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PENTECOST SUNDAY



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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 11-12

Offertory	\$7,021.00
Maintenance	
Ascension	\$1,114.00
Mother's Day	\$657.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	
Collection Total	\$12,623.75
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	\$12.782.00

Special Collection—next weekend will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Support the Church in more than 25 countries that struggle to recover from former communist rule and those affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations and seminary formation.

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 21 | 9 am Mass for Parishioners

Wednesday, May 22 | 9 am Linda Mack

*CTK Early Childhood Family Anne & John Ryan *Norma Thomas

Thursday, May 23 | 9 am George E. Stahl

*Donna Abbruzzese

Saturday, May 25 4 pm Siracusa Sisters & Families *N & N Smith

Sunday, May 26 | 8 am Virginia Heber (19th Anniversary Memorial) Cindy Edwards Anne Ryan *The Ryan Family

Sunday, May 26 | 11 am

Joyce Polsinello The Malatesta Family Rolando Jimenez Equito *Aileen Equito & Family The Quadrini & Pietrosanto Families

Tina Pietrosanto & Family In Thanksgiving of Uche Anthonia Chuka-Obah on the Occasion of her Birthday

*Chinwe Egboh God's Blessing on the Marriage of Uche & Uchenna Chuka-Obah Chinwe Egboh

In Thanksgiving for Ngozi & Uchenna Akubuo on the Occasion of their Birthday

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

Pray For...

Our Sick

Timothy J., 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, 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.

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

Joyce Polsinello (April 26) Robert McNamara (May 6)

First Year Anniversary May 2023

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

WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

Sunday, May 19 **Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23

Monday, May 20 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 21

Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, May 22

Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-

Thursday, May 23

Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday, May 24

Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-

Saturday, May 25

Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday, May 26

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Reflection for the Week

Today on this Feast of Pentecost, our Gospel relives Jesus' appearance, despite locked doors, to His disciples. Breathing on them, He gives them the Holy Spirit. By virtue of our Baptism, we too are recipients of that Spirit.

Do I ever stop and think what a wonderful gift that is?

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.

GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for continuing to support our local food pantry. Currently the Guilderland Food Pantry is in need of corn muffin mix, brownies and cake frosting.

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/

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

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

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

To provide an opportunity for Alzheimer's and dementia caregivers to learn and receive support. Thisfree Caregiver Conference will be at The Century House in Latham on Tuesday, June 11 from 10-3 pm. Family members and friends serving as Alzheimer's caregivers will hear from local experts and have the chance to connect with one another and receive support. There will be presentations, workshops and a panel discussion around the following topics: understanding Alzheimer's and dementia; navigating the role of a caregiver focusing on the importance of building a support team and strategies to manage caregiver stress; and exploring the moral and ethical dilemmas of the disease, which will address driving, doctor visits, medication, engagement in clinical trials, and legal and financial planning. To register, call Tony Rivera at 518-675-7214 or visit https://bit.ly/Caregiver_

THE FIRST CENTRAL ALBANY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS REUNION

May 31 from 5-9 pm at Blessed Sacrament School join others from Blessed Sacrament, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Anthony, St. Philip, St. Patrick, Our Lady of Angels, Cincentian Institute, St. Casmir, Holy Cross, St. Ann, St. John, St. Theresa of Avila, St. James, Bishop Maginn, St. May, Cathedral Academy, Our Lady Help of Christians, Mercy High, St. Joseph and Cardinal McClosky High Schools for a cocktail parity and hors d'oeuvres. \$20 at the door and a cash bar.

ORGAN DEDICATION CONCERT

You are invited to attend a unique organ concert by Elizabeth and Raymond Chenault, world famous duo-organists, at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Parish, 1803 Union St., Schenectady on June 2 at 3 pm to dedicate St. Kateri's new custom Allen hybrid organ, a seamless integration of 82 stops of both traditional pipes and digital sounds. The Chenaults, recognized by the American Guild of Organists as their 2024 Distinguished Artists, will play music they have commissioned to be performed by two organists playing one organ simultaneously. This concert is co-sponsored by St. Kateri Ťekakwitha Parish, Allen Organ Studios, and the Eastern NY chapter of the American Guild of Organists. It is free and open to the public.

MOHAWK CATHOLIC...

...is a Young Adult Group (ages 18-39) based in Schenectady. Gatherings are held on the second Thursday of each month in the basement of St. Gabriel the Archangel Church. Our next Young Adult Bible Study will be Thursday, June 13 at 7 pm. You don't need to be a scripture scholar, come join us! Pizza and snacks will be provided. For more information email us at mohawkcatholic518@gmail.com and follow us @MohawkCatholic on Instagram and Facebook for all our latest updates.

Parish Calendar

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

Tuesday, May 21

9 am Mass / The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:45 am Adoration 5:30 pm Garden Ministry

Tuesday, May 21 Continued

6:30 pm Grief and Loss Support Group | Rectory

Wednesday, May 22

9 am Mass 6 pm Come As You Are | Knights Chapel 6:15 pm Rosary | Church 7 pm Cantor Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

9 am Mass 6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room

Friday, May 24 Parish Office Closed

5 pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, May 25

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym 1 pm Wedding 4 pm Mass

Next Sunday, May 26 Holy Trinity Sunday

8 am Mass

11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

PARISH NEWS

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation. I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost. Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You. Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life. Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness. In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self -control. Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, May 24 through Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you for your understanding.

DIOCESAN APPEAL -- 2023-24, UPDATED MAY 13

Thank you to those who have already responded positively to requests for support of the Diocesan Appeal. Christ the King's assessment for this year is **\$128,327**. To date we have received **\$77,886**, from a total of 161 in pledges and outright gifts. We thank you for your generous support!

JUNE RED CROSS DRIVE

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! Donate Blood, Platelets or Plasma. Redcrossblood.org use code *churchchrist King*

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

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.



YOU DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES — BUT YOU WILL

Those of us in ministry love this saying: God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called. We all know that sort of queasy feeling we get in the pit of our stomachs when it becomes clear what we're supposed to do, in any situation. It's that feeling of: Oh, no. Not me. Not now. I can't. We've all got our list of reasons why not, don't we? We do it for everything, from big life problems to small everyday choices. I'm not going to invite my neighbor to church because I don't want to come across as pushy. I'm not going to make amends with my cousin because she'll just walk all over me again. I'm not going to say a Rosary tonight because I'm tired and it'll just stress me out. However, even if we all put our lists of "reasons why we can't" together, I don't think any of us have reasons quite as valid as the apostles. Their job was to convert the nations — and here they are, a bunch of fishermen who haven't been out of Judea, who speak only their own languages. Were they supposed to preach the Gospel via a particularly compelling game of charades? But even that big, giant, stop-you-dead-inyour tracks Reason Why We Can't was nothing, because God had a plan. He didn't call a bunch of equipped men. He called them, and He equipped them. Cue the tongues of fire! God doesn't call us to do His will because we have what it takes. He calls us because He's ready to give us what it takes. Being a good steward is to answer the call of Christ knowing he will provide. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

KNOW ANY GRADUATES THIS YEAR?

CTK is hosting its first-ever Baccalaureate Prayer Service on June 17th from 6:30-7:30 pm with a reception in the Gathering Space. This event will be ecumenical (not a Mass). All graduates (preschool, high school, college, or any other special graduation milestone) are invited to participate! Your RSVP is requested by June 10 to ljensen@ctkparishny.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Do you enjoy working with children, exploring scripture, and passing along our faith to the next generation in fun and creative ways? We are currently gathering a team to help provide Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) during our 11 am Mass! (Adults 18 and older must complete a quick Safe Environment training and background check beforehand.)

2024 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT CTK

Thank you so much to everyone who has registered so far for our 2024 VBS, "Keepers of the Kingdom"! This fun, faith-filled adventure will take place July 22-26 from 9 amnoon each day for children entering preschool (age 4) through Grade 5 this fall. Young people going into Grades 6 and up are eligible to serve as VBS leaders! Our first planning meeting will be held on May 28 at 6pm in the Knights Chapel. Bring your creativity!

Don't forget to check us out on socials and our website: www.ctkffym.org



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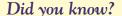
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