

SEPTEMBER

17  
2023

TWENTY-FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

The Parish of

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Parish Picnic 2023

## 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 & 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

Please schedule Mass intentions with the Parish Office *two months prior* to your desired date.

## 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 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.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month. Baptisms may also be celebrated at weekend Liturgies. A Baptismal preparation program is expected prior to celebrating the Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for your baby's Baptism or for further information.

### 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 FOR SEPTEMBER 9-10

Offertory.....	\$6,317.00
Maintenance.....	\$130.00
E-Giving Faith Direct .....	\$3,583.75
Collection Total .....	\$10,030.75
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week .....	\$12,782.00

**Special Collection** next week will benefit the Catholic University of America which serves dioceses and parishes through research initiatives and training programs such as the Catholic Project, a Child Protection Certificate Program, and a Master's program in Ecclesial Administration.

# PRAYER AND READINGS



Parish Picnic 2023

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, September 19 | 9 am**

Peter Gennuso

\*Bob & Marie Lamorte

**Wednesday, September 20 | 9 am**

Richard Barrett

\*The Curtin Family

**Thursday, September 21 | 9 am**

Mass for Parishioners

**Saturday, September 23 | 4 pm**

Anne Bronson

\*Family

Salvatore Tarzia

\*Christina Duncan

Rev. David LeFort

\*Joe & Fran Schmidt

Joanne Meagher

\*Gaetane Richard

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

**Next Sunday, September 24 | 8 am**

Anthony Fittizzi

\*Diane Fittizzi & Family

Rocco Losavio

\*Michael & Lois Keefrider

Anne Ryan

\*The Ryan Family

For the Special Intentions of Carmella Mango

\*Michele Mango

**Next Sunday, September 24 | 11 am**

Venera & Charles Stagnitta (45th & 69th Anniversary)

\*Family

Paul Stelmaszyk

\*The Luttenberger Family

Eileen Bianchi

\*Lanie Mascaros

Bishop Emeritus Howard Hubbard

\*Deacon Joseph & MaryAnn Markham

Dr. Michael Paster

\*The O'Brien Family

In Thanksgiving of Iefoma & Emeka on the Occasion of their Wedding Anniversary

\*Family

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, September 17** ●

Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Monday, September 18** ●

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday, September 19** ●

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday, September 20** ●

**Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs**

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday, September 21** ●

**Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and evangelist**  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Friday, September 22** ●

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday, September 23** ○

**Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

**Next Sunday, September 24** ●

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

## Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel, Peter thinks he has the answer to the question he asks Jesus, "How often must I forgive my brother? Seven times?" (The number seven stands for infinity.) But Jesus surprises Peter by raising the bar. "I say seventy times seven times," that is infinity times infinity.

How close do I come to meeting the goal Jesus has set for me?

## Altar Bread & Wine

Our altar bread and wine for the month of September 2023 has been donated in loving memory of

Daniel Weidman

requested by Wife, Mary

## Pray for...

### Our Sick

Jorge Montiel, Carson Leonard, Patricia Boggs, Reed Dewitt, Rick Gelly, David Latina, Lelia Danker, Judi McGinn Michela, Marie Luce, Liz Stewart, Patricia Bruno, David Birkun, Rick Rodino, Mary Kehn, Betty Canape, Betty Low, Luke Danker, Roman Hunt, Marylou Flanagan, Nicholas Smith, Ken Fitzpatrick, Mary Elaine, Norman Swanson, Sue Patterson, Robert K., Donna Johnson, Paul Pierce, Mary Ann Pierce, Christine Slattery, Dana Hesch, Michael Tebaldi  
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

Louise Draisey (August 18)

### First Year Anniversary September 2022

Nancy Sokil (September 4)  
Joseph Church (September 6)  
Joseph Galea (September 7)  
Patricia Broderick (September 7)  
Andrew Wood (September 18)  
Rose McNerney (September 25)

# COMMUNITY



Fr. Rick, Dcn. Dan and Fr. Matt enjoying the picnic.

## GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

At the present time there is a great need for 100% fruit juice, jelly, chicken noodle and hearty low salt soups, macaroni and cheese, and brownie mix.

## 5.7K HAVE REGISTERED, HAVE YOU?

The NYS Eucharistic Congress will take place at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville on October 20-22 featuring talks, Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, music & more. For details & to register visit [nyseucharisticcongress.org](http://nyseucharisticcongress.org). Join the other 5.7K faithful who have registered! Once max capacity has been met (7.5K), registration will close. Register today!

## OCTOBER BLOOD DRIVE

Registration is now open for our October 14 drive which starts off our parish-wide Service Week! To register, go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) use sponsor code

## Parish Masses of our Local Catholic Community

Altamont: St. Lucy's/St. Bernadette's 518-861-8770  
Sunday - 9:30 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

*churchchristking*. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime. Questions? contact John Risler [jrisler61@gmail.com](mailto:jrisler61@gmail.com)

## ORDER MUMS BY SEPTEMBER 20TH

Order forms can be found in the gathering space to order your annual mums. All profits will support the children and programs at the Early Childhood Center! These 8" mums come in a variety of colors you may choose for \$9.00 for one or four for \$35. Order by September 20. Pick up at CTK Early Childhood Center on September 26 from 12-5 pm. Other times may be arranged with prior notice. Call the office 518-456-5400 to arrange a pickup time.

## AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION: SOWING THE SEEDS OF JOY IN PRISON

On behalf of the Residents Encounter Christ (REC) community, we invite you to an Afternoon of Reflection on September 23 from 1 pm through Mass at 5 pm, at the Church of St. Peter in Saratoga. Let God call you beyond fear and judgement to experience the joy of encountering Christ in

prison at this afternoon of reflection on prison ministry. Women and Men welcome. Questions? Call John Razzano 518-258-0656

## GABRIEL PROJECT® VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our cluster of parishes plan to begin the Gabriel Project® as part of our Walking with Moms in Need program. We need volunteers to accompany pregnant women and assist them spiritually, physically, emotionally, and materially. If you are interested in learning more about the Gabriel Project®, join us at the training meeting September 23 at 9:30 am in the St. Thomas the Apostle parish office conference room. For more information, please contact Louise Schrecongost 518-439-4951.

## HEALTH CARE, TECHNOLOGY AND HUMAN VALUES

Join others at St. Vincent de Paul Church on September 24 at 12:30 pm. We will hear a reflection on the ethical issues raised by our use of AI and robotics in healthcare and caregiving by Michael Brannigan. This presentation is based on his book, *Caregiving, Carebots and Contagion*.

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, September 17

8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
11:45 am Family Life Meeting | Music Room  
4 pm Diocesan REC Meeting | Rectory  
6 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel

### Tuesday, September 19

9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will follow Mass  
9:45 am Adoration  
5:30 pm Garden Ministry  
6:30 pm Grief and Loss Support Group | Rectory

### Wednesday, September 20

9 am Mass  
9 am Ignatian Volunteer Group | Church and Knights Chapel  
6:15 pm Rosary  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, September 21

9 am Mass  
6 pm Coffee & Conversation Six Part Series | Knights Chapel  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
6:30 pm Pastoral Council Meeting | Rectory

### Saturday, September 23

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

### Next Sunday, September 24

8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
12:30 pm Baptism  
6 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH PICNIC THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Connor Kasuba for coordinating this year's parish picnic and the many volunteers who made it happen!

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK...

...will take place following the 9am Mass on the 1st Thursday of the month beginning Thursday, Oct. 5. This Sacrament is also available anytime by appointment. Please contact the parish office with any questions or concerns.

## SAVE THE DATE

October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, we will be blessing animals of any kind in the parking lot at 6 pm. Donations of pet supplies (canned dog/cat food, leashes, puppy training pads, peanut butter, greenies pill pockets, cat litter, training treats) will be collected for the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society.

## DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR MINISTRY?

It's not too late. There is a list of all our ministries and the contact info at our Welcome Table in the Gathering Space.

## BOOKS ON THE EUCHARIST

In light of the upcoming Eucharistic Congress and Year of the Eucharist, we are providing 2 books on the Eucharist that will be available in the Gathering Space starting September 17.

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join us for *Genesis to Jesus: Journey through Scripture*. We have had our first session in the Knights Chapel. Join us the remaining Thursdays until Oct 19 from 6-7:15 pm. The book *Genesis to Jesus* will be available for \$24.95 and to register call 518-441-5400.

## SING TO THE LORD

Adult Choir rehearsals have begun! We meet on Wednesdays at 7 pm in the church and sing at the 11 am Mass. All are welcome! Contact Melinda [mcestaro@ctkparishny.org](mailto:mcestaro@ctkparishny.org) or stop by after Mass for more information.

## THE CHOSEN SEPTEMBER DATES

Viewing of The Chosen will happen at 6 pm on the following Sundays: September 17 &



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24. Keep your eyes on the bulletin and social media for the upcoming October dates.

## SERVICE WEEK

CTK's Service Week 2023 will be held October 14-21. You'll notice a fall display in our Gathering Space with more information about how to help parish families in need as well as those in our local community. Save the date of October 21 at 9 am in our Parish Center gym for a variety of hands-on service projects for all ages!

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: SEPTEMBER 24–NOVEMBER 5

40 Days for Life is a pro-life internationally coordinated 40-day campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to protect the unborn. The campaign mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 days of peaceful activism with the purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. We are invited to attend the "Opening kick-off" prayer vigils in 2 locations: September 24 from 2-3 pm on the sidewalk in front of 120 Hoosick Street (Friendly's at the Hudson River Commons shopping center), or 3-4 pm on the sidewalk in front of the Albany Planned Parenthood at 855 Central Avenue, Albany. More info contact Ann Cronin at 518-522-6057 or [acronin922@gmail.com](mailto:acronin922@gmail.com). [40daysforlife.com/en/](http://40daysforlife.com/en/)

## FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 17th is Catechetical Sunday! Please keep all our catechists and RCIA team members in your prayers as they prepare for a brand-new year!

### THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all our young people who are participating in ministry roles at our 11 a.m. Youth-Led Mass this weekend!

### FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

All Faith Formation classes begin the week of October 1st. If your family is brand-new to our Faith Formation program, please contact our office for more information: (518) 464-4776 or [ljensen@ctkparishny.org](mailto:ljensen@ctkparishny.org). Here's the link for 2023-2024 Faith Formation online registration and payment: [tinyurl.com/424fwtu](https://tinyurl.com/424fwtu)

Don't forget to check us out on socials and our website: [www.ctkffym.org](http://www.ctkffym.org)



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