# The Solemnity Of Christ The King

# **November 20, 2022**

<b>Mass Intent</b>	ions		
November	21	8:00 AM	Nancy Faller requested by John & Mary Blair
November	22	8:00 AM	<b>Intentions Of Magdalene Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family</b>
November	23	8:00 AM	Craig Pugh requested by The Pugh Family
		7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	24	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	25	8:00 AM	NO MASS
November	26	5:00 PM	John & Sharon Fordyce requested by The Fordyce Family
November	27	8:00 AM	People Of The Parish
		10:30 AM	Janet Horvath

	l Lectors	Liturgical Ministries November 26-27 Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Sue Guarducci	Yvonne DePaulis	Terry Meek
8:00 AM	Scott Sheaffer	Scott Dunkelberger	Helena Krieger
10:30 AM	Bill Davies	Nancy Stanton	The Morrison Family

#### **Schmidt Center Cleaning**

November 27 Gabby Brandt & Jen Meek

**December 4** Kim Lane & Marian McCoy

# Next Sunday's Readings Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures

**Isaiah** 2:1-5 **Romans** 13:11-14 **Matthew** 24:37-44

#### Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$5,056.35

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4.874.04

### Church Calendar

Sunday, November 20th (Christ the King)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

Monday, November 21st

Mass, 8:00AM

Tuesday, November 22nd

Mass, 8:00AM

Wednesday, November 23rd

Mass, 8:00AM

Parish Thanksgiving Mass, 7:00PM

Thursday, November 24th (Thanksgiving Day)

No Mass

Friday, November 25th

No Mass

Saturday, November 26th

Hymnal Replacement, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Sunday, November 27th (Advent Sunday I)

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

"Then [the criminal] said to Him, 'Iesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Luke 23:43

#### From the Pastor's Desk



Did you watch Queen Elizabeth's funeral procession? The Imperial State Crown that sat atop her coffin is "made of gold and set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies," according to the Historic Royal Palaces website. It had been made for her father,

King George VI, for his 1937 coronation. It is hard to reconcile this bejeweled crown with the crown of thorns worn by Jesus at his crucifixion. Yet we recognize the crucified Christ as the king of kings, the firstborn of creation, above "thrones or dominions or principalities or powers." As we conclude the liturgical year, we are reminded that

the cross, not the crown, is the primary symbol of Christ's power. By embracing the cross – through service, sacrifice and recognizing Jesus as the king of our lives – we can help bring about his kingdom.

It can be easy to distance ourselves from the two condemned criminals crucified alongside Jesus, much the way we might write off the prisoners in our midst today. Yet Luke's telling reveals their humanity and our shared human nature. One reacts as any of us might, telling Jesus to "save himself." The other speaks words of faith, recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, our true king of the universe. As we prepare to enter Advent, let us ask God for the grace to recognize Jesus as our king. Soon we will be swept up in the Christmas countdown. By placing Christ, the newborn king, at the center of our lives, we can in turn help ourselves and those close to us slow down and experience Advent in such a way so as to fully prepare for his coming. This week, make the words of the second criminal your prayer: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Remember the Sick of our Parish in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Joe Rich, Jeanette Fasick, Mike Landis, Greg Nye, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson's Contact Information**: You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-602-6298) or through his email: dcnrobin@ptd.net.

**Online Bulletin**: www.stbernardsnbpa.org

**Hospitality Apostolate**: This group would like to offer meals on a short term basis to parishioners just released from the hospital, new mothers, and shut-ins who need temporary care. If you can use their services or know someone who can, please contact Phyllis Krieger (kriegerkrew@aol.com/717-834-9433).

**Thanksgiving Mass Reminder**: Our Parish will gather to celebrate Mass for Thanksgiving on

Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00PM in the Church. As a Parish, we have so many things to give thanks to God for, especially His abundant blessings and graces.

**Advent Wreath Materials:** As we prepare for the



Advent spiritual Season in preparation for the birth of Christ, all the materials you will need for creating a home Advent Wreath will be available in the narthex on the

weekend of November 26/27th. Our parish will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need in addition is a water-proof container and some evergreens to complete your wreath. This is one way we can keep Christ in Christmas as we prepare to celebrate His birth.

**Hymnal Replacement**: Your gracious assistance is needed on Saturday, November 26th at 8:00AM to replace our hymnals for the new liturgical year. You can sign up at the bulletin board if you can spare a half-hour of your time.

**Advent Penance Service**: As we spiritually prepare



during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of family's vour preparation. penance service is scheduled for Monday, November

28th beginning at 7:00 PM. Four priests will be present for confessions to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

**Group Photos for the Pictorial Directory:** As we try to complete the photos needed for our Parish Pictorial Directory, group shot of various parish ministries will be taken on Sunday, November 20th after the 8:00AM Mass in the church. If you are a member of the any of the following groups, please come and part of the photos: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Lectors, Knights of Columbus, and Ushers. CCD Catechists and Aides will gather after classes that day for their photo on the steps of the Schmidt Center, weather permitting.

#### Youth Group Dinner for Widows and Widowers: The



Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual Christmas dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Parish Hall after the 5:00 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can

Christmas Dinner attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, entertainment by our youth. We look forward to joining you that night and always in prayer for the souls of the faithful departed. Please sign up at the bulletin board if you can attend. Please feel free to bring family as well, especially if family or friends are your means of travel. Please note the number of people attending when you sign up.

The Mitten Tree: Each year at Christmas, our parish reaches out to our own parish family and the



community and provides approximately 100 gifts for those less fortunate. Again, this year, everyone is invited to select an ornament from our Mitten Tree and GIVING TREE fulfill a Christmas wish for the needy. For many people, these are

the only gifts they will receive. The Mitten Tree is located at the main doors of the Church. Only one gift per tag!! Your gifts should be returned by December 18th.

## **Advent Vespers and Covered Dish Dinner:** All parish



families, especially our children, are cordially invited to an Advent Vesper Service and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed immediately with a covered dish dinner in Dattilo Hall on

Sunday, December 11th at 4PM. A special visitor will arrive for the children. You are requested to bring a salad, vegetable dish, or dessert. The meat course will be provided by the parish. Please sign up at the bulletin board so adequate provisions can be made. For further information, please call Erin Jenkins at 834-6946.

"Right is right if no one's doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it." (St. Augustine)