



In Loving Memory

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of: John V. Harvey; Paul Hemberger; Herbert Travers; Kathy & Jeff Doe; Bill Wise; Don & Betty Murphy; Deceased members of the Baboury family; John M. Maloney; Robert Brunell; James Keyes; Adele Walsh; Al McCool; and all the faithful departed.

Deceased of November: Lynn Ann Ryan; Dr. Normand P. Larocque; Eva P. Moring.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 22

4:00 PM John V. Harvey / Msgr. Hoye

Sunday, December 23

8:30 AM The People of the Parish / Fr. Healey

10:30 AM Deceased of November / Fr. Wyndham

5:30 PM Paul Hemberger / Fr. Healey

Monday, December 24

8:30 AM Fr. Healey

4:00 PM Fr. Healey

4:15 PM Fr. Wyndham (Parish Hall)

6:00 PM Fr. Wyndham

10:00 PM Fr. Healey

Tuesday, December 25

8:30 AM Msgr. Tosti

10:30 AM Fr. Healey

Wednesday, December 26

8:30 AM Herbert Travers / Msgr. Tosti

Thursday, December 27

8:30 AM Kathy & Jeff Doe / Fr. Wyndham

Friday, December 28

8:30 AM Bill Wise / Fr. Wyndham

Saturday, December 29

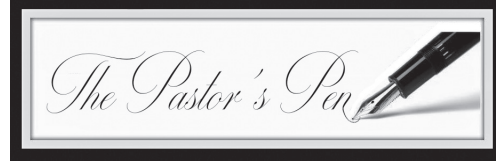
4:00 PM Bertha & Thaddeus Karcz, and Mary Serba / Fr. Wyndham

Sunday, December 30

8:30 AM Rosalva Muller Rojo / Fr. Wyndham

10:30 AM George & Sheila Finn / Fr. Healey

5:30 PM The People of the Parish / Fr. Healey



ON THE THRESHOLD OF AN OCTAVE: The arrival of the true season of Christmas is imminent but for many in our culture it will be quite done and over well before this time next week.

However, for traditional Christians, like ourselves as Roman Catholics, who keep a calendar of feasts and seasons, Christmas is just beginning and will last through to the celebration of the Lord's Baptism on January 13th.

The first phase of the season which begins with the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity introduces the authentic cause for our celebration which is the Mystery of the Incarnation, that in the child Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary in humble circumstances in Bethlehem, God has appeared in flesh and so humanity and divinity are united.

So great a truth is this and so saving a mystery that its contemplation and celebration cannot be limited to a single day but must in fact continue for eight days as if they were one.

This is the Octave of Christmas and while our calendar may advance from December 25th to January 1st, our feast day in a sense does not and every day of the eight is an equally solemn observance of the Nativity as was the first.

After the conclusion of the Octave the Christmas season will continue by revisiting all the early manifestations which occurred from his birth up through his hidden years at Nazareth to his baptism by John in the Jordan that indicate that in Jesus of Nazareth, God, Emmanuel, is truly living among us.

So don't dismantle the decorations unless they become a fire hazard and keep the lights lit certainly throughout the Octave, but to the 13th of January if possible as well so that faith based traditions rather than commercial interests define and shape the Season of Christmas for us!

A Blessed Christmas Eve, Day and Season to all our parishioners, their extended families and to all visitors among us;

May the love of Christ, who is God ever with us, fill your hearts and minds with his unshakable peace!

MATTHEW 25 FUND: "Let everyone sweep in front of their own door and all the world will be clean" - Van Goethe: This very wise quote speaks to us of taking responsibility to do one's part for tending and improving what is immediately around us and before us, rather than becoming paralyzed in inaction because we are overwhelmed by all that there is to be done in the world.

It is then very wise guidance for us as we read the 25th Chapter of St. Matthew and there find Christ telling us that we will find and serve him in the poor, the hungry, the ill clad, the stranger, the sick, and those incarcerated.

Yet this passage applies to so many in a world where economic injustice among other injustices so often prevail that it would be nearly impossible for us to know where to begin to comply and we could easily become overwhelmed by the magnitude of the task if it means finding and serving all who are described in this important gospel passage.

It is not only as individuals but especially as a community of Christian disciples gathered in a particular time and place that we are called to perform charitable works on behalf of those whom Christ himself is asking us to seek out and to serve as if they are him.

So then, it is our duty as a parish first and foremost "to sweep in front of our door" by aiding the less fortunate in our own community who struggle to acquire the basic necessities

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of life in terms of food, clothing and shelter as well as to welcome and assist new comers, and to bring whatever comfort we might to the sick and to those who are presently incarcerated or those recently released who need the opportunity to build a new life.

At Christ the King Parish, we have a long and proud history of taking the gospel to heart and trying to put it into practice through the weekly Food Pantry, and the work of the Vincentians in assessing and providing what is needed for those struggling to get by as well as the varied charitable endeavors of our Knights of Columbus.

While we greatly value what those formed and animated by the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul, or Fr. Michael McGivney are willing to do in organizing and managing efforts to relieve the poor who look to the church for help, it is all of us, without exception, who are accountable to the clear expectations of Christ in the 25th Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel, and it is to him that we will all have to answer in this regard one day.

Yet practically speaking we cannot all belong to the Knights of Columbus, or work at the Food Pantry, or the Thrift Shop, we cannot all interview the poor to assess their needs, or go to the hospital rooms of the sick or visit those confined to home by age or illness or meet with those in the County jail; thus this simple wisdom must apply that ***"some give by doing and others do by giving"***.

Thus, the Matthew 25 Fund has been established in a sense as our parish version of the "United Way" and in it have been deposited proceeds from the annual Charity Golf Tournament, a portion of the monthly proceeds from Christ the King Thrift Shop, and donations designated for the Christ the King Food Pantry as well as all donations to the Giving Tree Project.

From it, \$10,000 has already been used to provide \$50 gift cards to needy families so that they can shop for their own children at Christmas, and the Christ the King Conference of St. Vincent de Paul is to be regularly reimbursed for their expenditures in managing our parish food pantry and in providing assistance with utilities and housing for the needy.

The Matthew 25 Fund is to be overseen by a board of advisers which includes the pastor, another parish minister, a treasurer, as well as the Chair of the Golf Tournament, the President of St. Vincent de Paul, the Manager of the Thrift Shop, and the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus.

The purpose of the Matthew 25 Account is to insure that the major funds raised by the parish or donated to it for charity are spent primarily for charitable works serving those within the bounds of the parish which includes Mashpee, Cotuit, Marston's Mills and parts of East Falmouth whether supporting works carried out by St. Vincent de Paul, the Knights of Columbus or the parish itself.

However, some whom the gospel asks us to serve must be served regionally like the homeless at St. Joseph's Shelter in Hyannis, and so funds will be available to support good works done on their behalf, and for others as approved by the advisers.

A report of the account will be published monthly in the bulletin so that all will be aware of the scope of the charity that is being carried out by the parish and as a means of raising the consciousness of all parishioners about the extent of real local needs in order to invite your support.

Cards will soon be available through the parish office which will allow donations to be made to the Matthew 25 Fund and acknowledged in memory of the deceased or in honor of the living, and envelopes will be available in the church.

So, through our generosity to the Matthew 25 Fund, let us continue together as a parish in being obedient to the gospel and in trying to make the world a bit better by making the community in which we live one in which those in need can find relief through our charity.

## Parish Library

### Reviews



**THE LITTLEST MAGI** *written by Chris Auer and illustrated by Bruce Eagle.*

Jacob, a young boy, who is a servant in King Herod's household overhears three strangers tell Herod about a new king. Wanting to see this new king, he stows away in the stranger's caravan. From there the story takes some unexpected turns that will keep readers ages 4-8 turning pages.

**PRIESTS FOR THE THIRD MILLENIUM** *by Bishop Timothy M. Dolan* brings together the wisdom and insights Dolan has shared with seminarians over the years.

Practical, faith-filled and laced with Irish humor, much of this book will encourage and benefit those who have already been ordained in addition to anyone who wishes to understand how priests are being formed and who wishes to heed the universal call to holiness proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council.



**Christ the King  
Knights of Columbus  
Council 13388**

**The January meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be Monday, January 7th in classroom D. OFFICERS MEETING at 6:00 PM and BUSINESS MEETING to follow at 7:00 PM.**

## CTK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



Please join us in Praise and Worship of Our Lord and Intercession for our Parish and World needs.

**Monday 7 PM to 8:30 PM Classroom C**

**For info call Marie 508-539-4926  
Pam 508-681-8299**



**To All Our Parishioners**

Are you looking for a fun and challenging volunteer opportunity? Perhaps you would like to teach English in our ESL program at Catholic Social Services in Hyannis?

As a teacher or tutor, you will be able to welcome and assist our newcomers as they assimilate into our Cape Cod community.

Teaching experience is not necessary as we offer “new teacher” preparation. We will be starting our Spring semester on January 22, 2019.

For more information, please call Ken Gavin at (C) 508-619-4433 or at the office 508-771-6771. You may also ask for Cheryl or Claudia. We would love to have you join our team!

**St. Vincent de Paul  
Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry will be open every  
**WEDNESDAY MORNING**  
from **10 AM until 12 Noon.**

– *IN ADDITION* –

**ONE EVENING PANTRY THE LAST  
WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
FROM 5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING  
GIFT CARDS TO OUR PANTRY.  
THESE ARE ADDED HELP TO OUR  
NEEDY CLIENTS. THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE DONATE  
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD.  
THANK YOU!**

**Support Group Meetings**

**AA MEETING** – Monday evenings, 5:30–6:30 PM, Room B. This Meeting is open to anyone with a desire to stop drinking. If you think you have a problem with alcohol, you are welcome to attend this Meeting.

**AA MEETING** – Tuesday evenings, 7:30–8:30 PM, Parish Hall, “Speaker’s Meeting”.

**MASHPEE SUBSTANCE USE TASK FORCE – Drop in Night** – providing substance use information, education and treatment resource. First Tuesday of each month, 4–8 PM, Mashpee Public Library. All are welcome.

**MEN’S ALANON MEETING** – Wednesday evenings, 6:45 PM, Room C.

**ALANON MEETING** – Thursday evenings, 7:00–8:30 PM, Room A-1.

**AA MEETING** – Saturday evenings, 7:30 PM, Room B.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** – at Christ the King, Wednesdays, 6:30–7:30 PM, Room A. First Wednesday of the month – Information Night for Newcomers. Everyone welcome.

**MONTHLY PARKINSON’S SUPPORT GROUP:** – 2nd Thursday from 10 AM – 11:30 AM, Mashpee Council on Aging, 26 Frank E. Hicks Drive. To register or for more information, please contact Jeanne Jackson at jahjackson@comcast.net / 508-367-4267 or Denise Dever at ddever@homeinstead.com / 508-778-8613.

**Meetings**

**EXERCISE CLASS** – for folks over 50, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:15 AM, Parish Hall. Contact office for more information.

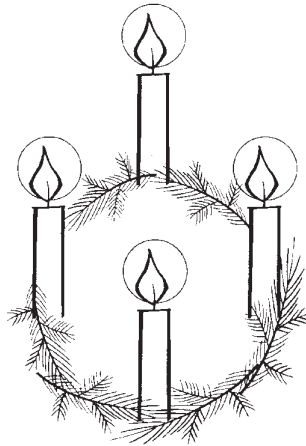
**RESPECT LIFE MEETING** – The Respect Life Ministry meets in Classroom C the 1st Monday of the month immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass. Everyone is invited.

**50+ CLUB** – A Parish organization for Seniors. Meetings and activities usually the 1st Tuesday of every other month in the Parish Hall at 1 PM. Day trips are scheduled every other month on a weekday. New members are always welcome. Call Agnes and Charles Hopewood at 410-287-4879 for further information.

**THIRD ORDER OF CARMELITES** – meets the 3rd Sunday of the month, 10:30 AM. Mass followed by a teaching in Room A; daytime prayer in St. Jude’s Chapel. We meet every Sunday at 6:30 PM, St. Jude’s Chapel for evening prayer. We welcome your presence. The Lay Carmelite Order of St. John of the Cross. Dottie Cawley 508-477-2798 for more information.

**Attention Young Adults –  
Ages 18-35**

We are working on scheduling our first **YOUNG ADULT GATHERING** at Christ the King over the “semester break” – between Christmas and the second week of January. If you will be home for the holidays and are interested in being part of this event, please e-mail Chris Hughes at cdh8@comcast.net or call the parish office at 508-477-7700. We will notify you of the official date once we hear back from our Young Adults. Thank you!



**Upcoming**

**Weekly Readings for the Week of December 23, 2018**

*And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. (Jn 1: 14)*

- Sun., December 23:** Mic 5: 1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10: 5-10; Luke 1: 39-45.
- Mon., December 24:** Isa 62: 1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25; Matt 1: 1-25.
- Tues., December 25:** Isa 52: 7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1-6; John 1: 1-18.
- Wed., December 26:** Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59; Ps 31; Matt 10: 17-22.
- Thurs., December 27:** 1John 1: 1-4; Ps 97; John 20: 1a, 2-8.
- Fri., December 28:** 1John 1: 5-2: 2; Ps 124; Matt 2: 13-18.
- Sat., December 29:** 1John 2: 3-11; Ps 96; Luke 2: 22-35.
- Next Sun., December 30:** Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 128 or 1Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28; Ps 84; Col 3: 12-21 or 1John 3: 1-2, 21-24.



### Bereavement Group to Begin

If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith sharing group is for you. It meets for six Tuesdays beginning on **January 8, 2019**. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 1 p.m. For more details, pick up the Seasons of Hope brochure at the exits and office or contact Donna in the parish office at 508-477-7700 or at [donna@christthekingparish.com](mailto:donna@christthekingparish.com)

### Christmas Schedule of Masses

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**  
Masses for the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

- 4:00 PM - Church - Fr. Healey  
Adult Choir Concert / 3:30 PM
- 4:15 PM – Parish Hall – followed by  
Children’s Pageant. Fr. Wyndham –  
Young Adult Choir Concert / 3:35 PM
- 6:00 PM – Church – Fr. Wyndham
- 10:00 PM – Church – Fr. Healey –  
Adult Choir Concert / 9:30 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**  
Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

- 8:30 AM - Church - Msgr. Tosti
- 10:30 AM – Fr. Healey –  
Adult Choir Concert / 10:00 AM

### NEW YEAR’S – SCHEDULE OF MASSES

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
Mass for the Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

- 4:00 PM - Church - Fr. Healey
- MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST**  
Masses for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

- 8:30 AM - Fr. Wyndham
- 10:30 AM – Fr. Healey
- ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY**  
for the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
1:30 PM TO 3:30 PM

### Our Web Sites

<http://www.ChristtheKingParish.com>

### FACEBOOK

[facebook.com/CTKCapeCod](https://www.facebook.com/CTKCapeCod)



### E-mail Addresses:

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Lord, our minds and hearts are filled with hope. We long to hear the voice which tells of the coming of the Christ Child. ~Amen

**As Advent draws to a close may you celebrate Christ this Christmas season with hope, peace, joy and love. Merry Christmas from the women’s bible study group, Walking With Purpose!**



LOVE WAS BORN ON CHRISTMAS DAY!

### Attention: Parishioners of Christ the King Parish

We have space available in our weekly bulletin to advertise your business.

Your ad would appear in our weekly bulletin and also would be listed on our website.

If interested in placing an ad, please call the parish office at 508-477-7700 for further information.

### Sanctuary Lights

The Sanctuary Light in the Church will be lit this week

In Memory of Herbert Travers

The Sanctuary Light in St. Jude’s Chapel will be lit this week

In Memory of Paul Hemberger

We're blogging at CTK

## THE KING'S CORNER

musings of a pastor and his deacons

To find the blog visit the homepage of our web site [www.christthekingparish.com](http://www.christthekingparish.com) and click the logo above.

### Scheduling Masses . . .

As of January 2, 2019, the office will be scheduling masses for the months of July through December 2019.

### STAY CONNECTED!



[Facebook.com/CTKCapeCod](https://www.facebook.com/CTKCapeCod)



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### Collection Weekend of December 15 & 16, 2018

First Collection: \$8,566.00 (Offertory)

Second Collection: \$5,664.00 (Building Maintenance)

Thank You