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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Parish is called together by God as a faith sharing community to radiate, celebrate and proclaim Jesus Christ through prayer, word, worship and service as we seek to build up His one body, adapting to the diverse needs of the people in whose midst we live and witness.

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

9:00am

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

Saturday | 4:00pm Sunday | 8:00am, 11:00am Livestreamed & interpreted at 11am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday | 9:45-11am Saturday | 3:00pm Other | By Appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday | 9:30am - 8:00pm

Rosary

Wednesday | 6:15pm

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DEADLINES

Bulletin

Bulletin announcements need to be submitted to Sarah Guerra by noon on the Friday of the week prior, 9 days before the weekend you'd like it to appear.

Mass Intentions

Please schedule Mass intentions with the Parish Office *two months prior* to your desired date.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Care of the Sick

Our Visitation Ministry Team would like to bring Communion to our homebound parishioners as well as visit those in a hospital or a nursing facility. Please call the Parish Office to let us know of those who wish to be visited.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month.
Baptisms may also be celebrated at
weekend Liturgies. A Baptismal
preparation program is expected prior to
celebrating the Sacrament. Please call
the Parish Office to arrange for your
baby's Baptism or for further
information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with one of the priests at least 6 months prior to the planned wedding. A Marriage Preparation program and interviews are required.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is the process available for those wishing to explore becoming a member of our Catholic Christian Community. For more information, please contact Lisanne Jensen in the Faith Formation Office.

STEWARDSHIP FOR DECEMBER 2-3

Offertory	\$7,793.00
Maintenance	
Miscellaneous	
E-Giving Faith Direct	
Collection Total	\$12.557.50
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 12 | 9 am

Michael Diehl (2nd Anniversary Memorial) *his mother, Maria Diehl Charles Stahl (3rd Anniversary Memorial) *his niece, Donna Bette & Raymond Franklin

*Sherrill Redmond John Kinisky

*Family

Wednesday, December 13 | 9 am

Edna Riedy & Frank Shellenback *their granddaughter, Patricia Mary Rozan *Family

Thursday, December 14 | 9 am

Joseph Rozan *Family Prayers for World Peace *Mark & Megan

Saturday, December 16 | 4 pm

Anita Goutos *The Branchini Family Suzanne Elizabeth Beattie *Joe & Erin

If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Saturday, December 16 | 4 pm Continued

Susan Maynard

*Molly & Michael Evola For the Intentions of Jeff Hickey *Mark & Megan

Next Sunday, December 17 | 8 am

In Thanksgiving of Blessings & Special Intentions Received

*The Tabanao & Torregoza Family For the Special Intentions of Jill Brown *Mark & Megan

Next Sunday, December 17 | 11 am

Erin Flannery Pizzo *her mother & family William R. Armstrong *his wife, Filomena Louis M. Greco (36th Anniversary Memorial) *The Greco Family **Bob Camoin** *The Caitlin Family John Krug

*Friends

Timothy Gray

*Tina Pietrosanto & Family

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, December 10 **Second Sunday of Advent**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday, December 11

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab &10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26 Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Tuesday, December 12 O Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13

Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Thursday, December 14 Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday, December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is

Reflection for the Week

Today's Gospel introduces us to John the Baptist and to his great humility - a virtue so rare today, and yet so strongly needed.

Am I willing to follow John's example of humility in my daily life?

Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of December 2023 has been donated in loving memory of

Michael and Wallace Diehl

requested by Maria Diehl

Pray for...

Our Sick

Ryan Stoeppell, Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Valerie Zboroski, Joshua Carpenter, Jorge Montiel, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gelley, David Latina, Lelia Danker, Judi McGinn Michela, Marie Luce, Liz Stewart, Patricia Bruno, David Birkun, Rick Rodino, Luke Danker, Roman Hunt, Marylou Flanagan, Nicholas Smith, Ken Fitzpatrick, Mary Elaine, Sue Patterson, Robert K., Michael Tebaldi, Donna Johnson, Paul Pierce, Mary Ann Pierce, Christine Slattery, Dana Hesch, Mary Kehn, Betty Canape, Betty Low If you or someone you know are in need of our prayers, or if you had asked for prayer and your prayers were answered, please call the parish office. Names will be removed from the list periodically.

Our Beloved Deceased

Timothy Gray (November 10) Susan Maynard (November 23)

First Year Anniversary December 2022

Vincent Tomeo (December 5) Antonia Raponi (December 7) Elda Macri (December 18) Nuala DeSacia (December 28)

COMMUNITY



GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

We are once again in need of cake mix, frosting, brownie mix and muffin mix.

The Food Pantry Drop Box is moving! The Food Pantry drop off is now located in the closet off of the Gathering Space. We have beautiful shelves where we can easily access your donations. Each shelf is labeled for easy drop off. We appreciate all you do.

Also, the Guilderland Food Pantry is participating in Toys for Tots this year. If you'd like to drop off an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots, you can leave it in the food pantry closet off of the Gathering Space. Otherwise, you can leave your unwrapped gift at the GFP between 9-11:30 am Mon-Fri.

SENIOR CIRCLE

Arrangements have been made for a Christmas senior luncheon at Martell's restaurant on Wednesday, December 13 at 12 pm. You may

Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

Altamont: St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's 518-861-8770 Sunday - 9:30 am

Delmar: St. Thomas the Apostle 518-439-4951 Saturday - 5 pm | Sunday - 8 am, 10 am & 5 pm

Voorheesville: St. Matthew's 518-765-2805 Saturday - 5pm | Sunday - 9 am

one drink each and tip and taxes. Extra drinks will be ordered and paid for at the bar. Come one and all and share a fun time! Call Tina Bosco songbooks and an empty manger to gather at 518-456-8030 to reserve your spot and for any questions. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS WITH THE CHOSEN: HOLY NIGHT

In theaters December 12-17. Musical Guests include: Andrea Bocelli, Mat Maher, Phil Wickham, Brandon Lake, Zach Williams. Join St. Matthew's parishioners Dec 17 at 12:40pm at Crossgates Mall. St. Matthew's will be showing "Christmas with The Chosen: The Messengers" on December 9 at 1pm with dessert, drinks & discussions after the viewing! Please let st.matts welcome@gmail.com know if you will be attending Holy Night in the theater or The Messengers at the parish.

PEACE IN THE WOMB PRO-LIFE **CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

Sunday, December 10, 2-3 pm in front of Planned Parenthood, 1040 State St., Schenectady. Please join us for an hour of Christmas caroling to bring hope & joy. Children's lives have been saved when their mothers heard the carols and

choose from a \$22 or \$25 menu. Both will include reconsidered their "choice" in light of the Christmas story. Dress for the weather for this outdoor event. All we need are voices, we'll have around.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 10

8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel 5:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class | Church

Monday, December 11

7 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly | Music Room

7 pm Advent Evening Prayer | Church

Tuesday, December 12

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | Rectory 9:45 am Adoration

Wednesday, December 13

9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary 7 pm Choir Rehearsal | Church

Thursday, December 14

9 am Mass 1:30 pm Staff Meeting 6 pm Coffee & Conversation Advent Series | **Gathering Space** 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room 6:30 pm Liturgy Team Meeting | Rectory

Saturday, December 16

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 4 pm Mass

Next Sunday, December 17

8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Chapel 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our newest parishioners F. Joseph & Corinne Fassler. We are blessed to have you here.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families of Syra Omega Encienzo, Henry Thomas Zyniecki, Luke Kenneth Noll, Olivia Katherine Crevatas, Mary Song Hammer, Robert John Hammer, Jr. , Phillip Evan Plessas, III, and Theo William McGibbon who were recently baptized at Christ the King.

MATRIMONIAL FELICITATIONS

Congratulations to Carlos Mora and Maria Badillo who were married on September 30 here at Christ the King. May they live a long and healthy life together in Christ.

THE CHOSEN

Viewing of The Chosen will happen at 1 pm on: December 10 and 17. Stay tuned for upcoming January dates. *Note corrected date!*

GIVING TREE-TIME TO RETURN!

Please return your tag and wrapped gift by <u>December 10</u> so that we can get the gift to the recipient by Christmas. These charities are always so grateful for our participation & appreciate your generosity.

PASTORAL COUNCIL SPOTLIGHT



Marie Hartigan has been a member of the Parish for 20+ years and is a retired project manager. She is single, originally from Buffalo and currently chairs the Pastoral Council. She is also in the choir and making deliveries from the Parish

to the Food Pantry. "I encourage every-one to get involved in a ministry, to help where-ever they can. It is such a joy. May Christ our King bless us all."

ADVENT BANNER

Our Advent Banner adorning the wall behind the Altar has the symbols of the Jesse Tree, the "family tree" portraying the spiritual heritage of Jesus. This 'family tree" comes from the prophecy of Isaiah 11:1-2, "There shall come forth from the stump of Jesse a shoot." Traditionally, symbols of the family of Jesus from Adam and Eve to Joseph and Mary are hung on the tree while the story of that person is shared with the family. The stories can be found in Genesis, 1 Samuel and 2 Samuel in the Old Testament and in Luke in the New Testament.

Key: Key of David. The key is the emblem of authority and power. Christ is the Key of the



Flyer created by our Youth Ministry Team

House of David Who opens to us the full meaning of the scriptural prophecies, and reopens for all mankind the gate of Heaven and freeing the prisoners of darkness.

Crown: The crown symbolizes Christ's universal kingship. King of all nations, source of your Church's unity and faith. Save all humanity, your own creation.

Shoot: Flower of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all God's people; save us without delay. The flower which springs up from the root of Jesse is another figure of Christ. Isaiah prophesied that the Savior would be born from the root of Jesse, that He would sit upon the throne of David, and in Christ this prophecy is fulfilled.

Check next week's bulletin for the last symbols.

UPCOMING ADVENT OFFERINGS AT CTK

Monday, December 11 - 7:00 pm
Advent Evening Prayer | Church (Livestream)
Sunday, December 17 - All Masses
The Blessing of the Bambino | Bring your baby
Jesus from your Creche to be blessed.
Tuesday, December 19 - 6:30 pm
Blue Christmas | Church
For those struggling with loss during
the holidays.



FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND MOVIE NIGHT

There's still time for Grades K-5 to RSVP. On Friday, December 15th, parents are welcome to either stay for the party or drop off your children at 5:30 pm in the Rectory lower level. We'll enjoy Christmas cookie decorating, fun crafts, games (including Christmas bingo!), yummy food, hot cocoa and popcorn, and the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" (2000, rated PG). Wear your PJs if you'd like! The event will end at 8 pm. To RSVP, please call or e-mail our Faith Formation office: (518) 464-4776 or ljensen@ctkparishny.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

Will be held on Saturday, January 6th from 9:45 am- noon in the church. At least one parent must participate in this retreat along with their child. We'll enjoy different activity stations as well as a special story from professional storyteller and CTK parishioner Barbara Palumbo! Grade 2 families, save the date!

FF/YM FUNDRAISER

There's still time to order beautiful Christmas wreaths, tabletop trees, and decorations from Lynch Creek and support CTK Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry at the same time! Shop here through December 10th, this weekend! lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/301621

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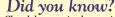




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