

NOVEMBER 21ST 2021

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 25, 2021

Dear Parishioner:

Some people feel that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday because it is the simplest ingredients, rest, family and food. That is why Sundays of the year reflect the similarity of the composition of heaven and Sundays: church, extended family and more food. The necessities of happiness are not beyond our reach although some components are not permanent, like life on earth, but heaven is forever. Just like the preparations have to be made for days before the Thanksgiving meal can be served. So, we need to make all the spiritual decisions that contribute to our friendship with God. Personal moral characteristics like virtues determine our relations with others. If you are faithful to your promises to do good and avoid evil, you are going to stay on the good side of everyone, including God.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Monsignor Patrick J. Sweeney



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 4:00pm

Wilbert Harris, requested by Mark and Marie Jennings

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st - 9:00am (live-streamed)

Maria Labrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

11:00am

Our Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd - 8:00am

Rita Cerrato, requested by Maryann Coppola

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd - 8:00am

John Groom

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24th - 8:00am

Aloysius P. J. O'Harra

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25th – 9:00am

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26th - 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27th - 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by their families

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28th - 9:00am

(live-streamed)

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Jack Szelgia, requested by his family



Please remember your Church Weekly Offering. You can either mail it in or do it by Electronic Giving@www.ParishGiving.org

The second collection this weekend will be for the parish.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

\$ 131.00 \$ 25.00
\$ 131.00
\$ 162.00
\$ 320.00
\$ 675.00
\$ 5,873.00



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Anna Marie Barry, Theresa Barthold, Ashley Brown, Linda Brown, Christopher Browne, Margaret Davidson, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Dot Hillenbrand, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Candida Leodora, Lisa Long, Rocky Long, Erin McFarlane, Megan McHugh, Conchetta Miller, Robert Price, John Ray, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, Frances Sprenkle, Joe Szewczak, Fran Thomas, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr..



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Nicholas DiCicco, SPEC Chase Dixon, PFC Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher\Starrett



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed and especially during the pandemic,



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 4:00pm

Grace Welsh - Jocelyn Welsh

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

9:00am

Charlotte Welsh

11:00am

Joseph Arturo



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 4:00pm

Debbie O'Donnell

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

9:00am

Louise Mancuso

11:00am

Jay Feinschil



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 4:00pm

Walt Wood

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21st

9:00am

Lolita Bennett

11:00am

John Naab



FINALLY, the church parking lot is now open. To enter the lot, you can come down Sheldon to Fountain Street and come up Fowler Street (the opposite way) or come up Fountain Street to Fowler Street and come up Fowler Street (the opposite way) into the Parking Lot.



As we slowly get back to normal, we are looking to increase our Lector pool. If you are currently a Lector who was waiting for the Pandemic situation to improve or have never been a Lector, but would like to become one, we would like to hear from you. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Duffy at (215) 518-2041 or Kathleen.duffy.kd@gmail.com. We would love to have you.



Please pick up the 2022 copy workbook in the rectory after Mass.



We are looking for Eucharistic Ministers as things slowly return to normal. If you are a Eucharistic Minister looking to return or have an interest in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Jeanine Censi-Lamont at the rectory 215-482-0450 or teethfiller1@aol.com



If you are interested in our daycare, you can email the Director Amoore @holyfamilychildcare.org

Thank you

Thanksgiving Baskets, through the generosity of the Northwest Veterans Association, will be giving away to needy families. Nominate yourself or someone you know to receive a helping hand. Call us at 215.482-0450.



"Mary belonged to Joseph, and Joseph belonged to Mary, so much so that their marriage was very real, since they gave themselves to each other. But how could they do this? Behold the triumph of purity. They reciprocally gave their virginity, and over this virginity they gave each other a mutual right. What right? To safeguard the other's virtue." - St. Peter Julian Eymard



Join us for Mass on December 3rd at 7:00pm for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praise and worship music and healing prayers.

Location: National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, 654 Ferry Rd., Doylestown PA 18901

More info: https://czestochowa.us/newsevents/upcoming-events/



FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Vanilla has chocolate. Ups have downs. And kings have jesters. Jesus had Pilate. When kings ruled, most of them had a jester, who was a man whose sole job in life was to make the king laugh, and consequently the people in the king's court. The latter were mostly ambitious sycophants who took their cue from the king's reactions to the show.

Christ our King, void of a throne or a court, had no joker either. But history presented him with this pitiable Roman local official, the very exemplar of a soul trapped by peer pressure. Pilate was never a laugh-getter as far as we know. Perhaps he drew a chuckle or two from underlings at a wine party. But this weekend we see him again in that eternally dramatic scene drawn by John's gospel that we read each Good Friday, standing right in front of Truth itself. All that Pilate can muster in response to Jesus is his hollow query "What is truth?" That sad day the procurator unintentionally links himself with the Jews he obviously despises. Both could not really hear Jesus' voice. So Pilate becomes his own jester.

Of course, we know better. We do hear the prophet Daniel's voice in that First Reading describing the future Savior's kingdom as one that is destined to be everlasting. If only Pilate had read and believed the Old Testament prophets! We also learn from the Book of Revelation that Jesus is truly the "Alpha and the Omega," the First and the Last, the Almighty. If only Pilate could have read this remarkable New Testament dreamer!

Now, if you and I are really honest with ourselves we could draw up a near endless list of realities in our lives that spark our gratitude. On this coming Thursday, we have our annual civic chance to recognize all that we have been given as a nation and as an individual.

But I believe we sell ourselves short if we do not thank God also for the existence of the Bible. It is our library of God's word and a true source of connection with Him. We find within its pages and books of all kinds all we need to know about the truest, kindest and most loving King of them all.

We can add in humble thanks for the very gift of Faith that will not let us become another Pilate before Jesus. That awakens in us our truest best selves. And in turn we become something like the little boy I read about whose honesty can make us laugh.

It seems there was a little boy who was asked by his father to say grace at the table. Now it wasn't for Thanksgiving Day with all its special goodies you must realize. Just an ordinary day. So, while the rest of the family waited, the little guy eyed every dish of food his mother had prepared. After the examination, he bowed his head and honestly prayed," Lord, I don't like the looks of it, but I thank you for it, and I'll eat it anyway. Amen."

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