

December 1, 2013 1st Sunday of Advent

Church of Christ the King



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Readings for the Week of December 1, 2013

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a,
6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

"Stay awake! Be prepared." The advice is clear enough. And chances are, most of us are inclined to follow this fervent instruction from the Lord. We'd like to be vigilant. We'd like to be ready. When the ultimate Advent comes-when Jesus returns-we don't want to be the one left standing alone in the field. But on its own, the desire to be alert isn't necessarily

enough to keep us from drifting off into a spiritual siesta. Consider the apostles in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus gave them a similar instruction to the one he gives today: "Keep watch" (Mt 26:38). And what happened? They fell asleep. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak" (26:41). How about us? Can we really stay awake? Indeed, the season of Advent presents a challenge: Jesus asks us to be ready to greet him at any hour. Though our spirit may be willing, can our "flesh" pull it off? Especially in this month of holiday hustle and bustle, how can we stay constantly focused on welcoming Christ? Saint Paul gives us a hint in today's epistle: "Put on the armor of light...Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:12, 14). Just as light prevents physical sleep, so too the light of Christ prevents spiritual slumber. When we invite Jesus' Spirit into our hearts, it's like keeping a vigil light flickering in the window of our souls. We may go about our business, but that expectant flame never burns out. So when Jesus comes again-even like a thief in the night-he will find us ready and waiting.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mon., December 2

7:00 AM **+**Jenny Franschilla r/b friends of the family
 7:30 AM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30AM

 11:00AM **+**Gerald N. Cowen r/b Family
 1:30 PM Rosary & Divine Mercy
***7:00PM** **Retreat Service**

Tues., December 3

7:00 AM **Frances Xavier**
+Dan Corsilli r/b Tom Wood & Family
***11:00AM** **Mass & Sermon**
 7:00 PM Retreat Service

Wed., December 4

7:00 AM **John Damascene**
+Antoinette DeAngelis r/b The Demchak & Wood Families
***11:00AM** **Mass & Sermon**
 7:00PM Retreat Service

Thurs., December 5

7:00 AM **+**Janina Wypyszynski r/b Maryann & Joseph Redmond

Fri., December 6

7:00 AM **Nicholas**
+Edwin Rodgers r/b The Krueger Family

Sat., December 7

4:30 PM **Ambrose**
+Douglas Zujkowski r/b Parents

Sun., December 8

8:30 AM **2nd Sunday of Advent**
+Franciek Wypyszynski r/b Maryann & Joseph Redmond
 10:30 AM God's Blessing for Constance Butcavage r/b M/M Usvage

**Retreat—denotes Sacred Heart as location.*

CONTRIBUTIONS The Offertory Collections received on **11/24** will be published in the bulletin dated **12/8**. Thank you for your contributions. *Fr. Stan*

STEWARDSHIP *"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42*

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, "Not yet!" We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care. The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship. The Lord is coming!

For The Week The Altar Bread & Wine will be consecrated this week in memory & honor of the living & deceased members of the Carmen DeBellis family r/b MarySue Schlenker & sons.

Oplatek are on sale now in the parish offices for \$2.00 a package.

Merger Update Corner

The Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass schedules for Christ the King and Sacred Heart worship sites will remain the same for now and into the near future. They are as follows:

Christ the King Church

Saturday 4:30PM
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:30AM

Sacred Heart Church

Saturday 6:00PM English
 Sunday 7:00 and 11:30AM Polish
 Sunday 8:30 and 10:00AM English

The weekly and Holy Day Mass times will also remain the same until further notice.

**Don't Forget! SAVE THE DATE/New Parish
 Celebration held January 4, 2014**

Advent Retreat the Schedule for the Advent Retreat is included on the left side of your bulletin. Please make every effort to join us as we spend time building upon our faith together.

2nd Collection-Religious Retirement next Sunday, December 8th, the Religious Retirement Fund will be requested. The proceeds are designated solely to support the retired Religious Sisters and Brothers of the United States.

Knitting & Crocheting Committee will be meeting on **Monday, Dec. 9th, at 7PM.** For location and details contact MaryCarol at 908 575-2797.

Caritas –The Sharing Ministry the members of this ministry from both Christ the King and Sacred Heart Churches would like to thank our parishioners for their generous donations to help feed our neighbors.

We would also like to thank members of Girl Scout Troop #68; members of the Hillsborough Manville Elks, the Knights of Columbus members and, the students of Christ the King School for their generous donations recently. We will continue to collect food items on a monthly basis.

If you, or someone you know is in need, please contact the parish office. All inquires are confidential.

Don't Forget...

The Giving Tree beginning today you will be able to take an ornament off the giving tree located in the vestibule, purchase a gift card to match your ornament tag, attach and return in the church's collection basket before **December 15th.** Help make someone's Christmas merry!

HOLY NAME ANNUAL TOY DRIVE will continue collecting toy(s) through **Sunday, 12/8** inclusive. Do not wrap toys & *No Cash Please.* You may donate toy(s) for either gender, babies included. The cost of the item(s) is at your discretion. You may bring your toys to any Mass and leave on the Divine Mercy side in the front of the church. Any questions? Just call Frank Picciano at 908-725-5957.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2013—2014 All classes are held at Christ the King School and the schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY

Grades 2 & 4: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

Grades 7 & 8: 5:30 to 6:45 PM

*WEDNESDAY

Grades 1 & 3: 4:00 to 5:15 PM

Grades 5 & 6: 5:30 to 6:45 PM

Please Note! Children must use their Envelopes as Mass Attendance cards. If they are attending another church then they must bring a Church bulletin from there.

Children's Stewardship the Stewardship Acts for week ending 11/24 will be printed in the bulletin dated 12/8.

PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME, GRADE & CLASS ON YOUR ENVELOPES!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—"THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS"

We will be celebrating the gift of God's children with our Children's Liturgy Christmas Eve Mass at **4:00 PM**. Please join us as we prepare this special celebration of the "The Mystery of Christmas" in anticipation of Christ's birth.

If you would like to participate please contact Sarina Urban at 908-429-1584.

Practice for all Christmas pageant participants will be held on **Thursday, December 19th**, at **3:15PM** in the church.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LISTS: Please pray for all of the family, friends & members of our parish, especially those who have requested our prayers: Toni Antonelli, Cecelia Bok, Joseph Brickley, Shawn Brickley, Margaret Cebula, Bill Clifford, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, John Dombey, Dorothy Dinsmore, Cathy Iarkowski, Joanna Jason-tek, Betty Joe Matisak, Mark Matisak, Marie Krachan, Cheyenne Licardi, Joan McKelvey, Gerry McCormick, Quaid Mobus, Skip Picciano, John Polites, Destiny Poulino, Janice Rivard, Normand Rivard, Jenny Rodgers, Robert Roman, Pat Sherwood, Victoria Soika, Andy Soltis, Rose Tabbitt, Virginia Tamburini, William Tomaszfski, Joe Tomko, Marilyn Trilone, Pauline Vantaggi, Helen Vrabel, Raymond Wisniewski, Joann Zielinski, Anne Zydallis, Regina Zydalis

ARMED FORCES: Captain Christopher Bartok, PFC Joshua Hussey, PFC Joshua Rivard, CMDR, Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule: Prayer assignments for the coming week are as follows: **Sun.**, Thomas Amato & Julia Diaz **Mon.**, Barbara Demchak & Sharon L. **Tues.**, Ellen Mitcha & Rachael Lukacs **Wed.**, Terezia Tardy & Laurie Lukacs **Thurs.**, John & Brett Wood **Fri.**, Jo Pschar & Marge I. **Sat.**, Michael & Natacha Drobny

The Catholic Church of St. Ann St. Ann Parish is pleased to announce Father Alphonse Stephenson's *Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea—Annual Christmas Concert*. The concert will be held at 2PM on Sunday, 12/15/13 at the Somerset County Vocational & Technical School, Bridgewater, NJ. Balconey tickets are \$30 and orchestra tickets are \$35. Advance tickets available now by calling the Rectory at 908-725-1008 ext. 104 to reserve your ticket.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder on **Wednesday December 4th** there will be a 12:30PM dismissal. Aftercare IS available.

Calendar Raffle Tickets @ \$20 each

There will be a drawing every Saturday from January 4th through March 29th at 7:15pm each week prior to the start of Bingo. Winner need not be present. Weekly prize amounts will range from \$400 - \$450, with the final weekly winner at \$500. Tickets can be purchased at the school office. Please call 908-526-1339.

 **BINGO Saturdays—** Admission is \$2.00; doors open at **6pm**, Early Bird at **7:15pm**, Games begin at **7:30pm**, *delicious* food always available for purchase.

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Come check out our School! Enrolling for the 2013—2014 school year. Full day Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1 thru 8; 1/2 day Pre-K and Before & Aftercare available. Call to schedule a tour 908-526-1339. Please join us!!

Christine Benson, Principal

Great Lakes Scrip Cards

Great way to support the CTK School with your everyday shopping needs. Purchasing gift cards for Shop-rite, Kohls, Home Depot and so many more at no additional cost to you. A list of retailers is available online. Gift cards are ordered online at www.glscrip.com. Enrollment code is F48E622816389. Orders are placed online. **Print out your receipt** and send in your check made payable to **CTK H.S.A.**, Attn: Christy LoMedico c/o Marissa Grade K/Mrs. Grecco. Orders will be sent home with your student the following week. During part of Dec., an order will be placed every Monday for Christmas. Questions or concerns? Call Suzanne Hanlon 908-812-2275 or Christy LoMedico 908-966-5373. Great Gift Idea!