

FEBRUARY

25

2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
LENT

The Parish of

# CHRIST *the* KING

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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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

## CONTACT 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

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

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.

### 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 FEBRUARY 17-18

Offertory.....	\$4,982.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$1,279.00
Maintenance.....	\$5.00
Native American /Latin American Mission.....	\$628.00
E-Giving Faith Direct .....	\$3,706.25
Collection Total .....	\$10,600.25
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week .....	\$12,782.00



# PRAYER AND READINGS



## Altar Bread & Wine

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

the Deceased Members of the Stothard & Schmidt Family

requested by  
Jack & Doré Schmidt

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, February 27 | 9 am**  
James Finnerty  
\*Patricia Finnerty & Family

**Wednesday, February 28 | 9 am**  
Mass for Parishioners

**Thursday, February 29 | 9 am**  
Mass for Parishioners

**Saturday, March 2 | 4 pm**  
Timothy Daly  
\*The Visker Family  
Mary Alheim  
\*her Husband Edward & Son Robert

**Next Sunday, March 3 | 8 am**  
Mass for Parishioners

**Next Sunday, March 3 | 11 am**  
Ernesto Roldan Diaz  
\*Family  
Linda Lia (Birthday Memorial)  
\*Karen Van Cott  
Yolanda & Frank Legnard  
\*Family  
Joshua David Pace  
\*The Reguette Family  
Rebecca Myers  
\*CTK Family Life & Respect Life Ministries

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

## Pray For...

### Our Sick

Tim LaFreniere, William Gibney, Vincent Kelder, Eileen Reis, MaryAnn Markham, Becky Hilton Heeps, Allen Jones, William Gibney, Darlene Cashin, Vera Daley, Don McCarthy, Ryan Stoepell, 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, Paul Pierce, Mary Ann Pierce, Christine Slattery, Dana Hesch  
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

Jean Nelson, II (February 5)

### First Year Anniversary February 2023

Richard Feeney (February 22)  
Beatrice Coffey Crouse (February 25)  
Michael Gaudio (February 28)

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, February 25** ●  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

**Monday, February 26** ●  
Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday, February 27** ●  
Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday, February 28** ●  
Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday, February 29** ●  
Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday, March 1** ●  
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday, March 2** ●  
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

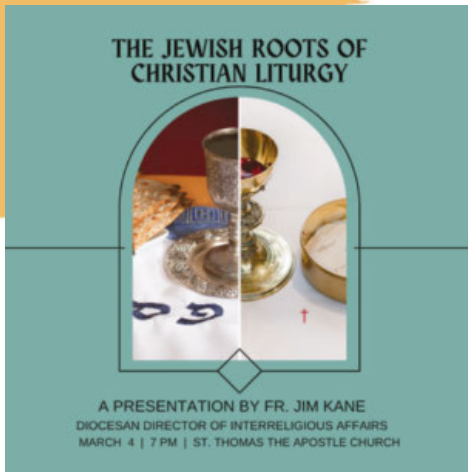
**Next Sunday, March 3** ●  
Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

## Reflection for the Week

Today's Gospel helps us relive the Transfiguration—a preview of Jesus' Resurrection. Imagine being there and hearing those words, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him." That directive is just as important today as it was two thousand years ago.

How affected am I by those words in my own words and actions?

# COMMUNITY



## 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

### GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The biggest needs for the Guilderland Food Pantry are canned fruit (any type), baked beans, pork and beans, chicken noodle soup and tomato soup.

### HANDMADE BABY SWEATERS NEEDED

The Christ Child Society of Albany is in need of handmade knitted/crocheted baby sweaters. In 2022, the Christ Child Society donated 521 layettes to newborns in need, but in 2023 that total rose to 700! We can always use donations of yarn suitable for making infant items. Please contact Nancy Doyle at [nancyd12303@aol.com](mailto:nancyd12303@aol.com) or 518-355-7669 if you are able to help.

### JOIN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE TO STAND FOR LIFE DURING LENT

The Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign starts on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24. We are committed to being a peaceful, prayerful presence in front of Schenectady's Planned Parenthood at 1040 State Street from 7 am - 7 pm throughout the campaign to bring help & hope to those facing unplanned pregnancies or those seeking healing from past abortions. Please email Connie at [sch40days@gmail.com](mailto:sch40days@gmail.com) and/or check our website, [40daysforlife.com/Schenectady](http://40daysforlife.com/Schenectady).

### LENTEN FAITH ON FILM

Movies at 2pm at St. Vincent de Paul, Albany in Meeting Room 1 (downstairs in the Church).  
March 2 - St. Vincent (starring Bill Murray),  
March 9 - Field of Dreams, March 16 - Brooklyn, March 23 - Jesus of Montreal (in French, with subtitles)

### YOUNG ADULT LENTEN SERIES

Our 6 week series surrounding Lent has begun. Every Wed. at 7pm until March 27 join us online via zoom link advertised in the diocese Discord server & via email - OR - in-person at St. Thomas the Apostle School Library. If you have children, please note that to attend in person you will need childcare - or you can attend online for simplicity and ease. Register! <https://shorturl.at/uUX35>

### MAGNIFICAT WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

The Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat (a Ministry to Catholic Women) is hosting a Women's Breakfast on March 16 from 9-12 pm at the Wolferts Roost Country Club, 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY. Tickets: \$30.00; PayPal - \$32; Clergy & Religious - Comp. Witness Speaker: Fran Karpiej, OSF professed in the Secular Franciscan Order. For over 40 yrs., she has been involved in Healing Prayer Ministry and a leader in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Register by March 6 - send a check for \$30 payable to Albany NY Chapter of Magnificat, c/o Bonnie Hause, 74 Meadow Rue Place, Ballston Spa, NY 12020. Include your name, address, phone # & email address. Online registration: [magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/](http://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/ny-albany/)

### RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Hurting from an abortion? Save the date to experience healing on a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat, May 3-5 at the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center in Niskayuna.

### CONSIDER A PRIESTLY CALL...

Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where bold action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on March 1, at 5 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: [msggr.fay@psjs.edu](mailto:msggr.fay@psjs.edu) or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. [www.psjs.edu](http://www.psjs.edu)

### LENTEN CONCERT AND RETREAT

Composer Dan Schutte, whose music includes "Here I Am, Lord" and approximately 160 other hymns, will lead a two-hour evening of song on March 22 at 7pm at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Albany. Hosted by the Ignatian Volunteer Corp., Mr. Schutte will also lead a Lenten retreat from 9:30-12:30pm on March 23 at St. Vincent's. Registration is \$15 for each program or \$25 for both. Registration and sponsorship information can be found at [ivcusa.org/Schutte](http://ivcusa.org/Schutte).

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, February 25

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

### Monday, February 26

7 pm Evening Prayer | Church

### Tuesday, February 27

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

### Wednesday, February 28

9 am Mass  
6 pm Come As You Are | Knights Chapel  
6:15 pm Rosary | Church  
7 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 pm Cantor Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 29

9 am Mass  
10 am Fr. Matt Duclos Eucharist Talk | Knights Chapel  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
6:30 pm Jubilee Faith Sharing | Rectory  
6:30 pm Fr. Matt Duclos Eucharist Talk | Knights Chapel

### Friday, March 1

7 pm Stations of the Cross | Church

### Saturday, March 2

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

### Next Sunday, March 3

8 am Mass  
8:30 am RCIA Meeting | Rectory  
10 am Fall Picnic Meeting | Knights Chapel  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
1 pm The Chosen | Knights Chapel  
6 pm IHS Mystery Players | Church



# PARISH NEWS

## LENT AT CTK

### COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

On Thursday, March 14, at 6 pm, Father Gary Gelfenbien will present "The Sound and Light of Lent- The Art and Architecture of Renewal". The concentration of this presentation is the emphasis on the Lenten themes of the Scriptural stories of Abraham and Isaac, Christ as the new Adam, the Transfiguration as Metamorphosis. The expressions of sculpture, Eastern mosaic, stained glass and painting highlight the familiar aspects of Lenten texts and bring to life the transcendent elements of these touching stories. Enhance your own Lenten journey and join us.

### LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Join us on Monday, February 26 at 7 pm in the church for a special Lenten Evening Prayer.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, March 1st at 7 pm in the Church, the members of the Rosary and Adoration Ministries will present "Mary's Way of the Cross". Come walk with Mary on the road to Calvary as She accompanies Her son Jesus. Feel her pain and be inspired by Her faith. Allow this experience to call you into a deeper faith during Lent.

### IMMACULATE HEART CENTRAL SCHOOL MYSTERY PLAYERS

The IHC Mystery Players is comprised of High School Students who bring the Stations of the Cross to a modern level through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime and paratiturgical readings, recreating the Paschal Mystery in a moving dramatic presentation. The IHC Mystery Players have performed extensively throughout New York State, New England area, and Canada. We strongly encourage everyone to attend this unique and powerful Lenten prayer experience. Please be advised, small children may be frightened due to the nature of the play. These are Free Will Offering events. You will have two opportunities to attend: Thursday, February 29, 7 pm at St. Matthew's, Voorheesville & March 3, 6 pm at Christ the King.

### WELCOME!

A warm welcome to our newest parishioners Mrs. Jillian VanPatten and Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Maggie Mason and children Ben & Noah. We are blessed to have you here.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the families of James Gerald Griner, Giuliana Margaret Falvo,



FEBRUARY 29

10 AM

&

6:30 PM

KNIGHTS CHAPEL

## Theology of the Eucharist

A presentation by Fr. Matt Duclos

If you have a question that you'd like answered, please email it to him by February 26 at [matthew.duclos@rcda.org](mailto:matthew.duclos@rcda.org).



Tanner Kenneth Fournier, Olivia Carmina Talone, and Jude Schallert Rose who were recently baptized at Christ the King.

### THE CHOSEN—FINAL EPISODES

The final episodes will be viewed February 25, March 3, 10 and 17 at 1 pm in the Knights Chapel.

### LAST WEEKEND! CHEESECAKE & FRUITCAKE SALE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual New Skete Cheesecake & Fruitcake sale to support their Charitable Giving program. Please consider supporting this worthwhile cause. They will be taking orders in the Gathering Space after this weekends Masses February 24-25. If you have questions, please contact John Hodgson at 518-852-7909.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CORNED BEEF DINNER

The Knights of Columbus are having their annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner on March 16 from 5 - 7 pm in the Parish Center. Tickets will be on sale beginning Feb. 24 after all Masses in the Gathering Space. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. The Knights welcome volunteers from the parish to help them serve the dinner. If you would be interested in volunteering to assist the Knights at cooking or serving at this event, please contact John Hodgson at 518-852-7909 or [johnj@gmail.com](mailto:johnj@gmail.com).

### FALL PICNIC MEETING

Those interested in helping to plan the parish picnic this fall, there will be a meeting on March 3 at 10 am in the Knights Room.

## EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to make a freewill donation towards the Easter 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 THURSDAY, MARCH 14 for names to appear in the Easter bulletin. Names received after the deadline will appear in the bulletin following Easter.**

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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