

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We come to the last **Sunday** in **Ordinary time**, the **Feast of Christ the King**. We also end the liturgical year and begin another year next **Sunday, December 2nd**, the **First Sunday of Advent**. **Christ the King** is one of the more recent feasts in the liturgical life of the Church. It was placed in the calendar by **Pope Pius XI** in **1925**. This was a time in which the world was seeing the rise of dictatorships and atheistic communism in many countries, even after the bloody carnage of **World War I**. Monarchies in **Russia, Austria-Hungary** and **Germany** had fallen. **Pope Pius XI** was keen to remind Catholics that the ultimate ruler of their lives is **Jesus Christ** and to Him we have to give ultimate obedience. He was to be king of our lives, He whose kingdom had no end. This was necessary for all people of faith, according to **Pius XI**, if there was to be lasting peace among men and nations. **Pius** lamented that many **Catholics** had given up the practice of their faith in the face of these changes in society. He encouraged them to once again make **Christ** their king for every aspect of their lives, at home and in public. Practically, he encouraged Catholics to practice devotion to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, as a way of strengthening their resolve. The feast of **Christ the King** still has meaning in our lives as well. It is important that we keep **Jesus** at the center of our day and lives as there are many other voices that claim our attention.

God bless you all!

Fr. Kitsmiller

Administrator

MASSES AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Sun., 11/25	9:30 a.m.	George Clifford by Patty Clifford
Mon., 11/26	5:30 p.m.	Benito Ferri by Antonio, Sharon D'Alberto & family
Tues., 11/27	1:00 p.m. Padre Pio	Tony Solazzo by Mr. & Mrs. Tony DiCristoforo
Sun., 12/2	9:30 a.m.	Lucertina, Agriesti, West & Chandler Families by the Family
Mon., 12/3	5:30 p.m.	Virginia Galilei by Mary Jo Zimmerman

The Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Friday, December 7th 5:30 p.m. Sacred Heart
Saturday, December 8th 10:00 a.m. St. John the Baptist

Blessed Sacrament & Marian Lights Intentions:

Marian Lights: Mary Harper
by Chris Soteriades
Blessed Sacrament: George Clifford
by Patty Clifford

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sun., 11/25	LeDonne Group Meeting after Mass (Marrapese Hall)
Mon., 11/26	Italian Village Men & Women's Faith Sharing Group Will not be meeting until after the 1st of the year beginning January 7th, 2019
Tues., 11/27	Padre Pio Prayer Group – Rosary & Intentions – 12:30 p.m. Mass at 1:00 p.m. (Chapel)
Sun., 12/2	12:30 p.m. Executive Team of the Columbus Italian Festival (Board Meeting only) (Marrapese or Sala Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, November 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Nick D'Alberto, Antonio D'Alberto
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon D'Alberto, Pat Rossetti, Margaret Panico-Harn, Judy Pishitelli & Claudio Pasian
Sunday, December 2, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.	
Lectors:	Ed Pagnanelli, John Snoad
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pat Rossetti, Andrea Myers, Antonio D'Alberto, Leslie Pasian & Margaret Panico-Harn

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick or suffering, especially those who are in Hospitals, Nursing Facilities or Homebound.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR KNOWN ILL AND ELDERLY IN YOUR PRAYERS**

****If you know of any additions or corrections, please call the parish office. Due to privacy laws, we depend on your input. Pray for Diamond Boggs, sister of Linda McCreary.**

The Rosary before Mass on Sunday: We begin the Rosary around 9:00-9:05 a.m., and it takes about 15-20 minutes to pray the Rosary. If you would like information on how to lead the Rosary, please contact the **Men's Faith Sharing** group. Leaders for **November** and **December** are:

November 25	Gary Bosco
December 2	Claudio Pasian
December 9	Carl Tisone
December 16	Robert Contino, OFS

Anyone interested in leading the Rosary on Sundays, please contact Bob Contino at 614-833-0371. Thank you!

2018 Liturgical Calendar & Mass Readings

November 25 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
November 26 – Weekday
(Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)
Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
November 27 – Weekday
Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
November 28 – Weekday
Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
November 29 – Weekday
Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
November 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle
Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
December 1 – Weekday
Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
December 2 – First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*Pray for our Priest and seminarians

Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers a wonderful opportunity to experience **God's** mercy on a very personal level. The Sacrament of **Penance** is a beautiful sacrament through which we are reconciled to **God**, ourselves and our neighbors. Remember the words of **St. Paul**, "God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us, He brought us to life with **Christ** when we were dead in sin (Eph 2:4). **Father is available for Confession prior to Mass, and by calling the office for an appointment.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

November 18, 2018

Number of Envelopes Used – 65

In Envelopes: \$2,230.00 Loose Money \$297.25

Regular Collection	\$ 2,527.25
Less Diocesan 6% Assessment	\$ (151.64)
	\$ 2,375.61
Votive	\$ 12.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 135.00
St. Anthony Bread	\$ 5.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 207.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 369.00

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Budgeted Offertory for Fiscal Year (7/1/18-6/30/19)

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference (\$)	(%)
This Week:	\$ 2,885.00	\$ 2,527.25	-\$ (357.75)	-12%
FYTD:	\$60,585.00	\$57,919.24	-\$ (2,665.76)	-4%

SJB Collection Counters**for Monday, November 26, 2018**

Tom Elliott, Maria Lucchin, & Mary Spellacy

SJB Collection Counters**for Monday, December 3, 2018**

Nick Perschetti & Gus Gastaldo

Catholic Charities Christmas Collection: This annual collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations including J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), St. Stephen's Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Francis Center, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. You can help share in this important work by generously supporting the Catholic Charities collection this year. Look for the envelope in your parish giving envelope packet.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:

Today is the celebration of the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. The feast is intended to proclaim in a striking and effective manner Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. ~ catholicculture.org

Holiday Used Book Sale presented by the Knights of Columbus

Council 11207. Saint Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue (in Patrick Hall) Saturday, December 1st, 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 2nd, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Hundreds of Books, DVDs, CDs and Cassettes for sale. The lives of the Saints, theology, philosophy, prayer books and children's books...we've got them and all! Also, enjoy a Knights of Columbus Pancake breakfast while you browse on Sunday, 10:00 a.m. until noon! All proceeds go to Diocesan Seminarians.

**Office Hours:**

The Parish Office hours are Monday-Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thank you Altar Guild #16: Awesome! Fabulous! Epic! Thank you St. John's Altar Guild #16 for all your support and generosity for our bake/raffle sale. All profits benefit St. John. Also, thank you for the wonderful donation of purchasing two (2) new water fountains for St. John.

Save the Date: Sunday, December 9th, 2018, there will be a Pancake Breakfast, scrambled eggs, bacon, fruit, orange juice and coffee. Price: \$8.00 per person, Children under 12 are free hosted by the Altar Guild from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Saint Vincent Family Center: The parishioners of St. John the Baptist are sponsoring a Christmas for a family recommended by St. Vincent Family Center. There is a table in Sala Hall, which has the wish provided by the Center for four children in a family facing very difficult times. Please see Maria Lucchin, Jackie Persichetti or Rose Ann Graf for further details.

Raffle by Vince Militello: Raffling off a 32 pound Mandarini Aged Sharp provolone, with a retail value of over \$300.00. Tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Winning ticket will be drawn on either Sunday, December 9th or 16th. See Vince to get your tickets today.

AROUND US

Liturgical Calendar: The month of November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory, whose feast is celebrated on November 2. The entire month of November falls during the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time and is represented by the liturgical color green.

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of November 2018: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

"Love is the greatest power for the transformation of reality because it pulls down the walls of selfishness and fills the ditches that keep us apart."

~ Pope Francis



"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.

Go and learn the meaning of the words,

I desire mercy, not sacrifice.

I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Matthew 9:12-13

Prayer

Dear Lord,

I do not know what will happen to me today.

I only know that nothing will happen that was not foreseen by You, and directed to my greater good from all eternity.

I adore Your holy and unfathomable plans,

and submit to them with all my heart for love of You,

the Pope, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Amen.