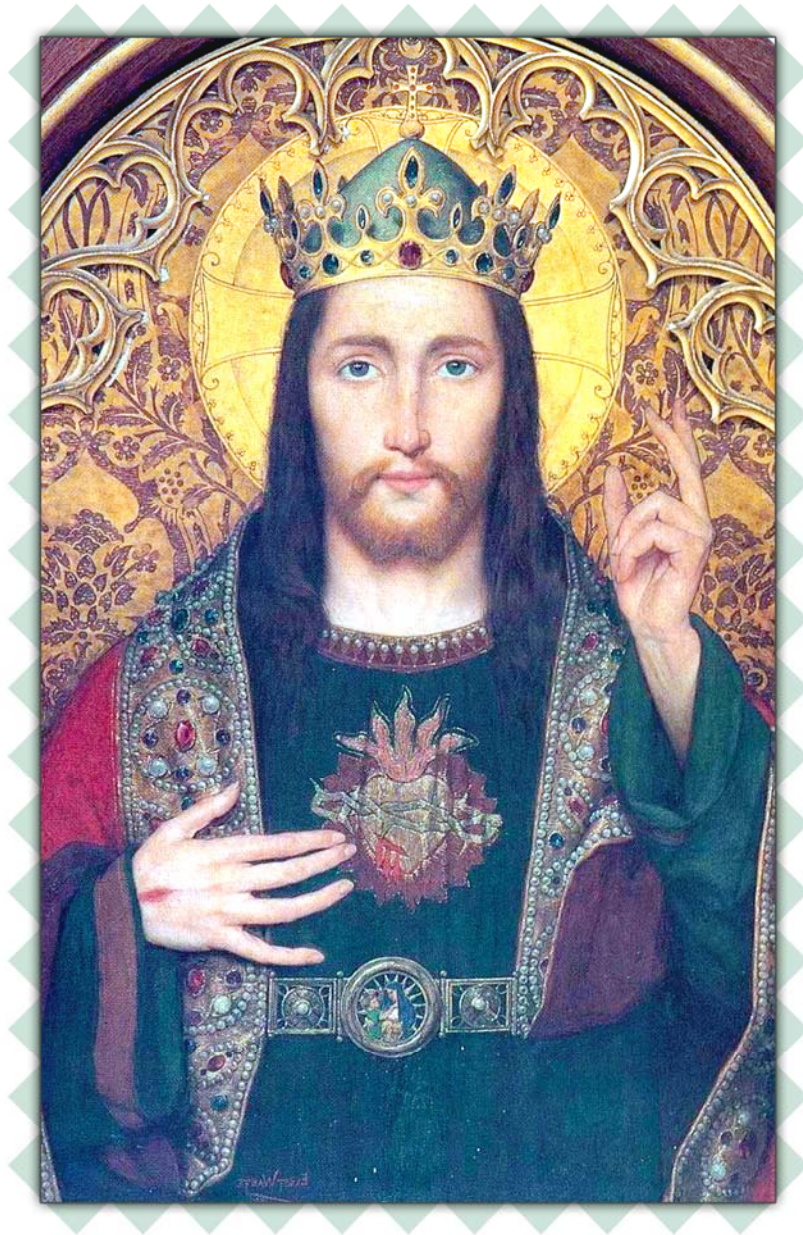


Feast of Christ the King



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday November 25^h
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Richard T. Petri by Cangelosi,
Daughter

Tuesday November 26th
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Maria Stella Antista by Daughter An-
gela and Son In Law Angelo

Wednesday November 27th
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Charlotte Casey by Her Children &
Grandchild

Thursday November 28th
Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Michael Acquavella by Maria
Acquavella

Friday November 29th
Weekday

8:30 a.m. Paul Vincent Gaffney

Saturday November 30th
St. Andrew, Apostle

4:00 p.m. St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr
Ilario & Elisabetta Mazzaferro by
Daughters, Liz Migano & Anna Rosa
Aquino

Sunday December 1st
First Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. Janine Kozzi by Georgena & John
Russo and Lucille Della Croce

9:00 a.m. Carole M. Murphy by Harry Murphy

11:00 a.m. Anthony Tacopino by Wife & Family

The Collection for the Weekend
of November 17th

Offering - \$13,801

Works of Mercy - \$2,468



CANDLE OFFERING

Sanctuary:In Memory of Pete Munson by Mary Ann
Munson

BVM: Ron D'Angelo by By Family

St. Jude: John Petro by Wife, Maria Petro

St. Anthony: Micheal Loper by Peggy Steinbeck

St. Theresa: Michael Acquavella by Bunny & Bob
Reddington

Padre Pio: James Nicoletti by Lynn Nicoletti

Sacred Heart: Ann Marie Criss by Lynn Nicoletti

Flower Offering

Sanctuary: In Memory of Pete Munson by Mary Ann
Munson

Blessed Mother: Rhea Saporito by Marge Ramsey

St. Joseph: John Saporito by Marge Ramsey

Feast of Christ the King Sunday

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass
“In Thanksgiving to God”

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

*“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to
this world.’ (JOHN 18:36)*

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do
you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth?
We all know we can’t take it with us. The real king-
dom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy
and money do you invest in working for that eternal
kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from
earthly possessions. Generously share your material
goods with others for the greater glory of God.



HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS

“Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen” ... “Jesus answered ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world...’ Jesus answered ‘You say I am a king, for this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who believes in the truth listens to my voice.’”

Did you pray the Lord’s prayer yet today? In the opening words of praise did you think about what ‘Thy kingdom come’ means? By our baptism we became part of His kingdom the church. We were each given a mission, to build the kingdom of Jesus on earth. As we celebrate this final Sunday of the church year, may we rededicate ourselves to living actively in the kingdom of Jesus, by building His church, and making His presence felt and known.

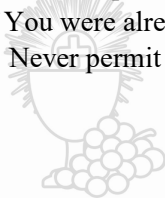
We recall the words of a great saint, as he spoke about the mission. He said each one of us was given a task to build the kingdom, and as long as I fail to do my part, it will always remain undone.

‘Thy kingdom come.’



Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this time receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.



Parish Calendar

Nov. 24 (Sun)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
Nov. 25 (Mon)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm—7:30 pm RR
Nov. 26 (Tue)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Choir Practice 7:30 pm Church
Nov. 27 (Wed)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
Nov. 29 (Thu)	THANKSGIVING DAY Mass 9:00 am
	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
Nov. 30 (Fri)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	Advent prep of wreath and decorate Church 10: 00 am - 11:30 am RR & Church
Dec. 1 (Sun)	Catechumenate and/or Mystagogy and/or Adult Confirmation C. 1 & 11
	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
Dec. 2 (Mon)	Giving Tree Collection (box in Narthex)
	K of C Meeting 6:30 pm Hall
	Inquiry or Adult Confirmation 6:00 pm—7:30 pm RR

Ministries

St. Vincent DePaul – If you are experiencing financial hardship due to a temporary loss of employment, illness, or disability, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is available to aid with your everyday needs such as food, utility assistance, or agency referrals. Please dial the parish number 609-371-0499, then press 4, and leave a message with your name and phone number. Someone will return your call. All calls are handled in strict confidence.

Homebound Ministries – Eucharist Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Please call **Marge Nadolny** at **609-409-6164** or email **margen21@comcast.net**.

Helping Hands: Help Wanted! Our Helping Hands Ministry needs volunteers! We help parishioners with small household tasks such as changing smoke detector batteries, lightbulbs, opening & closing vents, etc. If you are able to volunteer, please call **Esther Wolff** at **732-521-6019** for more information.

THE GIVING TREE

This year our Parish is again providing Christmas Gifts to many needy families in our local area, our Diocese and in Perth Amboy as well as homebound senior citizens through our giving tree program. We will start collecting gift cards next weekend, **November 23/24th through December 10th**. Gift cards to Shop Rite, Stop and Shop, Target, Walmart, Kohls, Amazon, etc are greatly appreciated. Please make sure to mark the amount on the gift cards. We still have some families and children who need Christmas Gifts. If you are interested in adopting a family or a child for Christmas this year or helping with the program, please contact **Karen Kuech** at **Kuechs@comcast.net** or **Linda Schilling** at **LMS652@gmail.com** for more information.



Remembering in Prayer

Kindly contact the office if you know of a parishioner who is sick, having surgery or in need of pastoral care. We would like to remember them in our prayers and care for their spiritual needs.

Initiation Ministry

INITIATION MINISTRY LET US PRAY...

Together let us pray for all who may be discerning a call to explore initiation through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

Prayer for those who may seek initiation in the Catholic Church:

Lord Jesus Christ, at Your Last Supper You prayed to the Father that, of those who were given to You, not one would be lost. Continue to knock at the door of the hearts of Your people. Lead many to the RCIA Process at our parish and to initiation in the Catholic Church. Give them the courage to take the first step. Open their hearts to the fullness of Your love. Deepen their understanding of You and set their hearts on fire for the Kingdom of God. We ask this through You - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

For everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. But they will not ask His help unless they believe in Him, and they will not believe in Him unless they have heard of Him, and they will not hear about Him unless they have someone to tell them. As scripture says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News." Rom. 10:13-15

For more information contact JoLynn Krempecki jolynnkrempecki@msn.com
or 732- 690-2610.

Religious Education

Reminder:

- All Empowering God's children forms need to be handed in by January 7th.
- 8th graders need to hand in their Saint Project and their Sponsor Forms – past due
- 8th graders need to be working on their Service Projects – Due Jan. 7th.
- 1st graders need to hand in their Baptismal certificates: past due
- 2nd graders need to be practicing their prayers and the act of contrition.

Classes resume on December 3rd & 4th.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

LAZARUS TEAM APPEAL

The Lazarus Team is comprised of parishioners who assist Father Nalaka in offering condolences to family members of the recently deceased. This includes meeting with family members to prepare the funeral liturgy by selecting the readings, the music, family participants, etc. Other Lazarus Team members assist Father by serving at the Mass. The Team is in need of new members. Depending on the response, volunteers may be asked to participate about once a month. Hands-on training will be provided. If you feel called to this ministry, please call **Mary Ann Munson** at **732-270-4028**.



Eucharistic Ministers Needed
for The Gardens At Monroe

1) We are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers to visit Catholic residents at the Gardens (next door to church) to distribute Holy Communion each Sunday. EMs arrive at about 10AM and visit the residents (list provided each week) in their rooms. This takes about 30-40 minutes. We have a few teams so that an EM would visit residents about every third or fourth Sunday. I will arrange for you to shadow an EM currently doing this for training.

2) We also need EMs to lead a Eucharistic Service at the Gardens about once each month. This involves bringing some materials (missal, communion, Prayer of the Faithful) and reading most of the prayers of the mass and distributing Communion to residents gathered in the Activities Room at the Gardens. Again, I will arrange for you to shadow and EM currently doing this.

3) Lastly, I need someone to replace me to do the quarterly schedule of EM assignments, recruit new EMs and be the contact person for the Gardens and EMs when needed. I have been doing this for nearly 30 years and it's time I handed this off to another parishioner.

If interested in assisting in this ministry in any of these roles, please contact **Deacon John Shelton** at email: **spmcucc@aol.com** and put "GARDENS" as the subject.



ADVENT CANDLES

Orders are being accepted for Advent Candles and Advent Wreaths. Please complete the form below and leave it in the parish office or place it in an envelope for the collection basket at Mass. Please include your payment with your order. Orders may be picked up in the parish office.

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___ Candle Sets \$5.00 _____

___ Candles & Wreath \$20.00 _____



CHRISTMAS 2024 SCHEDULE
SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION



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PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 18, 2024
 1:00PM & 7:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
 4:00pm and midnight
 Masses are all live streamed

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
 8:00AM and 10:00AM
 Masses are all live streamed

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Tuesday, December 31, 2024
 4:00PM
 Mass will be live streamed

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
 9:00AM
 Mass will be live streamed



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O God, of Whose mercies there is no number, and of Whose goodness the treasure is infinite; we render thanks to Your most gracious majesty for the gifts You have bestowed upon us, evermore beseeching Your clemency, that as You grant the petitions of them that ask You, You will never forsake them, but will prepare for the reward to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH IN FR. CONGDON HALL

A children tableau of the Nativity will take place following the 11:00 mass with the feast starting immediately afterwards. The feast will include food, games and music.

As is our tradition, we would like to display a variety of nativity scenes on tables around the perimeter of the hall. This is a way for you to share a part of your family with our church family (you do not have to bring in the whole nativity and creche, part of it is welcomed.) From the tiniest nativity scene to more elaborate all are appreciated. If you would like to participate, please bring to Fr. Congdon Hall on Dec. 7 before the 4:00 mass or any time before 11:00 on Sunday.

If you would like to bring your favorite cookies to share, please follow the same instructions as for the nativity scenes above. Cookies may be a favorite recipe or store bought.

So mark your calendar and come celebrate our beautiful feast day.

Any questions contract **Donna Maguire at 732-690-2019.**



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