

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

PARISH MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission (Purpose)

Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we the Catholic Community of St. Thomas More respond to our call to holiness.

Vision (Goals)

Empowered by Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and formed by the Word of God and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we live out our Mission by working together:

- To structure prayerful, vibrant, participatory, Sunday worship experiences.
- To provide Life Long Faith formation for all age levels.
- To care for the young, the old, the sick, the hurting and the needy, both inside and outside our parish.
- To promote faith sharing, prayer, support, learning and listening to one another as a model for nourishing and sustaining our faith community.
- To welcome back, with hospitality, those who have left our faith community.

VISITATION AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office, 424-3212, if a family member is seriously ill or facing/recovering from surgery and would like to see a priest or receive the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is also available to those who are homebound on an ongoing basis.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please make arrangements for Baptism in advance through the parish office. Parents and godparents are required to attend a preparatory session.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to marry will attend a marriage preparation program called Living in Love. Call office for appointment.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process of formation for full initiation into the Catholic Church. It is open to those never Baptized; those baptized in another faith; and Catholics who have not received First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Sister Ann Byrnes, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 424-3212 ext. 104.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades One through Eight - Sunday 9:30 AM—10:45 AM

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New members are welcome in our community of faith. Please call, 424-3212, or come to the parish

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit hardcopy and/or e-mail by 2 p.m. Monday.

CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

St. John Paul II Regional School - (856) 783-3088
Principal: Mrs. Helen Persing



Lord Jesus, remember us.
Give us a share in the spirit of forgiveness
that you so generously expressed from the Cross,
the spirit of generosity that enabled you
to turn from your own sufferings to
comfort another,
and the spirit of trust in your Father,
expressed in your last words.
Amen.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is held during the 11:00 AM Mass for children ages 4—6. There is no need to sign up in advance.



“If my people, who are called by My Name, **shall humble themselves**, and **pray**, and **seek My Face**, and **turn** from their wicked ways; **then** will I hear from heaven, and will **forgive** their sin, and I will **heal** their land.” *2nd Chronicles 7:14*

Tithes and Offerings

The amount budgeted for this week was \$8,500. The collection for Sunday, November 13, 2022 was:

\$7519.00 80 donations in church
1371.00 30 donations online
\$8890.00 110 total donations



Thank you for your continuing support.

Stewardship Corner: Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe *Stewards Fit*

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”
COLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us Christian Stewards to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, **try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!**



From the Pastor's Desk

Christ the King

Dear Parishioners,

Here in the **United States** we are not used to having *royalty* as part of our system of governance, as are the *United Kingdom* and various European nations. We, as Americans, declared our *independence* from a nation ruled by a king.

In addition, we as an American people go through a seemingly endless and (sometimes brutal) *democratic* election process in which we "*elect*" our president and other civic officials. *Democracy* appears to be part of the fabric of our nation.

So how do we in our society understand and react to this concept of **Christ the King**?

First of all, I have continually reminded people that **truth** is not subject to a *democratic vote* or to a *popularity poll*. For example, if we were to take a vote and *popular opinion* decided there are now **four** persons in God and God is not a *Trinity*, would it make it so? Absolutely not. Our *opinion* of this matter is really insignificant because it can never supplant *Divine Revelation*. This is also true with morality and the law. Just because various laws are enacted by our government, it does not mean that these laws are necessarily morally correct or in conformity with God's will. Laws permitting the unjust taking of innocent human life illustrate this fact clearly.

When we call Christ our **King**, we acknowledge that He has *absolute sovereignty over us* as His people and *we are subject to what He commands of us*. While we always retain our *free-will* and can *choose* to be obedient or not, God is still ultimately in charge. Jesus the *Christ* announced to us that "the Kingdom of God is at hand." (Mk. 1:15)

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*: "*The kingdom of Christ (is) already present in mystery*", "*on earth, the seed and the beginning of the kingdom.*" (#669) The *Catechism* continues: "*Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled "with power and great glory" by the King's return to earth.*" (#671)

All humanity, as the most integral part of all God's creation, must ultimately conform to the *will of God* and acknowledge the *absolute sovereignty of Jesus Christ*. Unfortunately, from the very beginning, we as **creatures** seemed to think that we *knew better* and *can do better* than **God, the Creator**. This is the essence of the **original sin**. Various ongoing effects of this sin continue to manifest itself over and over again throughout history, right up to this very time: "*Nobody is going to tell me what to do!*"—to some, not even God Himself, I'm afraid.

Moreover, when various Church leaders today advise that we need to *listen to* and *dialogue with* the various peoples of the "world," there must also be an ultimate realization that in the end the entire "world" needs to conform to the sovereignty of **Christ the King**. Christ *is* the standard of all truth. He is the **Son of God**. *Listening to* and *dialogue with* others can never be seen as caving into various *worldly* demands and succumbing to anything that would be contrary to Divine or natural law. It is the *world* that needs conversion to Christ and His teaching.

May this Solemnity of the Church—**Christ the King**—remind us of the need to be *humble, respectful* and *obedient* to our **Lord** and **Savior, Jesus Christ the King**. It is utter *foolishness* to do otherwise.

Fr. Ed Namiootka, Pastor

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Ministry Schedule for November 26/27

	Presider	Music	Extraordinary Minister	Lector	Altar Server
4:30 PM	Fr. Namiotka	Erin Julie	Sr. Sophia	C. Betson-Smith	
8:30 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Julie	K. Witts	K. Kraemer	Witts E. Bresani
11:00 AM	Fr. Namiotka	Marta/Elena/Choir Julie	T. Librojo	B. Haughwout	L. & G. Hutchinson



Generations of Faith

Being faithful to our FAITH has always required a “YES” to our Heavenly Father. This “YES” requires many “nos” to other things. Come to think of it, whatever chosen in life, good or not good, requires “yeses” and “nos”, and commitment. The conflict arises between our Heavenly Father’s will and ours. Many times, we would like to tell “GOD” what to do and how to do things. Our trust is placed on ourselves, others, society, friends, things, etc. We become blinded by our own EGO, lack of knowledge, obliviousness for a lack of a better word. The will of the Heavenly Father can become a burden when we fail to capture HIS ENORMOUS LOVE, and we seek our own petty pleasures. Transitional happiness may come from our petty pleasures, but true joy can come only from being at peace and “one-on-one” with our Heavenly Father. The Gospel for this Sunday is a good reminder that there’s no glory without pain, or struggle, or conflict, and true glory comes at a high cost. The one thief wanted a quick fix, “Get us down from here”. The other thief fully acknowledged, by a glimpse of inspiration, that he still had time to “be sorry” and admitting to his sinfulness saved him. **We have a great responsibility to teach our YOUTH these values that will help them find JOY in life and but most of all build up their own character to be FAITHFUL to our FAITH even the hardest of situations. Our YOUTH are like a sponge, eager, willing and open to learn about what is good.**



Advent Small Christian Communities

Jesus was in a Small Group....I’m just sayin...



Facilitators and Meeting Times

Deacon Bob & Liz Scarpa
Monday
7:00PM

Sister Ann
Monday 7:00PM

Sr. Ann ZOOM Mtg.
Tuesday 1:00 PM

Bob & Ann Marie Lento
Tuesday 2:00 PM

Shirley Kane/Chris Betson-Smith
Tuesday 2:00 PM

Marylee Garber
Benedict’s Place
Tuesday 11:30 AM

Mena Kramer
Wednesday 7:00PM

Marianne Gorin/ Marian Kapischke
Thursday 10 AM

Kathy Glover
Thursday 7:00PM

Jean Ho
Chinese Speaking SCC
Saturday 3:00PM

Call Sister Ann (856-424-3212) for more information or to sign-up!



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Weekly Intentions



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

4:30 PM Joseph Gianfuture r/b Fitzpatrick family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

8:30 AM Maribeth Oh r/b K. Bailey

11:00 AM Gayle Beaney Clower r/b family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00AM Brian & Mary Bones r/b Teri

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

9:00AM Yves Fils r/b Esther

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00AM Mary Lou Thomas r/b Tobin family

9:30AM—12 NOON Eucharistic Adoration-Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM People of the Parish

NO Adoration today

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM Sheila Mohan r/b Marie Flowers

NO Adoration today

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

4:30 PM Intentions of M/M Gabriela & Michael Woody r/b Pauline Montes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30AM Herman C. Maurer r/b Beverly DeMasi

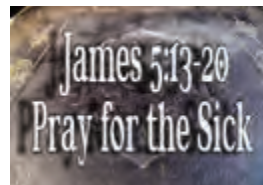
11:00AM Dick Haughwout r/b Brian Haughwout

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intentions:

We pray for **children who are suffering**, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: THE SICK...

Kristina Acevedo, Caroline Bancheri, Jim Beaney, Jim Beaney, Jr., Pat Beaney, Ray Chuisano, Elva Clark, Grace Cobin, Joseph Console, Marie Corcoran, Mary Cowan, Catherine Diana, Elizabeth Garber, Eileen Goodwin, Marjorie Graham, Maureen Howe, Helen Kane, Michael Kapischke, John B. Kennedy, Bob Lento, Marie Manalo, Tina Petrone, Helen Protzman, John Ravena, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Carlos Santiago, Yun-Yun Shen, Teddy Shaffer, Claire Spence, Dick Spence, Dale Strack, Stacia Strack, Michael Suralik, Pat Suralik, Ann Vigrass, Sarah Warner.



PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED SERVICES...

SPC Jordan Beckman, Captain Patrick J. Bones, USMC, Major Anthony R. Cosentino, USAF, SSgt John P. DeYoung, Lt. Nicholas G. Iannuzzi, SSgt. Kris Knaup, Lt. Christopher Mawn, Lt. (j.g.) Jacqueline A. McCabe, SN Christian Mele, PFC Sonny Morrison, Lt. Col. Louis J. Papa, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rimbaugh, Sisi Tyrrell, USMC, SPC Nicole Williams, and *all those serving our country in the armed forces.*

LESSONS and Carols

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and Song that dates to the late 19th century. Come, enjoy and be inspired by Area Choirs singing musical pieces proclaiming

**Sunday December 4, 2022
3:00 PM St. Thomas More Church**

**“Working on the Margins”
Catholic Campaign for Human Development
Second Collection this weekend**

In 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck, people with disabilities were particularly vulnerable to sickness due to conditions in care facilities and a lack of protective gear. With funding from CCHD, the Disabled Rights Action Committee provided material assistance in the form of protective gear and cash assistance, while expanding its advocacy outreach to public officials and community members by conducting meetings online rather than in person. 25% of your contribution stays in the Diocese to help locally.

An invitation to you from the Knights of Columbus
Cherry Hill Council 6173

Since the order's founding in 1882, the Knights of Columbus has been a brotherhood of Catholic men devoted to Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Supporting the universal church and our families alike, KofC programs across the world aid millions each year in disaster relief, pro-life work, and vocations support.



Since the council's founding in 1963, Cherry Hill Council 6173 has been devoted to the work of the Knights locally. Supporting the parishes of Saint Mary, Saint Thomas More, and Christ Our Light, we likewise work each year to help the mentally challenged, fund local pregnancy centers, and aid local seminarians.

If you are interested in more information or in joining the Knights of Columbus, you can do so today at www.kofc.org/joinus or with the QR code here. Include "Council 6173" when asked and use the promo code BLESSEDMCGINNEY to join for free.



Brian Haughwout, Grand Knight
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Paul Kenny, Membership Director
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Small Christian Community Faith Sharing

Please note that we put the following week's Gospel passage in this space so you can prepare all week for Proclamation of the Gospel the following Sunday. Faith Sharing helps ordinary people connect their faith with everyday life experiences

Excerpt from the Gospel for the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022 Matthew 24: 37-44:


Jesus said to His disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it also be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be standing in a field, one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill, one will be taken and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this, if the master of the house had known the hour of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not allowed his house to be broken into. So, too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Commentary:


During Advent we celebrate the coming of Christ, not only two thousand years ago, but also at the end of time. Today's readings emphasize that end time. The Gospel reading is part of Matthew's great discourse on the establishment of the reign of God at the end of time. Jesus tells His followers that they must live their lives in such a way that they are ready to enter into this reign at any time.

Questions for Reflection and Sharing:

1. What is God saying to me in this Gospel passage?
2. What word or phrase in this Gospel speaks to me?
3. What word or phrase in the Reflection resonates with me?




Pro-Life Corner: "Why I'm Pro-Life
(January 27, 2017– Rep. Robert Alderholt, R-AL)
" ...This is why I'm a great supporter of centers that are there to help women find alternatives to abortion...They [can] provide prenatal care, counseling care, baby supplies, and even a father mentoring program for dads who want to be involved in their child's life."
"For those women who don't feel they can keep their child, there is always adoption. I have been and continue to be a supporter of foster care programs and programs that seek to find forever families for children..."
"We are a country that has won two World Wars. We have put 12 men on the surface of the moon. We have advanced and improved life for others unlike any other country in the world. How can such a civilized, advanced society support policies that kill the innocent?"
"I have said a lot to sum up something that is actually very simple. *Why am I Pro-Life? I am Pro-Life because it is the right thing to do.*"



Environmental Tips for the Holidays
As the holiday shopping season approaches, consider reducing the number of gifts you plan to purchase. Coming to an agreement with family or friends on a limit to the number of gifts and/or dollars spent is a great way to reduce waste and take the focus away from consumerism.
----For gifts that have a lasting impact, consider giving the gift of a donation or an experience, particularly one that involves the gift of your time.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is **collecting frozen turkeys or free turkey coupons for Thanksgiving**. All turkeys and coupons collected will be donated to St. Anthony's School children in Camden. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be **at the doors of the Church this weekend, November 19th/20th, to receive your donations of non-perishable food items or monies to purchase same**. We thank you in advance for helping us in our ministry to "feed the poor."



On Tuesday morning, November 22, 2022 after the 9:00 AM Mass volunteers will be changing the missalettes used at Mass to the new liturgical year books. Many hands make light work. All help is greatly appreciated.

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