

CHRIST IS SEEN EVERYWHERE

Ezek. 34:11-122, 15-17; Ps. 23:1-3, 5-6; 1Cor. 15:20-26, 28; Matt. 25:31-46

The entire Church in the United States has been blessed with this opportunity to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, and to appreciate its meaning and importance in our lives...It is an opportunity for us to truly understand the importance of catechesis and the real meaning of the Mass, which is an expression of God's love for us.

Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, New Orleans
(Chairman, USCCB Divine Worship Commission)

Today marks the end of the Liturgical Year A! Thus, today, throughout the Universal Church we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ as King of the universe. Christ is a King on the model of the ancient kings who called themselves *shepherds of the people*. Next Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, we begin a new Liturgical Year, a year, which on most of the Sundays we will proclaim the gospel according to Saint Mark. Significantly, today is also the last Sunday which we use the *second edition of the Roman Missal*. Throughout the English-speaking world, next Sunday we will officially welcome the *third edition of the Roman Missal – The New Translation of the Roman Missal*. It is the hope of the Mother Church that this new translation of the *Roman Missal* will give you and me the opportunity to experience the faith of the Church and the presence of Christ in a deeper way.

On this feast of Christ the King, we celebrate an *end* while anticipating a new beginning at *Advent*. The feast calls for a solemn reflection on the role of Christ in our individual lives and in the entire universe. It is time to forge a new beginning by making an effort to enthrone Christ as King – in our hearts – homes – schools – places of work – private and public places. Like the Psalmist, everyone should proclaim: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want*. Indeed, Christ is the Shepherd Who looks after His flock, and tends His sheep. He seeks out the lost and brings back the strayed. He binds up the injured and heals the sick. He is the Shepherd Who gives His life for the sheep so that they may live. For this reason, St. Paul says: "For Just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life..." Christ is the King Who wants a better life for His people. His kingdom is a Kingdom of justice, peace and love!

As Christians, you and I have the obligation and the right to acclaim Christ as our Lord and King everywhere. We must promote Christ's Kingship by our words and actions, and make Him *reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet* – enemies of Christ abound in poverty, diseases, injustice, discrimination, tyranny, terrorism, and *the last enemy to be destroyed is death*. You and I must help build Christ's Kingdom of justice, peace and love in our neighborhoods as opposed to kingdoms of injustice, war and hatred. We must do this knowing that God will judge us, not in accordance with our status and fame, but in accordance with our action and our outreach to human need. He will judge us on how we help others with the simple and essential things in life – *For I was hungry and you gave Me food...thirsty...you gave Me drink, a stranger...you welcomed Me, naked...you clothed Me, ill...you cared for Me, in prison...you visited Me*. When we share the little or the much we have with those who are less fortunate than we are, we are consequently sharing with Christ Who is the King and Shepherd of us all.

Rev. Anthony Ita Bassey, MSP



PARISH NEWS




GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD!

This Thursday, November 24th, is Thanksgiving Day. There will only be one Mass that day. The annual Thanksgiving Day Mass sponsored by the Holy Name Society will be celebrated on Thursday, November 24th, at 10 a.m.

THANKSGIVING SHARING TABLE

It has been the custom at our Parish for those attending the Thanksgiving Day Mass to bring something for our sharing table. Typically this would be along the lines of a pie, special bread, a favorite dessert, candy or flowers. At the end of Mass all items on the table are blessed and all are welcome to choose an item to add to their holiday table; thus sharing our meal with our Parish family. Please give some thought to what you might bring this year.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

We will be providing Thanksgiving Baskets to some of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Thank you for the non-perishables donated to date. Please bring your frozen turkey or fresh / frozen pie to the lower level of the Rectory before each Mass today and between 6:45 and 8 a.m. on Monday, November 21st.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes will be held this Tuesday, November 22nd. However, classes will not be held on Wednesday, November 23rd.

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** for this week have been donated in loving memory of Frank G. Nanoia by Angela & Lou Brusco.



The **ALTAR BREAD & WINE** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the week have been donated in loving memory of Daniel DeRosa by Dolly DeRosa.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will meet this Monday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m. in the school. All members are encouraged to attend.



DONATE A WREATH OR TWO



If you would like to donate one of our Advent/Christmas wreaths in memory of your loved one, please contact Carrie or Loreen at the Rectory Office (965-0566). Each wreath costs \$100; and we need six more of them.

CHRIST THE KING

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Many thanks to our wonderful parishioners who are fulfilling their pledges to our parish's Bicentennial Campaign. In early October we received a semi-annual distribution of \$2,656.08, for a total parish benefit thus far of \$270,404.00.

This is a great tribute to your generosity and loyalty to our parish. We hope that all of our parishioners will make every effort to complete their pledges on time so that we are able to accomplish our parish projects. Thank you very much.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

- The **budgeted** Collection for last Sunday was \$6450.00.
- The **actual** Collection for last Sunday was \$5688.35.

May God bless and reward all your sacrifices for the Parish!

REMEMBER YOUR BELOVED PARISH

Remember, "We make a living by what we earn. We make a life by what we share." Please remember our Parish in your Will as a lasting and loving gift to your parish family. Thank you!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
1:30 – 7:30 PM
MCMANUS PARISH CENTER

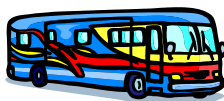
Please plan on participating in St. Bartholomew's Blood Drive the day after Thanksgiving. The Hudson Valley Blood Services truly appreciates St. Bart's willingness to conduct a drive during this especially critical time of the year. For an appointment call Tony Sciacca (423-3592).

Give Thanks - Give Blood !!!



Please pray for all the sick & the homebound members of our Parish, especially Ethel Thomas, Aldina Pereira, Rebecca Conroy, Alejandra Santander, Amadeu Amorim, Grace Raguso, Andy DeFabritis, Maryann Tolli, Maria Marte, Ed Carpenter, Barbara Rup, Jule Yaskovic, Rosalie Heit, Dolores Santamarena, Florence B. Swetz, Clare Yaskovic, Neil Caruso, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Sr., Deacon James Byrnes, Andrea Objay, Carmen Torres, John Esposito, Francis Farrell, Mark Baum, Frank Marra, Christine Bellino, Deacon Patrick Troy, Josephine Apuzzo, Edith Dugan, Gary Roth, Joyann Allan, Anna Rita Morgante, Lois Burton, Mary DeStefano, Dan Seratto, Mark Cianfaglione, Shawn Colon, Margaret Maccia, Nicole Ryan Betancourt, Anthony Spinner, Audrey & Alfred Falcone, Kathleen Hayes, Marge Muraik, Eve Gammino, Stan Buoninfante, Donna Vasconez, Mary Ann Berengur, Gene DelBene, Angelina Brusco, Mary Romanchik, Nicole Pisani-Frame, Louis Petrulo, Lawrence Girsch, and Cynthia Swiatowicz.

Rosary Altar Society's Bus Trip
Radio City for the Christmas Show
Wednesday, December 7th



The package includes the bus, lunch & an almost all new show. For information and reservations, please call Nancy on 376-2025.

REMEMBRANCE TREE OF LIFE: We would like to remind all our parishioners of our *Tree of Life* located at the rear of the church. Many individuals and families have already memorialized their loved ones on the Tree, but there are still many vacant leaves left on the Tree. Thus we invite you to call the Rectory Office to inquire on how you can memorialize your loved ones on the *Tree of Life*.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, especially Carolina M. Barbieri. *Rest in Peace*



The first Sunday evening of each month immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass, our Youth Group meets in the McManus Parish Center. All youths age 13 and up are invited.

The Rosary Altar Society sincerely appreciates the support of our parishioners and Religious Education parents for the Clothing Drive held last weekend - over 200 bags were donated. Special thanks to Cheryl Duda whose help was invaluable.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA: Held after the 9 a.m. Mass on Mondays.

EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION: Held the First Friday of every month at 1 p.m. Please join us for this most efficacious prayer.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION: Held the First Saturday of every month at 3 p.m. All are encouraged to participate.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY: Join your fellow parishioners in praying the Rosary after the 9 a.m. Mass on weekdays and Saturdays.

The Rectory Office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Dear God,
In a world where much is available
Yet so many still go wanting
We thank You for all You have given us.
In a time when family life
Is often fragmented and chaotic
We thank You for the family we have with us today.
In a time when so many cannot express their faith
We thank You for our freedoms.
In a world that moves ever more quickly,
We thank You for this time today
To share a meal with loved ones,
And to rest, reflect, and refresh ourselves

NOVEMBER 20, 2011



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Saturday, November 19 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish

Sunday, November 20

8:30 AM Carl Dietze, Robert & Chester Rodesky +
10:00 AM 65th Wedding Anniversary of Tommy & Anna
11:30 AM Carmela & Frank Legio +
5:00 PM Michael Albanese +

Monday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Josephine Scardino +
9:00 AM Lena M. Castaldo +

Tuesday, November 22

Saint Cecelia, virgin & martyr

7:00 AM Roberto Capuano +
9:00 AM Anthony Romano +

Wednesday, November 23

Weekday

7:00 AM Martin Clarke (living)
9:00 AM Jeffrey Milowe +

Thursday, November 24

Weekday - Thanksgiving

10:00 AM All the People of Our Parish

Friday, November 25

Weekday

7:00 AM Helen Graf +
9:00 AM Sebastiana (Bessie) Meola +

Saturday, November 26

Weekday

9:00 AM Julieann Campisi Moroch +

Saturday, November 26 (Vigil Mass)

5:00 PM Frank G. Naoia +

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Robert Liddell +
10:00 AM Charles & Stefana Barba +
11:30 AM Anthony DiVenuto +
5:00 PM All the People of Our Parish

Comments:
