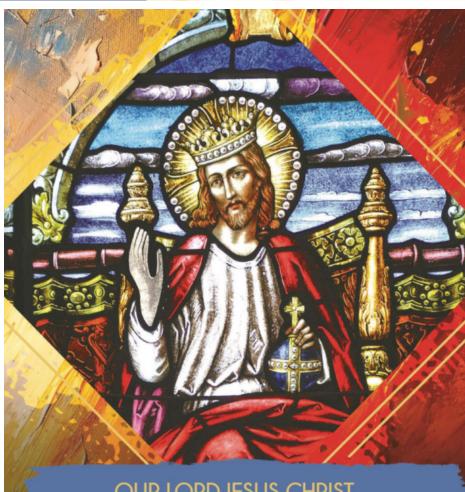


# The Parish of CHRISTERE KING ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

xcerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

### **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.



### 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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# 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 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.

#### 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.

## **STEWARDSHIP NOVEMBER 16-17**

Offertory	\$6,289.00
Maintenance	
Campaign for Human Development	\$461.00
Miscellaneous	\$30.00
E-Giving Faith Direct	\$3,804.50
Collection Total	
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week	

# PRAYER AND READINGS



### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, November 26 | 9 am Jeffrey Andersen \*Don Geoffroy

Wednesday, November 27 | 9 am Kimko Howe \*Joanne Esposito

Thursday, November 28 | 9 am Janet Plouman Stanco \*James Stanco Walter & Rosemary Risler \*Their Family

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



Photo: Sarah Guerra

#### Saturday, November 30 | 4 pm

Josie Vitillo (22nd Anniversary Memorial) \*Family Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice (Birthday Memorial) \*Ellen & Jim box Frieda Uellenberg \*Fred & Marianne Simon Joan Cassidy \*Katie & Christian Jackstadt

Rita Spelatz \*Her Dearest Friends, Jan & Lelia

Sunday, December 1 | 8 am Mary Ann Pierce \*CTK Ministries Patricia Gaul \*Carol & Tom Tommell

Sunday, December 1 | 11 am Yolanda & Frank Legnard

\*Family

Lucy Altobelli (5th Anniversary Memorial) \*Sister, Filomena Armstrong

## **WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES**

Sunday, November 24 O The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday, November 25 ● Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday, November 26** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 27 Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 **Thursday, November 28** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday, November 29** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 30 Feast of Saint Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Reflection for the Week

On this Feast of Christ the King, Jesus is asked if He is the King of the Jews. Jesus responds that His kingdom is not of this world. He concludes with "Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

How committed to the truth am I?

## Altar Bread & Wine

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

Joe Purcell

requested by the Purcell Family



### **Our Sick**

Larry Prichard 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 Betty Low 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** Mary Lou Kozel (October 9) Rita Spelatz (October 30)

**First Year Anniversary November 2023** Timothy Gray (November 10) Susan Maynard (November 23)

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS**



# Thanksgiving Blessings

There's room for you at the Table of the Lord



#### THANK YOU...

On behalf of Young Parents United all the that donated much needed everyday items of diapers toiletries for moms and babies. Your generous contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of teen mothers in our community. Thank you also for much needed prayers for all the families and volunteers. "I started receiving support from this program just one year ago when I was a new Mom at 16 years old. The organization has helped me to complete my High School equivalency diploma, get my own apartment, get jobs, and complete parenting classes. I have been educated on nutrition, health, parenting skills, goals and career, received help with free clothing, personal care items and food when needed, as well as, transportation to and from school and work. They also helped me arrange childcare for my son so I could attend college and so much more. Thank you so much!" Ayrelle L (2020)

#### **CRAFT FAIR**

St. Gabriel's Annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 7th, from 10 am – 3 pm at St. Gabriel's School Hall, 3040 Hamburg St., Rotterdam. Free admission! Browse unique and exceptional crafters. This event will feature the St. Gabriel's Women's Club Famous "Cookie Walk" with endless varieties of luscious and delicious homemade cookies. There will be food and a variety of raffles.

### **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**

The Guilderland Food Pantry is in need of hot cereal, 100% juice, and canned pineapple. Thank you the continued support to the pantry.

#### CALLING ALL SCOUTS REGISTERED WITH A SCOUTING AMERICA TROOP

St. Thomas the Apostle Church is offering an opportunity to earn the Ad Altare Dei Emblem Award. Sessions begin Dec 2. For more info and to register please contact Rose Ann Garry ragarry@stthomas-church.org.

#### **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!

#### THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

All are invited to St. Lucy/St. Bernadette Church for a time to be grateful— please join us for a prayer service of Thanksgiving on November 27th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.

#### **OPEN HOUSE AND GREENS SHOW**

The Guilderland Garden Club, Guilderland Historical Society and Helderview Garden Club invite you to the Mynderse-Frederick House, 451 Main St Guilderland Center for an open house. The event will span Dec 6 from 4 -8 pm, Dec 7 from 1-5 pm with Santa from 3-4 pm and Dec 8 from 1-5 pm with house tours at 2 pm and 4 pm. Enjoy music and refreshments with items for sale. Bring a nonperishable donation for the food pantry, Visit guilderlandgardenclub.com for a schedule of entertainment.

#### **ONE-NIGHT ADVENT MISSION**

Sunday, December 15, 6:30-8:00pm in St. Thomas the Apostle Church Free admission, Family-Friendly, "Way of the Star" is a onenight Advent mission experience drawing heavily from the practices of Ignatian imaginative meditation and Lectio Divina. Over the course of the program, anchored by original musical compositions, participants journey through Scripture and visual imagery deep into the story of Jesus' birth. It culminates in an encounter with Christ's True Presence during a time of Eucharistic Adoration, accompanied by songs of adoration from The Vigil Project.

#### "LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY"

You are invited to St. Madeline Sophie parish center at 3500 Carman Rd on December 7 from 1-3 pm to learn more about Lectio Divina. Check-in will begin at 12:30 pm. The first 20 people to attend will receive a complimentary copy of the USCCB's *Lectio Divina* of the Gospels for the Liturgical Year 2024-2025 published by Magnificat. The Latin phrase "lectio divina" means "divine reading." It is a venerable method of prayer that involves reading, reflecting on and responding to sacred Scripture. This event is hosted by the Our Lady of Mercy Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. To register, please contact Laura Iwan 518-882-3037 or schdyocds@gmail.com providing your name and phone #.

#### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE— DECEMBER 7**

You could help save a life! Register at redcrossblood.org using code *churchchristking* for the December 7th drive at CTK! Thank you!

#### Sunday, November 24 Feast of Christ the King 8 am Mass 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

**Tuesday, November 26** 9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass 9:45 am Adoration

Wednesday, November 27 9 am Mass 6:15 pm Rosary | Church Parish Calendar

Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day Parish Office Closed 9 am Mass 6 pm CANCELLED AA Meeting (will return next week)

Friday, November 29 Parish Office Closed

#### Saturday, November 30

8:30 am Żumba | Parish Center Gym 4 pm CTK Advent Gift Shop | Gathering Space 4 pm Mass

#### Next Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

First Sunday of Advent 8 am—noon CTK Advent Gift Shop | Gathering Space 8 am Mass 11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed) 12 pm CANCELLED Advent wreath making 5:30pm Baptism Preparation Class | Preregistration is required

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# PARISH NEWS

#### "THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER"

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen *-Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities for Catholic Families* by Mary Cronk Farrell

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on Nov 28 and 29 in celebration of Thanksgiving! Thanking God for our parishioners and staff!

#### INTRODUCING OUR NEW STAFF MEMBER!



"Hello Christ the King Parish! I am very pleased to step in to the role of Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, which I do so with a healthy dose of humility! My husband of over 27 years and I have two young adult children,

each still in some phase of college education. My work experience is varied, but most of my job satisfaction has come from a little over a decade as Faith Formation coordinator in two local parishes. Although I bring experience in this ministry, I realize that each parish is unique. As much as the work required of the ministry is at times challenging, I have discovered numerous times that when guided by the work of the Holy Spirit, it is almost always rewarding. I look forward to becoming acquainted with the children and their families, sharing our beautiful faith, and helping each of those families build up their own Domestic Church. I am already grateful to the many catechists who continue to generously give their time to the program, and to those who have stepped forward in faith for the first time as catechists and gatekeepers." -Marge Stockwell Be sure to stop, say hello and introduce yourself when you see her!

#### YOUR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY HOST NOVEMBER 24: VISITATION MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 24: VISITATION MINISTERS Our Visitation ministry has the oh so rewarding task of sharing our faith & Eucharist with our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized or in nursing homes. For more information on this ministry and to sign up, please contact Kathy Kavanaugh (518) 869-6520 kkav@ nycap.rr.com. Say hello and grab a coffee and donut at hospitality this Sunday!

#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Family Life Ministry invites you to join the Miraculous Medal Novena Nov 18-26. Offer your prayers through Our Lady culminating on the Miraculous Medal Feast Day Nov 27. Miraculous medals & novena prayer cards available in the gathering space.



#### **GRAB A TAG!**

The Giving Tree is in the Gathering Space and loaded with Christmas wishes from those less fortunate than us. 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.

#### **MS AND HS ADVENT NIGHTS**

CTK Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers and their families, please join us and Fr. Charles for Eucharistic Adoration, Advent Wreath Making & Christmas Cookie Decorating on your respective nights! High School meets December 2 from 7-8 pm and Middle School will meet December 3 from 7-8 pm.

#### MAKE SOME CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Pick up a kit to make cards in the gathering space. Instructions & a few materials are provided. *Please return finished cards to the basket in the Gathering Space by Dec 1.* Our Visitation Ministers will deliver your cards in time for Christmas.

#### **UPDATE! ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

Family Life Ministry has cancelled the advent wreath make in house option on Dec 1 but has extended their sale of advent wreath supplies and premade wreaths through this weekend, Nov 23-24. You may purchase your materials in the Gathering Space. Wreath supply pick up will happen December 1 after the 11 am Mass in the Knights Chapel.

#### **ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS**

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

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to make a *freewill donation* towards the Christmas flowers that will decorate the altar & surrounding areas of the church in memory of or in honor of a family member or friend, <u>please fill out the</u> <u>form below in its entirety</u> and return to the parish office. You can do this via the collection basket or by mailing to the parish office.

#### **DEADLINE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3**

for names to appear in the bulletin of December 22, 2024. Names received after the deadline will appear in the bulletin of December 29, 2024.

If you have made a free will donation for flowers through Faith Direct and would like your loved one's name to appear in the bulletin, please send this form to the parish office and indicate that a donation was made through Faith Direct.

In Memory of:

Requested by:

Email/Phone Number \_\_\_\_

□ Freewill donation enclosed

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