

March 3, 2013 3rd Sunday of Lent

# Church of Christ the King



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### PARISH STAFF:

*Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, C.Ss.R., Pastor*

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### Readings for the Week of March 3, 2013

- Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

A few years ago a friend of mine was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. Bill was a good man, very kind and generous with his time and his talents. And although he didn't have a lot of money (he was a teacher by profession) he was always ready to help out in any way that he could. As a middle-aged man, Bill was fairly healthy otherwise, and his diagnosis came as a shock to his family and friends. Most of us were left asking, "Why should such a cruel thing happen to such a kind man?" This is the very question Jesus confronts in the Gospel this weekend when he

deals with tragic events in his time. A tower collapses and eighteen people are killed. Is this punishment because they were the most evil people in Jerusalem? Some Galileans are slaughtered while offering sacrifice. Have they somehow offended God, and so are now being called to account for their wickedness? Jesus says that the evil that befell them makes them no guiltier than anyone else. And, by implication, makes the rest of us no less guilty! Our sense of justice likes to have the punishment fit the crime. We expect that there will be specific consequences for individual actions, each wrongful act punished on its own merits. But the problem of evil is much greater than personal sinfulness. While we each have responsibility for our individual sins, we also carry the weight of human sinfulness. As Catholics, we call that original sin, but whatever title it is given, it is the recognition that there is at work in the world a greater sin than that which each of us may be personally guilty of. It is the sin of our race. Bill did not get cancer because he was a bad man. But illness, war, hatred, and every other evil are the things from which we seek deliverance. It is good that God is patient with us, like the gardener with the fig tree.

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday, March 4</b>	<b>Casimir</b>
7:00 AM	+Anna Tardy r/b John & Terry Tardy
7:30 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 8:30 AM
11:00 AM	Lenten Retreat Mass & Sermon
<b>*7:00 PM</b>	<b>Retreat Mass &amp; Sermon</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 5</b>	
7:00 AM	+Anna Rose Hobora r/b Cindy Gaughn
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Outdoor "Way of the Cross" - Procession to Sacred Heart Church</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 6</b>	
7:00 AM	+Ed Finlan r/b Tom & Dolores Finlan
<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Closing Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, March 7</b>	<b>SS. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b>
7:00 AM	+Augustus Shelcusky r/b Elaine Rand Fromkin
<b>Friday, March 8</b>	<b>John of God</b>
7:00 AM	+Arlene McGuire r/b Frank & Skip Picciano
<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross in Church</b>
<b>Saturday, March 9</b>	<b>Frances of Rome</b>
4:30 PM	+Anna Yablonsky r/b John Wood & Demchak Families
<b>Sunday, March 10</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
8:30 AM	+Gertrude & Paul Franzoso r/b Pauline & Mark Hamilton
10:30AM	+Christina Garay r/b daughter, Helen Michno

\*Denotes Mass/Sermon at Sacred Heart Church

**CONTRIBUTIONS:** The Offertory Collections received on 2/17 were \$2890 and on 2/24 were \$2441. The Children's Collection received was \$31.50 on 2/17 and \$15.00 on 2/24. Thank you for your contributions. *Fr. Stan*

### **STEWARDSHIP - Third Sunday in Lent - March 3, 2013**

*"A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he came out looking for fruit on it but did not find any. He said to the vinedresser, 'Cut it down.' But the vinedresser said, 'Leave it another year while I hoe around it and manure it; then perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down.'" Luke 13:6-9*

As the vinedresser cultivated the fig tree, stewards are also called to cultivate the talents of one another. The truth is that talents not used are lost to us and others.

**For the Week** The **Altar Bread & Wine** are reserved this week for the repose of the soul of Anne Niezgodka at the request of her nieces, MaryCarol & Bernadette. The **Main Altar Candles** will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Carol Motti at the request of her dad, Edward. The **Sanctuary Candle** will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Arlene McGuire at the request of Mary Sue Schlenker and sons.

**Altar Rosary Society** Due to the Lenten Retreat we will not be praying the Rosary on **Monday, March 4th**, we will resume next Monday, **Monday March 11th**.

**2013 Lenten Retreat** Begins today! Please make an effort to join us on our spiritual Lenten journey as we strive to "walk the way of God" together.

God Bless You, *Fr. Stan*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES:**

Next **Saturday, 3-16-2013 at 9AM** all of the First Holy Communion Candidates will receive their First Reconciliation at Sacred Heart Church. All family & friends are welcome for this solemn yet joyous occasion.

**2nd Collection Next Weekend-(3/9 & 10)** We will be requesting the "Spring Collection" next week. This collection benefits the Native & Black American Collection as well as Catholic Relief Services.

**Knitting & Crocheting Committee** will meet on **Monday, March 11th at 7 PM**. Contact MaryCarol for location and details at 908-575-2797. New members always welcome!

**Soup After Stations of the Cross** don't forget to join us downstairs on **Fridays** after the **4 PM** Stations of the Cross for a light supper of soup & bread.

### **Coming Up:**

**"Together on the Journey" -Fellowship, Prayer & Reflection** Held on **Friday March 15th at 9:30 AM** at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center. Be empowered by music and Gospel as we strive to answer Jesus' call to be His disciples. Free event—RSVP by March 8th to pmartin@diometuchen.org or 732-5562-1990 x1310.

### **Manville Rescue Squad**

"All You Can Eat" Sliced Filet Mignon Dinner benefits the Manville First Aid & Rescue Squad held on **Sat., March 16th at 6 PM** promptly at the V.F.W. Hall located at 600 Washington Ave., Manville. Sponsored by the Manville Rescue Squad Auxiliary, tickets are \$35. For info., call **908-725-1246** or **908-725-2386**.

**40 Days For Life** Join the peaceful prayerful vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood Facility in Manville. Runs through **March 24th daily 7 AM to 7 PM**. For more info., please go to [www.40daysforlife.com/manville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/manville), then vigil schedule to sign up for 1 hour.

**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.

**Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen** Help our youth in Middlesex County by transporting them to services at Catholic Charities' Youth Partial Care Program. Agency vehicles provided. Please call Desi Isidro at 732-738-1323 for details.

*Maria Hunter; Director Office of Parish Social Ministry*

## CHRIST THE KING PARISH NEWS & UP COMING EVENTS

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES 2013—2014

#### 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

**Children's Stewardship** w/e 2/17: made valentines for my friends, **Gianna**; collecting for the poor during Lent, helping at rel. ed. & helping my sister get buckled into her seat, **Katie**; helped mom, **Evzen**; helped make dinner, **Rebecca**; I let my friend borrow my game for a week, **Gerard**; helping clean the playroom, **Aidan**; I got all good grades on my report card and made my parents proud, **Melissa**; helping bake desert, **Megan**; visited the elderly, served at Mass and helped at Pierogi dinner, **Rachael**; helped clean, **Robert**; helped in rel. ed. class, **Victor**; shoveling snow, **Anthony & Dylan**; cleaned the basement playroom, **Geoffrey**, attended & donated; **George T., Sara & Hayden T.** and, **Matthew S. & Andrew R.** w/e 2/24: giving my brother one of my birthday toys, **Katie**; helped my friend, **Evzen**; I held the door for my class on the way to gym, **Melissa**; helped a sick person, **Victor**; made dinner for my family, **Rebecca**; playing with my brother when he wants me to and helping in rel. ed. class, **Nitya**; helped take a bath, **Michelle**; made dad smile, **Robert**; I read to the church last Sunday, **Gerard**; cleaned my room, **Hunter**; I listened, **Raymond**; I cleaned up, **Gianna**; I helped Nanie with the dishes, **Nathaniel**; Attended & donated, **Matthew S.**

**Children's Stations of the Cross** will be held on **Good Friday, 3/29** at Sacred Heart Church at **10 AM**. Practices are held on **3/16 & 3/23** from **2—3:30 PM** at Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Cherie Sharbough at 908-707-1839.

#### Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule:

Prayer assignments for the coming week are as follows: **Sun.**, Ellen Michta & Sharon L. **Mon.**, Terezia Tardy & Laurie Lukacs **Tues.**, John & Brett Wood **Wed.**, Josephine Pschar & Marge I. **Thurs.**, Michael & Natacha Drobny **Fri.**, Angela Kerecman & Barbara Demchak **Sat.**, Helen Shelton & Rachael Lukacs

**CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LISTS:** Please pray for all of the family, friends & members of our parish, especially those who have requested our prayers: Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Cecelia Bok, Joseph Brickley, Shawn Brickley, Margaret Cebula, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Kaiden Crothwer, John Dombey, Dorothy Dinsmore, Antoinette DeAngelis, Elizabeth Gockel, Rose Gromack, Molly Guida, Carol Gunter, Joanna Jasontek, Maryann Johns, Betty Kawalchuk, Fay Bailey Knowles, Joe Matisak, Mark Matisak, Marie Krachan, Cheyenne Licardi, Joan McKelvey, Elizabeth Michalowski, Gerry McCormick, Skip Picciano, Janice Rivard, Normand Rivard, Jenny Rodgers, Robert Roman, Sandi Salois, Ava Shepherd, Jackee Shepherd, Franklin Smith, Victoria Soika, Andy Soltis, Virginia Tamburini, Betsy Tindall, William Tomaszfski, Joe Tomko, Marilyn Trilone, Pauline Vantaggi, Helen Vrabel, Raymond Wisniewski, Joann Zielinski, Vincent Zujkowski, Anne Zydallis, Regina Zydalis

**ARMED FORCES:** LCpl. Christopher Foley, PFC Joshua Hussey, PFC Joshua Rivard, CMDR, Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

#### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

**Friday, March 8th, 2013**—Mohegan Sun. in P.A.; \$45, \$20 return in slot play. Includes buffet, bus, & driver's tip. Call 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 Sacred Heart church grounds 10:15 AM return approximately 8:30 PM, call Maryanne at 908-359-5514 for tickets.

**Wednesday, May 15th, 2013**—Lancaster to see Noah at Sight & Sound. \$110.00 includes show, tip, bus and lunch at Shady Maple. Call Jo at 908-722-0156.

**The following trips are under consideration for 2013:** Taylor Swift, Fleetwood Mac, Frankie Valli, Thoroughly Modern Millie- (Paper Mill) & Yankee Baseball Games, (dates TBD) if interested call Bill at 732—947-7495.

## CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL NEWS

### Register Now -For the 2013—2014 school year.

Pre-K 1/2 or full day, Full day Kindergarten.  
1st through 8th grades. Please call 908-526-1399 to schedule a tour.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION** Applications for Financial Aid through the Diocese of Metuchen Tuition Assistance Program for the 2013—2014 school year are now available at all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Completed applications must be mailed to Private School Aid Service, postmarked no later than **SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST, 2013**. To obtain an application form please contact Christine Benson or Donna in the main office. There is also a printable version of the application (English & Spanish) available on the web at:

<http://Tinyurl.com/DOM-TuitionAssistance>

### "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](http://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](mailto:ctkscrips@yahoo.com) or call 908-725-7105.



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.