

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	November 20th	Feast of Christ the King
7:30 am	Joseph and Stella Golembiewski requested by Ronald & Florence Zellin	
9:00 am	Annette Larusso requested by Dolores Larusso	Children's Choir
10:30 am	Joyce & Leo Stoeberl (Living) requested by Jim and Margaret Iaquinto	Adult Choir
12:00 pm	Diana Piascik requested by Mom and Dad	Polish Mass
Monday	November 21st	
9:00 am	Lillian Wiltshire requested by Ann & Chris Gannon	
Tuesday	November 22nd	
9:00 am	Deceased Members of the Klopp Family requested by Avon Taylor	
Wednesday	November 23rd	
9:00 am	People of the Parish	
Thursday	November 24th	
9:00 am	Christa Felice requested by The Siniscalchi Family	
Friday	November 25th	
9:00 am	John Thomas Castranova requested by Rich Castranova	
Saturday	November 26th	
9:00 am	Perpetual Mass Intentions	
5:00 pm	Lottie Krupp requested by Justine Horton	Cantor
Sunday	November 27th	First Sunday of Advent
7:30 am	Joe Sharkey requested by Barbara Martin	
9:00 am	George Bachmann requested by Jean Bachmann	Polish Mass
10:30 am	Marie and John Armstrong requested by Betty and Charlie Roche	Adult Choir
12:00 pm	Thomas Piascik requested by Mom and Dad	Cantor

ALTAR CLEANING

Week of November 20th

Team 2 – Audrey Verboys



CALLING ALL CURRENT & PROSPECTIVE LECTORS



There will be a meeting of the current lectors and anyone interested in the Ministry of Lector on **Monday night, November 28, 2012**. It will be held in the Church from 7 PM to approximately 9 PM. Please plan on attending this important gathering as we start the new Liturgical Year. Please RSVP regrets only to Chris Lukesh at chrstine.lukesh@gmail.com or Dcn. Dave Cedrone at dcedrone@dcedronecpa.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

Father Michael's Desk CHRIST IS OUR KING!

Happy Thanksgiving!

This weekend we celebrate the end of the liturgical year with this last Sunday in Ordinary time, called Christ the King!

The use of the word *king* is very relevant as to whom we call our king. Unfortunately, there is a growing interest in acknowledging others as king in their life. Some consider money as their king, and place a devout interest in their investments, and concerns on increased wealth. Some are obsessed with money so much, that every



decision they make is centered around their wealth. Though we must be good stewards with monetary means, we should never let money rule us or cause us to become greedy, and replace God!

Some other people are consumed with material possessions. This is greed or envy as well, because we are driven by our sensual, and personal self that we are self-centered, only focused on the possessions of life. This is especially heightened as black Friday this week marks the official beginning of the shopping season. For others, it's the fame of athletes, or Hollywood stardom. This infatuation is mis-guided for there becomes an over emphasis on their lives. Their success and fame becomes our interest. We sometimes become so interested in their lives that we can't miss a movie they star in, or a game they play in.

Of course, there is also relativism which puts everything into relative terms including our relationship with God.

Whatever the situation, it is taking time away from our true interest and desire of focusing on God. Thus, when we use the word king, it should be someone who not only is a ruler, but also one who in a judicious way is merciful. John's Gospel today presents the kingdom of truth.

We heard these last several weeks on how we can re-connect with God in the readings from the Gospel of Mark. As heard in last week's Gospel about the end times, we need not fear if we have God at the center of our life. If God is central to our being, and we are ready to embrace our King, we would be making a wise move. As Christians we share in the life, the authority and the mission of the King of Kings. Simply, we have meaning and purpose in our life because of Jesus, our King! It is our King who was a servant of servants, willing to die on a cross in order that we can obtain life eternal. Out of love, He came to us to show us the way back to the Father. Thus, if we only embrace Him, we would be the better for it.

The next time, we are asked, Who is your King? Let us resoundingly say, Jesus is my King who loves me and is part of my life.

Next week, as we begin our new liturgical year, Year B, with the added change of liturgical Mass text, we will enter a new era for the Church Universal. It will be an opportunity to embrace the changes in the spoken word at Mass. We will all do this as we make room for our newborn King at Christmas.

In the midst of the changes, as we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child, we have one of the great holidays on the calendar. Thanksgiving is the biggest holiday in any given year because it transcends religious, ethnic, and cultural boundaries as all come to gather, and give thanks.

Even in a year in which we celebrated a historical snowfall in October; an earthquake, and a hurricane in August; and a host of bad economic news; we need to find the room to offer thanks to God for all his gifts that he has given us. We have received the rewards of our talents, and abilities. Thus, this Thursday, we have the opportunity to give thanks to God for all we have, for the smallest of things to those in which we are most grateful.

So, thanks be to God now and forever!



CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY

Next Meeting Dates:

Grade 9 Confirmation Class: Thursday, December 1st

Grade 10 Antioch: Sunday, December 4th

All – Immaculate Conception Mass for Holy Day, Thursday, December 8, 6:30 pm

Up-coming Service Opportunities:

Saturday Dec 3rd is the **OLQP Craft Fair** sponsored by the Youth Ministry. We need assistance from both students needing service hours and also some parents to help in the snack bar.

DEC 2 SET UP FOR CRAFT FAIR EVENING

DEC 3 CRAFT FAIR 8 AM TO 5 PM

Two other events we may need assistance with drivers: .

Sat. Dec 31st is Eva's Kitchen approximately 9-3 and **Sat. Dec 17th** to go to Straight and Narrow in Paterson for the gift sorting. Please let Eileen know if you can help out.

Thank you!

Deacon Nicholas Varsalona & Eileen Thompson

CCD News

Please note that there are CCD classes this Sunday, November 20th however, there are **NO CCD CLASSES** this Monday & Tuesday, November 21st & 22nd.



Because of the new Mass schedule here at Our Lady Queen of Peace, please be advised that **starting on Sunday December 4th Sunday CCD will now be meeting from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.** This will enable all to attend the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy. Thank you.

Bereavement Support Group

We are offering a support group for all those who have lost a loved one and need help working through their loss. Be it a spouse, child, parent, or close friend whose loss has created a hole in your heart, we are here to help you. We will be gathering for 8 sessions and a memorial service during the coming weeks, beginning on **Wednesday, November 30, 7:30-9:00 pm** in the Antioch Room of the Parish Center (first floor of the school building – cafeteria entrance). Bring a family member or friend who is also experiencing grief. All are welcome! Please call Mary Beth, ext. 303 to save a spot at this session.

The Word Among Us

With Advent starting up next, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just a few minutes a day reading *The Word Among Us* magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. Copies are provided by the parish and are available at church exits today. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Christmas tradition!

Parish Office Schedule for Thanksgiving

Parish Office closed 1:00 pm Wednesday, November 23 until 8:30 am, Monday, November 28.



Special Reminders

THANK YOU ROSARY SOCIETY

We are very grateful to the Rosary Society for their very generous gift of \$5,000 to our Church to meet some immediate needs. This great gift will be used to purchase Missalettes to be used by all our parishioners starting next Sunday, the purchase of albs for our new Altar Servers, and the majority of monies to pay down our debt. The payment of our debt is crucial this year as we have the opportunity to receive a matching gift for all our payments. On behalf of the parish, we say **Thank You Rosarians!**

Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society will meet this Monday evening for its last meeting before the end of the year. The meeting on November 21st, will be held in the Church with Rosary at 6:30pm, followed by the meeting. We encourage all women to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The Rosary Society is also pleased to announce that it has three new members.

Music Director

Our Lady Queen of Peace is sad to announce that Ted and Eva Hajak will be leaving us after the new year. We thank them for their employment here at the parish over the last ten years, and wish them the very best in their future. They will be missed.

Because of their departure, we are seeking a new Music Director. We are also asking for volunteers to lead us in music at the 5 and Noon Masses. Please assist your parish and use your talent for the Glory of God!

Position of Music Director

Our Lady Queen of Peace R.C. Parish in West Milford, N.J. is seeking an individual with keyboard and voice experience, and knowledge of the Catholic Mass. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: leading a choir, playing keyboard at a Catholic Mass, and music selection for liturgies. Interested parties, forward resumes to the Music Selection Committee at the Parish Office.

Altar Servers

We welcome Altar Servers to our Sunday Masses. Our young servers have completed a series of training sessions and will start their service at our parish. Let us welcome them to the ministry and support them as they serve God and our parish. We will have another round of server training this January for additional servers wanting to serve. Please see Fr. Michael.

Employment Opportunities

With the Christmas holiday coming, we encourage those seeking work to apply to local retail stores for temporary holiday help. Many major stores are adding thousands of jobs nationwide. Even the Post Office is looking for extra help during the Holiday Season. Our prayers are with you!

Ushers

There will be a very short (20-25 minutes) but important meeting for all Ushers, new, and experienced, this Tuesday evening, November 22nd in the annex portion of the Church at 6:30 pm. Your attendance is necessary as we will cover some significant items. Please make every effort to attend.

Thanksgiving Blessing of Food

We will bless your food for the Thanksgiving meal at a brief service at 7:00pm Tuesday, November 22 in the Church. As we gather as family and friends may we start our national holiday seeking God's blessing that we are to receive through his bounty.



PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent Wreath Materials

Advent wreath candles and rings, as well as a selection of Advent Calendars are available for purchase after all Masses November 19-20 and 26-27.



Sisters of St. Francis

The Sisters of St. Francis will have medals, cards, and many other items for sale starting this weekend in the Gathering Space (formerly called the Rear Annex). Support our Sisters and get a good buy.

Spiritual Christmas Cards

The Rosarians will be selling Spiritual Christmas Cards the first two weekends in December. Fr. Michael will be celebrating a special Mass in honor of Our Blessed Virgin Mary for the intentions of all those who receive one of these cards. The cards will be \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, or 5 cards for \$10.00. The Rosarians will also be selling Queen of Peace ornaments.

Advent Morning of Reflection

Topic: **Preparing for Christmas**

Title: **"Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus, Come"**

Saturday, December 3, 2011, 8:45 am until 12:00 noon

The season of Advent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for the God who comes to us at Christmas. The preparations we make enable us to enter into a deepening relationship with the One who shares our humanity as an adult. This extravagance of God is little understood and appreciated. Join us as we explore a Mystery ever ancient/ever new. The Word becomes flesh and lives as one of us. Presented by Sister Rosemary Napolitano in the Rear Annex of the Church. All Are welcome!

Holiday Family Photos

Sunday, December 4. See fliers at exits of the church for details.

Save time, gas and your sanity, no mall traffic to deal with, no waiting in line for your appointment, your portraits & order placement will take less than an hour. Portraits will be ready in 5-7 days!! Call Eileen to make an appointment 973-219-9328.



Brunch with Santa – December 18, Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast 8:30-11:00, Lunch 11:30 am – 1:00 pm.

Share-A-Gift Ministry

Don't be proud! If you need help, we are here to help you. If you are unemployed or suffering financial difficulties at this time and cannot afford to get gifts for your children for Christmas, we want to help you. Any information shared is kept confidential. If you feel more comfortable leaving the information directly with one of the priests, please feel free to do so. We would like to include your family on our Giving Tree if these are tough financial times for your family. Call the parish office or stop by during the week.

New Mass Schedule - Changing NEXT SUNDAY

The new Sunday schedule:

5:00 PM Saturday (no change)

7:30 AM Sunday – Quiet Mass

9:00 AM Sunday – Mass in Polish

10:30 AM Sunday – Choir Mass

NOON Sunday – English Mass returns

CCD will now take place at 9:15 to 10:15 AM each week followed by Mass. The Children's Choir will be in session once per month, and there will be Children's Liturgy of the Word each week.

Knights of Columbus reminders



The Knights of Columbus are having a **full breakfast today** (Sunday, 10/20) in the Cafeteria. The breakfast will run 8:30 am until 12 noon. Begin your day with a hardy breakfast shared with your fellow parishioners.

The Knights of Columbus are collecting regular coffee and powdered creamer for the community room at the VA Hospital in East Orange. A totally volunteer staff provide companionship and counseling on VA benefits and VA programs. The Volunteers serve both inpatients and out patients and rely strictly on donations. The VA only provides the room. Help our Vets by placing your donations on the table in the rear of the annex.



OLQP YOUTH MINISTRY

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

**At Our Lady Queen of Peace
Parish Center**

Some 50 vendors will display a wide variety of hand made items and vendors such as Arbonne, Mary Kay, Discovery Toys, Tupperware, Silpada, Lia Sophia, Pampered Chef, to name a few.

Stop in and enjoy homemade Pierogi,
Kielbasa and Potato Pancakes
at our Polish Café.

For more information contact Caryl Romeo
at 973-728-3651.