

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

24 NOVEMBER 2024

Readings for Sunday, November 24: Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever! His are majesty and splendor, and his kingdom is everlasting, a kingdom of cosmic dimensions.

Readings for Sunday, December 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36.



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>
25 Nov.	MON.	9:00 AM	Joseph Gacura
26 Nov.	TUE.	9:00 AM	Kathy Valentine
27 Nov.	WED.	9:00 AM	Jane Perkins
28 Nov.	THU.	9:00 AM	Joseph Harbach
30 Nov.	SAT.	9:00 AM	Gormley, Yeager, Campbell & McQue Families
1 Dec.	SUN.	4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish
		9:00 AM	Those Enrolled in St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish Memorial Fund



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.



NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL on Mondays after the 9:00 AM Mass. All are welcome to join in this special Marian Devotion.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday, November 26 at 6:30 PM in the PREP Building.



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



WOMEN'S SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY on Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 PM at the WQ Restaurant, King Street and Route 100. Meal and payment is on your own, so you are free to choose your own meal for whatever price you would like to pay. Please contact Lori (610-326-6030) by December 1 for headcount only.

LOST WEEK

Collections ©PPC *thank you*

DEPOSIT FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2024. \$4,845
2024-2025 Year to Date Collections. \$83,195

WINNER OF THE GOLD 50/50 ENVELOPE to support Religious Education:

NOVEMBER DRAWING - Deacon & Mrs. Ray Then - \$283.00

CONSIDER REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL.
Call the Parish Office for more details.

"ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

WARKER-TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME

610-326-1510

MASS ATTENDANCE for November 16/17:

4:00 PM Mass - 117

9:00 AM Mass - 135

Total Attendance - 252



APPAREL ALERT! Orders are being accepted for our parish apparel. Items available are: T-Shirt - \$10; Sweatshirt with hood - \$25; Men's and Women's Polo Shirts - \$25. Colors available are Kelly Green and Sunburst Yellow. 1/4 Zip - \$35; Full Zip hoodies - \$30 - color is Forest Green. Logo on all apparel is in the upper left corner. Sizes: S to XL - larger sizes are available (just add \$2) and we have youth sizes too! **PROMOTE YOUR PARISH!!!** Complete the order form in the vestibule of Church and return to the parish office along with payment or contact Maria Boyer (mboyer@sgsm62.org).



CHURCH MAGNETS are available at the Parish Office. They can be placed on your car or refrigerator. Cost is \$5.00 each.

FOR TODAY.
FOR TOMORROW.
FOR ALL OF US.



2024 ST. CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY APPEAL:

From forming our future priests and deacons, to educating the hundreds of lay men and women who study at the seminary, St. Charles' influence is far-reaching. Please consider supporting St. Charles Borromeo Seminary by making a gift today using the envelope mailed to your home or one of the envelopes found at the Church entrances.



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 fund raiser 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 11 - #587 - unsold

November 12 - #743 - unsold

November 13 - #396 - unsold

November 14 - #140 - unsold

November 15 - #092 - unsold

November 16 - #336 - unsold

November 17 - #125 - Cliff & Barbara Keller - \$100.00



THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 for the Thanksgiving Holiday!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - NOVEMBER 30/DECEMBER 1

4:00 PM Mass

Lector - Warzeski

Ministers of Holy Communion - Front, Deacon; Break, Durante & Durante; Choir, Nester

Altar Server - Wasylkowski

Greeter - Wade

9:00 AM Mass

Lector - LaRosa

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

Altar Servers - Griffin & Nagel

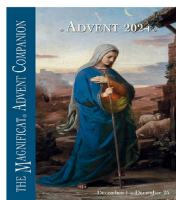
Greeter - Neiman

The Corner

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King**. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever, not only privately but publicly. We are encouraged to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

—from USCCB (the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS - Those who purchased the Magnificat can pick up their DECEMBER issue at the Parish Office.



MAGNIFICAT ADVENT COMPANION BOOKS are available at the Church entrances. There is no charge for the books. Please feel free to take a copy home with you.



2025 MASS BOOK - Requests for Masses to be offered in 2025 can be made at the Parish Office. There is a limit of one Mass on weekends per person requesting the Mass Intention. This is necessary due to the limited number of

weekend Masses available.



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 Church,
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.



*"Pray for all seminarians, that they may
persevere in their calling. Please pray
for all priests and for the success of their
ministry among God's people. And please
pray the Lord of the harvest to send more
laborers into His vineyard, the Church."*

Pope St. John Paul II
Address to Seminarians
St. Martin's Chapel
October 3, 1979



SAVE THE DATE! We are planning a Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 to see "Noah." Cost: \$170.00 which includes motorcoach transportation,

lunch, tax & gratuity for lunch, show and tip for the bus driver. Leave from Church at 10:30 AM; Family-style lunch at Hometown Kitchen at 11:45 AM; Show at 3:00 PM; Return to Church at approximately 7:00 PM. Reservations and payment due by February 17, 2025. For more details or reservations, contact Kathy at 610-326-5127 or contact@sgsm62.org. Make plans now to attend!



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

on December 2 and 16 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the social hall. The American Red Cross faces challenges during the winter holidays because donors are taking time away to enjoy the holiday. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit www.RedCross.org to donate blood.

GIFT CERTIFICATES: The Women's Society will be selling \$15 gift certificates to Santina Restaurant, Vine & Center Sts., Stowe. The gift certificates can be used to purchase anything from their menu like pasta, pizza, hoagies, etc. First sale weekend will be November 30 and December 1 after Masses. Don't want turkey leftovers or need something quick if you are shopping all day, stop by our table and pick up a \$15 certificate for eat in or take out. Certificates will be offered once monthly or can be picked up at the parish office any time. Remember Christmas is coming and these would make a great stocking stuffer. Thanks always for you support.



OUR ADVENT GIVING TREE will be in the vestibule of Church beginning Saturday, November 30 until Sunday, January 5. We are collecting items for Birthright of Pottstown. Items most needed are:

Diapers size 2 and 3; Wipes; Bottles; Neutral pants sizes 0-3 and 3-6 months; Winter clothes sizes 6-9, 12 months and 18 months; Footie PJs sizes newborn through 18 month; Diaper rash cream; Receiving blankets; Crib sheets; Bibs; Burp cloths; Small soft infant toys; Socks size 6-12 and 12-24; Maternity leggings all sizes; Nursing tops; Giant and Redner's Gift cards (denominations \$25 or less). Decorate our Giving Tree by placing an ornament on the tree for each gift you donate. Ornaments are in a box next to the tree.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT CASEY SERVICE CLUB

Sunday Morning Breakfast on Sunday, November 24 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Casey Service Club, Stowe. Bacon, Sausage, Ham, Eggs to order, omelets, pancakes and waffles. Cost is based on your selections.

Project Manger Cribs for Life Fundraiser Dinner on Saturday, December 7 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Baked Ziti and meatball dinner with salad and dessert. Cost is \$20.00. To reserve a spot call Franco (484-433-9160). All money collected goes to local families in need.



CELEBRATING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IN THE HOME

November 24, 2024

11:15-12:15 (After 10:15 Mass)

Visit the Adult Faith Formation Room (Lower Level of Gathering Center) for an open house style presentation about ways to share our faith with our children throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Grab some snacks after Mass and stop in with the kids! We'll have a short kids movie about St. Juan Diego playing, to keep the kids busy. Come and go as you are able!

St. Aloysius Parish, Pottstown

Contact Sophie Schneible for more information.

SSchneible@saintalloysius.net 610-326-5877 x426



ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY

Make time for Jesus this Advent Season!



Let's dig deeper into the scriptures during this busy time. We will gather on Mondays to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass Readings.

Choose either time:

**Mondays at 1:30p.m. OR 7:00p.m.
November 25, December 2, 9, & 16**

For More Information Contact
Sophie Schneible
610-326-5877
SSchneible@saintalloysius.net

Saint Aloysius Church
Lower Level of Gathering Center

CATHOLIC CINEMA SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN at the National Centre for Padre Pio, Barto. Sunday, December 1 - *Brother Francis: O Holy Night - The King Is Born* from 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM. You are invited for some family fun to view a Catholic film for children presented on the "big screen" in the Spirituality Center. There is no cost to attend, and no registration is necessary. The movie plays whether one child or one hundred children show up! Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Enjoy complimentary treats from our movie snack cart. For further information contact angela@padrepio.org or call 610-845-3000.



LIVE NATIVITY at Cedarville UMC, Pottstown on Sunday, December 8 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Interactive Story with walk-through scenes. Live animals and refreshments. Handicapped accessible. Canned Food Drive. Free - our gift to your family. For more information visit www.cedarvilleumc.org or call 610-326-4173.



ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY RAFFLE - The raffle will feature \$10,000 in prizes paid out to seven winning tickets as follows: 1st prize - \$5,000; 2nd prize - \$2,000; 3rd prize - \$1,000; and four \$500 prizes. Tickets are \$50.00 each. A total of 500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on Sunday, December 15 at St. Mary Hall, Conshohocken. To purchase tickets, please contact Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861) or email raffle@stmarypolish.org. Proceeds support promoting Polish heritage in Montgomery County and restoration of St. Mary Catholic Church.

ST. MARY POLISH AMERICAN SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FOOD SALE - Items include Babkas (cheese, cinnamon crumb or Raspberry cheese) for \$17.00; Frozen Pierogi (potato, potato cheese or sauerkraut) for \$10.00 per dozen; Kielbasa for \$9.00 per pound. Deadline for orders is Wednesday, December 4. Order pick-up on Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Mary Catholic Church Hall, Conshohocken. To place a food order email foodsale@stmarypolish.org or call Dorothy Swedkowski (610-630-0861).

CHRIST THE KING

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

As I reflected on this weekend's Scripture ensemble, I suddenly went back to my teaching days, when an assignment would be handed to my students to "Compare and Contrast" two given items. We can do that easily enough with a perceptive look at the three Readings. The first two are replete with grand promises and great glory to be given rightfully to Christ, compared with the Gospel, which comes crashing down to earth, so to speak, with a jolt.

I'd like to consider mainly the gospel. Note within it the appeal of high drama plus the comfort of knowing our faith is well-founded. First, the drama. Here we return briefly to Good Friday, where we get to compare and contrast Pilate and Jesus.

The procurator is in a kind of pressure cooker. Here he stands well within the "comfort zone" of his headquarters, surrounded by protective guards, ready to punish severely anyone who would challenge his leadership. Recall that his wife had urged him several times to steer clear of any involvement with this man from Nazareth. Now that very man is standing in front of him.

Behind him, Pilate can hear the roar of the crowd outside, drummed up by the enemies of this prisoner. What should he do? The Jewish priests despise the man. They control the mob. In Pilate's mind, he knows Caesar is watching the whole episode.

So, Pilate decides to ask Jesus the key question of his petty concern: "Are you a king?" The whole idea seems ludicrous, considering the beaten condition of the man Jesus before him. His head bleeding from a thorn helmet the brutal Roman soldiers had made to be a crown. He's obviously feeling weary from a long night of mistreatment by His captors. Yet somehow, He exudes royalty. Compared with this stern Roman standing there in a finely woven toga, a signet ring on his finger, fresh from a good breakfast and surrounded by rough and ready protection.

"You say I am a king," answers Jesus, "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." How I wish we could all hear the tone of that Voice! We could then easily compare and contrast His power with Pilate's pettiness. But more importantly, we could hear the strength and conviction in Christ's voice. We would certainly be encouraged.

We derive our confidence from the Good News of the Gospel, that's why, when we compare and contrast the two viewpoints, we must be so grateful for the leadership and love of our true King, Jesus Christ. He is at the top of our Thanksgiving Day list of blessings. "To Him be glory and power forever!"

Happy Thanksgiving!

Reading I: Daniel 7:13-14

The son of Man will rule over a kingdom that will never end. The prophecy is fulfilled in Christ.

Reading II: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus' work enables us to be under God's rule rather than that of the devil. To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever.

The Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Our thoughts return suddenly to the high drama of Good Friday, and Pilate's questioning of Our Lord Jesus. Of course, the nervous procurator gets the correct but mysterious answer to his question about kingship.