

# The Solemnity Of Christ The King

November 26, 2023

## Mass Intentions

November	27	8:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
November	28	8:00 AM	<b>John Montgomery requested by Frank &amp; Alice Vilk</b>
November	29	8:00 AM	<b>Rachel Zeager</b>
November	30	8:00 AM	<b>Mike Landis requested by Dave &amp; Patty Suydam</b>
December	1	8:00 AM	<b>Carl DePaulis requested by Pat &amp; Kathy Raugh</b>
December	2	8:00 AM	<b>Mike Landis requested by Carol Swanson</b>
		5:00 PM	<b>Mike Landis requested by Frank &amp; Alice Vilk</b>
December	3	8:00 AM	<b>People Of The Parish</b>
		10:30 AM	<b>Randy Ripple requested by Mark &amp; Ginny Ticehurst</b>

## Liturgical Ministries December 2-3

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	<b>Servers</b>
5:00 PM	Joe DeFrancesco	Yvonne DePaulis	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Jory Harlan	Scott Sheaffer	Julia & Anna Sheaffer
10:30 PM	Nancy Stanton	Mark Ticehurst	The Morrison Family Zoey Lowe

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

**November 26**

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

**December 3**

Robin & Mike Chiccini

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

**Isaiah** 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2-7

**1 Corinthians** 1:3-9

**Mark** 13:33-37

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$ 5,645.00

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$4,795.00

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup> (Christ the King)*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM/9:45-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*

No Mass

Sr. Augustine Marie's Funeral Mass, 11:30AM

### *Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Prayer Group, 8:30AM

### *Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 6:15PM

Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:00PM

### *Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> (First Friday)*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*

Mass in Honor of Immaculate Heart, 8:00AM

Confessions, 4:00-4:45PM

Mass, 5:00 PM

Widow/Widowers Christmas Dinner, 6:00PM

### *Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Confessions, 7:00-7:45AM and 9:45-10:15AM

Masses, 8:00 and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

## From the Pastor's Desk:

The paradoxical ways we have come to understand Jesus can give us spiritual whiplash.

He is both a tender and caring shepherd of sheep and one who sends strong rams and goats to the eternal fire; the executed human and divine man who came into full resurrected glory. He is God incarnate into human history and born in a manger; the



servant-leader; the one who is both God and man. This is the beauty of what we call the Paschal Mystery – that the Son of God came into the world and by his life, death, and resurrection he has reconciled us to the Father, and has redeemed us. He saves us from the death of sin. As Catholics

we are comfortable with paradox: We are inhabitants of a kingdom of God that is already (here) but not yet (fully realized); we are both an Easter people and we live in a world of Good Fridays. So when Jesus says in today's Gospel reading that whatever we do to the least of people, we do to Christ himself and we will reap our actions in the fullness of that kingdom, we understand that he is a king unlike any other king. He cares not for pomp and circumstance but wants to ensure that all – even the least among us – are given his gifts to share. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe celebrates that we have a king who cares more for us than anyone on earth could ever care for us, and we are blessed to be able to love and serve him in return.

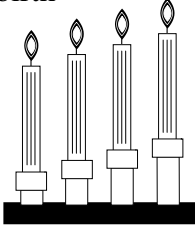
In the midst of our busy lives, it is no secret that our thoughts can easily be preoccupied with things other than prayer or our relationship with God. Perhaps we struggle with maintaining a daily prayer practice. So when we pause to take stock of our lives – where our attention is focused during the day-to-day – it's easy to see that God is sometimes "off to the side." Perhaps we take everything we have been given for granted, or maybe we are just not sure how to make him the most important aspect of our lives. Just like cultivating a friendship takes active effort, so does our relationship with God. Just as watering a plant near its center allows the water to spread throughout the surrounding area, to its roots and the soil – thus making it fruitful and full – putting Jesus Christ, our king, at the center of our lives means that his goodness flows into everything else we say and do. Our lives and our hearts will grow in goodness and bear rich fruit.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: John Kapp, Rosemary Anderson, Cathy Steiner, Marietta McQuaid, Marie Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Jeanette Fasick, Pat Widdowson, Kay Dorundo, Mike and Kathleen Brennan, Gene Odato, Annetta Round, Marian Shatto, Joann Speis, Joni Lawrence, Don Shaeffer, 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 (602-6298) or through his email: [denrobin@ptd.net](mailto:denrobin@ptd.net).

**Online Information:** You can access the weekly bulletin and information at our parish website at [www.stbernardsnbpa.org](http://www.stbernardsnbpa.org).

**Advent Wreath Materials:** As we prepare for the Advent Season in spiritual 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 December 2/3. Our parish will supply the oasis, ribbon, and candles. All you will need, in addition, is a waterproof 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.



**Youth Group Christmas Widows/Widowers Dinner:**



**Christmas Dinner**

The Saint Bernard's Youth Group will be hosting its annual dinner for widows and widowers of Saint Bernard's Parish on Saturday, December 2nd in the Parish Hall after the 5 PM Mass. The youth of our parish extend a warm invitation to all those who can attend. Please look forward to a night of fun, conversation, service, and entertainment given 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 welcome to bring a friend or family member, especially if they are your means of travel. Also, please note the number of people attending when you sign up.*

**Advent Penance Service:** As we spiritually prepare during the Advent season to celebrate Christ's birth again in glory, please make the Sacrament of Penance part of your family's preparation. A penance service is scheduled for Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM.



Four additional priests will be present to help us celebrate this Sacrament of God's mercy and love.

**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 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 18<sup>th</sup>.



**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 the Parish Hall on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Christ in Christmas Cards** designed by our CCD students are being offered for sale by our Knights of Columbus. The cost is \$8.00 for an assorted package of 15 cards, and you can purchase them at the kitchenette.

**Funeral Mass for Sister Augustine Marie Molnar** will take place on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM in Saint Francis Xavier Church, 211 Powell Avenue, Cresson, PA. There are several parishioners going to the funeral and will caravan from the church parking lot at 8:00AM on Monday morning. If you would like to be part of the caravan, please be in the lot at 7:50AM to depart in time for the funeral Mass that begins at 11:30AM.