MARCH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass 9:00am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Weekend Mass

HRISTERE KINC

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

A Baptism preparation class is required prior to the Baptism. This class takes place on the 1st Sunday of the month at 5:30 pm. Please contact the parish office to schedule the Baptism date at least 3 months in advance of the desired date.

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 MARCH 9-10

Offertory	\$7,760.00
Maintenance	
Catholic Relief Services	\$738.00
Miscellaneous	\$65.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$3,665.00
Collection Total	
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$12,782.00

Special Collection—on Good Friday helps the Holy Land church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education and preserve the sacred shrines in the Holy Land. The wars, unrest and instability have been hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 19 | 9 am Raymond Franklin *Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Wednesday, March 20 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Thursday, March 21 | 9 am John Kinisky *Family

Saturday, March 23 | 4 pm Margaret DellaRocco & Elizabeth Shellenback (Anniversary Memorial) *Sister & Granddaughter Patricia Jean Nelson *Bonny Hedden

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, March 17 Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday, March 18 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

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

Saturday, March 23 | 4 pm Continued Josephine Vanelli *Karen Reich Bill Judd *Barbara & Jim Catlin

Next Sunday, March 24 | 8 am Jim Gregory *Linda Carducci

Next Sunday, March 24 | 11 am Douglas Bowden *Michael & Joanne Esposito

Anthony lacovone *Joanne Esposito Barbara Aurelia *The Murphy Family

Thursday, March 21 O Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/ Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. But if it dies, it produces much fruit."

Do I recognize how much God loves me—so much that He died for me?

Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of March 2024 has been donated in loving memory of

George Cavanaugh

requested by Sallie & Family



Our Sick

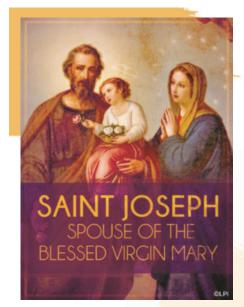
John Ryan, Fr. Tom Holmes, Joan Schramm, Lucille Reppenhagen, Dr. Gary Nelson, Betty Low, Tim LaFreniere, Vincent Kelder, Eileen Reis, MaryAnn Markham, Becky Hilton Heeps, Allen Jones, William Gibney, Darlene Cashin, Vera Daley, Don McCarthy, Ryan Stoeppell, Carolyn Harris, Bob Wallace, Michele Peichota, Joshua Carpenter, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gelley, David Latina, 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 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

Beverly Panetta (February 26) Constance Burns (March 5) John Natale (March 5)

First Year Anniversary March 2023 Mary Tremblay (March 14)

COMMUNITY



Feast Day March 19

ARE YOU CALLED TO THE DIACONATE?

An informational meeting for men & their wives (if applicable) in various stages of inquiry about the diaconate or who may be interested in finding out more about the diaconate will be held March 23 at 10am, St. John the Evangelist, Schenectady.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-39) CARD-STRAVAGANZA!

Let's have fun while serving others! Join us March 23, 1-6pm at St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar for a service-focused social. Enjoy a potluck & take some time together to make & write cards for the organization "Love for Our Elders." We will also play all card-based games... Red 7, Love Letter, Fill or Bust, Catholic Card Game Apples to Apples, etc. If you have a card-based game (does not involve using a board to play) feel free to bring it! Confession & Mass will be available at 4pm & 5pm. RSVP by March 22 and sign up for the potluck. https://shorturl.at/pvHNT

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for continuing to support our local food pantry. Currently the Guilderland Food Pantry is running low on cake and brownie mixes.

LENTEN CONCERT AND RETREAT

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord" and approximately 160 other hymns, will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corp., Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30-12:30pm on March 23 at St. Vincent's. Registration is \$15 for each program or \$25 for both. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at ivcusa.org/ Schutte.

NEW SYNOD SESSIONS

Dioceses all across the U.S. are being asked to hold a new round of synod listening sessions, focusing on church structure, organization, leadership, and church life. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has scheduled four sessions in the month of March. Three are in person, one is virtual. Register at rcda.org/ synod and make your voice heard.

MEMORIAL AND HEALING MASS

Those who have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death, are invited to come for healing, prayer, & community on March 20 at 6:30pm at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Schenectady.

2024 BLOOD DRIVES AT CHRIST THE KING

Registration is Open—Drive Dates – April 26, June 22 & August 17—Let's start our 2024 blood drive season out right! Register today, all help save a life; each donation has the potential to save three! All types are needed, and Power Red Donations are being accepted at each of these drives. To see if you meet the eligibility requirements, go to www.redcross blood.org. To register for these drives, please use sponsor code **churchchristking** Thank you in advance for considering giving the gift of life!

COME SEE THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL DIFFERENCE!

St. Thomas the Apostle School will be hosting an Open House for prospective families, PK3 through Grade 8, on Monday, March 18 from 5:30-7:30 pm. St. Thomas the Apostle is located at 42 Adams Place, Delmar.



March 31 - 8 am and 11 am (LS and ASL Interpreted)

Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 17

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

Monday, March 18

2 pm NPM Meeting | Music Room 6:30 pm Liturgy Team Meeting | Rectory

Tuesday, March 19

Feast of St. Joseph 9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:45 am Adoration 6:30 pm Grief and Loss Support Group | Rectory Wednesday, March 20 9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary | Church 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 21

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9 am Mass 1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Chapel 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room 6:30 pm Jubilee Faith Sharing | Rectory Lower Level 6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting | Rectory Friday, March 22 7 pm Stations of the Cross | Church

Saturday, March 23 8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 4 pm Mass

Next Sunday, March 24 Palm Sunday 8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 1 pm The Chosen Snow Date | Knights Chapel

PARISH NEWS

DIOCESAN APPEAL -- 2023-24

As we enter the last guarter of our fiscal year we want to update you on the status of our Diocesan Appeal. Our assessment for this year is \$128,327. To date we have received \$50,073 in pledges and outright gifts. We thank you for your generous support!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On March 22nd at 7pm the Very Rev. David Mickiewicz and Barbara Palumbo will present "In the Green Wood and the Dry", a Way of the Cross with Psalms. The Divine Praises call Jesus "True God and True Man." Come walk with Jesus, True Man, and view the Passion from His perspective.

COME AS YOU ARE

Come as You Are is called to meet in order to create a welcoming and accompanying presence for LGBTQ+ Catholics and allies within Christ the King parish. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month to share, read, study, discuss, and pray over Catholic teaching on issues of importance to LGBTQ+ Catholics and their families. We seek to walk with all who experience these issues. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 27 from 6-7:30 pm in the Knights Chapel. Bring a friend!

ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH

CTK Family Life Ministry is helping us to celebrate the feast days of two great saints-St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19) by providing prayer cards of both saints in gathering space for all to learn about the saints and ask for their intercession.

SAINT JOSEPH'S TABLE

As the patron of workers and the protector of the family, Saint Joseph is honored with a feast on March 19. Here at CTK this year, we ask each parishioner to bring a food item and place it on the tables in the Gathering Space the weekend of March 16-17. All the food collected will be blessed after the 10:30 Mass on March 20th and then will be distributed to the Guilderland food pantry and to Saint John's/ St. Anne's food pantry. This is a wonderful way for each member of our parish (children too) to give Alms to those in need during this Lenten Season.

EASTER FIRE WATCHERS

Fire is one of the most frequently used symbols in our faith with a number of different meanings; the Holy Spirit, purification, or the light of Christ who brings us out of the darkness with His



resurrection. Each year, CTK lights our Easter fire at the conclusion of our Holy Thursday service and keeps it burning until the start of the Easter Vigil. We ask that you volunteer to help keep the fire burning, and we pray that the shared experience keeps the light of Christ burning within you. Sign up here! https://shorturl.at/mpD14

Did you know?

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ. ©LPi

VISITATION MINISTRY

...to our homebound parishioners, please pick up prepared packages of Easter plants, prayer booklets, Easter sweet breads and blessed palms the weekend of March 16/17. Please deliver the fresh breads and plants as soon as possible. We thank the families whose children will soon receive their First Communion, under the leadership of Faith Formation, for the decorated pots containing mustard seed plants. They are truly beautiful and your kindness and fine efforts will be so appreciated at Easter by our parishioners who are homebound or living in nearby adult facilities.

CTK SENIOR CIRCLE

... is planning a lunch to celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph on March 20 at Buca di Beppo on Wolf Road. They will serve mostly Italian food family style and of course we will have fun! The cost will be in the low \$20.00's and will include a non-alcoholic drink, desert, tip and taxes. Drinks can be ordered & paid for at the bar. RSVP to Tina Bosco at 518-456-8030.

BOTTLE DONATIONS

We greatly appreciate your donations of bottles & cans! When dropping off your bags, please be sure that your bag is tightly closed. We have found many loose bottles/ cans on the floor and the company who picks up does not have the time to put them all in bags and has asked us to make sure bags are secure.

PRAYER SHAWLS

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, they are available in the parish office during office hours. They are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and represent a way to share God's love and compassion to those in need of comfort and solace.

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. PATRICK

FEAST DAY

MARCH 17

ADORATION, PRAYER & PRAYER PRETZELS

High Schoolers and FF families are invited on March 25 to experience Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Prayer Pretzels with Fr. Charles Onyeneke from 7-8 pm. This event is sponsored by the Family Life Ministry and Faith Formation.

Don't forget to check us out on socials and our website: www.ctkffym.org



