

NOVEMBER

3

2024

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

The Parish of

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## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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## 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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Friday 8:30am-noon

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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.

# LEARN ABOUT US

## Parish Staff

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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.

### 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 the Faith Formation Office.

## STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 26-27

Offertory.....	\$5,903.00
All Saints Day.....	\$105.00
All Souls Day.....	\$110.00
Miscellaneous.....	\$40.00
E-Giving Faith Direct.....	\$4,651.40
Collection Total.....	<b>\$10,809.40</b>
Budgeted Total Needed for Each Week.....	\$13,865.00

# PRAYER AND READINGS



## 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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, November 5 | 9 am**  
Intentions of our Parishioners

**Wednesday, November 6 | 9 am**  
Intentions of our Parishioners

**Thursday, November 7 | 9 am**  
Jane Dreves  
\*Sherrill & Bob Redmond  
Mary Kay Riley  
\*John Aldrich & Donna Crowley  
Mary Ann Pierce  
\*George & Mary Ann Strout

**Saturday, November 9 | 4 pm**  
Georgeanna Brognano (9th Anniversary Memorial)  
\*Lisa & Jim Brognano  
Billy Hart  
\*Laurie & Jim Bigley  
John Zyniecki  
\*Valerie Bellarosa  
Patrica Thomas  
\*Michael & Lois Keefrider  
Fr. Gregory Weider  
\*The Luzine Family

**Sunday, November 10 | 8 am**  
Veronica & Walter Smolenski  
\*The Smolenski Family  
Louis Bello  
\*Theresa Rumsey  
Mary Lou Kozel  
\*The Visker Family

**Sunday, November 10 | 11 am**  
George E. Stahl (12th Anniversary Memorial)  
\*Donna Abburzese  
Mary Ann Pierce  
\*Tina Pietrosanto  
In Thanksgiving of Lotanna Ojukwu on the Occasion of his Birthday  
\*Family

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

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, November 3** ●  
Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/  
Mk 12:28b-34

**Monday, November 4** ○  
**Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**  
Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday, November 5** ●  
Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday, November 6** ●  
Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 7** ●  
Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

**Friday, November 8** ●  
Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday, November 9** ○  
**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome**  
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

**Next Sunday, November 10** ●  
1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

## Reflection for the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus simplifies the more than 600 laws the Jews had to follow. He identifies for them the two most important laws—those that actually cover all the rest. It's all about love.

Do I embrace through my thoughts, words, and actions those two commandments?

## Pray For...

### Our Sick

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

Peter McGuire (September 10)  
Susan Matan (September 25)  
Mary Lou Kozel (October 9)

### First Year Anniversary November 2023

Timothy Gray (November 10)  
Susan Maynard (November 23)

# COMMUNITY NEWS



## 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 diced tomatoes, crushed tomatoes, and canned hash. Thank you for your continuing support.

### SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS! OPEN HOUSE AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

St. Thomas the Apostle School is a place where students grow academically, spiritually, and in service to others. We welcome applications for grades K-8, and enrollment will be opening soon for our PreK classes. If you know families looking for a school with a strong sense of community and a tradition of excellence, please spread the word about St. Thomas! Visit our Open House on Nov. 6th 5:30 -7:30 or schedule a private tour!

### HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

The Christ Child Society of Albany invites you to get a head start on your holiday shopping by visiting this event on Saturday, November 16 from 12 -6 pm in the St. Madeleine Sophie Parish Center, 3500 Carman Road, Schenectady, New York. Our vendor platform will include Mary Kay, Tupperware, Santa's Snacks, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Dee's Bombs, Cruisin' Creations, Longaberger, Sweet on You, Theresa Girzone jewelry and Annabelle Designs. Products will be available and ready for your holiday giving. Free admission, complimentary refreshments and prize drawings throughout the day. The Christ Child Society of Albany is dedicated to serving children in need of resources regardless of race or creed. Our challenge is to overcome poverty one child at a time. We are part of a National organization of 5.500 members. Hope to meet you at our event and happy shopping!

### ST. MATTHEW'S MEN'S ASSOCIATION: BIG BREAKFAST

Nov 10 from 8-11am in St. Matthew's Social Hall. Adults \$9, Children \$5 Enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, toast, juice, and tea/coffee. Take-outs are available. All are invited for an enjoyable time and a delicious breakfast!

### FALL RETREAT

The Joshua Foundation (a non-profit organization based out of Altamont started by Fr. Joseph Girzone) is holding their annual Fall retreat, MIRACLES AND HEALINGS OF JESUS, on November 16 from 10-3pm at St. Gabriel the Archangel Church, Schenectady. This free will retreat is co-directed by Deacon Gary Riggi & Sr. Dorothy Ederer and includes lunch. Register by Nov 9 at <https://shorturl.at/3n0l1>

### CATHOLIC CENTRAL OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, November 12 at 5 pm, continue your Catholic education at Catholic Central! Meet our faculty, staff, and students. Learn about the benefits of a comprehensive Catholic school education. Be a part of the future with us! Pre-register to join us: [calendly.com/catholiccentralschool](http://calendly.com/catholiccentralschool) 347 Old Loudon Road Latham, NY

### SAVE THE DATE

November 10 from 10am-1pm there will be a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Lucy's Parish Center. Please contact St. Lucy's if you plan to attend the breakfast. To be collected at the door: Ages 13-adult: \$10, ages 5-12: \$5, Under age 5: free

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, November 3

8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
12 pm Visitation Ministry Anointing Service  
Followed by Luncheon  
3 pm Voices from the Torah | Church

### Monday, November 4

6:30 pm RCIA Meeting | Vesting Sacristy

### Tuesday, November 5

6 am Board of Elections General Election | Knights Chapel  
9 am Mass/The Rosary and Divine Mercy  
Chaplet will follow Mass  
9:45 am Adoration

### Wednesday, November 6

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

### Thursday, November 7

9 am Mass including Anointing Service  
11 am Daystar Faith Sharing | Music Room  
1 pm Alzheimer's Association Support Group | Knights Chapel  
1:30 pm Staff Meeting  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
6:30 pm Deacon Candidate Meeting | Rectory  
7 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting | Knights Chapel

### Friday, November 8

7 pm REC Meeting | Music Room

### Saturday, November 9

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

### Next Sunday, November 10

8 am Mass  
10 am Youth Choir Rehearsal | Knights Chapel  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
5:30 pm Baptism Preparation Class | Church,  
Pre-registration required

# PARISH NEWS

## ANGEL GOWNS

Angel Gowns provides a small act of kindness when families need it most by providing hand sewn burial attire for infants who have passed away. Attire is girls, unisex, and boys using donated wedding dresses and other formal gowns. On the weekend of Nov. 2-3, at all the Masses, the Angel Gown Project will have ornaments available for you to take and will be accepting monetary donations.

## DECEMBER 7 BLOOD DRIVE

Registration for our next drive on December 7th is open, so if you donated whole blood at the October 12th drive please consider signing up today to help save a life! To register, visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code [churchchristking](http://churchchristking). Thank you again for taking time out of your busy lives.

## K OF C CHARITABLE AND BENEFICIAL RAFFLE TICKETS

Thank you to the many parishioners who helped support our Charitable and Beneficial raffle ticket sales. Other than the money used for prizes, all other money collected will go towards the support of our parish ministries, local community charitable or religious organizations, or to the charitable groups supported by the NYS Council of the Knights of Columbus. Our after Mass ticket sales have ended, however we still have a limited number of tickets available for sale. Please contact Robert Murphy [pfmrampalma@verizon.net](mailto:pfmrampalma@verizon.net) if interested. Any completed tickets should be returned to Robert by November 7 along with payment.

## VOICES OF THE TORAH

On November 3 at 3 pm in the church, explore the inner thoughts of our ancestors Adam, Cain, Eve, Seth, Malki-Sedek, Isaac & Moses as they contest with their inner selves and their God through imaginative story telling. Poetry by Bertrand Fay and presented by Very Rev. Mickiewicz

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK- NOV 3

Anointing of the Sick at 12 pm—This sacrament is available to all ages with physical or mental illnesses and to those facing an upcoming surgical procedure. Come, receive the gift of peace and grace. Allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen your mind and body and give you courage in these difficult times. The Visitation Committee provides a luncheon following the service.



Thank you to Fr. Red & all those who helped make our Parish Mission last week so spiritually enriching! Photos by Sarah Guerra. See more on our Facebook page!

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING SIGN-UPS

So often we are overwhelmed by the material aspect of “getting ready for Christmas” and overlook the real welcoming of Jesus. Help ready our hearts and minds this Advent for the coming of Christ into our lives and our world by making a wreath and prayerfully marking the days of this joyous season. What a beautiful way to keep us centered on the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and add a little peace to the hectic days during the four weeks leading to Christmas. Family Life Ministry will hold a signup to participate and purchase your materials in the Gathering Space 11/9-10 and 11/16-17. Choices: 1. **Make-and-Go:** Order and purchase the materials you need. Some people reuse the ring and bows from last year. Make your wreath in the company of other parish families. If you are new to making a wreath, we will show you how to make one ~ easy to make and fun to do, and takes about 30 minutes and enjoy some refreshments and Christmas! There will also be kid crafts and Advent resources and prayers provided. 2. **Take-and-Go:** Purchase your materials and take them with you to make the wreath at home. Prayers and resources will be available. 3. **Order a premade wreath** for \$25. Costs: Wreath Ring:\$8 Balsam Greens: \$5 Set of 4 purple/pink candles: \$4 Set of 4 coordinating bows: \$3 Wreath making & supply pick up will happen December 1 after the 11 am Mass in the Knights Chapel. For more info email Vicky [cvmyers9@gmail.com](mailto:cvmyers9@gmail.com)

## LOVING & CARING, GIVING & RECEIVING

Each year the Visitation Ministry delivers about 400 Christmas cards to all Catholics in our area who are hospitalized, in care facilities, and to CTK parishioners who are homebound and ill. We need your help to continue making this possible! Imagine the cheer, love and concern you will help bring to those who receive your cards! Your cards are so meaningful & brighten the lives of so many. Loving & caring, giving & receiving ~ the message of Jesus. Beginning November 9th, please visit the Family Life table in the Gathering Space to pick up a starter kit to make cards. Instructions and a few materials are provided. When finished making your cards return them to the basket by Dec 1. Our Visitation Ministers will then deliver your cards in time for Christmas. Thank you in advance for participating in this event which makes a difference to so many!

## PRAYER SHAWL RECIPIENTS

Our thanks and appreciation to a lovely parishioner for her sweet Mass remembrance for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. So gracious of you! We also appreciated the feed-back from a recipient of one of our shawls, saying how much one of Lois' shawls meant to her. We know that our shawls have gone to North Carolina, St. Louis, Hawaii and beyond! We simply knit/crochet, ribbon, bow and bless each shawl as a gift—for so they are—and let the Holy Spirit take them where the Spirit will! An exciting thought! Prayer shawls can be found in our Rectory Office during week-day hours or call Maryann Markham 518-456-5301.

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