapio III, son of Fred and Dana (Nee Votto) and Jackson Corbet Thomas, son of Peter Corbet Thomas and Megs Ann (Nee DiDario).

Collection

Last Weekend Collection: \$14,657.00*

*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**.

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

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.

Attention parents of current 1st 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 2nd grade this September, please call Erin at (973)539-4955 ext. 22 or email at erin@chuchofchristtheking.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.



Saint Paul Inside the Walls Morris County's 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 22 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. To register please visit insidethewalls.org/courthouse

Meetings & Happenings

Tuesday, May 21

9:30am CTK Breakfast Club
5pm Family Promise

Thursday, May 23

11am Harding Seniors

Friday, May 24

10:30am Bible Study
8pm Family Promise

Saturday, May 25

8am Family Promise

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

Run for a Nun

The Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham NJ are hosting their 6th Annual Run for a Nun 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, **June 1, 2019** starting at 9 am at Borough Park in Mendham. All proceeds will benefit the education of the young women in Initial Formation. If you would like to contribute to its success by participating in the event, sponsoring a runner, or being a corporate donor visit our web site at www.scc-east.org/run-for-a-nun. We hope to see many of you there!



Saint of the Week

May 20 | *St. Bernardine of Siena*



Bernardine was born in 1380 in Tuscany. At the age of seven he was orphaned and then raised by his aunt in Siena. Bernardine was always witty and the life of the party. When he put his mind to something, he made it the focus of all his attention.

During an outbreak of the plague in 1400, Bernardine organized a group of young men to care for the victims. His aunt, too, fell victim and Bernardine cared for her until she died. He himself succumbed to exhaustion and was laid up for several months. During this time he tried to figure out what he should do with his life. He fasted and prayed for God's guidance.

In 1403 he entered the Franciscans and in 1404 he was ordained a priest. His first years were lived in obscurity, but in Milan, his gift for preaching was discovered. He traveled on foot, preaching everywhere, and the crowds could barely be contained. His passion was devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, in reaction to the foul language he constantly heard around him. He had cards printed with the Holy Name on them and they became more popular than playing cards.

Bernardine was elected Vicar General of the Franciscans and put his preaching on hold while he brought the whole order back to a stricter observance. He is considered the second founder of the order. He strongly advocated learning and scholarship, and he himself was fluent in Latin and in Greek. The Pope at the time called him a second St. Paul.

In 1441 St. Bernardine resigned his position and went back to preaching. By this time it was said he looked like a skeleton. He spent himself in the ministry, and during his last year of life preached for 50 consecutive days during the Lenten season. He collapsed on his way to Naples and died on May 20, 1444. Numerous miracles were granted to people praying at his tomb, and he was canonized only six years after his death.

St. Bernardine of Siena, pray for us to hold the Name of Jesus in great reverence and never to use it carelessly or in anger.

Interfaith Food Pantry

Volunteers Needed

The Interfaith Food Pantry is looking for a number of volunteers to "staff" positions at either our main Food Pantry and Resource Center at 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains or our Satellite Pantry at 190 Speedwell Ave., Morristown. Volunteer opportunities include: **IFP Farmers Market** (unload, unpack and setup); **IFP/Parsippany Farmers Market** at St. Peter's Church (unload, setup, bag and distribute produce); **Produce Handlers/Packaging** (sort and bag fresh produce); Distribution (assist clients in selecting food); **Home Delivery** (bring food to homebound clients); **Food Pickups** (from Morris County companies and congregations); **Kitchen2Table:Lead Instructor** (lead groups in food prep, cooking and packaging for homebound clients); **Kitchen2Table:Assistant** (assist lead instructor). Full Volunteer Job Descriptions and Requirements are available on our website at www.mcifp.org under Volunteer Information/Help Wanted. **Please Note:** Each volunteer position has set times during a prescribed day of the week and some positions will require the ability to lift boxes or may require training which will be provided by the IFP staff. If interested in helping our neighbors in need, please contact Doug, IFP Volunteer Coordinator, at dmcMahon@mcifp.org or call him at 973-538-8049 x217.

Assumption College for Sisters Fall Session 2019 | Online Courses

August 23 - December 17

These courses are available to High School Graduates, College Students and other adults interested in furthering their education.

General Psychology

Ps101_0 | 3 credits

Stephanie Melick, MA

This is a basic course in the history, theories, principles, and methods of the psychological study of human behavior.

Christology

Th 206 | 3 credits

Mark Tosso, MA

This course explores the varied ways the Church has attempted to understand, explain, and respond to the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

Cost - Three Credit Course - \$510

Registration deadline - August 1, 2019

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

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Denville, NJ 078334

Youth Ministry



Registration is UP for 2019-2020

Go to www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry to register on our parish website.

Please note that Registration is NOT complete until Payment is submitted.

FINAL CALL

for our Summer Mission Trip to Philadelphia. Please see flyer below.

Attention All Graduating High School Seniors!

Please notify Christa of your college decision and address!

We want to stay in touch with you and wish you all the best as you embark on your new endeavor!

For more information, contact Christa at christa@churchofchristtheking.org.

CTK YOUTH MINISTRY

SUMMER MISSION TRIP!

JULY 7 - 12

PHILADELPHIA, PA

ONLY 21 SPOTS OPEN!

\$385/STUDENT

REGISTRATION FORM ONLINE

PARTICIPATE IN A FULLY INTEGRATED SERVICE AND LEARNING EXPERIENCE WHERE STUDENTS NOT ONLY ASSIST WITH NEEDS BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CAUSES AND OUTCOMES OF FOOD INSECURITY FACING THE CITY.

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: CHRISTA@CHURCHOFCHRISTTHEKING.ORG



CTK YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

HOPE FOR A HOME

"Hope for a Home" is our Youth Ministry Fundraiser to support the youth and young adults of our parish who volunteer their time & talent to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters both in and out of the United States.

This year we will be traveling to Philadelphia to help with issues facing food insecurity and to Guatemala to build a home for those in need. Any donations you can give is greatly appreciated to ensure we can best help those in need receive the necessary resources to live a better life!

Please complete the section below and return it, along with your check, made payable to Church of Christ the King and then mail it to:

Church of Christ the King

P.O. Box 368

New Vernon, NJ 07976

Attn: Christa FitzPatrick

\$500 + \$250-\$500 \$100-\$250

No gift is too small. Please know that whatever help and support you can give is appreciated in our outreach-fundraising!

Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

