

DECEMBER
29
2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY
FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

The Parish of
CHRIST the KING
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them
and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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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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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.

LEARN ABOUT US

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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!

Scan the QR code or follow the link to be directed to our online giving portal through Faith Direct!
membership.faithdirect.net/NY108



STEWARDSHIP DECEMBER 14-15

Offertory.....	\$8,523.40
Maintenance.....	\$50.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$305.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$4,161.90
Collection Total	\$13,040.30
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$13,865.00

PRAYER AND READINGS



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 31 | 9 am

Intentions of Parishioners

Wednesday, January 1 | 11 am

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Janet Plouman Stanco

*James Stanco

Patrick Visker

*Family

Raymond & Bette Franklin

*Sherrill & Bob Redmond

Mary Kay Riley

*John Aldrich & Donna Crowley

In Thanksgiving of Ifu & Ify Ojukwu on the Occasion of their Birthday

*Family

In Thanksgiving of the Ojukwu Family

Thursday, January 2

Daily Mass Cancelled

Saturday, January 4 | 4 pm

Bob Mackin

*Carolyn Hoffman

Ed Cupoli

*Michael & Lois Keefrider

Marie Bernard

*Patty & Gary Lubrano

Linda Lia (Anniversary Memorial)

*Karen Van Cott

Sunday, January 5 | 8 am

Mary Ann Pierce

*Tina Bosco

Edward Cupoli

*George & MaryAnn Strout

Jason Brown (Anniversary Memorial)

*Mom, Dad & Eddie

Sunday, January 5 | 11 am

Deceased Members of the Quadri & Pietrosanto Families

*Tina Pietrosanto

Larry Lee

*Cheryl & Carolyn Wilkes

John Judge (Birthday Memorial)

*Niece, Ellen Judge Swanson

Josephine Pellerin

*Terry Murray

Richard Murphy

*Clara & Jim Cole

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

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

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

Monday, December 30 ○

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday, December 31 ○

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1 ○

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday, January 2 ○

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Friday, January 3 ○

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday, January 4 ○

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday, January 5 ○

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Reflection for the Week

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel reminds us of the time Jesus' parents lost Him temporarily. Luke adds that Jesus lived with them and was obedient to them.

Have I cultivated a relationship with Jesus that is similar to my relationship with family?

Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of January 2025 has been donated in loving memory of

Jason Brown

requested by
Mom & Dad

Pray For...

Our Sick

Rev. Sally Heiligman (pastor at St. Boniface)	Becky Hilton Heeps
Christopher Visker	Don McCarthy
Shirley Ratta	Ryan Stoeppell
Cher Joseph	Carolyn Harris
Case Kerns	Bob Wallace
Cassidy Zyskowski	Michele Peichota
Ellie Leaver	Joshua Carpenter
Christine Nelson Testani	Carson Leonard
Linda Gosch	Patricia Bogg
Joanne Lue	Reed Dewitt
Christine Slattery	Rick Gelley
Paul Pierce	David Latina
Donna Johnson	Judi McGinn
Timothy J.	Michela
Kathy Bator	Marie Luce
Dr. Marilyn Levine	Liz Stewart
Fr. Tom Holmes	Patricia Bruno
Joan Schramm	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

Betty Low (December 9)

First Year Anniversary January 2024

John Vincent, III (January 10)
Edward Burke (January 10)
Carmela Nigro (January 28)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join us as we Open the Jubilee Year of 2025

In the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

Sunday, January 5, 2025

- **1:30pm:** Prayer Service (Collectio) begins at Historic Saint Mary's
- Pilgrimage begins after the Prayer Service (Collectio), half mile prayerful procession to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- **3pm:** Mass begins at the Cathedral. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presides.

Parking Options:

- **Park at the Cathedral** (in the lot behind the Cathedral or parking garage across the street).
 - If you plan to take part in the walk (pilgrimage), you can park at the Cathedral. A shuttle bus arrives at the Cathedral at 1pm to take you to Saint Mary's. The shuttle is for walkers only. **There is NO RETURN SHUTTLE.**
 - **To reserve a seat on the shuttle**, RSVP to Kathy Barrans at kathryn.barrans@rcda.org or (518) 801-2771.
- **Park at Historic Saint Mary's** - keep in mind, it will be dark when Mass ends at the Cathedral and you have to walk back to your car at Saint Mary's.

This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a people of faith to celebrate the start of a Holy Year.



To learn more about the Jubilee Year
<https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025>

May we all become Pilgrims of Hope



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

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

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 marchfor-life.org/national-march-for-life/

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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 29

8 am Mass
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

Tuesday, December 31

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

Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed
11 am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
6:15 pm Rosary | Church

Thursday, January 2

Daily Mass Cancelled
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room
1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Room
1:30 pm Staff Meeting
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Room

Saturday, January 4

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

Next Sunday, January 5

8 am Mass
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

PARISH NEWS

MUSIC MINISTRY—THANK YOU

A very special thanks to our music ministry—the youth choir, the adult choir, cantors, and instrumentalists—for their many hours of preparation and rehearsal this Advent-Christmas Season. The liturgies were beautiful, and your music helped to make our celebrations especially meaningful! Your talents and dedication to our parish are so important and truly appreciated. Please keep in mind that all are welcome to join the music ministry any time of year! Just contact Melinda or speak to her after Mass for more information. mcestaro@ctkparishny.org

2025 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross in partnership with the Church of Christ the King would like to thank you for your recent blood donation as well as any others you have made in the past! Christ the King has sponsored 27 drives over the past several years collecting close to 850 units of blood for our community at large. We hope you have had great donation experiences and will come back to see us when you are eligible again.

It's never too early to start planning for your 2025 blood donations. Registration is now open for our drives at Christ the King, and you can sign up today by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code *churchchristking* to find the drives. Our drive dates are as follows: April 25, June 21, August 16, October 11 and December 6. If you are a regular donor and would like to stay on schedule with your last donation as well as the ones listed, donate at any local drive or at the collection center on any day this February and you will be set to donate at Christ the King starting on April 25th. Thank you again for your commitment to donate blood at our drives, and we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year!



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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.



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the liturgical ministers and everyone who contributed to making the Advent and Christmas season so meaningful. From those who coordinated hospitality, organized the Giving Tree, and prepared for Blue Christmas, to all who supported special events and celebrations, your efforts helped prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Thank you for creating a prayerful and welcoming environment that reflected the joy, hope, and love of this sacred season. Photo: Gina Luce

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION JANUARY 1

Join us for Mass on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1 at 11 am. This Mass will replace the 9 am Daily Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families of Cameron Parker Houck, Ivory Lynn Gorman, Beatrix Deborah Cumoletti, and Ainoise Esther Igene who were recently baptized at Christ the King.

WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our newest parishioner Anthony Navojosky as well as those not named here. We are blessed to have you here!

MASS & ADORATION CANCELLED

Daily Mass on Thurs. Jan 2 will be cancelled. Adoration on Tues Dec 31 is cancelled as well.

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 to those in need of comfort and solace.

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.

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. If you were unable to attend, you may view the service at vimeo.com/1037216124