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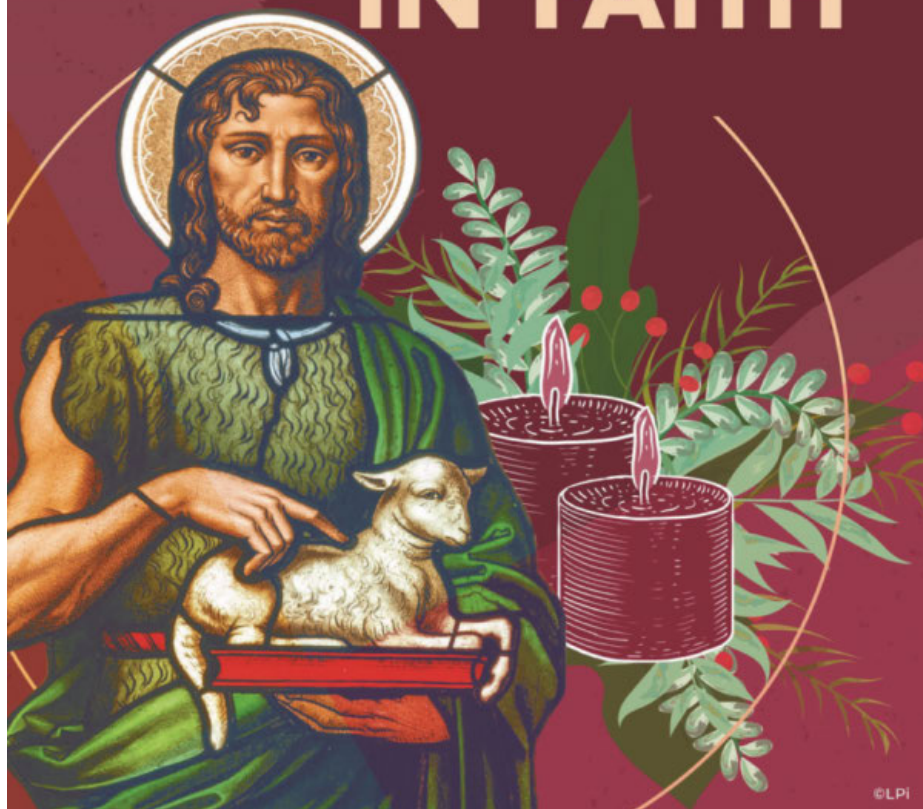
The Parish of

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# HOLD ON IN FAITH



## 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 & 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

Our Saturday and Sunday Mass times fill up quickly. We suggest scheduling your Mass Intentions three weeks prior to your desired date. There is always availability at our weekday Masses! To request a Mass Intention, you may call the parish office or visit the parish website.

## 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 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.

### 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.

### Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

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

## STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 23-24

Offertory.....	\$6,851.40
Maintenance.....	\$70.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$283.00
E-Giving Faith Direct .....	\$4,400.75
Collection Total .....	<b>\$11,605.15</b>
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week .....	\$13,865.00



# PRAYER AND READINGS



## Altar Bread & Wine

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

Wallace & Michael Diehl

requested by  
Maria Diehl

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 9 | 12:15 pm**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Tuesday, December 10 | 9 am**

Dr. Thomas Riedy (Birthday Memorial)

\*Daughter, Patricia

**Wednesday, December 11 | 9 am**

Intentions of Parishioners

**Thursday, December 12 | 9 am**

Michael Diehl (3rd Anniversary Memorial)

\*Maria Diehl

Raymond & Bette Franklin

\*Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Charles Stahl (4th Anniversary Memorial)

\*Niece, Donna

**Saturday, December 14 | 4 pm**

Catherine "Katie" Hanley

\*Ann Kahle

Antonia Raponi

\*Family

Orlando Raponi

\*Family

Angelo Raponi

\*Family

Ed Cupoli

\*Joe & Fran Schmidt

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

**Saturday, December 14 | 4 pm Continued**

Jean Long

\*The Sorrentino Family

**Sunday, December 15 | 8 am**

Mary Ann Pierce

\*Rosemary Revoir

Donald Noakes (1st Anniversary Memorial)

\*Wife, Katy

Ed Cupoli

\*Rick & Alyce Gelley

Melvyn Gonsalves

\*Deborah Gonsalves

**Sunday, December 15 | 11 am**

Anita Goutos (Birthday Memorial)

\*Sue Hollander

William R. Armstrong

\*Wife, Filomena

Erin Flannery Pizzo (8th Anniversary Memorial)

\*Mother & Sisters

Louis M. Greco (7th Anniversary Memorial)

\*Cathy Greco & Family

George Cavanaugh (Birthday Memorial)

\*Sarah Cavanaugh

Allen Hannaford (Birthday Memorial)

\*Sarah Cavanaugh

## Pray For...

### Our Sick

Christopher Visker	Becky Hilton Heeps
Shirley Ratta	Don McCarthy
Cher Joseph	Ryan Stoepell
Case Kerns	Carolyn Harris
Cassidy Zyskowski	Bob Wallace
Ellie Leaver	Michele Peichota
Christine Nelson Testani	Joshua Carpenter
Linda Gosch	Carson Leonard
Joanne Lue	Patricia Bogg
Christine Slattery	Reed Dewitt
Paul Pierce	Rick Gelley
Donna Johnson	David Latina
Timothy J.	Judi McGinn
Kathy Bator	Michela
Dr. Marilyn Levine	Marie Luce
Fr. Tom Holmes	Liz Stewart
Joan Schramm	Patricia Bruno
Betty Low	David Birkun
Vincent Kelder	Rick Rodino
Eileen Reis	Luke Danker
Maryann Markham	Roman Hunt

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

Edward Cupoli (November 16)  
Larry Prichard (November 22)

### First Year Anniversary December 2023

Mark Freeman (December 11)  
Matilda Duncan (December 15)  
Donald Noakes (December 16)  
Ashley Duncan (December 16)  
Elizabeth Koster (December 28)

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, December 8** ●

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

**Monday, December 9** ○

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday, December 10** ●

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 11** ●

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 12** ○

**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

**Friday, December 13** ●

**Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 14** ○

**Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

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

**Next Sunday, December 15** ●

**Second Sunday of Advent**

Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

## Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel, Luke tells us about John the Baptist and his mission of preaching a baptism of repentance. In doing so, he was preparing the world for the Messiah and Redeemer.

What part is the Lord asking me to play in bringing the attention of others to Jesus?

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**COLLEGE NIGHT**  
"What's Your Direction?"  
Welcome home college students-- High school seniors welcome too!  
Panel/roundtable discussion and networking with local recent graduates  
FREE pizza & wings 🍕🍷

Thursday, Dec. 19  
6:00pm  
Gathering Hall  
St. Thomas the Apostle Church  
55 Adams Pl, Delmar NY, 12054

RSVP  
tinyurl.com/stycollege

want to talk about  
getting involved on campus?  
choosing a major?  
importance of self-care?  
time management?  
reimagining back home or into independent living?  
dealing with stress and decision fatigue?  
career planning?  
highlights of your semester?  
advice for others in the same boat?

## YOUNG ADULT SEMI-FORMAL EPIPHANY BALL

The Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany are sponsoring a Semi-formal dinner and dance January 11 from 6-10pm with appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing at St. Mary's Church – Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford. \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door Register at [bohmdesigns.com/ball/](http://bohmdesigns.com/ball/) you do not need a +1 to attend! Questions, [ardensFidelis@proton.me](mailto:ardensFidelis@proton.me)

## FINAL SYNOD DOCUMENT

The Vatican has made available a working translation in English of the final Synod Document found here [synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26\\_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale\\_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf](http://synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf)

## ROSARY, SERENADE & BILINGUAL MASS

St. Thomas the Apostle celebration to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place Dec. 13 with 6 pm Rosary & Serenade followed by Bilingual Mass at 6:30 pm with Mexican Hospitality to conclude. We hope you will join us!

## Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

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

## I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us for a special screening of "I Am the Immaculate Conception" at the Regal Col- onie Center and Crossgates on December 12th at 7 pm, 14th at 4 pm, and 17th at 7 pm – don't miss this captivating film event!

## PEACE IN THE WOMB PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Will take place on Sunday, December 15, 2-3pm 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 reconsid- ered their "choice" in light of the Christmas story. Dress for the weather for this outdoor event. All we need are voices, we'll have songbooks and an empty manger to gather around.

## ONE-NIGHT ADVENT MISSION DEC 15, 6:30 PM AT ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Participants will be guided through five "stations," or familiar scenes from the Infan- cy Narrative in the Gospels of Luke and Mat- thew. Each meditation will begin with the reading of a short reflection and Scripture. The focus will shift from spoken reflection to visual and musical reflection: artwork unfolds gradually as music plays. After the heart is opened to the mystery of the Incarnation through meditation, music, and artwork, there will be a seamless transition into an encounter with the True Presence of Christ in Eucharistic Adoration, delicately accompa- nished by music and periods of silence. Join us.

## GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed for the Christmas Baskets distributed by the Guil- derland Food Pantry: boxed potatoes (Scalloped, Au Gratin), brownie mix, gravy (turkey/chicken), canned pineapple and cooking oil. Thank you for the continued support of the Pantry. A Blessed Christmas to All.

## PAJAMA, PIZZA & HOT CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Friday, December 13, 6 pm at St. Matthew's Church hear the true meaning of Christmas with a special surprise! Free Admission with a Free Will Offering. For planning purposes, please RSVP by December 12 to Peggy [st.mattswelcome@gmail.com](mailto:st.mattswelcome@gmail.com) or 518-765-2805 Ext: 14

## NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE—JAN 24

Join others from all across the country to march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade rul- ing which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demon- stration in the world. Learn more at [march-for-life.org/national-march-for-life/](http://march-for-life.org/national-march-for-life/)

## THE TIME OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE AND ADVENT

December 21, 7:30 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Troy Come join Fr. Chris Alar as he ministers to young adults ages 18-40 about Our Lady of Guadalupe! Hosted by Ardens Fidelis and the Young & Catholic Berkshires Chapter.

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 8

#### Second Sunday of Advent

8 am—noon CTK Advent Gift Shop | Gathering Space

8 am Mass

11 am Mass (Interpreted, Livestreamed, CLOW, St Nicholas will fill children's shoes with a special treat. Please leave children's shoes in the gathering space)

4 pm Advent Interfaith Lessons and Carols

### Monday, December 9

#### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:15 pm Mass

6:30 pm RCIA Meeting | Vesting Sacristy

7 pm Evening Prayer

### Monday, December 9 Continued

7 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly | Music Room

### Tuesday, December 10

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 11

9 am Mass

6 pm Come As You Are | Knights Room

6:15 pm Rosary | Church

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, December 12

9 am Mass

9:30 am Advent All Day Confession

1:30 pm Staff Meeting

6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room

6:30 pm Liturgy Team Meeting | Rectory

### Saturday, December 14

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym

4 pm Mass with Blessing of the Bambino

### Next Sunday, December 15

#### Third Sunday of Advent

8 am Mass with Blessing of the Bambino

10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Room

11 am Mass with Blessing of the Bambino (Interpreted and Livestreamed)



# PARISH NEWS

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Mass on this Holy Day of Obligation will be celebrated at Christ the King at 12:15 pm, December 9.

## YOUR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY HOST DECEMBER 8: ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers have the active role in assisting the priest at all weekend liturgies. Have you received your First Holy Communion? Are you 8 years old or older? Do you want to have a special role during Mass? If you answer yes to all, you are just what we are looking for! Become an Altar Server today! For more info or to sign up contact Dr. Ngozi Akubuo at [ngoziab@yahoo.com](mailto:ngoziab@yahoo.com) or 518-801-3897. Grab a donut at hospitality with us this Sunday!

## CTK YOUNG ADULTS' CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Young Adults (ages 21-39) are welcome December 20 from 6-8:30 pm at CTK in the Rectory for a festive evening of food and fun! Bring a dish to share, and if you'd like to join the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Sign up for the potluck at <https://shorturl.at/v2ohr> Questions? ask Nadine! [annabinadine1@gmail.com](mailto:annabinadine1@gmail.com).

## THE PSALMS

Join us as longtime CTK parishioner and extraordinary musician Marie Woodward shares her insights and passion in a special presentation on the Psalms! This Coffee and Conversation will be held December 19 at 7 pm in the Knights Chapel. Don't miss this inspiring evening exploring the beauty and meaning of the Psalms through the eyes of an accomplished musician and faithful parishioner. All are welcome—see you there!

## A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

If you missed it last year, on December 16 at 7 pm, Fr. Rick will once again do a deep dive into the Mass. Learn the why behind what we do. This event is for all ages and all parishioners.

## GIVING TREE RETURN—THIS WEEKEND!

If you are interested in giving, please take a tag and return the wrapped gift with the tag firmly attached by December 8. We use these tags to identify where the gift should be delivered. Anything you can do to make someone's Christmas a little brighter is appreciated!

## ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

Our annual event returns on December 8, at 4 pm at CTK Church, sponsored by the Guilderland Interfaith Council. Join the CTK choir along with other adult, youth, & hand-bell choirs & readings by clergy from local Guilderland churches. There will be an offering to benefit the Guilderland Food Pantry.

**ADVENT OFFERINGS NEXT WEEK**  
3 RD WEEK OF ADVENT

December 14/15	Tuesday, December 17	Thursday, December 19
<b>The Blessing of the Bambino</b> All Masses Bring your baby Jesus from your Creche to be blessed.	<b>Blue Christmas</b> 7 pm   Church For those struggling with loss during the holidays.	<b>Coffee &amp; Conversation</b> 6:00pm   Knight's Room CTK parishioner and musician, Marie Woodward, will present on the Psalms

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY— DECEMBER 12

The story of Our Lady of Guadalupe recounts her miraculous appearance to Juan Diego, a humble Aztec convert, in December 1531. She asked him to request a church be built where she could show her love and protection. The skeptical bishop asked for a sign, and Mary instructed Juan to gather blooming roses—miraculous in the winter frost—and present them in his tilma. When he did, her image appeared on the cloth. The tilma, intact for nearly 500 years, deeply resonated with the Aztecs, as Mary's attire symbolized royalty, motherhood, and the true God. Her appearance brought peace between Aztecs and Spaniards, halted human sacrifices, and led to the conversion of six million Aztecs to Christianity, making it the largest in Church history. She remains a symbol of hope, faith, and protection, known as the patroness of the unborn and honored at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. CTK Family Life Ministry has provided us with candles and prayer cards available in gathering space.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 17

The holiday season can be especially hard for those dealing with grief, loss, or challenges. Join us for a Blue Christmas Service—a time of reflection, comfort, and hope December 17 at 7 pm. This peaceful service offers space for healing and support during the holiday season. All are welcome.

## BLESSING OF THE BAMBINOS

Next weekend, December 14/15, bring your baby Jesus from your home creche to be blessed at all of the Masses. Bringing your Baby Jesus to be blessed at Mass is a beautiful way to invite God's grace upon your family's nativity celebration, enriching its spiritual significance. It also serves as a reminder to keep Christ at the center of your home during the Christmas season.

## HOLY LAND HAND CARVED ITEMS

The Holy Land Family group represents Bethlehem's Christian woodcarvers, who have lost their livelihoods due to the war in Israel and rely on selling hand-carved Olive Wood religious items. These items, including Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, and Rosaries, are sold to Catholic churches in the U.S. to support the artisans and their families. By purchasing these carvings after all Masses on Dec 21-22, you help sustain the Christian community in the Holy Land!

## CTK SENIOR CIRCLE LUNCH

We will meet at Pine Haven Restaurant on December 13 at noon. As usual it will be a fun time! Contact Tina Bosco 518-456-8030 to reserve your spot!

## COME AS YOU ARE DECEMBER 11 MEETING

At our December meeting (note date change), we will review our hospitality outreach from the mass on World Aids Day. Deacon Tony will lead a scripture reflection, and Tim will provide a brief report on the final working document of the Synod, particularly as it relates to LGBTQ+ Catholics.

**Christmas Eve**  
Tuesday, December 24  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
12 Midnight (LS)  
Join us at 11:30 pm for Carols!

**Christmas Day**  
Wednesday, December 25 - 10:00 am  
(LS) denotes a Livestreamed event

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