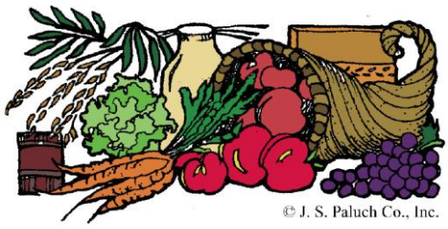
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November 22, 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

FIRST READING: **I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17).**

PSALM: **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).**

SECOND READING: **As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28).**

GOSPEL: **Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25: 31-46).**

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: **THE SHEPHERD KING**

The job of shepherd and the job of king couldn't be more different from each other. Shepherds are on the lowest rung of society; kings are at the top. But God says, through the prophet Ezekiel that the Messiah will lead in a way very different from earthly authorities who lord it over their people and cause harm with their poor leadership. Our King takes on the job himself. Christ, like a shepherd, will give rest, seek out the lost, and bring back the strayed and scattered ones. He will heal the wounded and bind up the injured. He does not delegate, but will "shepherd them rightly." We have a king who cares for us and who is not afraid to "judge between one sheep and another" (Ezekiel 34:17).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (November 23rd – November 29th)



MON	11/23	7:00AM. . . **+ (A) Thomas Blair** – (Sister, Connie)
TUES	11/24	7:00AM. . . **+ Jack & Ester Sloan** – (Family)
WED	11/25	7:00AM. . . **+ Martin & Matilda Simcic**
THURS	11/26	**THANKSGIVING DAY Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!**
		7:00AM **. . . . For All Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Anne's Parish**
FRI	11/27	7:00AM. . . **+ Mary Jane & Kenneth Ferg, Sr** – (Daughter, Barbara Voci)
SAT	11/28	5:30PM. . . **+ Bev Pomroy** – (Pam & Bill Moot)
SUN	11/29	9:00AM. . . **+ Holy Souls in Purgatory** – (Bob Kuhns)

November 22, 2026

Stewardship Reflections:

Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours – He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable. How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His. This way of life prepares us well for our judgement day and helps us to live in imitation of our King right now.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Nov 14th & 15th, 2026

Weekly	$ 1,49400
Poor Box	$ 202.00
All Saints	$ 40.00
Catholic Charities	$ 130.00
Monthly	$ 110.00
All Saints	$ 10.00

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,



It is said that the thief of joy is comparison. When we see what others have it may cause a feeling of discontentment. To counter this feeling it is good to count our blessings, and be thankful to God for all the gits He has given to us for our happiness. St. John Chrysostom says, "Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transferring greed into gratitude."

On Behalf of Fr. Balestino and myself may you and your loved ones experience the happiness of gratitude and enjoy the blessings God has given to you everyday.

HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING.

Fr. Balestino



Coffee & Cake… will be served **THIS weekend** after each Mass in the Church Hall to celebrate with everyone in the Parish who has a birthday this month! Be sure to stop down to enjoy a sweet treat.



Children's Christmas Party – All children 13 & younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on **Saturday, Dec 12th** in the **St. Therese Social Hall**. Doors open at10:00AM Please complete the form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms are available in the back of church. Registration deadline is Dec 6th.** Sponsored by the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.



The Church will be wrapping Christmas gifts on the second floor at Boscov's during the holiday season. We are looking for volunteers for this worthwhile fundraiser. Any help would be greatly appreciated. For more information or to volunteer and for available dates call Janet Knapp at 814-241-6198



Stocking for Solders
Nov 2nd – Nov 26th

St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "**Stocking for Soldiers**." Stockings and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church**. Filled stocking will be accepted until Nov 26th.** Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.



Bob Christian will be celebrating his 95th Birthday on Nov 26th.
Wouldn't it be a great idea to shower him with birthday wishes.
If you would like to send him a card his address is:
Bob Christian
Concordia at Arbutus
Room 109
207 Ottawa Street
Johnstown, PA 15904

Community News & Events



Divine Mercy Prayer Group Service Project
All are welcome to join us !!
Christmas caroling to bring Christmas Cheer to the Residents. **Wed. Dec. 2nd at6:30pm**
Concordia at Arbutus
207 Ottawa St.
Johnstown PA 15904
Please call to let us know you are coming.
Cathy 814-288-1126 or Lolly 814-659-8717

A Christmas Out of Time

some journeys can't be booked,
they arrive when you least expect them.
On December 3, 4, & 5 at 7PM at the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship, 3429 Elton Road. This event is Christ centered, good for the entire family, and free admission. Doors open at 6PM nightly. For more information please call 814-266-2322





MUSIC BINGO: Special Olympics of Cambria County will be having a Music Bingo on Saturday, **Nov. 28,2026 at the Portage Moose at 977 Orange Ave. Portage, Pa from 4-8 PM.** Price is $30.00 for bingo, meal and snacks. Lots of Fun!! For tickets, please call Karen Hogan at 814-322-2765. May also purchase tickets at the door.

Mom's House is selling chances for "25 Days of Pursed & Accessories." Each ticket contains 4-three digit numbers. That's 100 chances to win! Cost is $25.00. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Program. Call 814-535-4848 to purchase your ticket., or visit www.momshousejohnstown.com to purchase your ticket.



ABORTION; Intercessions for Life:
"For all mothers, especially those who are young or alone, beaten or addicted, that God might heal their broken hearts and seal that with His love…
We Pray To The Lord



"A Person's a person no matter how small"
-Dr. Seuss





Upcoming Dates to Remember – Mark Your Calendars!!!

Dec 6th	**Deadline to sign up for Children's Christmas Party**
Dec 12th	**Children's Christmas Party 10 AM**

Giving Thanks in All Circumstances

Recently, I read a story about a woman who was checking out at the grocery store a few days before Thanksgiving. The cashier did not recognize one of the vegetables the woman was purchasing. The woman identified it, and the cashier apologized for not knowing what it was, adding, "My mother would have known. She had all these recipes, but I'm not a cook like she was."

As their conversation continued, the cashier shared that this would be the first Thanksgiving she would celebrate without her mother, a woman who loved to cook and did it exceptionally well. The customer later reflected, "I keep thinking of that cashier, how she's weighing sweet potatoes and ringing up can after can of cranberry sauce and lugging turkeys and hams across the scanner. She's helping prepare others' Thanksgiving dinners just by keeping them moving through the line and out of the store. And she's doing it with both sadness and a smile."

This story illustrates an example of giving thanks in all circumstances. The cashier was obviously experiencing a very difficult time, yet she continued to put one foot in front of the other and fulfill the responsibilities of her job. While we do not know whether she was finding reasons to be grateful in her own life, that is not the part of the story upon which I want to focus. Instead, I want to focus on the customer who took the time to recognize her.

This customer did something that is often overlooked in our busy lives: she took the time to listen. She recognized the pain the cashier was experiencing and offered her kindness and encouragement. Sometimes, this is exactly what someone needs just to make it through an ordinary day. In reflecting on the encounter, the customer expressed gratitude for the fact that this cashier was helping others experience a wonderful Thanksgiving, even if she herself was struggling to find happiness. That final phrase—"She's doing it with both sadness and a smile"—really hits home with me, as it epitomizes how so many cope with the difficulties of life.

In his First Letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul writes, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

This is tough!

Every individual carries burdens, emotional struggles, and spiritual challenges. The pain people experience is deeply personal, and sometimes it is difficult to communicate that pain to others. Many people simply bury their struggles and never speak about them, often leaving those around them wondering what might be wrong. At times, we put blinders on that prevent us from recognizing the good in our own lives, in the lives of others, and in all that God has created.

I am certain that everyone has experienced moments when they have had to "grin and bear it," "tough it out," or simply "get their act together." Gratitude can be difficult to find when our attention is focused on everything that is going wrong or everything for which we feel ungrateful. However, this is not the way of Christianity. It certainly was not the way of the customer in this story.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that gratitude is not dependent upon having a perfect life, a trouble-free day, or circumstances that always go our way. Rather, gratitude is a choice to recognize God's goodness, even amid our struggles, and to recognize the goodness in the people around us. Sometimes, the greatest expression of gratitude is not simply saying "thank you" to God, but showing our appreciation for His gifts through the kindness we extend to others.

May we all learn to live with our circumstances, offer a smile in our sadness, and never miss an opportunity to make someone else's burden a little lighter.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this Thanksgiving and always!

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