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2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE  
LORD

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

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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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## 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

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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.



### AN EASY WAY TO MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTION ONLINE!

Scan the QR code or follow the link to be directed to our online giving portal through Faith Direct!  
[membership.faithdirect.net/NY108](https://membership.faithdirect.net/NY108)



## STEWARDSHIP

This bulletin was published before the financial figures were available. The totals for the weekends of December 23-24 and 28-29 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 January 2025 has been donated in loving memory of

Jason Brown

requested by  
Mom & Dad

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, January 7 | 9 am**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Wednesday, January 8 | 9 am**  
Robert Wolcott  
\*Michael & Joanne Esposito & Family

**Thursday, January 9**  
Intentions of Parishioners

**Saturday, January 11 | 4 pm**  
Ed Cupoli  
\*Tom & Mary Morrison  
Lori Rappleyea  
\*Kristin Marando  
Kathleen Mary Mady  
\*The Nevins Family  
Genevieve Aileen Simmens  
\*The Murphy Family

**Sunday, January 12 | 8 am**  
Mary Ann Pierce  
\*Barbara Green

**Sunday, January 12 | 11 am**  
Mary Sheehan  
\*Tom Sheehan  
Ed Cupoli  
\*Don Geoffroy  
Larry Prichard  
\*Terry Murray  
Richard Murphy  
\*LouAnn Cleary  
Josephine Pellerin  
\*CTK Visitation Ministry

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

## WEEKLY READINGS & OBSERVANCES

**Sunday, January 5** ○  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Monday, January 6** ○  
1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 7** ○  
1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 8** ○  
1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 9** ○  
1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/  
Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday, January 10** ○  
1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 11** ○  
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**Next Sunday, January 12** ○  
**The Baptism of the Lord**  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## Reflection for the Week

The news of the Messiah unsettled Herod. We see his anxiety clearly in today's Gospel. This is what Christ has come to do, after all. He has come to shake things up. Are we ready to be unsettled?

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## Pray For...

### Our Sick

Rev. Sally Heiligman (pastor at St. Boniface)	Becky Hilton Heeps
Christopher Visker	Don McCarthy
Shirley Ratta	Ryan Stoeppell
Cher Joseph	Carolyn Harris
Case Kerns	Bob Wallace
Cassidy Zyskowski	Michele Peichota
Ellie Leaver	Joshua Carpenter
Christine Nelson Testani	Carson Leonard
Linda Gosch	Patricia Bogg
Joanne Lue	Reed Dewitt
Christine Slattery	Rick Gelley
Paul Pierce	David Latina
Donna Johnson	Judi McGinn
Timothy J.	Michela
Kathy Bator	Marie Luce
Dr. Marilyn Levine	Liz Stewart
Fr. Tom Holmes	Patricia Bruno
Joan Schramm	David Birkun
Vincent Kelder	Rick Rodino
Eileen Reis	Luke Danker
Maryann Markham	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**  
Betty Low (December 9)

**First Year Anniversary January 2024**  
John Vincent, III (January 10)  
Edward Burke (January 10)  
Carmela Nigro (January 28)

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Join us as we Open the Jubilee Year of 2025 In the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

**Sunday, January 5, 2025**

- **1:30pm:** Prayer Service (Collectio) begins at Historic Saint Mary's
- Pilgrimage begins after the Prayer Service (Collectio), half mile prayerful procession to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- **3pm:** Mass begins at the Cathedral. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger presides.

### Parking Options:

- **Park at the Cathedral** (in the lot behind the Cathedral or parking garage across the street).
  - If you plan to take part in the walk (pilgrimage), you can park at the Cathedral. A shuttle bus arrives at the Cathedral at 1pm to take you to Saint Mary's. The shuttle is for walkers only. **There is NO RETURN SHUTTLE.**
  - **To reserve a seat on the shuttle,** RSVP to Kathy Barrans at [kathryn.barrans@rcda.org](mailto:kathryn.barrans@rcda.org) or (518) 801-2771.
- **Park at Historic Saint Mary's** - keep in mind, it will be dark when Mass ends at the Cathedral and you have to walk back to your car at Saint Mary's.

**This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a people of faith to celebrate the start of a Holy Year.**



To learn more about the Jubilee Year  
<https://www.rcda.org/jubilee-2025>

May we all become Pilgrims of Hope



### 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

### BIRTHRIGHT OF SCHENECTADY

a pregnancy resource center located on Jay St, is looking for volunteers to meet with our clients. A kind heart, listening ear and a once a week commitment from 10am-1pm is all that is needed. Training will be provided. For more info, please call Simone McGuinness 518-370-1532.

### YOUNG ADULT SEMI-FORMAL EPIPHANY BALL

The Taconic Catholic Young Adult Group and the Diocese of Albany are sponsoring a Semi-formal dinner and dance January 11 from 6-10pm with appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dancing at St. Mary's Church - Crescent; 86 Church Hill Road, Waterford. \$20 per person "Early Bird"; \$25 after January 1; \$30 per person at the door Register at [bohmdesigns.com/ball/](http://bohmdesigns.com/ball/) you do not need a +1 to attend! Questions, [ardensFidelis@proton.me](mailto:ardensFidelis@proton.me)

### 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/)

### GUILDERLAND FOOD PANTRY

The following items are needed for the Christmas Baskets distributed by the Guilderland Food Pantry: boxed potatoes (Scalloped, Au Gratin), brownie mix, gravy (turkey/chicken), canned pineapple and cooking oil. Thank you for the continued support of the Pantry.

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, January 5

8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)

### Monday, January 6

6:30 pm RCIA Meeting | Vesting Sacristy

### Tuesday, January 7

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

### Wednesday, January 8

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

### Thursday, January 9

9 am Mass  
6 pm AA Meeting | Music Room  
6:30 pm Liturgy Team Meeting | Rectory

### Saturday, January 11

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

### Next Sunday, January 12

8 am Mass  
11 am Mass (Interpreted and Livestreamed)  
1 pm Baptism

# PARISH NEWS

## DIOCESAN MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CONFERENCE DATES AND LOCATION CONFIRMED!

St. Edward the Confessor Church  
569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park

Dates: August 9 – Step Up Men's Conference 2025  
October 18 – Unleashing Love Women's Conference 2025

## MUSIC MINISTRY—THANK YOU

A very special thanks to our music ministry—the youth choir, the adult choir, cantors, and instrumentalists—for their many hours of preparation and rehearsal this Advent-Christmas Season. The liturgies were beautiful, and your music helped to make our celebrations especially meaningful! Your talents and dedication to our parish are so important and truly appreciated. Please keep in mind that all are welcome to join the music ministry any time of year! Just contact Melinda or speak to her after Mass for more information. [mcestaro@ctkparishny.org](mailto:mcestaro@ctkparishny.org)

## 2025 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

The American Red Cross in partnership with the Church of Christ the King would like to thank you for your recent blood donation as well as any others you have made in the past! Christ the King has sponsored 27 drives over the past several years collecting close to 850 units of blood for our community at large. We hope you have had great donation experiences and will come back to see us when you are eligible again. It's never too early to start planning for your 2025 blood donations. Registration is now open for our drives at Christ the King, and you can sign up today by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code *churchchristking* to find the



drives. Our drive dates are as follows: April 25, June 21, August 16, October 11 and December 6. If you are a regular donor and would like to stay on schedule

with your last donation as well as the ones listed, donate at any local drive or at the collection center on any day this February and you will be set to donate at Christ the King starting on



Thank you to Don Geoffrey and John Hodgson who took great care to repair a crucifix at our request. This work entailed constructing, staining and poly coating a new wooden crucifix, so that the Corpus from an older one could be re-used. This restored crucifix now graces the meeting space in the rectory where the Middle and High School Faith Formation groups convene. We are grateful to Don and John for their fine work and gift of time!  
Photo: Marge Stockwell

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Additional Christmas Flowers in loving memory of Todd, Kyle and Robert Pianowski requested by Ron Pianowski and Sandra Gordon.

April 25th. Thank you again for your commitment to donate blood at our drives, and we wish you a wonderful Christmas and a healthy New Year!

## PRAYER SHAWLS

If you are in need of a prayer shawl, they are available in the parish office during office hours. They are lovingly made by our Prayer Shawl Ministry and represent a way to share God's love to those in need of comfort and solace.

## CANCELLATION OF DAILY MASS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

Winter weather has arrived. Please listen to School Closing announcements and NOTE if the Guilderland School district and/or Christ the King Early Childhood Education Center is CLOSED or DELAYED due to weather conditions, the 9 am Daily Mass will also be cancelled and the Church office will either be closed or delayed. Please be safe as we navigate the winter months.

## EPIPHANY BLESSING, EXPLAINED

The Epiphany household blessing is a centuries-old tradition that invokes God's blessing on all who enter one's home.

All you need for an Epiphany blessing is chalk, which is usually made available by parishes either on the feast of the Epiphany or in the weeks leading up to it. There are a few different formulas for blessings out there, but the essence of the ritual is always the same: a priest or the head of the household calls down God's blessing on the house and everyone who comes into it, and an inscription is made above the door in chalk.

The inscription reads: the first two digits of the year + C + M + B + the last two digits of the year. The initials C, M and B represent the names of the magi — Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar — and also signify the Latin phrase *Christus mansionem benedicat*: "May Christ bless the house."  
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