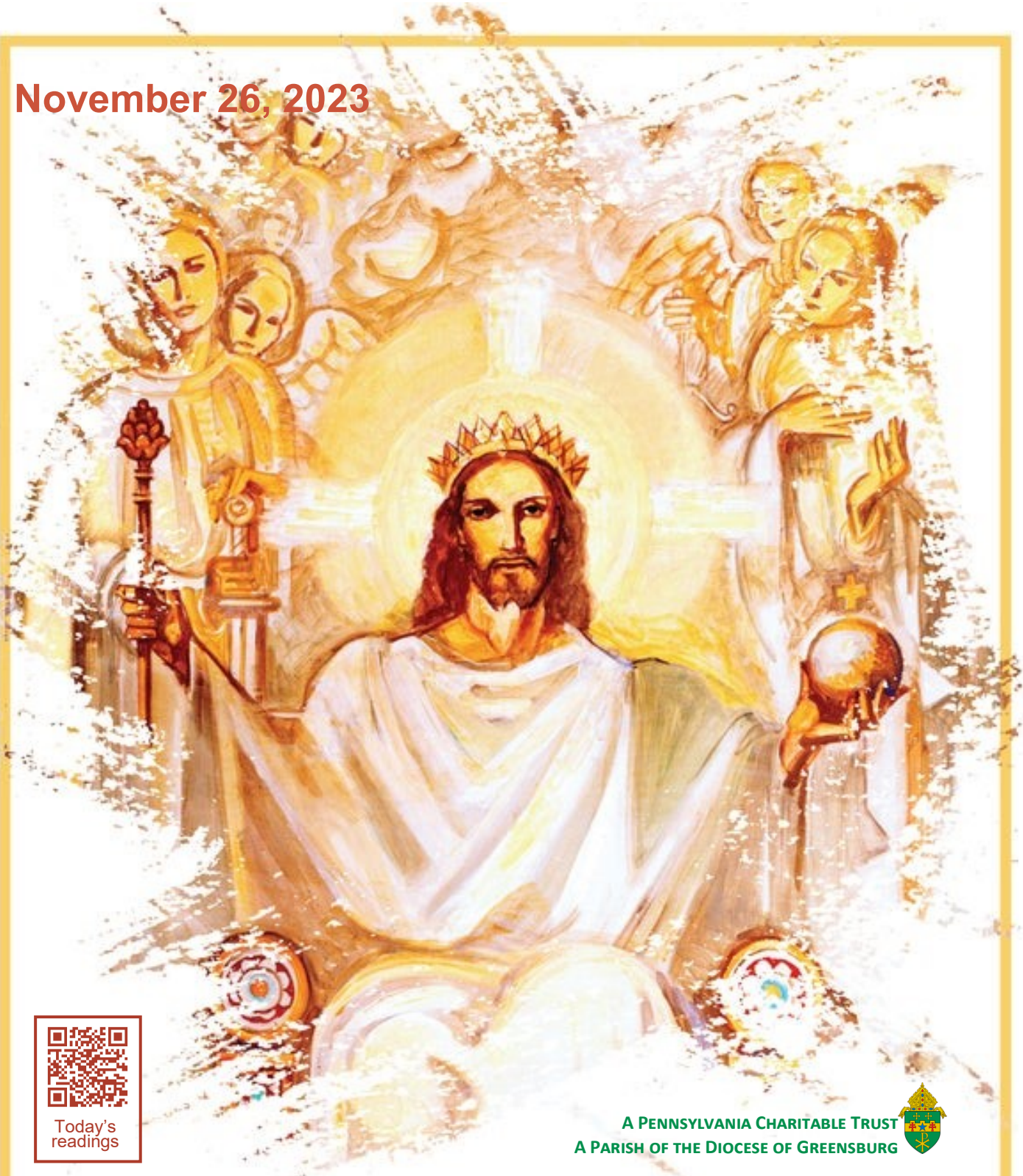


November 26, 2023



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG



“COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE
FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 25 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Petritis & Kolinski by Family

Sunday, November 26 — Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 AM † Carmen Beneccio by MaryAnn & Joe Gallo

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

Monday, November 27

8:00 AM † James A. Sepesky by Carol Sepesky & Family

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Tuesday, November 28

No Mass

Wednesday, November 29

No Mass

Thursday, November 30

8:00 AM † John B. Harhai by Wife, Dolores & Family

Friday, December 1

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

Saturday, December 2 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Patsy & Rose Greco by Joe & Sandy Greco

Sunday, December 3 — First Week of Advent

8:30 AM † Joseph & Alice Walker by Daughter, Dolores Harhai & Family

10:30 AM † Barbara Felak by Vern Janosik & 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.

Ministry Schedule — December 2 & 3

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	S. Surdyn	L. Henry	Volunteer
8:30 a.m.	S. Stein	S. Campus	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Imbrescia	S. Yatchyshyn G. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Tuesday, November 28—Team #3— K. Byron

“Whatever you do for the least...”



This is the final week of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Over the past few weeks our readings have been speaking to us about being organized, ready, and prepared for the last days. Whether we

think of this in terms of the end of

times or the end of our life, the result is the same: we need to

live our lives in preparation for the gift of everlasting life.

Ezekiel in the first reading speaks to us of how the religious leaders of Israel were negligent in their role as shepherds and as a result the people suffered. There is much wisdom to be found in this reading and it pertains not only to people in a position of leadership, but to all of us. I shudder to think what God would say to the shepherds of our world today for their negligence.

How often have we watched TV evangelists crying for forgiveness because of their failure to shepherd. Every now and then we read in the newspaper about how some administrator

misappropriated funds of a church for no reason other than selfish gain. The Catholic Church has been devastated by some

bishops who were involved in covering up crimes of pedophilia in their dioceses. They acted on the “good name” of the church

rather than tending to those who had been molested by priests.

We have all been affected from the fall out of many CEOs and presidents of corporations who recklessly mismanaged funds.

For all of these acts of greed and recklessness there is a price to pay, and we are reminded by Ezekiel that God will gather us all

together and restore the flock to wholeness and holiness. It is a strong message of hope during times of such turbulence.

As easy as it is at times to be able to point our finger and shake our heads, the gospel quickly brings us back to reality in reminding us that we are all leaders who share in a responsibility

of tending to all of God’s sheep. Jesus in a simple way enlightens us to the fact that salvation is promised to all those who

do the simple humanitarian acts like caring for the abandoned and forgotten people of the earth. Through simple human acts

of everyday life we are promised everlasting peace with Christ our King. The impact of this gospel becomes our final proof of

membership in the kingdom of God. We meet Christ in the needy and are judged by our own willingness or failure to respond.

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. We are reminded by St. Paul that it is through our Baptism

that we embrace this life of service. If we are true to the call that we took at Baptism, then we will be true to the call of

service in the name of Christ our King. What is so absolutely

amazing about this Gospel is that Jesus makes these simple

human acts of kindness to the level of identifying himself in

an absolute sense, with those to whom these acts of kindness

and mercy are shown. “When you do this to them, you do it to

me.” On this last Sunday of the year we are gently reminded

that our salvation depends on how we respond to this command.

Weekly Collection Nov. 12

Votive Candles:	187
Utility & Energy:	255
Accent:	20
Advent:	115
All Souls:	30
Christmas Flowers:	135
Christmas:	65
Children & Adult	
Collection:	6,426
Online Collection:	647
Total Collection:	\$7,880
Retired Religious:	65
Total Collection:	\$7,945

Due to the bulletin deadline, this week’s collection will be listed next week.

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the families of MARIE LIPARI, ROBERT TYBURSKI, JEAN MINNITI AND JOHN DUDAS. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Angel Tree



Our Angel Tree is ready! Beginning this weekend, you will have the opportunity to **take a name from our Angel Tree** and make some child's Christmas brighter. Each year we get the names of the children from Head Start and purchase Christmas Gifts. If you would like a name, simply take a tag from the tree where gift suggestions will be listed.

We will need the **gifts to be returned the weekend of December 16-17** If you have any questions about this project, please let us know by calling the office.

'Tis the Season...



Join us for Breakfast with Santa at the Epiphany of Our Lord Church Hall on **Sunday, December 10** between 9:30 a.m. and Noon. Bring your children, grandchildren, or neighborhood children. The event is sponsored by The Epiphany Ladies and the Holy Name Society. Santa treats are provided by FCSLA.

Lessons and Carols

This season's Lessons and Carol will be held at Saint Sebastian Church on Sunday, **December 10**, at 6:30 p.m. The Service is composed of nine Lessons (readings) from Scripture, followed by the singing of Advent Hymns or Christmas Carols after each Lesson. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this festive service

Country Christmas in Belle Vernon

We are only a few weeks away from our Country Christmas on **December 17**. The event will provide an opportunity for all of us to get into the spirit of Christmas by sharing with one another. I hope that you might be able to stop by! We'll be in the St. Sebastian Parking lot behind the school. The event will run from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m..

Around the Diocese

Live Nativity at St. James Parish

A Live Nativity is planned **Friday, Dec. 8, from 5-8 p.m. at St. James Parish, New Alexandria**. All are invited to walk and experience the beauty and wonder of the Scriptures coming to life with live animals and actors. There will be activities for the entire family, plus lessons and carols. Refreshments will be served.

Cookie sale St. Rita Parish, Connellsville

The Christian Mothers of St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will hold their annual Christmas cookie sale **Saturday, Dec. 9, at 9 a.m. in the social hall**. The sale will feature knots, pizzelles, biscotti and other varieties

MCA Artwork

The 2023-2024 Missionary Childhood Association National Christmas Artwork Contest is open. Contest winners will be notified in late spring 2024 and announced to Catholic media in fall 2024. All winners receive a commemorative plaque, and will be celebrated at an event in December 2024. To enter, please complete the form online at https://info.missio.org/2034_24_entryform and upload your art as PDF or .jpg file. Files may not exceed 100MB.

Faith

Feast of Christ the King



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe! It is the last Sunday of the Church year, and it commemorates the supremacy of Christ as King of the Universe. This year the Church has focused on the importance of the Eucharist and its centrality in all of our lives. In commemoration of this great day, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration today after the 10:30 Mass until 2:30 p.m.** at which time we will have **Benediction** and the Closing. I do hope that you will be able to stop in Church during this adoration and spend a few minutes in prayer.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Parents and children of the 2024 Confirmation class will have a meeting with Scott Martin on December 10 at St. Sebastian Church following the 11 a.m. Mass. Confirmation is scheduled for April 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Questions of the Week

First Reading: Ezekiel offers a beautiful vision to the Israelites held captive in Babylon of God as a shepherd tending carefully to the sheep in his flock who are lost, injured, or sick.

Who do you know needs to hear this message of hope?

Second Reading: Paul teaches the Corinthians how believers are destined to share in resurrected life with our Lord Jesus Christ.

What do you imagine resurrected life with Christ will look like?

Gospel: The final Gospel reading of the Liturgical Year focuses on Judgement Day. All will be measured by how we treated those on the margins of society.

What could you do this week to help the poor or the stranger or those in prison?

Enjoy Books

St. Sebastian Regional School is selling Enjoy books. They are \$30 and can be obtained at SSRCS Office, 815 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon. If you have any questions, call 724-929-5143.

HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 13 & 14. All orders must be in by **Saturday, December 2**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$5.50 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

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LOOSE

____ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**

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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 the **Knights of Columbus**