



DISTRIBUTION OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM  
EVERY SUNDAY



**IN LOVING MEMORY**  
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:  
Julie Killion, Mary Serba, Jeoffrey Carroll, and Gail Bryant, James Crowley,  
Gerald Hough, Larry Souza, Patrick Daly, Patrick J. Murray, Ernest J. Dubeau,  
Erik Christopher Menyhart, and Marianne St. Pierre



**Saturday, January 3, 2026**

8:30 AM                    All Benefactors of Christ the King  
4:00PM                    Fr. E. Healey  
                                  Mary Serba

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

8:30AM                    T. Wyndham  
                                  The People of the Parish  
10:30 AM                    Fr. M. Chmurski  
                                  Jeoffrey Carroll  
5:30 PM                    Fr. R. Roy  
                                  Gail Bryant

**Monday, January 5, 2026**

8:30 AM                    Fr. E. Healey  
                                  James Crowley

**Tuesday, January 6, 2026**

8:30 AM                    Fr. E. Healey  
                                  Gerald Hough

**Wednesday, January 7, 2026**

8:30 AM                    Fr. J. Prusaitis  
                                  Larry Souza

**Thursday, January 8, 2026**

8:30 AM                    Fr. M. Chmurski  
                                  Patrick Daly

**Friday, January 9, 2026**

8:30 AM                    Fr. M. Chmurski  
                                  Patrick J. Murray

**Saturday, January 10, 2026**

4:00PM                    Fr. M. Chmurski  
                                  Ernest J. Dubeau

**Sunday, January 11, 2026**

8:30AM                    Fr. E. Healey  
                                  Erik Christopher Menyhart  
10:30 AM                    Fr. J. Prusaitis  
                                  The People of the Parish  
5:30 PM                    Fr. E. Healey  
                                  Marianne St. Pierre

## The Pastor's Pen

THE WEEKLY COLUMN BY FR. EDWARD HEALEY



**The Real 12 Days of Christmas:** The 12 Days of Christmas are traditionally counted beginning December 25th as Day 1 and continuing to January 5th as Day 12, all leading up to the all-important Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th. This year, the celebration of the Epiphany has been moved to Sunday, January 4th, so that more of the faithful will participate in its celebration. It is the Feast in the Season of Christmas that commemorates the visit of the Magi, and so the revelation of the Christ Child goes beyond the People of Judah and Israel to the nations as represented by these three foreigners from distant lands. The theme of the Epiphany is light, because Christ is being revealed as Light from Light as he is recognized beyond his own people, and so this is the feast on which we should light even more lights, not be busy taking them down because "New Year's is over!!!" How sad it is that we as Christians have so readily surrendered our treasured traditions of Christmas as a season to the erroneous understanding of it as beginning on the weekend after Thanksgiving and ending on New Year's Day! Ironically, it is The Feast of the Epiphany that should be the most appropriate day for major gift giving in imitation of the Magi who brought their gifts to the Christ Child, so then do we with the same generous love present our gifts to one another! So if our Christmas tree is already out on the curb, and our lights extinguished, let us think again and plan not to make the same accommodation to secular culture next year but resolve instead to keep a genuinely Christian observance of Christmas. So while we may simplify our decorations after the 6th of January, still the season itself is not over until the Feast of the Lord's Baptism next Sunday, January 11th!

**Maybe Necessary, But Not on Christmas!:** To hear that on Christmas Day, we as a nation dropped a bomb in Nigeria, hopefully to prevent the further killings of Christians yet without giving much consideration to those of other religions who may also be threatened by terrorist groups there should be a bit disturbing to us. Perhaps this was necessary, but if so, why couldn't it have been done on another day? How very incongruous it is to unleash such lethal firepower on the day that Christians throughout the world are

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Feast of the  
*Epiphany of the Lord*



**Collection  
Totals for the weekend of  
December 27th & 28th**

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>Second Collection</b>
Offertory	Building & Maintenance
\$8914.00	\$3702.00

**Online Giving  
Week of December 22, 2025**

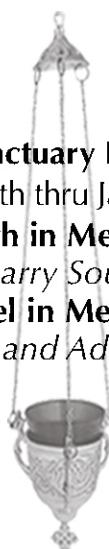
First Collection: \$1,888.00  
 Annual Collection: \$55.00  
 Second Collection: \$775.00  
 Matthew 25: \$1,041.00  
 CTK Pantry Project: \$165.00  
 Building/Grounds: \$590.00

Total: \$4,514.00

Thank You for Your Continued Support!  
 Consider using online giving to donate  
 to the Weekly Collections, Scan the QR Code  
 to donate.



**Sanctuary Lights**  
 January 4th thru January 10th  
**Church in Memory of**  
 Larry Souza  
**Chapel in Memory of**  
 Tom Ricker and Adriane Demaso



 **KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 13388**

**CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

**January, 2026**

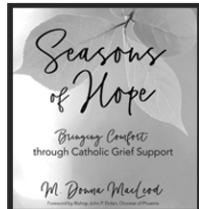
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**MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026**  
**5:00 PM ~ BUSINESS MEETING**  
**6:00 PM ~ SOCIAL**  
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**BLOOD DRIVE**  
**9:40 AM - 4:00 PM**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**  
**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**  
**CALL 508-862-5378**  
**"COME JOIN US"**  
**CONTACT GRAND KNIGHT JOE MOONEY**  
**610-283-1983**

**Respect Life Ministry**  
*respect • love • protect*

Life is a gift from the Creator, to be spent in the service of one's brothers and sisters. It is to be accepted, respected, and promoted with every means available, and defended from every threat.

St. John Paul II

**Bereavement Group**



If you need consolation and fellowship after losing a loved one, consider coming to this Christ-centered faith sharing group of prayer and Scripture.

The program runs  
 January 9th thru February 13th  
 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

REGISTER by January 7th Email:  
 office@christthekingparish.com  
 or call 508-477-7700.



**WHAT'S  
MISSING?**

Do you have questions about your Catholic faith

Do you know why you are Catholic?

Religion and faith may at times be confusing.

Of course, God is mystery, and not  
 all questions have an answer.

However, the idea is to explore that area  
 between black and white, to find the spiritual  
 rainbow who is our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please join us for discussion and prayer.

This process is for those who want to bridge  
 the gaps in their journey of faith.

**January 8, 9:30 AM Classroom A**



A Men's Ministry at  
 Christ the King Parish

The Jericho Group allows men to  
 deepen their faith and further their  
 relationships with Jesus Christ, while  
 discerning the greater purpose in  
 their lives in the context of other  
 men of the community.

To learn more go to  
[christthekingparish.com/the-jericho-group](http://christthekingparish.com/the-jericho-group)



walking with purpose  
 ~ SO MUCH MORE THAN A BIBLE STUDY ~

We hope your Advent was fruitful  
 and your Christmas day was merry!

Christmastide is upon now,  
 be joyous, be thankful  
 celebrate LOVE incarnate,  
 Christmas isn't over...  
 It's just begun!

No WWP this week,  
 we resume next week, Jan 6th & 8th  
[CTKWWP@Gmail.com](mailto:CTKWWP@Gmail.com) for info



# The Parish of Christ the King



Upscale Thrift Shop, Clothing - Jewelry - Housewares and so much more!

## SHOP HOURS

Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 9AM-3PM  
Donations 9AM-12 Noon  
Phone 508-420-0949

**Wishing you a Blessed Christmas  
and a Happy New Year**

## CTK PANTRY WISH LIST



DIAPERS  
ST/6T, S AND 6

DOG AND CAT FOOD  
WET (CANS) AND  
DRY (KIBBLE)  


DROP OFF AT FOOD PANTRY  
WEDNESDAY MORNINGS OR  
AT THE PARISH OFFICE  
MON.-FRI. 9-1, SAT. /SUN. 9:00-12:00 PM.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US  
SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FAMILIES.



The Christ the King Mental Health Ministry is excited to introduce our facilitated "Faith Sharing Group."

What is the Faith Sharing Group?  
It's a peer-to-peer support group where you can share your mental health challenges and apply your Christian faith to them. CTK volunteers with Mental Health First Aid Training facilitate the group, but they are not mental health professionals.

the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month  
4:00pm - 5:00pm in Classroom A  
"All are Welcome"

for questions go to  
[www.christthekingparish.com/mhm](http://www.christthekingparish.com/mhm)

## CTK CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



All are welcome!

Please join us in the Praise and Worship of our Lord and the intercession for our Parish and the World

Monday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM classroom C  
For more information call  
Marie 508-539-4926 or Pam 508-681-8299



Join the 2025  
Poland Pilgrims  
for a night at the movies!

## Triumph of the Heart- the Passion of St Maximilian Kolbe

*"Like every pilgrim here, I have come in person, with aching feet and an aching heart, to touch the ground where one man said yes to love when the world screamed no."*

Anthony D'Amborsio, Director

Showings  
Wednesday January 7 @ 1pm  
Sunday January 11 @ 2:30pm  
Classroom A

Free Admission, Popcorn included

*(Please note this is a serious film about a serious subject and may not be appropriate for children)*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry



Our Prayer Shawl Ministry offers Prayer Shawls for those facing illness, loss or crisis in their lives. These Shawls are made with skill and prayer. Those who knit or crochet are welcome to join our group as these shawls mean so much to those who receive them. If you would like a shawl or are interested in joining this beautiful Ministry, please contact Kellie Allegro at

[kellie@christthekingparish.com](mailto:kellie@christthekingparish.com).

## THE SIX TRIPLE EIGHT

Kerry Washington, Sarah Jeffrey, Oprah Winfrey,  
Gregg Sulkin, Susan Sarandon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

1:00 PM ~ CLASSROOM B

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS ~ ALL ARE INVITED

NO REGISTRATION NECESSARY

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The Six Triple Eight is based on the true story of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only Black Women's Army Corps (WAC) unit to serve overseas in WWII, who heroically completed their assignment despite facing extreme racism and sexism. The movie accurately portrays their incredible mission, resilience, and fight against discrimination. A MUST SEE FILM!

HOSTED BY THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB



## SCHEDULING LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The scheduling for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers will start **January 13** for the **February** schedule.

All requests for dates you are unable to serve for the next schedule, should be made by leaving a message at **508-477-7700, ext. 28** or by email to [carol@christthekingparish.com](mailto:carol@christthekingparish.com)



St John of the Cross Lay Carmelites meet at 11:30 every third Sunday.

Please call Pam for more info:  
508-681-8299

celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace, and worse, to specifically call it a "Christmas Present"! What impression does that give of the Christians of the West? How does that advance any hope of ever winning over our enemies, as it feeds into the stereotype that we are no different today than the Crusaders of old, whose aim is to slaughter the infidels of the Middle East and Africa! No doubt such a bomb took the lives of some of the innocent, along with the guilty. Let us pray for all concerned, anyone who is persecuted for their faith, and any innocents who lost their lives, and any whose lives will now be further threatened in retaliation. And in the future, no matter the need to do so, let no nation, especially our own, intentionally use a most sacred Christian Holy Day to carry out such deadly violence! Feast of the Baptism of the Lord: Next Sunday, the Christmas season will conclude as we revisit the account of the Baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River. The purpose of the entire season of Christmas is to annually revisit all the early signs from his birth at Bethlehem to his baptism at about age 30 that point to the Identity of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah of God. At his baptism, any doubt of his identity is removed as the voice from heaven declares that Jesus is God' the Father's beloved Son! On this day, we also celebrate our own identity as adopted sons and daughters of God through our own baptism, so in place of the Creed, we will appropriately renew our Baptismal promises at Mass.

**Locked Doors:** Beginning today, the doors to the church will be locked at the Gospel Acclamation, allowing sufficient time for all to arrive at Church for Mass. While we will be able to get out, no one can come in without being screened. This is a simple way to deter anyone who may want to enter for less than holy purposes. Those who do arrive after the Gospel Acclamation are welcome to use the door behind the organ, where an usher will screen you for admittance, so it may help to have a budget envelope to readily assure them that you are indeed a regular member! This is the first of several measures that we are considering to enhance our safety as we gather for worship!

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**Pilgrimage: The Shrines of France - November 2026:** Traveling up from Lourdes to Paris, thus book-ending a pilgrimage starting with the miraculous Shrine of Mary Immaculate and ending at the renovated Cathedral of Notre Dame, we will visit other well-known shrines and cathedrals in between. The pilgrimage will also include visiting the American Cemetery at Normandy, a shrine to all the young American soldiers who lost their lives in the noble effort to liberate continental Europe from Nazi control. We will travel in the off-season so as to avoid the crowds at the height of the tourist season in France, accepting the need for a jacket in exchange for the freedom to visit without waiting in long lines with others who also desire to see what we want to see! There is flexibility to add a day or two more in Paris if you would like to do so; the agents at Nawas International Travel are willing to assist you in booking that. Brochures and registration materials are available on the tables at the entrances to the Church.

**Inspirational Movie:** *Triumph of the Heart- The Passion of St Maximillian Kolbe.*

**Showings – Classroom A**

Wednesday, January 7 @ 1 pm and Sunday, January 11 @ 2:30 pm

Free Admission, Popcorn included (Please note this is a serious film about a serious subject and may not be appropriate for children)

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**WEEKLY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026**  
*IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE. (ACTS 20:35)*

**SUNDAY** IS 60: 1-6/ PS 72/ EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6/ MT 2: 1-12

**MONDAY** 1JN 3: 22 – 4:6/ PS 2/ MT 4: 12-17, 23-25

**TUESDAY** 1JN 4: 7-10/ PS 72/ MK 6: 34-44

**WEDNESDAY** 1JN 4: 11-18/ PS 72/ MK 6: 45-52

**THURSDAY** 1JN 4: 19 – 5:4/ PS 72/ LK 4: 14-22

**FRIDAY** 1JN 5: 5-13/ PS 147/ LK 5: 12-16

**SATURDAY** 1JN 5: 14-21/ PS 149/ JN 3: 22-30

**NEXT SUNDAY** IS 42: 1-4, 6-7/ PS 29/ ACTS 10: 34-38/ MT 3: 13-17



The Cursillo season for the new year is beginning at the Retreat House in Easton, Mass. If you have not attended a retreat, would you consider the "Short Course in Christianity" known by its Spanish name CURSILLO. These three day learning experiences, which begin on Thursday evening and conclude on Sunday evening are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House on the grounds of Stonehill College in Easton, Mass. Dates for the **Men's Cursillo will January 29-February 01. The Women's Cursillo will be February 19-22.** Please contact Nancy Ferreira 774 274-2980