



November 20, 2022

Christ, King of the Universe



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 19 ~ Vigil/Christ, King of the Universe
5:30 PM David Barbuti

Sunday, November 20 ~ Christ, King of the Universe
9:30 AM Richard Hutchings

Monday, November 21
9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Wednesday, November 23
9:00 AM

Friday, November 25
9:00 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, Nov. 26 ~ Vigil/1st Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Helen Ryan Felice,
Risa & Ryan Rothschild

Sunday, November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Rocco Guglielmello, Linda Fantini

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Saturday, Nov. 26 ~ Vigil/1st Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Jen Zupetz

Sunday, November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Beth Texter

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, Nov. 26 ~ Vigil/1st Sunday in Advent
5:30 PM Kathy Fayol (a), Barb Cinqu (c)

Sunday, November 27 ~ 1st Sunday in Advent
9:30 AM Marie Barnett (a), Lisa Dyer (c)

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE

Alexandria Baker-Bonitz (*Navy*) Dylan Bonitz (*Navy*)
Sarah Bowen (*Navy*) Juan Gonzalez (*Navy*)
Kaila McGowan (*Marines*) Anthony Pagano (*Navy*)
Joseph Ruize (*Navy*) Carissa Tironi (*Army*)
Elliott Weidel (*Marines*)

PRAY FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Regina Parthesius, Robert Wise

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Bridget Auer, Joanne Bach, Rob Brosnan,
Sr. Margaret Ellen Burke, Courtney Collins, Peter Cavalier,
Barbara Ceriale, Brian Cross, Nicole Dawson, Marie DiMare,
Tina DiMare, Mary Donnelly, Agnes Ferrone, Anna Gallo,
Joe Gallo, Lenore Giansanti, Margaret Hale, Judy Jackman,
Ninette Kondratowicz, Laura Lade, Nicole Langer,
Regina Lempka, Jon Miller, Janet Murphy, Helen Ryan,
Frances Salewski, Sue Schmaus, Chris Strobl

LOOKING AHEAD

Helping Hands Food Pantry
Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday by Appointment
(9 AM start)

Tuesday, November 22
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 23
Bereavement Group, Session #6 ~ 1:30-3 PM

Thursday, November 24
Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday Nov. 25 ~ No Mass, Office Closed



ADVENT BEGINS

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27

Tuesday, November 29
Religious Education Classes ~ 6:30-7:30 PM

Mass Attendance/Collection

Attending Mass November 12 & 13: **164**
Weekend's Collection: **\$1,959.00**

Today's Scripture Readings

Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:13
Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

ABOUT THE LITURGY: The Liturgical Year, Part II

Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the New Liturgical Year. The year follows through with the celebration of the Christmas season, followed by Ordinary Time.

The very center and climax of the Liturgical Year is the celebration of the Easter Triduum, the three-day celebration of the saving and redeeming work of Jesus Christ. Unlike most feasts in the Church which are fixed to a specific date, as Christmas is set for December 25, the observance of Easter follows the lunar calendar and so changes date each year. This coming year, 2023, Easter will be celebrated on April 9. All other days are determined from that date.

Hence, Ash Wednesday will be on February 22. It will begin the penitential season of Lent; a time for reflection, repentance, and seeking reconciliation and renewal. It is meant to prepare us spiritually for the celebration of the new life we have in Christ Jesus, won for us by his Death and Resurrection. The Sacrament of Baptism takes on special significance at Easter as the way we enter into the Death of the Lord and share in his Resurrection.

After the 50 days of Easter, the Church turns once more to Ordinary Time for the rest of the Liturgical Year. The purpose of Ordinary Time is to deepen our faith by means of both spiritual and bodily devotion practices, instruction, prayers, works of penance and works of mercy.

Thanksgiving 2022

When all was said and done this past Saturday, more than 40 decorated boxes of ingredients for Thanksgiving dinner were distributed to families in need from our community. Parishioners were very generous contributing bags and bags of food items as well as over \$1,500 in monetary gifts.

Volunteers worked diligently last Wednesday during the day and Friday evening checking in delivered food items and matching them with families on our list—a list that included 8 families referred to us by Pine Bush Middle School and High School. ShopRite gift cards were added and our volunteers helped distribute everything Saturday. A brief prayer service began the morning, and later the Bells & Stars volunteers signed up children for gifts of toys/games and clothes that will be distributed December 17.

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

By the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

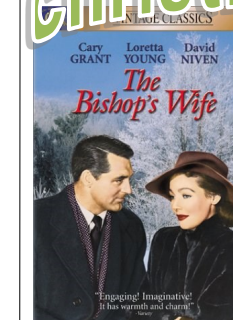
II. OUR RESPONSE B. Conversion



44. Christ began his public ministry by calling people to repentance and conversion: Repent, and believe in the gospel (Mk 1:15; Mt 4:17). It is thus fitting that, at the beginning of every Mass, we are invited to acknowledge our sins in order to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. We confess that we have sinned, and we implore the Lord's mercy. This is necessary since we are all sinners and sometimes fail to live up to our vocation as disciples of Jesus and to the promises of our Baptism. We need continually to heed Christ's call to conversion. We trust in his mercy, the mercy that we behold in his body broken for us and his blood poured out for us for the forgiveness of our sins. We are to approach the Lord with humble and contrite hearts and to say with sincerity: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

45. While all our failures to do what is right damage our communion with God and with each other, they fall in different categories, reflecting different degrees of severity. This brings us to the distinction between venial and mortal sins. Venial sins are those sins and everyday faults that, although they reflect a degree of selfishness, do not break the covenant with God. They do not deprive the sinner of friendship with God or of sanctifying grace. Venial sins are not to be taken lightly, but they do not destroy communion because they do not destroy the principle of divine life in us. Indeed, reception of the Eucharist strengthens our charity and wipes away venial sins, while also helping us to avoid more serious sins. Pope Francis brought attention to this medicinal character of the Eucharist when he pointed out that it "is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak." He also warns us against the Pelagian error of forgetting our constant need for grace and thinking that living a holy life depends on our own force of will.

christmas movie night



Saturday, December 3
immediately following
the 5:30 PM Mass

**Homemade Pizza
Popcorn • Beverages**

All are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area.

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