

November 26, 2017 Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25

5:00 p.m. Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Blessings of Health of Irma Marquart

By Altar Rosary Society

10:30 a.m.

+Janet DiFonzo

By Husband

Monday, November 27

8:45 a.m.

+Joseph Walsh

By Mary and Bill Supple

Tuesday, November 28

8:45 a.m. + The Watson and Ochsenfeld Families

By Florence Ochsenfeld

Wednesday, November 29

8:45 a.m. In Thanksgiving of Fr. Francis Jordan, SDS
for a Favor Received

By Brian and Helen Schuetler

Thursday, November 30 NO MASS

First Friday, December 1

8:45 a.m. Parishioners of Saint Theodore Church

First Saturday, December 2

8:45 a.m. In Thanksgiving of Saint Francis

By Angela Gross

5:00 p.m.

+ Arthur Peterson

By Nancy and Charlie Guerriere

Sunday, December 3

8:00 a.m. +Antonietta and Sabino Antinolfi

By Daughter

10:30 a.m.

+Nicholas DeSanto

By Paul and Elisabeth Boccolini

right now, here on earth. And he gave us ways to participate in the kingdom of heaven, summarized by the Beatitudes and the two great commandments. Each year we celebrate much the same pattern over a three year cycle of readings.

Today then, the last Sunday of the church year, is the feast of Christ the King. The concept of King is foreign to Americans who have never lived under a kingship, but we usually have some idea of what that means. Only in the Gospel is God not seen as the

conquering ruler coming in glory to claim his spoils. Those two images – warrior king and shepherd present a dichotomy that throws us off guard a little. The fear, awe, respect and terror that the image of the all-powerful king might provoke is thrown off by the images of the caring, loving shepherd, the pastor of his flock. And thus, a King needs to be caring, with an open and loving heart, someone who rules the people with justice.

We also live in a world that has not seen peace for half a century. The world has become hard to live in: there is great poverty and great richness. There is great hunger with 60,000 children dying each day in a world that knows how to end starvation but chooses not to. Apocalyptic literature provides that beacon of hope that all will be well.

Christ is giving us hope. And he gives us very clearly the direction that that hope must take. He tells the story of God judging all mankind when he comes in glory. And what does he use as his rule stick? How does he judge the people? All of Jesus' teaching of the two great commandments becomes that line of demarcation, and he says we will be judged on how we treated other people, how just we were. In the right order of things those who have are supposed to help those who have not. It is only about how we have treated others, how we have fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty, clothed the homeless, welcomed the alien, and gave solace to the imprisoned. It will not be about how much money we earned, or the companies we created, or the success we have had in upward mobility, nor the creating of our own little dynasties. No, no, no. It is about



Today we are at the end of the First Liturgical Cycle and the at the end of our church year. In between the Incarnation and the Second Coming, we celebrated the death and Resurrection of the Lord in Lent and Easter, and the [rest](#) of the church year was spent examining the many teachings of Jesus about the Kingdom of heaven. All of the parables in the last months have been parables and metaphors for the kingdom of heaven. The message of Jesus was that the kingdom of heaven is available to us

how we loved others and how we showed that love.

On this last day of the church year then, take time to think about your own life. How disordered has your life been? Have you been placing too much effort in the wrong places? And don't get discouraged, because we have the shepherd watching over us, helping us on to the right paths, caring for us and providing for us. His message is "put your hope in him, and think about others" and that is how you will reach the kingdom of heaven at the end of your time on earth. That is the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel today.



**December 2, 9:30 a.m.
at the Mansfield Township School**

If you haven't donated a basket yet, there is still time and the basket suggestions board is still posted in the Narthex. To make things easier if you are stumped, why not purchase a gift card. *Gift and Grocery cards are always welcome. Our Altar Rosary Society sells Grocery Cards after all the Masses.*



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars

PLEASE NOTE: We ask those of you who will be contributing gift cards or monetary gifts to the *Giving Tree* to please put your donations in the first collection basket. The ushers and counting teams will see that your

donations are handed into the Parish Office for safe keeping.

Our Weekly Offering
Sunday collection needed to meet weekly expenses: \$3,637.

(Deficit To Date \$22,629.05)

November 12: \$2,524 -\$1,113.

November 5: \$2,160 -\$1,477.

Altar Rosary Society Gift Shop



Come visit the Gift Shop for savings of 25% to 50% on many religious items. The shop has a unique inventory and these items would make

wonderful Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Who wouldn't want a special icon of their Catholic faith to cherish forever?

Advent wreaths and candles also are now available for purchase. Please stop by the Gift Shop located in the Parish Center after any weekend Mass. You won't be disappointed!

December Calendar

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

12/2; 9:30 a.m.: **Tricky Tray** @ the School

12/3: **Giving Tree** comes down

12/6, 6 p.m.: Altar Rosary Dinner

12/7, 6:30: Holy Day Vigil: Immaculate Conception Mass. Religious Education Students and Parents are to attend this Mass.

12/8, 8:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Holy Day of Obligation: Immaculate Conception

12/9, 2:30: Warren Haven Christmas Mass

12/10: Hospitality Sunday after 8 & 10:30 Masses

12/13, 6:30: Trustee & Pastoral Council Meeting

12/18, 6:15pm: 8th Grade report to the church

12/23: 5 pm Mass (Sunday Obligation)

12/24: 8 & 10:30 Masses (Sunday Obligation)

12/24: 5 pm Children's Christmas Pageant & Vigil Mass

12/24: Midnight: Christmas Vigil Mass

12/25: 9 am & 11 am: Christmas Masses

12/31: 5 p.m.: New Year's Eve Vigil Mass

11/1/18: 9 am & 11 am: New Year's Masses