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November 23, 2025

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FIRST READING: David is anointed king of Israel (2 Samuel 5:1-3).

PSALM: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

SECOND READING: The Father delivered us to the kingdom of his beloved Son (Colossians 1:12-20).

GOSPEL: The repentant criminal receives Jesus’ promise of Paradise (Luke 23:35-43).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: THE TRUE KINGSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST
What kind of King is Jesus? How do you envision him? Remembering that they were promised a king from the line of David, the Israelites hoped for a Messiah who would set their political problems aright and bring about a worldly kingdom of Judaic power. Even Psalm 122 seems to describe this type of ruler. Luke’s Gospel today shreds that image after the whip of the Roman soldiers tore at Jesus’ flesh. Still, the Romans flaunted the traditional notion with their ironic inscription above King Jesus’ crown of thorns. Soldiers and ordinary people jeered the royal title at him. Yet the throne of Jesus was the cross of Christ, from which he dispensed kingly mercy and justice toward the humble criminal who shared his execution. Writing to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes the truth about Jesus and his kingship, using words like fullness, peace, and forgiveness. So let us go rejoicing! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LIITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

5:30PM	Saturday, Nov 29th	9:00 AM	Sunday, Nov 30th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Pat Wess

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Nov 24th – Nov 30th)

MON	11/24	7:00AM. . . + Brian Mikula – (Beltz Family)
TUES	11/25	7:00AM. . . +(B) Margaret Popovnak – (Family)
WED	11/26	7:00AM. . . +Matilda & Martin Simcic
THURS	11/27	7:00AM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of St. Anne’s Parish
FRI	11/28	7:00AM. . . + Agnes Malysko – (Sister, Eileen)
SAT	11/29	5:30PM. . . + Thomas Connelly- (Ron & Mary Lou Gelles)
SUN	11/30	9:00AM. . . + Rosalie Verhovsek – (Ester & Hank Hughes)

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Stewardship Reflections:

On this Feast of Christ the King, our readings show us that we serve the greatest of Kings, who is at the same time the humblest of Kings. Christ is the perfect model of servant leadership. And what an indescribable privilege that He has called us to be servant leaders – stewards in the work of advancing His Kingdom.

What powerful lessons this King teaches us from the Cross. We learn that true leadership is displayed in emptying ourselves for others; that true greatness is displayed by way of humility; that none of us is worthy of the call to stewardship of His kingdom but that all of us, like the good thief, are welcomed and invited to take up this call. Following in His footsteps will involve suffering and sacrifice. Yet how can we say no to the King who loves us so completely and promises that His faithful stewards will one day be with Him in Paradise?

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Nov 15th & Nov 16th, 2025

Collection:

Weekly	\$	1252.00
Monthly	\$	10.00
All Saints	\$	15.00
Flowers	\$	40.00
Catholic Charities	\$	117.00
Poor Box	\$	67.00

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 !



*Give thanks
with a
grateful
heart*

Dear Parishioners,



May the Lord give you his peace.

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, it's always a reminder about this very important attitude that should be always cultivated in our hearts. Pope St. John Paul in one of his exhortations reminds the faithful to remember the past with gratitude for all the blessings we have received. Remembering past blessings helps us to live in the present with enthusiasm and vigor. And as regards the future, thanksgiving gives us confidence and hope that God will continue to bless us and see us through our future days.

May God grant you and your loved ones the grace to see more clearly how He has blessed us in the past and present and the faith to see that He will continue to bless us in the future.

On behalf of Fr. Balestino and myself may you be granted a heart full of thanksgiving to God for blessings past, present and future.

H. Bernard

Fr. Balestino



2025 Catholic Ministries Drive
Follow Me.

This year, we invite you to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your donation helps ensure that our parishes, schools, and outreach programs continue to thrive and serve with compassion. Whether it is a child discovering Christ in a classroom, a future seminarian answering God's vocation call to the priesthood, or a family receiving hope during hardship – you make it possible. Thank you to the families who have pledged as of **Oct 31st** a total of **\$6,845 (78%)** towards our target amount of **\$8,800**. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge according to your means so we will be able to reach that target.

There is still time to make a pledge. Final pledge payments can be made up to Dec 31.



The Christian Mothers will be wrapping Christmas gifts on the second floor at Boscov's again this year. We are looking for volunteers. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer call Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198

Called By Name
Honoring Faithful Young Men

Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15 – 30) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. Names may be submitted by using one of the cards in the back of church or by visiting this website www.ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!



Stocking for Solders

St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "Stocking for Soldiers." Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 10th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.



The Knights of Columbus are once again sponsoring the **Annual Christmas Party** for kids ages 12 and under, to be held on Saturday, December 13th, from 10 AM -Noon. Breakfast will be provided, along with crafts and a visit from Santa.

Santa is bringing personalized ornaments this year, so we absolutely need to have your reservation in early, but no later than Sunday, November 30th, to give his elves time to make them

No reservations will be accepted after November 30th.

Please complete the reservation form and put it in the collection basket or drop it off to the rectory no later than November 30th. Please be sure to print your child's name, so that it is easily readable. Also, we need to know how many adults are coming, to prepare the correct amount of food.

Community News & Events



Divine Mercy Prayer Group: Our NEXT Service Project is Christmas Caroling at Arbutus Park Manor 207 Ottawa St Johnstown 15904 Wednesday Dec. 3rd 6:30pm ***Join Us in spreading Christmas Spirit (no need to be a member) We'd love to have YOU!! Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

Whispers on the Rusty Rails

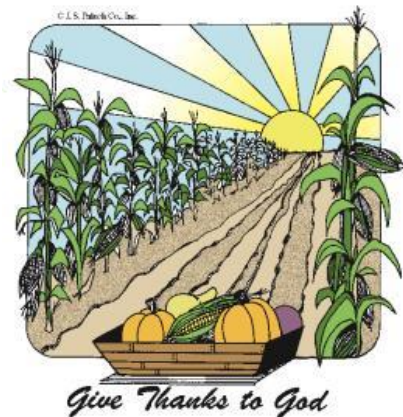
"Where the tracks end, hope begins.
The Nativity retold"

Join us December 4, 5, and 6 at 7PM at the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship at 3429 Elton Road.

Doors open at 6PM

A 1920's Christmas Theatrical Experience for the entire family. (approximately 90 minutes)

Free Admission, good will offering



Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!



Nov 30th

Deadline to sign up for Children's Christmas Party

Dec 2nd

KOC Meeting 7PM at St. Therese Church Hall

Dec 13th

Children's Christmas Party 10AM - noon

Dec 14th

Christian Mother's Mass & Meeting