

November 20, 2022



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 19 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Cletus Doptis by Stella Filpowski

Sunday, November 20 — Christ, the King

8:30 AM † Elsie Wisyanski by Loving Family

10:30 AM † Edward A. Francowic by Daughter, Deborah

Monday, November 21

8:00 AM † Pearl Hunter by Ted Harhai

Tuesday, November 22

No Mass

Wednesday, November 23

No Mass

Thursday, November 24 — Thanksgiving Day*

8:30 AM † Rose DiGregoio by Ken Zimmaro

Friday, November 25

No Mass

Saturday, November 26 — Vigil

4:00 PM † John and Catherine Kolansky by Family

Sunday, November 27 — 1st Week of Advent

8:30 AM † James Barron by Rene & Arthur Monciini

10:30 AM † Ed Monaghan by Ginnie, Melanie & Family

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**The office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day
and reopen on Monday, November 28**

Ministry Schedule — November 26 & 27

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	L. Henry	B. Rizzuto
8:30 a.m.	J. Petritis	J. Brown	V. Watkins
10:30 a.m.	M. Gallo	E. Yatchyshyn	G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, November 21—Team #4 — J. Petritis

Christ Our King!

As we finish yet another Liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King we are once again reminded that the power of Jesus is a paradox of situations and symbols. We start off with a reading from Samuel which reminds us the importance of King David's reign in the minds of the Jewish people. Like most public figures, David was not always a hero. He led a pretty rough life and was often caught in some political intrigue. But for our purposes on this feast, he is chosen to shepherd Israel and be their "commander-in-chief." This reading reminds us of the importance of the origins of the Davidic dynasty and the part it played in bringing God's covenant to the people of Israel. The elders anointed him king, but it was the people who chose him, and so compete was the acceptance of David that the people told him that "we are your bone and your flesh."



Within the context of that society the king, the ruler, the shepherd, was a man of the people, sinner and saint alike, with roots in their tribal society and responsible to the people. He held moral and spiritual authority over their lives and became the symbol of God's presence among them. David stood in the place of the true, one, great shepherd, God, and spoke in God's name. However, David always acknowledged during his reign that God was King, and David ruled only through, and in God's name.

The second reading to the Colossians presents us with a central theme that reflects on the centrality of Christ in the new covenant. Jesus is shown to be the light of the world that scatters the darkness of sin and evil. Light is grace; darkness is sin. Light symbolizes safety and peace. The words from this particular reading probably were part of an early baptismal ritual in which thanksgiving is given for the rescue from darkness into light through the waters of baptism and entry into God's kingdom as one born again. Christ is proclaimed as the head of the body, the church, that Christ has first place in everything created and has made "peace through the blood of the cross." We move from an earthly king, David, to "the firstborn of all creation, kingdom of the beloved Son..."

Sometimes language is somewhat problematic when we speak of titles applied to Jesus. In our world and more specifically in our society the idea of "King" or "royalty" is so foreign that it is hard to relate to it, let alone make it a part of our belief system. However Messianic expectations were alive and strong during the time of Jesus, and the psalm for today echo's the return of the King of David's line. The word messiah is a translation of the Hebrew word meaning the "anointed one." The people living around the Mediterranean basin during the time of Jesus lived in a world that was filled with spirits and invisible powers. The idea that one's enemy could invoke dangerous and angry spirits and force them to attack was a frightening prospect. Jesus offered safety and protection in a newly ordered universe for the people. Jesus was indeed very good news to a people who lived in a world clogged with spirits.

Jesus had no kingly pretensions. He ruled over the heart and minds of people with love and forgiveness. He carried no scepter. His kingdom was different from the one which condemned him. To a dying king, the criminal on his left said "remember me." He wasn't the fairy tale king who "lived happily ever after." But he promises us the kind of love and forgiveness which will guarantee that we will live happily ever after!

Weekly Collection Nov. 13

Votive Candles:	188
Utility & Energy:	83
Accent:	22
Imm. Conception:	33
Advent Folder:	125
Children & Adult	
Collection:	5,690
Online Collection:	994
Total Collection:	\$7,135
Poverty Relief:	24
Veterans:	187
Total Collection:	\$7,346

***Thanksgiving Day:** There will be a 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Sebastian. Belle Vernon.

Pierogi Sale: Pierogis will be sold after all Masses **Nov. 19 & 20 and Nov. 26 & 27.**

Stewardship

Christmas Giving Tree



I would just like to remind you that next week starts the Advent Season, and you will all have the opportunity to take a name from our "Giving Tree." The tree will have names of

local children who need our help to celebrate Christmas this year. I know that you will be as generous this year as you were last year. If you have any questions about this year's Giving Tree you can contact the office.

Christmas Wreaths

Remember we will once again be selling Wreaths for Christmas. If you would like one, you can sign up in Church or give us a call in the office. The cost will be \$30 for a wreath and if you need a stand for the cemetery it will be \$3. They can be picked up the weekend of **November 26 and 27.**

Turkey Bingo



Today, November 20 is our Turkey Bingo! **Doors will open at noon and the Bingo will begin at 1:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful afternoon to come and spend with your friends. If you haven't already returned your tickets, know that they will be available at the door.

Breakfast with Santa

On **Sunday, December 18 from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** we will once again celebrate **Breakfast with Santa.** The Holy Name Society will provide breakfast consisting of French Toast and Sausage, juice and coffee. **The cost is \$5.00 per adult and all children will be free.** There will be treats for all the children along with a visit with Santa! I hope that you will be able to schedule this into your calendars and spend some time with us.



Sausage Sale

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by **Saturday, November 26.** Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The sausage will be sold at **\$5.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item.**

<u>LINK</u>	<u>LOOSE</u>	
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Sweet Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Sausage
_____ lbs.	_____ lbs.	Hot Hot Sausage

Name: _____

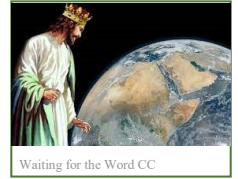
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Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Kenny at 724-929-3464. Please make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus.**

Faith

The Feast of Christ the King!

This Sunday we recognize Jesus and Christ the King of all things. It is the last Sunday of our Church calendar. Last year we celebrated a Year of Mercy where we focused on the Mercy of God in our lives and how much we do rely on the Mercy of God. **This year has been designated as "The Year of Grace."** We will talk about the Grace of God and how that Grace enables each of us to be the best we can be in life. As we begin this new Church Year, we pray that our hearts will be open to the Grace of God!



Waiting for the Word CC

Thanksgiving Day

On Thursday, we will celebrate Thanksgiving. It gives us all an opportunity to reflect on the many ways we are grateful in life. As we recognize the countless number of blessings we have received, we are also mindful of the many people who have less than we do. Why don't you consider making an effort to come to **celebrate Mass on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. here at Epiphany and 10:00 at St. Sebastian's.** Come celebrate with your parish family and together we can give thanks for all of our blessings.



To you and to your families, **I wish a blessed and fruitful Thanksgiving!** We will take up a collection for the food bank, please be generous!

Confirmation

This week, Tuesday, November 22, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian Church. This year, five of our young people from Epiphany will be in the number. Rehearsal for Confirmation will be on Monday, **November 21** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian. Sponsors or their proxy should also be in attendance. If you have any questions, please call the Faith Formation Office at 724-929-9300.

Cookies are needed for the reception after Confirmation. If you are able to help out, you may bring the cookies to the Parish Office on Monday, November 21. Thank you.

Looking Ahead...

It is amazing how quickly time flies once November hit us, and it won't be long before the Christmas Season is upon us. As our schedules fill up quickly, there are a number of dates I want you to be aware of.

Advent is the time to prepare for the greatest gift God has given us, the forgiving love we find through his Son. In celebrating this forgiveness we will offer the sacrament of Reconciliation throughout our region. The dates and times for our Penance Services are listed below:

December 6	Epiphany (6:30 p.m.)
December 7	West Newton (6:30 p.m.)
December 12	Yukon (6:30 p.m.)
December 13	Rostraver (6:30 p.m.)
December 15	Perryopolis
December 16	Herminie (6:30 p.m.)
December 17	Belle Vernon (Saturday Afternoon 12:00)

Throughout December the Saturday confessions will be canceled in lieu of the services.

I hope that you mark these dates down and make an effort to come and bring your family to this life-giving sacrament.

