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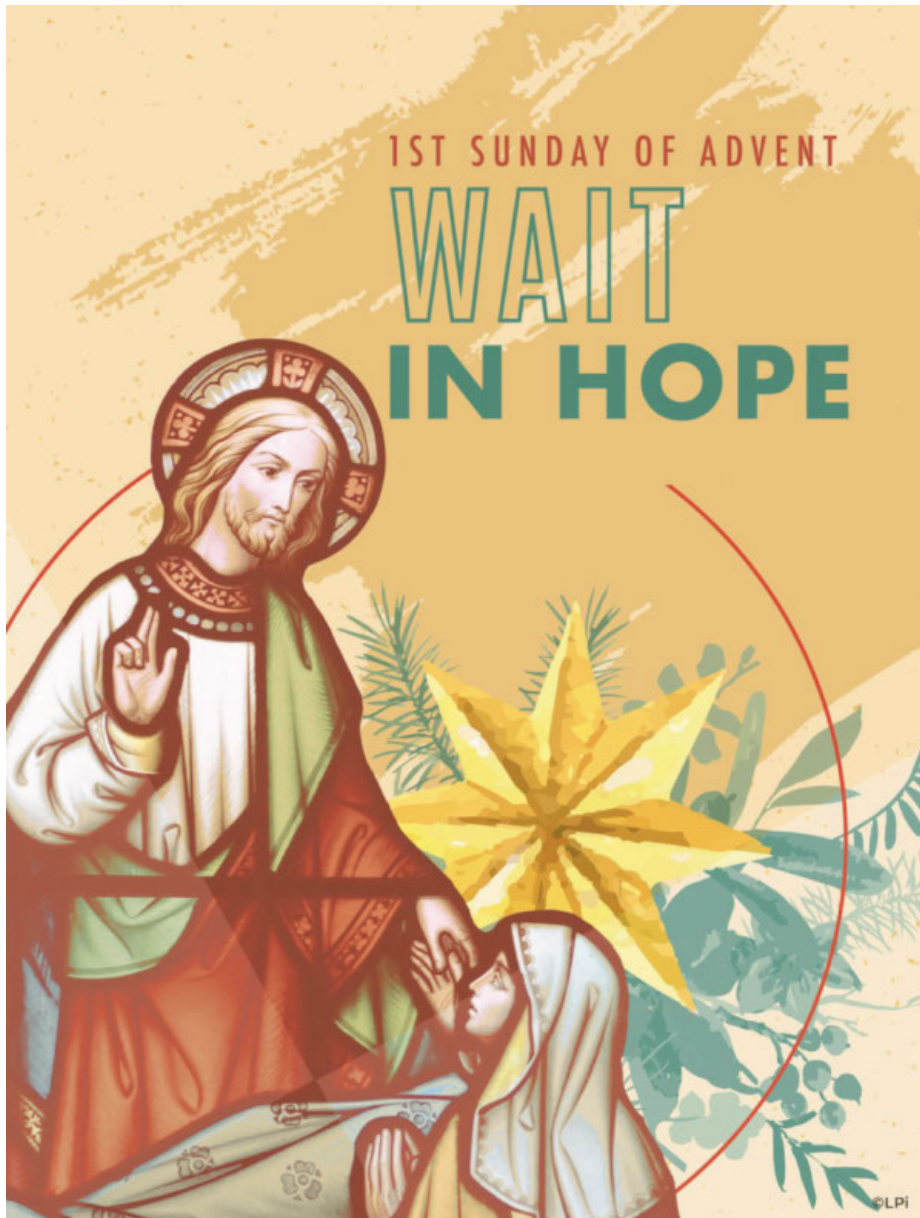
2024

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
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The Parish of

# CHRIST *the* KING

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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 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

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.

### 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

This bulletin was published before the financial figures were available. The totals for the weekend of November 23-24 will be published in next weekends bulletin. Your continued support is appreciated. Thank you.



# PRAYER AND READINGS



## Altar Bread & Wine

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

Wallace & Michael Diehl

requested by  
Maria Diehl

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, December 3 | 9 am

Fr. Jim Fitzmaurice (Birthday Memorial)  
\*Sue Hollander

### Wednesday, December 4 | 9 am

Wallace Diehl (Anniversary Memorial)  
\*Marie Diehl  
Joe & his Family  
\*Friend

### Thursday, December 5 | 9 am

Mary Kay Riley  
\*John Aldrich & Donna Crowley  
Alfred Avitable  
\*The LaMorte Family

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

### Saturday, December 7 | 4 pm

Lois K. Wisnewski  
\*Laurie & Jim Bigley  
Lillian Pindiak  
\*Greg & Joanne Chase  
Vincent Tomeo (Anniversary Memorial)  
\*his wife, Sharon

### Sunday, December 8 | 8 am

Mary Ann Pierce  
\*Katey Noakes

### Sunday, December 8 | 11 am

Luigi & Antonietta Alobelli  
\*Daughter, Filomena Armstrong  
In Thanksgiving of Sr. Giovannina on the Occasion of her 75th Anniversary as a Religious Nun

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

### 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

### Monday, December 2 ●

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday, December 3 ○

#### Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday, December 4 ●

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday, December 5 ●

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday, December 6 ●

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

### Saturday, December 7 ○

#### Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Next Sunday, December 8 ●

#### Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

## Reflection for the Week

As we begin the season of Advent and the beginning of a new Church year, the Gospel reminds us that there will be an “end time.” We are urged to be ready for that event.

If I was called “home” today, would I be repaired?

## Pray For...

### Our Sick

Shirley Ratta	Don McCarthy
Cher Joseph	Ryan Stoepell
Case Kerns	Carolyn Harris
Cassidy Zyskowski	Bob Wallace
Ellie Leaver	Michele Peichota
Christine Nelson Testani	Joshua Carpenter
Linda Gosch	Carson Leonard
Joanne Lue	Patricia Bogg
Christine Slattery	Reed Dewitt
Paul Pierce	Rick Gelley
Donna Johnson	David Latina
Timothy J.	Judi McGinn
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Dr. Marilyn Levine	Marie Luce
Fr. Tom Holmes	Liz Stewart
Joan Schramm	Patricia Bruno
Betty Low	David Birkun
Vincent Kelder	Rick Rodino
Eileen Reis	Luke Danker
Maryann Markham	Roman Hunt
Becky Hilton Heeps	

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

Edward Cupoli (November 16)

### First Year Anniversary December 2023

Mark Freeman (December 11)  
Matilda Duncan (December 15)  
Donald Noakes (December 16)  
Ashley Duncan (December 16)  
Elizabeth Koster (December 28)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

JOIN US FOR A  
**EUCCHARISTIC CONSECRATION**  
Begins Wednesday, December 4

Make it a part of our prayerful preparations to celebrate the Jubilee Year



The book, "33 Days to Eucharistic Glory" is available through the Dynamic Catholic website (Save \$ if you buy in bulk)

Pray it together, as a parish, a parish network, with your friends

The Consecration will end on Sunday, January 5, 2025 with a celebration officially opening the Jubilee Year in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany.

[www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025](http://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025)

## ONE-NIGHT ADVENT MISSION DEC 15, 6:30 PM AT ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Participants will be guided through five "stations," or familiar scenes from the Infancy Narrative in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. Each meditation will begin with the reading of a short reflection and Scripture. The focus will shift from spoken reflection to visual and musical reflection: artwork unfolds gradually as music plays. After the heart is opened to the mystery of the Incarnation through meditation, music, and artwork, there will be a seamless transition into an encounter with the True Presence of Christ in Eucharistic Adoration, delicately accompanied by music and periods of silence. Join us.

## 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.

## 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!

## "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. 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](mailto:schdyocds@gmail.com) providing your name and phone #.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE— DECEMBER 7

You could help save a life! Register at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using code *churchchristking* for the December 7th drive at CTK! Thank you!

## PAJAMA, PIZZA & HOT CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Friday, December 13, 6 pm at St. Matthew's Church hear the true meaning of Christmas with a special surprise! Free Admission with a Free Will Offering. For planning purposes, please RSVP by December 12 to [Peggy.st.mattswelcome@gmail.com](mailto:Peggy.st.mattswelcome@gmail.com) or 518-765-2805 Ext: 14

## FINAL SYNOD DOCUMENT

The Vatican has made available a working translation in English of the final Synod Document found here [synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26\\_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale\\_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf](http://synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26_final-document/ENG---Documento-finale_traduzione-di-lavoro.pdf)

## 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](http://guilderlandgardenclub.com) for a schedule of entertainment.

## I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join us for a special screening of "I Am the Immaculate Conception" at the Regal Colonie Center and Crossgates on December 12th at 7 pm, 14th at 4 pm, and 17th at 7 pm - don't miss this captivating film event!

## 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 [marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/](http://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/)

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 1

#### 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 | Pre-registration is required

### Tuesday, December 3

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

### Wednesday, December 4

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

### Thursday, December 5

9 am Mass including Anointing Service  
11 am Memorial Mass  
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room  
1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Chapel  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Chapel

### Saturday, December 7

8:30 am Zumba | Parish Center Gym  
9 am American Red Cross Blood Drive | Knights Chapel  
10 am Baptism  
4 pm CTK Advent Gift Shop | Gathering Space  
4 pm Mass

### Next Sunday, December 8

#### Second Sunday of Advent

8 am—noon CTK Advent Gift Shop | Gathering Space  
8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted, Livestreamed, CLOW, St Nicholas will fill children's shoes with a special treat. Please leave children's shoes in the gathering space)  
4 pm Advent Interfaith Lessons and Carols



# PARISH NEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families of Jordan James Greene, Carmelo Lorenzo Nania, Wyatt John Wilton, Novalee Danielle Garcelon and Isabella Victoria Rose who were recently baptized at Christ the King.

## MATRIMONIAL FELICITATIONS

Congratulations to Laura Sigond & Michael Cioffi who were recently married here at Christ the King. May they live long and healthy lives together in Christ.

## YOUR SUNDAY HOSPITALITY HOST DECEMBER 1: COME AS YOU ARE

Come As You Are is a listening, support and conversation group for LGBTQ+ Roman Catholics and Allies. Anyone is welcome to join us for our monthly discussions. For more information on this ministry, please contact Tim Wiles at 518-339-3530 [comeasyouarectk@gmail.com](mailto:comeasyouarectk@gmail.com). We would love to talk to you over a coffee and donut at hospitality this Sunday!

## CTK YOUNG ADULTS' CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

Young Adults (ages 21-39) are welcome December 20 from 6-8:30 pm at CTK in the Rectory for a festive evening of food and fun! Bring a dish to share, and if you'd like to join the gift exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$10. Sign up for the potluck with Nadine [annabinadine1@gmail.com](mailto:annabinadine1@gmail.com).

## THE PSALMS

Join us as longtime CTK parishioner and extraordinary musician Marie Woodward shares her insights and passion in a special presentation on the Psalms! This Coffee and Conversation will be held December 19 at 7 pm in the Knights Chapel. Don't miss this inspiring evening exploring the beauty and meaning of the Psalms through the eyes of an accomplished musician and faithful parishioner. All are welcome—see you there!

## A WALK THROUGH THE MASS

If you missed it last year, on December 16 at 7 pm, Fr. Rick will once again do a deep dive into the Mass. Learn the why behind what we do. This event is for all ages and all parishioners.

## GIVING TREE RETURN—DEC 8

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.

**ADVENT OFFERINGS NEXT WEEK**  
2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

<b>December 7/8</b> <b>Advent Shop</b> After all Masses   Gathering Space Shop Catholic gifts and prayer resources!  <b>December 8</b> <b>Advent Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 4:00 pm   Church Guilderland Interfaith Council	<b>December 8</b> <b>Feast of St. Nicholas Celebration</b> 11 am Mass St. Nicholas will fill children's shoes with a special treat when they leave their shoes in the Gathering Space.	<b>December 9</b> <b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> (Holy day of Obligation) Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 pm at CTK (LS) 7:30 am, 12:15 pm & 5:30 pm at St. Thomas 8:30 am at St. Lucy's & 7:00 pm at St. Matthew's	<b>December 9</b> <b>Evening Prayer</b> 7:00 pm   Church  <b>December 11</b> <b>St. Thomas Penance Service</b> 6:30 pm at St. Thomas Multiple priests available for individual confession	<b>December 12</b> <b>All Day Confessions</b> 9:30 am-6:30 pm   Reconciliation Room
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## ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

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

## JESUS LOVES YOU SO MUCH! AND HE IS CALLING YOU! WILL YOU ANSWER?

Have you received your First Holy Communion? Are you 8 years old or older? Do you want to have a special role during Mass? If you answer yes to all, you are just what we are looking for! Become an Altar Server today! For more information or to sign up contact Dr. Ngozi Akubuo at [ngozisb@yahoo.com](mailto:ngozisb@yahoo.com) or 518-801-3897.

## BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE - DECEMBER 17

The holiday season can be especially hard for those dealing with grief, loss, or challenges. Join us for a Blue Christmas Service—a time of reflection, comfort, and hope December 17 at 7 pm. This peaceful service offers space for healing and support during the holiday season. All are welcome.

## HOLY LAND HAND CARVED ITEMS

The Holy Land Family group represents Bethlehem's Christian woodcarvers, who have lost their livelihoods due to the war in Israel and rely on selling hand-carved Olive Wood religious items. These items, including Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, and Rosaries, are sold to Catholic churches in the U.S. to support the artisans and their families. By purchasing these carvings after all Masses on Dec 21-22, you help sustain the Christian community in the Holy Land!

## ROSARY PLEDGE DRIVE RESULTS

Thank you to all who participated in our Rosary Pledge drive for the month of October. We received 49 pledges for a total of 1,240 Rosaries prayed during the month!

Visit the gathering space for **FREE** Advent prayer resources for all ages as well as a trifold with all of our Advent offerings at CTK. Your complete guide to Advent at CTK, mail it to your friends!

## 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, please fill out the form below in its entirety 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.

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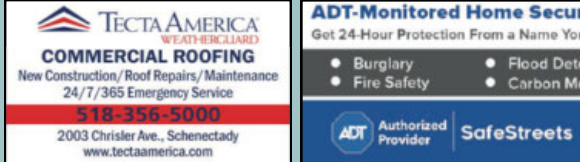


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