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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 20 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Adina Mancini by Cathie Lewgood

Sunday, November 21— Feast of Christ the King

8:30 AM † Leonard Babinski by Mr & Mrs James

10:30 AM † Tristani Family Members by Volpe Family

Monday, November 22

8:00 AM † Rita Masci by Lawrence

Tuesday, November 23

No Mass

Wednesday, November 24

No Mass

Thursday, November 25 — Thanksgiving Day

8:30 AM † Virginia M. Quattro by Ava Nuccetelli

Friday, November 26

No Mass

Saturday, November 27 — Vigil

4:00 PM † James Weldon by Ken & Maria Kite

Sunday, November 28 — First Week of Advent

8:30 AM † Ray & Dorothy Jozwiak by Family

10:30 AM † Ed Monaghan by Melanie & Todd Yeager

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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 Thanksgiving Day and reopen on Monday, November 29.

Ministry Schedule — Nov. 27 & 28

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	M. Melvin	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	L. DeFelices	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	G. Pesi	E. Yatchyshyn	E. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, November 22—Team #6— M. Smith

Ministry Schedule — Thanksgiving, Nov. 25

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
8:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	L. DeFelices	Volunteer

Thy Kingdom Come...

Our celebration this week recognizes the end of another liturgical year with the recognition of Christ as King. Over the past couple of weeks we have been reminded of our responsibilities to be prepared and live life as servants of the



Kingdom. Today we hear in a very poignant way that the end of times is near and we must all be ready and take comfort in that fact. Daniel in the first reading continues with his vision of what it will be like in the final days. We hear that the just will be raised from the dead and rewarded with eternal life while the evil ones will suffer eternal punishment.

Although these words written by Daniel as well as those we hear in the second reading are supposed to give comfort, we find the images very uncomfortable leaving us with anything but a feeling of peace. Daniel makes reference to a figure “like the son of man,” which is an obvious reference to the one who will judge the world. This “son of man” was a heavenly being who would come at the end of time to establish the reign of God’s holy people. In the Gospels Jesus often refers to himself as the “son of man,” so making it clear of his own understanding that he would be judge of all at the end of time. The reign which Jesus establishes will be everlasting and the kingship of Jesus will never end.

As Americans, we are not all that good at understanding symbolic language. Therefore the language we find today and the symbolism used needs to be understood if it is to be real for us. We need to understand that the language used in our liturgy today is symbolic in nature and certainly not realistic. Symbols like rams, goats, beasts, and horns are all symbolic representations of empires, oppressive and brutal rulers, and dynasties. When properly understood books like Daniel or Revelation can bring comfort and encouragement because they ultimately affirm the attributes of God. If believers are faithful to God’s law and confident in God’s power, they can be assured that God will deliver them from the dangers of falling into sin and reward them with a life of eternal union with the God of love. In the gospel for this final Sunday of the year, we find Pilate questioning Jesus about his kingship. It can be difficult for us to imaging the “kingship” of Jesus because our culture does not use that term or title. The kingship we refer to is often full of royalty, pomp and titles. The kingship Jesus makes reference to is one of the true suffering servants willingly offering himself on the cross. This definitely is a contradiction. It is obvious that Pilate did not even understand the terms of the question he was asking Jesus. Too often we think and act in physical realities and we forget about the spiritual dimensions of life.

The Kingship of Christ then becomes not something of honor and glory; rather it is one of love and service, not dominion and exploitation. Jesus reminds all of us that this level of love and service must go hand in hand. We cannot have one without the other. On this last Sunday of the year we are gently reminded that our salvation depends on how we respond to his command of perfect love. As we pray the Lord’s Prayer we gently whisper: “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done.”

Contact for Child Sexual Abuse

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone—please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school, or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct *after* you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

Stewardship

Christmas Angel Tree

Next week, we begin the Advent season. We will have tags on the tree for local children who need our help to celebrate Christmas. The tags on the tree will have information that will help a needy child. Simply buy a gift, wrap it and bring it back with the tag attached to the outside; we will take care of delivering it. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office.



Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services collection Nov. 20-21

The annual Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services collection will be taken this weekend. The collection helps Catholic Charities' heating fuel One-quarter of the contributions will go to Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. bishops' overseas relief and development agency.

Due to the bulletin deadline, last week's collection will be listed next week.

Breakfast with Santa

We are planning to have a **Breakfast with Santa** this year on Sunday, **December 19 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon**. We are still working out the details on this event but I wanted you to know the date so that you will not miss out. I hope that you will be able to bring your children, your grandchildren, nieces or



nephews and even the neighbor kids to this opportunity. We will serve Breakfast and your children will have an opportunity to spend some time with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

For the Table

It's the time of year where we start to think about what goes on our holiday table. Let us help you with that!

Pierogies

Our Pierogi Makers have been busy getting things ready to sell beginning on the 20th of this month. They will be available after all the Masses **this weekend**, November 20-21. The cost will remain the same at \$15.00 per bag of 2 dozen.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

Epiphany Church will hold a sausage sale on December 7 & 8. All orders must be in by **Saturday, November 20**. 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.**

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LOOSE

____ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Sausage**
____ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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

Feast of Christ the King

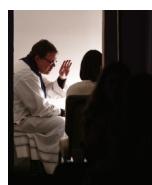
Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the Liturgical year with the recognition of Christ as King of the entire Universe. We finish this Church year in honor of the Eucharist refreshed with the knowledge that we have all been entrusted to bring that goodness to all in our lives. Next Sunday we will start a new year by celebrating the First Sunday of Advent. Take some time over this week to recognize the blessings you received over this past year so that you are refreshed to begin another.



Workbook for Lectors

Since we begin a new church year with the first Sunday of Advent, we will be starting a new cycle of readings. The new Lector Workbooks for reading in year "C" are available in the sacristy. If you are a lector, please come back and pick up your book.

Penance Services



This Advent Season we **will not** be having a Penance Service. Rather, priests will gather to hear confessions at each Church from **6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.** I ask that you take note of the dates and make an effort to attend one of the churches. There will be several priests at each session, so it should go quickly. There will be no regular Tuesday confession during these weeks,

- December 6: St. Edward's in Herminie
- December 13: Seven Dolor's in Yukon
- December 14: Epiphany in Monessen
- December 15: St. Anne's in Rostraver
- December 16: Holy Family in West Newton
- December 20: St. Sebastian in Belle Vernon

Christmas Wreaths

Getting ready for the Holidays

The decorating committee is putting together a fund raiser for the holidays. We are going to make **decorated wreaths** for your home or cemetery. The wreaths will be made from Frazer pine and will be decorated with cones, berries and a bow. They will sell for **\$30.00** and you may purchase a stand for the cemeteries for an additional \$3.00. There will be signup sheets in the church for you to place your order. Any questions about this project, please feel free to call the office.



Thanksgiving Day prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one

another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

