

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## 20 NOVEMBER 2022

**Readings for Sunday, November 20:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43.

In Hebron, David is hailed as king of all the tribes of Israel. Jesus is anointed king on the wood of his cross, a sign of paradox, of defeat yet final victory. Through his cross we have passed from darkness into the kingdom of light.

**Readings for Sunday, November 27:** Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44.



**St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Special Day of Prayer is Wednesday. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday after 9:00 A.M. Mass to 5:00 PM in the Church. Benediction at 5:00 PM.**



<u>Date</u>		<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
21 Nov.	MON. 9:00 AM	Edwin G. Pennypacker	Pacanowski Family
22 Nov.	TUE. 9:00 AM	Catherine Lubreski	Tony Vitacco
23 Nov.	WED. 9:00 AM	Mary Ellen Nodolski	John & Jane Nodolski
24 Nov.	THU. 9:00 AM	John R. Nester, Sr.	Wife & son
26 Nov.	SAT. 4:00 PM	Cornelia Zangrilli	John & Children
27 Nov.	SUN. 9:00 AM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish	



**ETERNAL REST** grant unto them, O Lord. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SUFFERING** of the parish especially those in homes and hospitals.  
**REMEMBER OUR TROOPS:** Pray that God will bless and protect our young men and women in the military.

### **ST. GABRIEL OF THE SORROWFUL MOTHER PARISH**

#### **MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS received in memory of:**

**MARY LOUISE SCHWENK** from Terry & Gino Finn, Doug & Diane Finkbiner, The Bridge Ladies, Faith & Barry Pennypacker, Rick & Anne Pennypacker;

**CATHERINE MILLER** from Bob & Vivie Fitch, Frank & Bernadette McElroy, Cliff & Barb Keller, Roger J. & Veronica J. Harrington, Virginia Takach, Kathy & Ron Bernhard, Jack & Marge Bucciaglia

**TIMOTHY O'BRIEN** from Jack & Marge Bucciaglia and family;

**JOAN KALEJTA** from Anna & John Nester.



### **MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION**

**BOOKS** - copies are available at the church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Feel free to take a copy home with you.



**THE ROSARY PRAYER GROUP** leads the recitation of the Rosary before the 9:00 AM Mass every Sunday. They also pray the Rosary before the 9:00 AM weekday Masses. All are welcome to join us.

**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25.

Lost WEEK

# Collections ©JPPC *thank you*

**DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2022..... \$4,550**  
 2022-2023 Year to Date Collections..... \$78,560  
 2021-2022 Year to Date Collections..... \$76,941

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**, November 26 and 27 will be the Christmas Flower Offering Collection.

## "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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 Call the Parish Office for more details.



**PARISH LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET**  
 based on the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Winning ticket number must be the exact number drawn for the PA Pick 3 Evening Number. Tickets are \$5.00 each

and are sold on a monthly basis. The prize for the winning ticket is \$50.00 on weekdays and \$100.00 on Sundays and one specially-designated weekday. **This is our major fundraiser for the parish. We encourage each family to purchase at least one ticket each month. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

## LOTTERY RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS

November 7 - #211 - unsold  
 November 8 - #273 - unsold  
 November 9 - #469 - John Willemssen - \$50.00  
 November 10 - #332 - unsold  
 November 11 - #155 - Stephanie Pacanowski - \$50.00  
 November 12 - #043 - unsold  
 November 13 - #992 - unsold



**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES** on November 21 and December 5 and 19 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS to make an appointment.

## MASS ATTENDANCE for November 12/13:

4:00 PM Mass - 102

9:00 AM Mass - 110

Total Attendance - 212

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL** - #GiveCatholic 2022 is almost here! Celebrated each year on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GiveCatholic is a Giving Day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back. The Annual Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29. Please consider supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal on this special day of giving. For more information about this day of giving, visit [philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/catholic-charities-appeal](http://philadelphia.igivecatholic.org/organizations/catholic-charities-appeal).

**FORMED**  
 FAITH AT HOME

All parishioners are welcome to use the free FORMED.org service provided by our parish. Go to our parish website and click on the FORMED.org picture on the home page. Follow prompts to find many books, talks, movies and Bible studies for all age groups.



**2023 MASS BOOK** - Requests for Masses to be offered on a specific day in 2023 can be made at the parish office. Mass stipend is \$10.00 and must be paid at the time your request the Mass. There is a limit of 2 weekend Masses per person requesting the intentions.

## The Corner

The last Sunday of each liturgical year celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

### Did you know.....

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. Among other things, it reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

—excerpted from website of USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)



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Last week we had a visit from a seminarian who comes from a rather large family. Jonah is one of seven. I can only imagine what that's like. I'm one of one. Although cousins and friends making for extended family were certainly part of my upbringing, I recall those days as a young boy when in the house on most evenings it was just mom, dad, and yours truly. We had our usual routine. After dinner, it was homework time for me. While my mother was still busy in the kitchen, my father would catch up with news by reading the *Evening Bulletin* then watching the local news on TV followed by the national. Thereafter was a



period of sacred silence in our household. All activity would cease. It was a prayerful moment for sure as a few digits randomly called at 6:59 pm could mean new found wealth. The next hour found me finishing my studies and



by eight it was time for some evening sitcoms before bed. As sleep would begin to overtake this little guy, I would wind up sprawled out on the couch next to my mother. Even as I got a little older and grew just a bit, my mother would always encourage me to never be concerned about placing my head upon her lap. It never bothered her. I discovered that a mother's lap is the best pillow ever.



Her hand gently stroking my head caused me to go rather quickly and peacefully from *Happy Days* to *I Dream of Jeannie*. How I miss those days! Thanksgiving is a time to recall family of the past and be with family of the present. Thanksgiving is a time to recall *all* of our blessings and to be grateful to God for them, but most especially that greatest blessing of family. Whether from a large family or a small one, enjoy Thanksgiving with your family, extended family, and friends! Be grateful, as I am, for our parish family as well and have a most Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving Day!



*Just as a mother finds pleasure in taking her little child on her lap, there to feed and caress him, in like manner our loving God shows His fondness for His beloved souls who have given themselves entirely to Him and have placed all their hope in His goodness.*

– Saint Alphonsus Liguori

Peace!

Fr. Wilson

### **MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 26/27**

#### **4:00 PM Mass**

Lector - Mich

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Tamaro & George; Choir - Tamaro

Altar Server - Holmes

Greeter - DiMarco

#### **9:00 AM Mass**

Lector - Vitacco

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Boyer & Carr

Altar Server - Donnelly

Greeter - Hildebrand

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God our Father,  
in your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for Your  
people. Fill Your Church in the  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
especially St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish,  
with the Spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up from our families future  
priests: worthy ministers for Your  
altars, generous and ardent  
servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this through  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **WOMEN'S SOCIETY EVENTS**



**The Women's Society next themed basket will be for Christmas.** We will begin selling chances after Masses on December 3 until December 18 when the winner will be pulled. Chances will be sold for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The Christmas Basket is valued at approximately \$150. Stop by the church lobby to see it and take a chance. The Women's Society thanks you for your continued support!

**Women's Society Christmas Cookie Sale - December 10 and 11 after Masses.** Due to the rising cost of candy supplies, we will not be making candy this year. All cookies and Pizzelles will sell for \$5 a dozen. Trays may be mixed or all the same and will contain at least a dozen or more cookies. Anyone interested in baking only cookies (no cakes please) drop them off in the church lobby before Mass on December 10 or 11. No need to price them, but indicate the type of cookies on tray. Any and all help is appreciated!



**Women's Society Christmas Party -** Sunday, December 18 at 1:00 PM at the Sunflower Café, North Charlotte St., Pottstown. \$30 per member; \$35 non-member. Entree choices:

Slow cooked beef short ribs with red wine over egg noodles, served with roasted vegetables OR Sautéed chicken breast with raisins, capers, pine nuts, white wine and lemon served with creamy cheesy polenta and roasted vegetables. ALSO INCLUDED soup, dessert, and cold and hot beverages, BYOB. Reservations with entree choice and payment by December 10 to Lori at 610-326-6030. Checks payable to Women's Society or cash. Women of all ages invited to attend.



### **OUR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

will be in the vestibule of church beginning Saturday, November 26 until Sunday, January 8. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed include: Girls' winter outfits in all sizes from Newborn to 18 month; Boy's winter outfits in sizes Newborn and 0-3 month; Boys shirts size 18 month; Sleep Swaddlers; Diapers size 3; socks in size 0-3 month; Maternity leggings; Walmart or Target gift cards that we can use for formula. Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you give. Ornaments are in a box next to the tree. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS** will be available at the parish office beginning Tuesday, November 29. There are 5 wafers per packet. A donation of \$3.00 per packet or \$5.00 for 2 packets is requested. Wafers available on a first come-first serve basis.

**WOMEN'S ROSARY AROUND THE WORLD** - On December 8, a public women's rosary is being initiated around the world. We will be honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary by publicly uniting women in defense of churches, life, motherhood, the family and to proudly proclaim "we are daughters of Blessed Virgin Mary and want to follow her example." St. Gabriel Church invites women of our parish to join us at noon on Thursday, December 8 at our Blessed Mother's Grotto (weather permitting) to pray the rosary together. We will also be inviting other parishes near us to join us. In case of inclement weather, we will pray the rosary inside the church. Hopefully, afterwards, we can have a little snack together. For more information call Lori Carr (610-731-7012).