

January 6th, 2013 The Epiphany of the Lord

Church of Christ the King



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Readings for the Week of January 6, 2013

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Acts 10:34-38 or
Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When people in the entertainment industry reach a top level of fame and expertise in their profession, we talk about them as having a lot of star power. These are the men and women who eclipse lesser lights in the entertainment constellation. No matter the generation, there are always names like Monroe, Taylor, Burton, Olivier, McCartney, Springsteen, Madonna, Hanks, Streep,

or Sarandon who will shine brighter than others who will also have their name inscribed on the Walk of Fame. Stars at this level of their craft can basically ask for whatever they want because they are sought after by just about everyone. Their performances, whether a live concert or on the screen, have the ability to unite people in a common experience. The real "star" of Matthew's Gospel today is not the one that appears in the sky to the Magi. Yes, that star is an important sign-it led the Magi from the east to Jerusalem where they learned of the prophecy about Bethlehem. That star led them to the home of the Child they would worship. This Child is the real star of the Gospel story. He comes into the world. In the midst of conflict and division, exemplified by Herod's distrust and fear, Jesus comes as the newborn king to save his people from their sins. As Matthew tells it, Jesus is the One who unites faithful Jew and believing Gentile bringing together all those who would seek the truth and follow his teaching. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the world. His revelation means that people must choose whether to follow him or not. Herod had that choice. So did the Magi. Men and women from every race and nation come to Christ. Once they choose to follow Christ, they become brothers and sisters of one another. Christ unites all believers in a common experience, his call to love. That's star power beyond imagining!

CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 7 **Raymond of Penyafort**
7:00 AM +Stephanie Castles r/b
Anne, Bernadette &
MaryCarol

Tuesday, January 8
7:00 AM +Joe Adamcik r/b Demchak
Family

Wednesday, January 9
7:00 AM +Daughters of Dean
DalConzo r/b John Wood
Family

Thursday, January 10
7:00 AM In Thanksgiving for John T.
Joseph, Jr. r/b Brett

Friday, January 11
7:00 AM +Most Rev. Bishop Edward
T. Hughes r/b the Demchak
& John Wood Families

Saturday, January 12
4:30 PM +Victims of Sandy Hook
Elementary School r/b
Anne, Bernadette &
MaryCarol

Sunday, January 13 **Blessed Peter Donders,
Memorial/The Baptism of
The Lord**
8:30 AM People of the Parish
10:30AM +Most Rev. Bishop Edward
T. Hughes r/b Christ the
King Parishioners

CONTRIBUTIONS: The Offertory Collections received on **12/23** were **\$2569.00**. The children's offerings were **\$26.00** and the offerings received on **12/25** were **\$11,521.00**. The collections received on **12/30** and **1/6** will be published on **1/13**. Thank you for your contributions,
Fr. Stan

STEWARDSHIP- Epiphany – January 6, 2013

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will *I* go and what will *I* offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We
saw his star at its rising and have come
to do him homage." — Mt 2:1b-2*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



ALTAR BREAD & WINE, CANDLES & FLOWERS

For a small donation you may request the Altar Bread, Altar Wine and various Candles & Flowers to be named in honor or memory of a family member, friend, etc...call the office for details.

MOST REV. BISHOP EDWARD T. HUGHES

The Most Rev. Bishop Hughes entered into eternal rest on December 25, 2012 at the age of 92. On behalf of the parishioners of Christ the King & Sacred Heart Parishes, all of the Clergy past & present, and all staff members, I extend my condolences and also gratitude for Bishop Hughes' stewardship work served at these parishes.
Fr. Stan

Statement by Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski on the Shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School

"The Diocese of Metuchen grieves with the people of Newtown over the tragic and senseless shooting of 20 innocent children and 6 heroic women. We join with our brothers and sisters, of all faiths, across the nation and around the world, in praying for the victims and all parents whose children were taken so suddenly and violently and are inspired by those who have said they will not hate because there was no hate in their child. In recent months we have endured killing sprees in homes, workplaces, movie theaters, shopping malls, houses of worship, and, now, once again, in a school. When will it stop? The simplest answer is: only when we can turn the culture of death, so prevalent today, into a culture of life. This past week, we have come to know 20 precious youngsters who brought joy, peace and love into the lives they touched. We must not let their deaths be in vain. Together, let us denounce all forms of violence against humanity and work to protect all human life created by God."

YearofFaithMetuchen.org To help parishioners grow in their-faith during the Year of Faith declared by Pope Benedict XVI from **October 2012** through **November 2013**, the Diocese of Metuchen is providing a special *Year of Faith website* for all parishioners to deepen your faith through prayer, education, spirituality, programs and events, and to help welcome back those who have been away from the Church. Please visit **YearofFaithMetuchen.org** to learn more.

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors Please do not forget to consider joining one or both of these spiritually rewarding ministries. If interested, please call the parish offices at 908-231-1330.



2013 Home Blessings

If you are interested in having your home blessed, please complete this form and drop in collection basket or bring to the offices.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: (____) _____



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2013—2014

Parent/Catechist conferences will be held on January **8th & 9th**.

Children's Stewardship for w/e **12/23**: Helped decorate the Church, visited the elderly and served at Mass, **Rachael**; Cleaning room, **Raymond**; Put clothes away, **Hunter**; Cooked breakfast, cleaned my room & helped with dog, **Becky**; Took care of my friend, **Michelle**; Helping bake Christmas cookies, **Aidan**; I cleaned my room, **Melissa**; I helped my teacher take tape off papers at school, **Gerard**; Helping my mom take care of my brother, **Megan**; Helping Becky cook breakfast, **Robert**; I helped wrap the gifts, **Nathaniel**; Baking cookies for neighbors & helping in Religious Ed., class, **Katie**; Attended/donated; **Victor, & Andrew**. The stewardship Acts for w/e **12/30 & 1/6** will be printed in the bulletin dated **1/13/13**.

Children's Liturgy Our next children's Liturgy Mass will be celebrated on **January 20th at 10:30 AM**. If you would like to help, (ushers, greeters, readers, etc...), please contact Sarina Urban at 908 429-1584.

Knights of Columbus: "All You Can Eat Roast Pork Dinner" **Sunday, January 27th—2 PM to 6 PM** in the Sacred Heart Auditorium. Pre-sale tickets are only \$12 adults; \$6 children age 13 & under. Watch for more info. in next week's bulletin.

WEEKLY WEBSITE REFLECTIONS Don't forget to visit our website to watch inspirational videos from parishioners of both Christ the King & Sacred Heart Parishes. Just visit: www.ctkmanvillechurch.com

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, Janet Caverly, Margaret Cebula, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Kaiden Crothwer, John Dombey, Dorothy Dinsmore, Elizabeth Gockel, Rose Gromack, Carol Gunter, Joanna Jasontek, Betty Kawalchuk, Fay Bailey Knowles, Joe Matisak, Mark Matisak, Marie Krachan, Cheryl Latuga, Cheyenne Licardi, Joan McKelvey, Elizabeth Michalowski, Gerry McCormick, Skip Picciano, Janice Rivard, Normand Rivard, Jenny Rodgers, Robert Roman, Sandi Salois, Gus Shelcuskus, Irene Shelcuskus, Ava Shepherd, Jackee Shepherd, Franklin Smith, Victoria Soika, Andy Soltis, Virginia Tamburini, William Tomaszfski, Joe Tomko, Marilyn Trilone, Pauline Vantaggi, Helen Vrabel, Raymond Wisniewski, Joann Zielinski, Vincent Zujkowski, Anne Zydallis, Regina Zydalis

ARMED FORCES: Major Edward Dowgin, LCpl. Christopher Foley, 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.**, Jo Pschar & Marge I. **Mon.**, Michael & Natacha Drobny **Tues.**, Angela Kerecman & Barbara Demchak **Wed.**, Helen Shelton & Brett Wood **Thurs.**, Katelyn Hart & Sharon L. **Fri.**; Bill Clifford & Laurie Lukacs **Sat.**, Jennie Bartus & Rachael Lukacs

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Wednesday, January 16—Resort in Atlantic City; "The 50's Show" \$45 If interested, please contact **Jo at 908-722-0156**.

Saturday, April 20th, 2013—"Noah" at Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA \$120 Adults, children & teen prices available, includes Amish Family Style Dinner at Plain & Fancy; depart church grounds 10:15 AM return approximately 8:30 PM, call Maryanne at 908-359-5514 for tickets.

CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

You may Register now for the **2013—2014** school year, Pre-K 1/2 or full day, Full day Kindergarten. 1st through 8th grades. Please call 908-526-1339 to schedule a tour.



Prayer for Catholic Schools
Dear Lord,

bless those who work and learn in our Catholic schools.

Give our teachers the grace every day
to be models of you to all they meet.

Give our students the desire to learn their lessons,
and also to grow closer to you through our Mother
and our older siblings, the Saints.

Give our administrators the guidance they need,
to balance the needs of the school
with a life modeled on you and your compassion.

Give our school parents the understanding,
to make the most of school based on you
for the academic and spiritual lives of their children.

Amen.

"SHOP WITH SCRIP"

Buy your gift cards and/or grocery cards through CTK School. Order forms are located in the Christ the King and Sacred Heart Vestibules, and/or you can order online at www.shopwithscrip.com—Enrollment code: F48E622816389.

All order forms, online confirmations and payments must be sent to the school for processing. Any questions, contact ctkscrips@yahoo.com or 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.

