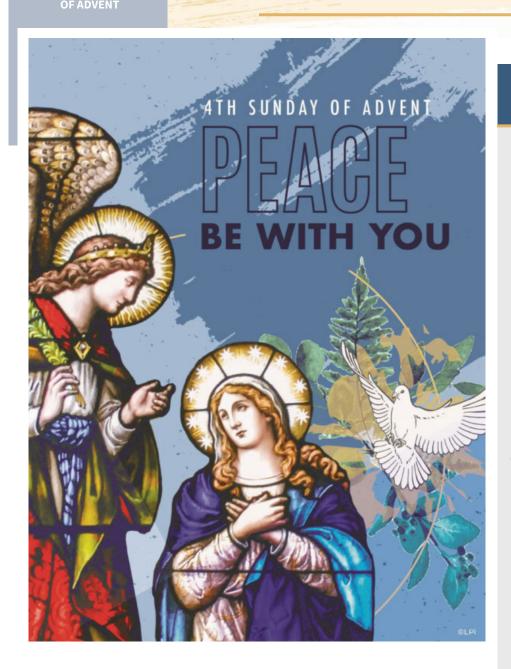
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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

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 & ASL interpreted at 11am

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday | 3:00pm Other | By Appointment

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesday | 9:30am - 8:00pm

#### Rosary

Wednesday | 6:15pm

## **CONTACT US**

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# Parish Staff

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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 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.

#### 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.



#### **AN EASY WAY TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION ONLINE!**

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## **STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 7-8**

Offertory	\$5,466.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception	
Maintenance	
Miscellaneous	\$80.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$4,400.75
Collection Total	\$11,305.75
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$13,865,00

# PRAYER AND READINGS



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve** 

4 pm Thomas Patrick Morrison \*Family

Nicole Ross (29th Anniversary Memorial)

\*Family Eddie Cotugno

Carmela & Tom Palmiotto & Family Larry Prichard

\*Ťim & Maureen

**7 pm** Carolyn & Raymond McGlynn

\*Marilyn & Jim Foy Peter & Ruth Foy

\*Marilyn & Jim Foy

12 am Midnight Janet & Charles Murphy

\*Kathleen Fisher Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice

\*Rich & Cheryl Haggerty & Family

Wednesday, December 25 | 10 am

Christmas Day
For the Intentions of Christiana Omatsone on

the Occasion of her Birthday Deceased Members of the Stanco Family

\*James Stanco Raymond & Bette Franklin

Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Jane Dreves \*Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Lillian Lemmo

Sherrill & Bob Redmond Harriet Rodwell \*Sherrill & Bob Redmond

liturgy coordinator before Mass to bring up the gifts.

## Thursday, December 26

Saturday, December 28 | 4 pm

Ella Seifert

\*Fred & Marianne Simon

\*The Community of Christ the King Church

Sunday, December 29 | 8 am

Mary Ann Pierce

\*Ånn Marie Clark

Eddie Visker

\*Family

Shirley Geoffroy (8th Anniversary Memorial) \*Don

Josephine Pellerin \*Mary Clare Visker

Sunday, December 29 | 11 am Albert Huba (12th Anniversary Memorial)

\*The Huba Family

Deceased members of the Quadrini & Pietrosanto Families

Beverly Figel \*Linda Carducci

Ed Cupoli

\*Sue Hollander

Josephine Pellerin

\*Rick & Alyce Gelley

Michael J. Judge (24th Anniversary Memorial)

\*Daughter, Ellen Judge Swanson

# If you are having a Mass offered, please contact the

## **Daily Mass Cancelled**

Larry Prichard

# Pray For ...

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

### **Our Sick**

Rev. Sally Heiligman (pastor at St. Boniface) Christoper Visker Shirley Ratta Cher Joseph Case Kerns Cassidy Zyskowski Ellie Leaver Christine Nelson Testani Linda Gosch Joanne Lue **Christine Slattery** Paul Pierce Donna Johnson Timothy J. Kathy Bator Dr. Marilyn Levine Fr. Tom Holmes Joan Schramm Vincent Kelder

Eileen Reis

Maryann Markham

Becky Hilton Heeps Don McCarthy Ryan Stoeppell Carolyn Harris **Bob Wallace** Michele Peichota Joshua Carpenter Carson Leonard Patricia Bogg Reed Dewitt Rick Gelley **David Latina** Judi McGinn Michela Marie Luce Liz Stewart Patricia Bruno David Birkun Rick Rodino Luke Danker 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**

Josephine Pellerin (November 16) Larry Prichard (November 22) Betty Low (December 9)

#### **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 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk

Monday, December 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57

Tuesday, December 24 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/

Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday, December 26 Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Friday, December 27 Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Next Sunday, December 29 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

# Reflection for the Week

Today's Gospel relives the Visitation for us. Elizabeth perceives and acknowledges Mary's great faith in God.

How is my faith these days?

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



### **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

## In Loving Memory of...

Chester & Bernadine Bara Requested by Joseph & Jacqueline Jackson

Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred Boyer
Requested by Wayne & Ellen Boyer

Amy Bresney
Requested by Alice & Mike Bresney

Jason Brown Requested by Mom & Dad

**Felix Robert Burns** *Requested by His Family* 

George Cavanaugh Requested by His Family

Vincent & Sophie Cordi Fran Cordi O'Keefe Requested by Bob O'Keefe

**Louis & Eda DeStefano** Requested by Karmel DeStefano

**Deceased members of the Dusablon and Geoffroy Families**Requested by Don Geoffroy

Robert (Bob) Edick Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin Requested by Marion Edick

**Joel Edwards** *Requested by Cindy Edwards* 

**James J. Finnerty** *Requested by Patricia M. Finnerty* 

**Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice** Requested by Barbara Palumbo

**Gelley and Lulis Families**Requested by Richard and Alyce Gelley

Patricia Gosch Requested by John & Linda Gosch

**Louis E. Greco Louis M. Greco** *Requested by Cathy Greco & Family* 

Hartigan & O'Neill Families Requested by Marie Hartigan

**Peter & Elaine Holohan** Requested by Scally Family

Deceased members of the Judge & Swanson Families
Requested by Ellen Judge Swanson

Jane & John Kingsbury
Requested by Their Daughter, Sue

**Knapp & Jablonski Families** Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jablonski

Sandra Lesniewski Yolanda Stepnowski Pina Rice Requested by Brenda & Rob Stepnowski & Val Marcil

**Lord, Kasuba and Zuber Families** Requested by The Kasuba Family

Friends & Family of Stephen Lynn & Janet Gorman

Requested by Janet Gorman & Stephen Lynn

**Thomas Patrick Morrison** *Requested by His Family* 

Deceased members of the Murdick & Haggerty Families

Requested by Rich & Cheryl Haggerty & Family

**Evelyn Ann Neugebauer** Requested by Claire Neugebauer **Donald "Doc" Noakes** Requested by Katy Noakes

Anthony & Margaret Piccolino
Anthony J. Piccoino, Jr.
Requested by Son and Brother, Sam
Piccolino

Jane & Edward Reid Requested by Ellen & Jim Box

Thomas, Elizabeth & Christopher Riedy
Margaret DellaRocco
Requested by Patricia Reidy

Deceased members of the Schmidt & Naglitsch Families
Requested by Joe & Fran Schmidt

Deceased members of the Simon, Hahn and Uellenberg Families Requested by Fred & Marianne Simon

Mr. & Mrs. John F. Smith and sons John & Joseph Requested by Wayne & Ellen Boyer

Paul Stelmaszyk Requested by Mariann & Children

Mary & Joseph Susi Requested by Marilyn Weisburgh

**Anna & Anthony Tommell** Requested by Tom Tommell

**Daniel Wiedman** Requested by His wife, Mary

**Alan Zlomek Giuseppe Greco**Requested by Wife, Antonietta and Family

# PARISH & COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The Parish Office will be closed beginning December 24 at noon through December 29 to celebrate Christmas! May your Christmas be filled with Christ's peace, joy, and love, and His blessings surround you always.

#### **MASS & ADORATION CANCELLED**

Daily Mass on Thurs. Dec 26 will be cancelled. Adoration on Tues Dec 24 and 31 is cancelled as well.

#### **CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Winter weather has arrived. Please listen to School Closing announcements and NOTE if the Guilderland School district and/or Christ the King Early Childhood Education Center is CLOSED or DELAYED due to weather conditions, the 9 am Daily Mass will also be cancelled and the Church office will either be closed or delayed. Please be safe as we navigate the winter months.

#### **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.

#### **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\_finaldocument/ENG---Documentofinale\_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf

## YOUNG ADULT SEMI-FORMAL EPIPHANY

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/ you do not need a +1 to attend! Questions, ardensFidelis@proton.me



#### **GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY**

The following items are needed for the Christmas Baskets distributed by the Guilderland 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.

#### **LESSONS AND CAROLS—THANK YOU!**

A total of \$1,763.62 was collected for the Guilderland Food Pantry at the Lessons & Carols service! To the clergy who led us in worship, the choir directors who skillfully guided the music, the choir members whose voices lifted our spirits, and the bell choir members who added their unique and joyful sounds—we are profoundly grateful for your dedication and talent. A special thanks to the Christ the King ushers and the hospitality ministry for your warm welcome and behind-the-scenes efforts that ensured everything ran smoothly. This cherished tradition would not be possible without your hard work, passion, and commitment. Thank you for blessing our community with your gifts and making this event truly special. If you were unable to attend, you may view the service at vimeo.com/1037216124

#### 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 ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. Learn more at marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/

#### **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

Dear Lord, You came to us in humility and silence, setting aside your majesty so that we might approach with wonder. Allow us to grow ever closer to you this Christmas, and always. Amen. May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts and homes with peace, love, and hope this Christmas season. May His light guide you and His blessings surround you throughout the coming year.

~ Fr. Rick and the Staff at CTK

#### **GIVING TREE THANK YOU!**

We are deeply grateful for the incredible generosity shown through the Giving Tree donations this year. Your kindness has brought joy, hope, and comfort to those in need within our community. Thank you for being a beacon of Christ's love and making a difference in so many lives this Christmas season.

## Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent 4—1 pm Holy Land Olive Wood Carvings Sale | Knights Room 10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Room 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

Tuesday, December 24 Parish Office Closes at Noon

4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 7 pm Christmas Vigil Mass 11:30 pm Christmas Midnight Mass Wednesday, December 25
Parish Office Closed

10 am Christmas Mass 6:15 pm Rosary | Church

Thursday, December 26 **Parish Office Closed** 

Daily Mass Canceled 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room 6:30 pm Jubilee Faith Sharing | Rectory

Friday, December 27 Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 28

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

**Next Sunday, December 29** 

11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)



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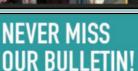
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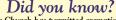
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