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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

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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.

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 MAY 4-5

Offertory	\$7,155.00
Maintenance	
Miscellaneous	
E-Giving Faith Direct	
Collection Total	
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	

PRAYER AND READINGS



Altar Bread & Wine

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

Deceased Members of the Follett and Murphy Family

> requested by Bob and Paula Murphy

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 14 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Wednesday, May 15 | 9 am John Ryan *The Purcell Family

Thursday, May 16 | 9 am

Paul Stelmaszyk (1st Anniversary Memorial) *his Family

Saturday, May 18 | 4 pm

Greta Maria Lobo *Supreetha Lobo Mark Philip Lobo *Supreetha Lobo Julia Wallace, DM *The Luzine Family Michael Mateo

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

Sunday, May 19 | 8 am

John Ryan *The Visker Family

Sunday, May 19 | 11 am

Mary Sheehan Tom Sheehan

Lazarus Onyeneke *CTK Family Life Ministry

Michael Such *Tina Pietrosanto & Family

Anthony Fittizzi (3rd Anniversary Memorial) *The Fittizzi Family

Stephen Pasqua *Pat & Paul Chmielewski For the Intentions of Ify & Ifu Ojukwu *Chinwe Egboh

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, May 12

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

*The Murphy & Curtin Family

Monday, May 13

Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14

Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15 🔾

Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 16

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 17 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 18

Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Sunday

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Reflection for the Week

In our second reading today, John reminds us that we must have the same love for one another that God has for us. He assures us that those who do so abide in God and God in us.

Is my relationship with God such that I can embrace that amazing truth?

Pray For...

Our Sick

Kathy Bator, Peter Raponi, Dr. Marilyn Levine, John Ryan, Fr. Tom Holmes, Joan Schramm, Lucille Reppenhagen, Betty Low, Tim LaFreniere, Vincent Kelder, Eileen Reis, MaryAnn Markham, Becky Hilton Heeps, Allen Jones, William Gibney, 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 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

Aline Laquidara (April 3) John Ryan (April 11) Joyce Polsinello (April 26)

First Year Anniversary May 2023

Alexander Zabik (May 4) Albert Dwyer (May 16) Paul Stelmaszyk (May 16) Lillian Dorato (May 18)

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE EUCHARIST CHANGES LIVES

Through the Eucharist, Jesus transforms us. He unites us physically and spiritually with Him. Through stories of conversion, healing, and transformation, allow your soul to be nourished. This special evening, featuring the conversion stories of 4 parishioners, will take place on Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church as part of their Eucharistic Revival Series.

YOUNG ADULT DIVINE MERCY DAY-TRIP!

Capital Region Catholic would love for you (ages 21-39) to join us for a truly divine daytrip to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA Saturday, May 18th.

Meeting at 9:40 am at the St. Thomas the Apostle School parking lot to consolidate into cars and departing 10:00am sharp.

Destination 1: Naumkeag grounds & gardens, 5 Prospect Hill Road Stockbridge, MA, Destination 2: Divine Mercy Shrine, 2 Prospect Hill Road Stockbridge, MA 01262 Home Departure: 4:00pm **Please RSVP at by: May 15th (for car logistics)** For RSVP and more details visit https://shorturl.at/bwCGL

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

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for continuing to support our local food pantry. Currently the Guilderland Food Pantry is in need of Tomato Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup and Snack Crackers.

INTERESTED IN HELPING THE POOR?

Volunteers are needed! St. Matthew's will be hosting Family Promise, a program of assistance and accompaniment for the poor, the week of May 26 through June 2. Family Promise was featured in The Evangelist in December, please visit the link for information evangelist.org/news/2023/dec/06/all-in-the-family/. If you are interested, please contact David Ernst at St. Matthew's, ernstd945@gmail.com or 518 369 9578.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PENTECOST CELE-BRATION

May 19, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 4:30 pm—Prayer and Praise with music by Joyful Heart 5 pm—Mass with healing prayer to follow. Presider: Fr. Martin Fisher

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE AND MINI-RETREAT: LIVING BY THE LIGHT

Please join us for our annual conference and mini-retreat at the Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville. Theme: Physician Assisted Suicide and Finding Meaning in the Midst of Suffering. The day will close with opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass. June 22, 8:30 am -5 pm. Register at stbernards.regfox.com/living-by-the-light-2024

CATHOLIC SINGLES & FRIENDS WEEKEND

June 14-16 at Pyramid Life Center, a beautiful camp and lodge run by the Diocese of Albany in Paradox, NY—An all –inclusive social weekend in a beautiful setting at a reasonable price. Register directly at pyramidlife.org or for more info email cathsing@yahoo.com.

THE GIFT OF PRESENCE: DEVELOPING YOUR GIFT OF ACTIVE LISTENING

A Pastoral Care Ministry Day of Rest & Spiritual Renewal with retreat leader Fr. Patrick Butler will be held June 5 at St. Edward the Confessor, Clifton Park. Program from 9:30-3 pm with check-in and breakfast 8:30-9:20 am. \$25.00 includes light breakfast fare and a complimentary lunch. Payment may be sent by check to Office of Discipleship Formation or paid day of program. Call-in registration 518-453-6660 or register online at webapps.rcda.org/ParishFaithFormation/Look in dropdown for Pastoral Care Ministry Day. Questions, Mary Fay mary.fay@rcda.org Sponsored by RCDA Pastoral Care Ministry.

JOSHUA RETREAT "OPEN YOUR DOOR TO GOD'S LOVE"

Saturday, June 1, 10–3pm at Christ the King Church, 20 Sumter Ave, Albany. Retreat is codirected by Deacon Gary Riggi and Sr. Dorothy Ederer. Freewill Donation and retreat includes lunch. You can also pre-reserve a copy of Sr. Dorothy's book, "Open Your Door to God's Love" For more information you may send an email to: webmaster@joshuamountain ministries.com

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 12 Mother's Day

8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 10 am Baptism 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

Monday, May 13

6:30 pm Confirmation | Church 7 pm Knights of Columbus Assembly | Music Room

Tuesday, May 14

9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry | Rectory

Tuesday, May 14 Continued

6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room

9:45 am Adoration 5:30 pm Garden Ministry

Wednesday, May 15

9 am Ignation Volunteer Group | Church 9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary | Church 7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16

9 am Mass 1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Chapel 6 pm Coffee & Conversation | Knights Chapel

Thursday, May 16 Continued

6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting | Rectory

Saturday, May 18

8:30 am Žúmba | Parish Center Gym 11 am Altar Servers Training | Church 4 pm Mass

Next Sunday, May 19 Pentecost Sunday

8 am Mass 8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory 10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Chapel 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 1 pm Baptism

PARISH NEWS

PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father, from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers and mother figures in our lives; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our openhearted love and gratitude.

Happy Mother's Day!

DIOCESAN APPEAL -- 2023-24, UPDATED MAY 7

Thank you to those who have already responded positively to requests for support of both parish offertory & the Diocesan Appeal. We know that personal budgets are tight and that support may be unaffordable this year or necessitate reduced giving. If you are in a different financial position and are perhaps able to add a bit to your gifts to help close the gaps left by others struggling to support parish offertory and the Diocesan Appeal this year, thank you! If not, we understand and are grateful for your original investment which brings our parish to our assessment amount via donor support! We are stronger together, we thrive together, and we are disciples in faith... together! Christ the King's assessment for this year is \$128,327. To date we have received \$76,411, from a total of 156 in pledges and outright gifts. We thank you for your generous support!

THANK YOU CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

A huge thank you to the Confirmation candidates and their families for the donations made to the Altamont Community Food Pantry during their retreat on April 15th. What a wonderful surprise it was to walk in the next day and find a table filled with a wide variety of items to be given out to our pantry guests. This was very unexpected, extremely helpful and greatly appreciated.

LAST WEEKEND TO DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS

Family Life Ministry will be collecting baby items through this weekend May 11/12 for the Christ Child Society. Please place the unwrapped gift(s) in one of the bassinets by the entrance doors of the church.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION—MARY

Join us this Thursday, May 16 at 6 pm in the Knights Chapel as we celebrate the month of Our Lady, Mary, with a movie entitled "Full of Grace." Mary, the one person in the gospel who had the experience of living thirty years with Jesus, the Son of God, must take on a different role in the new church. Now that Jesus has ascended to Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit to guide the fledgling church, she must keep His teaching alive and encourage those appointed to lead-especially Peter. Come



and join us for this beautiful story of the endless faith and trust of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Popcorn and snacks will be provided!

APRIL RED CROSS DRIVE THANKS

Because of donors like you, we were able to surpass our collection goal at this drive! Thank you again for giving the gift of life, and it's a perfect time to register for our next two drives at Christ the King. Whole blood donors are eligible to donate at the June 22nd drive being held in the parish center gym from 9-2 pm. Power Red donors can register today for our August 17th drive being held in the Knights Chapel attached to the main church building also from 9-2 pm. We hope to keep meeting or exceeding our collection goals, but we need your help. Consider signing up today! Thank you in advance for your continued support!

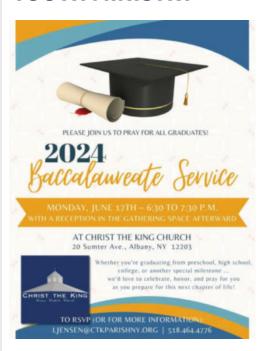
ALTAR SERVER CELEBRATION

It's time to celebrate our altar servers! Servers are invited to join other servers from our network parishes at Great Escape for a day of fun on June 19 from 10-5 pm. There is free admission and a "one-meal-dining-deal" for all servers. Parents, chaperones and siblings attending will receive half-price admission. Reserve your spots by May 20 by emailing ngozisb@yahoo.com

NEXT WEEKEND—PENTECOST SUNDAY

Don't forget to wear your red next weekend, May 18/19, for Pentecost Masses. Red on Pentecost Sunday represents the fire of God's love brought to us through the Holy Spirit and shown to us as the tongues of fire that descended upon the Apostles. It will also be a "name tag Sunday" when we make a conscious effort as a community to greet each other by name and welcome new parishioners.

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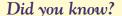
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