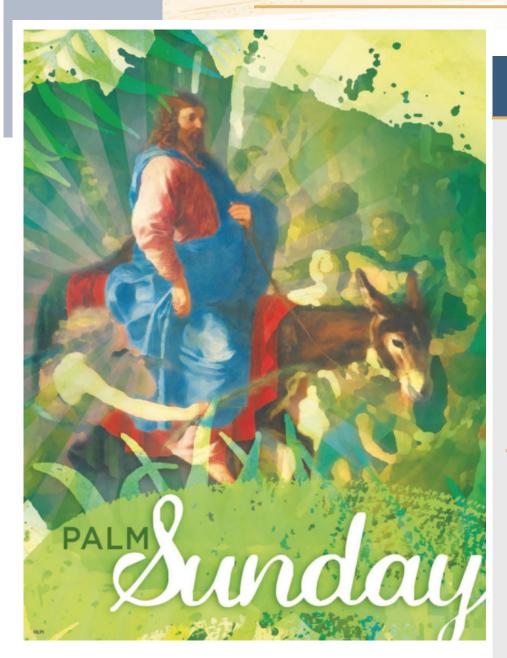
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Christ the King Parish is called together by God as a faith sharing community to radiate, celebrate and proclaim Jesus Christ through prayer, word, worship and service as we seek to build up His one body, adapting to the diverse needs of the people 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 & 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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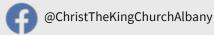
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#### **DEADLINES**

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 16-17

Offertory	\$5,520.30
Maintenance	
Miscellaneous	
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**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 26 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Wednesday, March 27 | 9 am Joan Brady Bowen \*Michael & Joanne Esposito

Holy Thursday, March 28 | 7:30 pm Al Gunderman, Sr. (Birthday Memorial) \*Children & Families If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

Good Friday, March 29 | 7 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30 | 8 pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, March 31 | 8 am Bette & Raymond Franklin

\*Sherrill & Bob Redmond
Easter Sunday, March 31 | 11 am

Jane Plouman Stanco
\*James Stanco

### **WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES**

Sunday, March 24

Palm Súnday of the Lord's Passion Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/ls 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

Monday, March 25 Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26

Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Thursday, March 28 OHOLD Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn

Friday, March 29

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil
Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday, March 31 ()
Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

### Reflection for the Week

On this Palm Sunday, we have much to reflect on, as we listen to the Passion of Jesus, who was born to die for you and me. He was humiliated, insulted, tortured, and murdered so that you and I might be redeemed.

Does my current relationship with the Lord reflect my understanding of what He went through for me?

### Altar Bread & Wine

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

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### Pray For...

#### **Our Sick**

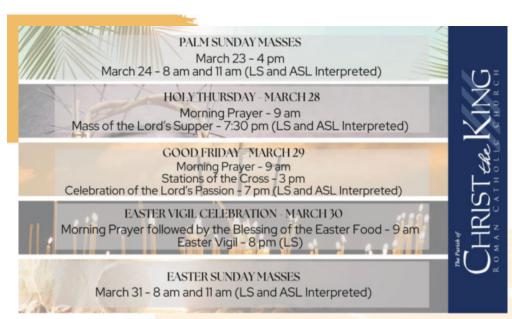
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#### **Our Beloved Deceased**

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

First Year Anniversary March 2023 Mary Tremblay (March 14)

### COMMUNITY



#### **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.

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

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

#### **MOHAWK CATHOLIC**

Mohawk Catholic is a REGIONAL YOUNG ADULT GROUP based in Schenectady. Gatherings are held on the second Thursday of each month in basement of St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. We invite all young adults (ages 18-39) to join

us as we journey together in growing closer to knowing and loving Jesus Christ. Our next event is on April 11 at 7 pm. Good News and Cold Brews - How do we defend our faith in the real world? Have you ever struggled to explain Catholic beliefs and practices to someone outside the Church? Do you yourself have unanswered questions about our Tradition? If so, you're not alone! Join us for dinner, beverages, & an interactive Q&A discussion with our expert panel: Father Stephen Yusko, Deacon Joe Brennan, and Tom Cronin. Bring your questions - let's equip ourselves to live the faith in today's world! For more info email mohawkcatholic518@gmail.com and follow us @MohawkCatholic on Instagram & Facebook.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE NY

The upcoming March For Life NY, march and rally, will be held on June 24th, 2024. Mark your calendars! In celebration of the end of Roe vs. Wade, we will gather at The Children's Memorial, located inside the Empire Plaza, for prayer at 12 pm. After prayer we will march to the steps of the NYS Capital building for a rally, located on State Street and Washington Ave.

#### **MENDELSSOHN'S ELIJAH**

Diane Ginsburg, a member of our choir and a member of Octavo singers, would like to invite you to experience this timeless classic with the Octavo singers and Carla Fisk, Soprano; Addie-Rose Brown, Mezzo-Soprano; Casey Gray, Tenor; Feat. Jamal Sarikoki, Bass-Baritone, as Elijah. April 21 at 3 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Tickets are available at octavosingers.org or at the door.

### GENERATIONS OF FAITH SPONSORED BREAKFAST

You are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and fun between young adults (ages 18 - 39) and older generation (ages 65 + ) to discuss the topic of "Who Is My Neighbor?". This event will bridge the gap between older and younger generations by having discussions about the faith and how we can better serve each other and the Church as a whole. April 13 from 8:30-10:30 am at Knights of Columbus, 50 Pine Road, Saratoga Springs. A "Free Will Offering" event. Generations of Faith is a collaboration between the RCDA, Spa City Catholic, Goodwill Network, & the K of C. All attendees must register. Register here forms.gle/FZKKJhyZxEoyFgF97 For more info, contact Trip Gagnon trip611@aol.com

#### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Hurting from an abortion? Experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 3-5 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna. The weekend will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service & Mass of Entrustment. Participation is confidential & offers an opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness, & compassion. The cost is \$195. Financial assistance is available. For more info or to register contact Pat Mousaw, 518-222-1160 or e-mail rachelsvineyardalbany@yahoo.com.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Step Up Men's Conference: Second Saturday in August --- August 10, 2024 at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park Unleashing Love Women's Conference: Third Saturday in October - October 19, 2024 at St. Edward the Confessor in Clifton Park

### Parish Calendar

#### 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

#### Tuesday, March 26

9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:45 am Adoration

#### Wednesday, March 27

9 am Mass 6 pm Come As You Are | Knights Chapel 6:15 pm Rosary | Church

#### Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday Parish Offices Closed

9 am Morning Prayer | Church 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room 7:30 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, March 29 Good Friday Parish Offices Closed

9 am Morning Prayer | Church 3 pm Stations of the Cross | Church 7 pm Good Friday Service Passion of the Lord

#### Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 9a m Morning Prayer | Church 8 pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

#### Next Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday

8 am Mass 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

### PARISH NEWS

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed on March 28 and 29 in observance of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

#### DIOCESAN APPEAL -- 2023-24, UPDATE AS OF MARCH 19

As we enter the last quarter 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 \$51,003 in pledges and outright gifts. We thank you for your generous support!

#### **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!

#### **EASTER FIRE WATCHERS-7 SLOTS LEFT!**

There are seven slots still open between Holy Thursday night and 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



#### **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.

#### ST. PATRICK'S DINNER THANK YOU

Council #3357 of the Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone from Christ the King who attended our annual St. Patrick's Dinner on March 16. The dinner was a huge success in terms of providing a great opportunity for fellowship as well as money raised. As mentioned by Grand Knight Murphy that evening, all of the proceeds from the event goes to the Council's Charitable Giving Program which supports many local charities such as the Guilderland Food Pantry and Senior Fuel Fund just to name a few as well as several in -parish and diocesan faith programs. This would not be possible without your support. In addition to this, the Council extends a very heartfelt thank you to the volunteers from the parish who became a "Knight for the Night." Your help was greatly appreciated; your assistance at all phases of the dinner was key to the smooth operation of this event...we hope you will join us again next year!



Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for the fantastic evening of Irish merriment last Saturday. If you have additional pictures or videos please send them to sguerra@ctkparishny.org

#### **DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

Family Life Ministries invite you to join us in praying the Divine Mercy Novena beginning Good Friday, March 29 through April 7, Divine Mercy Sunday. Prayer cards are available on the Gathering Space Table. Feel free to take some for relatives and friends especially anyone that is suffering. So let's live the Divine Mercy message and replace our fears with faith, Jesus I Trust in You!

#### **TIME TO GARDEN!**

The Garden Ministry will begin its 2024 season on Tues. April 2 at 5:30 pm & work for 1-1 1/2 hours each week. We'll start with spring clean up, pruning, spread mulch & plant annuals in May & water & tend the perennials throughout summer. All are welcome to tend the garden; no experience needed. We provide the tools; we just need you! Families welcome! Any questions contact Margaret at 518-487-0625 or mjtarpinian@gmail.com. Hope to see you April 2nd!

#### **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

On April 18 at 6 pm in the Knight's Chapel, Adult Faith Formation will present a film titled "The Calling" made by Nick & Marie Viscio. The subject of the film is the call to religious life not just for men but for woman too. The film will highlight the vocation of Sr. Lou Liptak who became the first woman Parish Life Director in the Albany Diocese. She was assigned to one of our sister parishes, St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's, in Altamont. By virtue of our Baptism we are all called to love and serve God. Where do women fit into God's plan? There is sure to be a lively discussion following the film with Sr. Lou that is not to be missed. Please join us!

#### **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.

#### ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE THANK YOU

A big and heartfelt thank you to all who brought food for St. Joseph's Table. The generosity of the people of our parish is unequaled, The food received was divided between the Guilderland Food Pantry and St. John's/St. Ann's Food Pantry in the inner city of Albany. In a time when many go to bed hungry each night, your response to this food collection allows a way for each of us to give alms during Lent, which lightens the cross carried by many of the poor. Thank you and may God bless you.

# FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

#### **ADORATION, PRAYER & PRAYER PRETZELS**

High Schoolers and FF families are invited this Monday, 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





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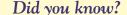
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