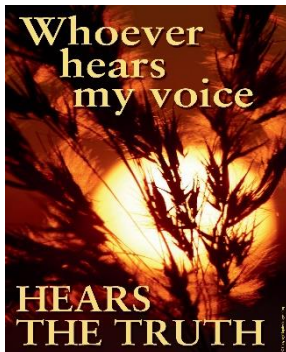


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November 24, 2024

Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST READING: One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship
(Daniel 7:13-14).

PSALM: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

SECOND READING: Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead
(Revelation 1:5-8).

GOSPEL: For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth
(John 18:33b-37).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: This Sunday, we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical year. We recognize Jesus as King of the universe, ushering in God's earthly kingdom rooted in love, justice, and community. Unlike the kings of earth, Jesus shows us God's compassion. Jesus is both a loving shepherd and a mighty king. He comes to rule with justice. Wherever people were found scattered, lost, or wounded, Jesus came with healing to bring them back to God. While Jesús' kingdom is not of this world, we strive to build his kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Christ the King comes to save the world, not to condemn it. Jesus comes as Lord of all creation who protects us with his outstretched arms. Day by day, we praise Jesus as our King. Christ the King is worthy to receive honor, glory, and praise.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

5:30PM Saturday - Nov 30th
Lector Volunteer

9:00AM Sunday - Dec 1st
Lector: Kevin Houghton

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Nov 25th - Dec 1st)

MON 11/25 7:00AM. . . Special Intention - (Eileen & Agnes Malysko)
TUES 11/26 7:00AM. . . + Dom Kurtz, Sr. - (Mick & Joyce Muto)
WED 11/27 7:00AM. . . + For Deceased Members of the Family of Cirilla Graicar
THURS 11/28 9:00AM. . . + For Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne's Parish Family
FRI 11/29 7:00AM. . . + Frank & Sue Karmanocky - (Family)
SAT 11/30 5:30PM. . . + Mary Jane & Kenneth Ferg, Sr. - (Daughter, Barbara Voci)
SUN 12/01 9:00AM. . . In Thanksgiving of the 50th Wedding Anniversary for
Bill & Bernadine Mishler



November 24, 2024

Stewardship Reflections:

Today is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time for this liturgical year as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, at a time when the world was experiencing a rise of secularism, materialism, individualism, and an increasing denial of Christ's existence and authority. The hope was that the establishment of this feast would accomplish three goals: that nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, that leaders and nations would see that they are required to give respect to Christ, the King of kings, and that the faithful would be strengthened and encouraged by the reminder that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills and bodies.

We are on the verge of a new Church year and the holy season of Advent, and this week is an ideal time to take stock of our priorities. To see if we really are allowing Christ to reign in all aspects of our daily lives and to ask if He comes first in our schedules, our budgets, and the use of our skills and talents. It's also a great moment to celebrate! We are not only servants of Christ the King, but we are also His brothers and sisters. This should fill us with great joy! After celebrating the Holy Eucharist, take some time to celebrate at home too. Christ is King!

*May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord make his face shine on
you and be gracious to you;
May the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace*

Numbers 6: 24-26

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Nov 16th & Nov 17th, 2024

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,369.00
Monthly	\$ 5.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 50.00

Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish! Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!

Dear Parishioners,



In 1863 President Lincoln established the last Thursday of November as an official holiday in the United States. He wrote about how this country has received many blessings and should respond by giving thanks and praise to God. Lincoln saw the danger of an ungrateful nation descending into a spiritual deterioration.

This is true also for our personal lives and in our families. Perhaps this is why many families, marriages and individuals are broken. We complain and grumble, always focusing on what is wrong. To overcome this tendency, cultivate a grateful spirit. Choose every day to look for things and people for which you can give thanks to God, first of all, and to people as well. The benefits will enrich your lives.

"..in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God...shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

Have a blessed and holy Thanksgiving way of life,

Fr. Baestino

SIGN-UP

Celebrating Fr. Baestino's birthday!!! --

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church for anyone who would like to attend an Open House to celebrate Fr Baestino's Birthday on Sunday, Dec 1st following the 10:30AM Mass at St. Therese in the Social Hall.

More details to follow. Watch this space!!!



Thanksgiving Day Liturgy – Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th will be held at 9:00AM

The Christian Mothers will be wrapping Christmas gifts on the second floor at Boscov's on **Nov 29, Dec 14, & Dec 20.**

We are looking for volunteers. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer call Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198



Children's Christmas Party – All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 14th** in the **St. Therese Social Hall**. Doors open at 10AM Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church.**

Registration deadline is Dec 1st. Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.

Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Catholic Charities' mission is to provide service to people in need, advocate for justice in social structures, and call the entire church and other people of good will to do the same. We live out our Catholic identity by providing support and social services so people and families can build a better future story. Please donate to your local Catholic Charities today.

Your donation stays within our Diocese, making a difference for our neighbors in need.



A Family Perspective

Christ the King (John 18:33b-37)

When we are young, our parents “tell us about Jesus” and we believe what our parents believe. At some point we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate’s question: “Are you the King?” Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

November 28, 2024 Thanksgiving

As you prepare for Thanksgiving, look back on this year to all the moments God visited your family in unexpected blessings, or disasters avoided, or kindness and compassion received. Realize and give thanks for “The Lord is with you.”

Community News & Events



Divine Mercy Prayer Group Holiday Service Project

Christmas caroling

***Laurel View Village in Davidsville

Thurs. Dec. 5th *** 6:30pm***We will meet inside MAIN ENTRANCE.

All are welcome to come sing and spread Christmas cheer! Great way to BE Mercy to others.

Info call Cathy 814-288-1126 or

Lolly 814-659-8717

Come see the Live Performance...

From the cast and crew of A Christmas Carol, now comes a live performance of this 75-minute family beloved and classic in Bedford Falls

It's a Wonderful Life

December 5, 6, and 7th at the Greater Johnstown

Christian Fellowship

3429 Elton Road

Doors open at 6pm, performance starts at 7

Nightly. **Free Admission/ No ticket needed**

Good will offering

HOW TO MAKE IT THROUGH: REMEMBERING AND MISSING A LOVED ONE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Perhaps someone very special to you has died. Perhaps a relationship is broken or estranged or someone you love is suffering from illness or addiction. The loss you feel is real, the grief you feel is real, and the upcoming holidays may be difficult for you. You don't have to walk this road alone. Join Sister Cindy Burns, CCW, for a morning of prayer and heartfelt reflection on “How to Make it Through the Holidays” on Saturday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Benedict Parish in Johnstown.

Thanksgiving Lady



Thanksgiving might not be celebrated in the United States today, were it not for a patient, persistent woman named Sarah Hale. It is well known that the first Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621 to give thanks for their winter in the New World. In 1789, President Washington issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation to commemorate the first Pilgrim celebration. But Thomas Jefferson, the third president, discontinued it, calling Thanksgiving, “a kingly practice.”

Then in 1828, Mrs. Hale, author of Mary Had A Little Lamb, began campaigning for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday. She wrote letters and sought appointments with national leaders from the President down. Time after time she was politely rebuffed, sometimes being told it was impossible and impractical, and sometimes being dismissed with a this-is-none-of-your-business scolding.

Finally in 1863 President Lincoln listened seriously to her plea that North and South lay aside enmities and strife on Thanksgiving Day. He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official National Thanksgiving Day. This day was finally ratified by the United States Congress in 1941.

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*Give thanks
with a
grateful
heart*

