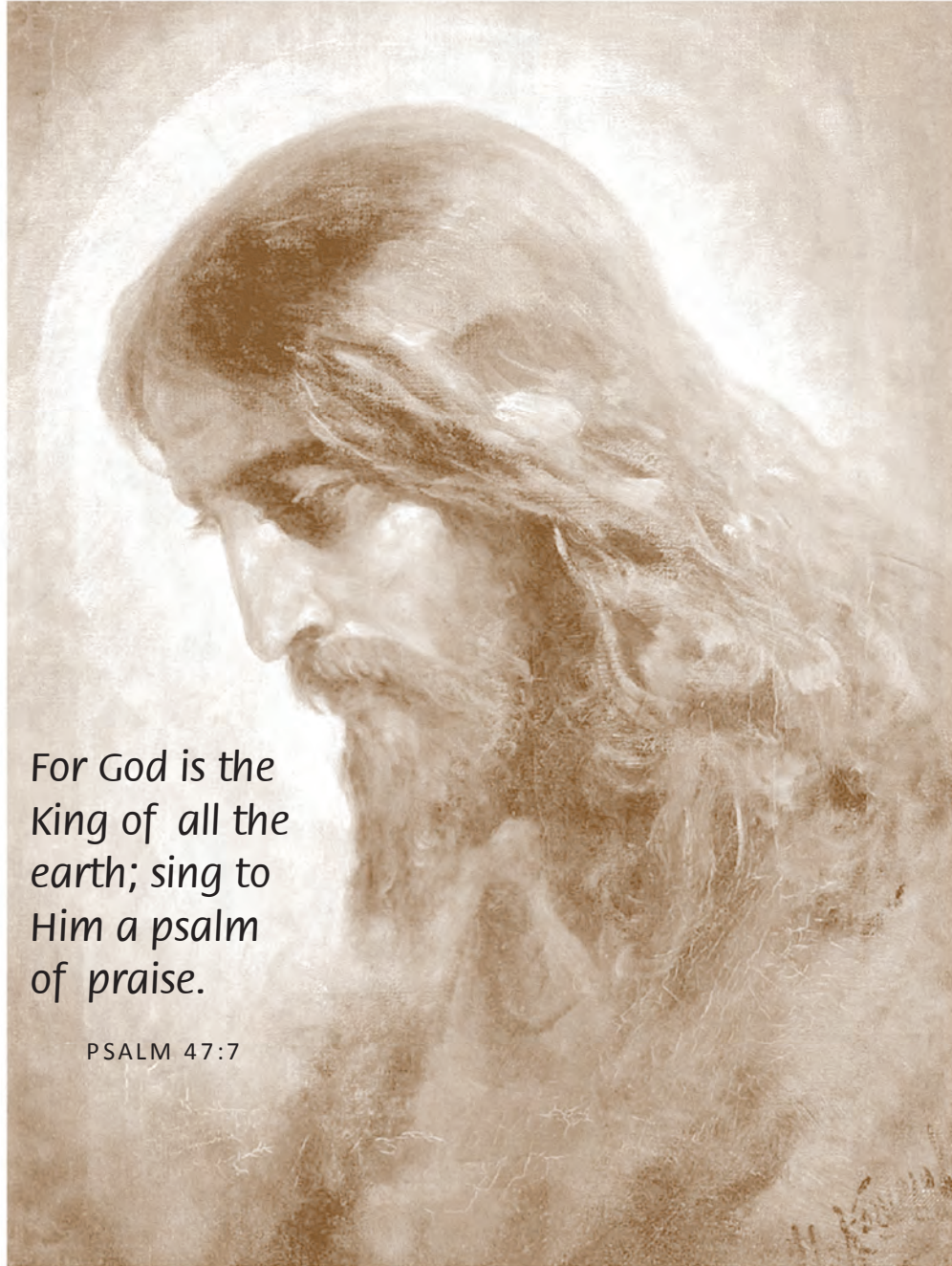


Feast of Christ the King



For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

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Feast of Christ the King

November 21, 2021

MASSES FOR the WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

8:30 A.M. Josephine Buccafurni
10:30A.M. Anna Pomo
12:00P.M. Rose Rech

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

8:00 A.M. Mary Ellen Kahwaty

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

8:00 A.M. Andrew Critelli

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

8:00 A.M. Stanley Zadozny

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH Thanksgiving

9:30 A.M. Enrico "Hank" Togna

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00 A.M. Bibi Isha Rodrigues

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

9:00A.M. Dave Carman

5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH – 1st Sunday of Advent

8:30 A.M. Rose Rech

10:30A.M. Mary Lytle

12:00P.M. Jeremy Paxos

SCRIPTURES:

November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent

FIRST READING: THE LORD TELLS OF FULFILLING THE PROMISE HE HAD MADE TO ISRAEL. HE WILL SEND A REPLACEMENT FOR DAVID, SOMEONE WHO "SHALL DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST IN THE LAND," BELIEVED BY MOST TO MEAN JESUS. (**JEREMIAH 33: 14-16**)

SECOND READING: PAUL ENCOURAGES THE THESSALONIANS TO BE READY FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD. HE EXPLAINS THAT ALTHOUGH THEY ARE CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN A WAY THAT WOULD PLEASE GOD, THEY SHOULD ALWAYS STRIVE TO DO EVEN BETTER. (**THESSALONIANS 3: 12—4:2**)

GOSPEL: JESUS WARNS HIS FOLLOWERS TO BE PREPARED FOR THE END OF THE WORLD. HE REMINDS THEM NOT TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH UNIMPORTANT EVENTS, OR THEY WILL BE CAUGHT UNAWARE RATHER THAN BEING ON WATCH AS THEY SHOULD. (**LUKE 21: 25-28, 34-36**)

STEWARDSHIP by the BOOK- November 21st

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God. How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?

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MASS CARDS We are asked to pray for the dead. The best way to do this is to have a mass celebrated in memory of a loved one. Call the rectory 973-663-0211. **Please note-** offering is still \$15. We also have Intentions for the Living & Healing Mass Cards available for weekdays.

RCIA meets Mon., November 22nd 6pm in the Church Hall. SUNDAY, November 28th at 8:30am Mass – Candidates Rite of Enrollment.



BAPTISMS are performed the first Sunday of each month. To arrange for a Baptism, please call the rectory Mon-Fri -973-663-0211.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Please call the Rectory 973-663-0211. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for us to issue references, letters, recommendations, etc. If you change your address, please notify the Rectory before moving. Thank you.



We ask that all parishioners attending mass please be on time. It is a disruption to the celebration of the Eucharist when you come in late. We are aware that sometimes circumstances may cause lateness, but habitual tardiness can be corrected. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CCD Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/olsosrh>

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Pre-K – Grade 5

Sunday, November 21st Pre-K – 5 – 8:45-10:15 classes

MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6-8

Sunday, November 21st - 6:30-8PM classes

10:30AM – Class mass Grade 8

HIGH SCHOOL – GRADES 9-10

Sunday, November 21st - 6:30-8PM classes

November 21st - Freshman Interviews

NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES -11/28

Please remember in prayer those who are ill:

Rev. Joseph Lugo, Fr. John Cusack, Rev. John Klein, Rev. Richard Kilcomons, Mike Dour, Anne Nichols, William Hymen, Kathie Papasso, Gerry Lopato, Henry Milkewicz, Ty Gonabe, Agnes Paulovitz, Jo Ellen Jacek, Christine Profaca, & all who are ill at this time. **We pray for the deceased:** Catherine Lee, Hugh Marriott, Marilyn Beyel, Severo Castro, Kathleen Barger, Ines Mina, & all who have died from COVID-19.



ALTAR FLOWERS – This weekend's flowers were

donated by Robert & Susan Lee in honor of their wedding anniversary. If you would like to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of an occasion e.g. wedding anniversary, birthday, please call Patricia at the Rectory 973/663-0211 by Wednesday afternoon. \$70-\$90.

There will be a Special Collection next weekend, November

27- 28, to help cover the remediation of the mold being done in the Church. Envelopes are available in the auditorium. Thank you for your support.

PARISH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us Christmas Eve for Carols (10:00pm) & Mass (10:30pm). All voice parts. Adults, Young Adults & High School. Contact: Therese Butler, Dir. of Music musicministry.olsos@gmail.com

3 ways to rehearse: Wednesday Afternoons-1-2pm; Thursday Evenings- 7:45 - 8:45; or Independent Online at Your Own Pace - email or facebook required for Therese to send you links for you to rehearse on your own. Last 2 rehearsals will be on Wed. Dec. 22nd - 1-2, & Thu., Dec.23rd- 7:30-9. All expected to attend 1 of the last 2 rehearsals



GETTING MARRIED IN 2022? Call the rectory 973-663-0211 to arrange your wedding at Star of the Sea.

2021 Diocesan Ministries Appeal - "Let Your Light Shine"

This time of year, as we plan holiday celebrations, please consider making a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of Catholic Charities and, with the help from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal today. *For your convenience, you can make an on-line gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org*

OLSOS CYO Registration Open to Boys and Girls grades 4 through 8. For more info please contact Eric H at Ejhoke1229@yahoo.com



ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE- Sunday, November 21

7PM by the Lake Hopatcong Association of Churches is to be held at Times Square Church on Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington. All are welcome to participate in this service. A Free Will offering is suggested which will benefit the Emergency Fund.

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Today is the 34th and last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. It is also the feast of Christ the King. This feast echoes Ascension Day, Epiphany, and Palm Sunday, the feast which celebrates Christ's royal rule. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to the destructive forces of the world. The fall out from the Great War of 1914-18 continued to have repercussions especially in Europe.

The destruction, loss of life and emerging independent countries, meant that a new political landscape had emerged in Europe. The political instability of the Balkan Region has continued from the end of World War I right through the last century, with the exception of the years when Communism ruled. World War I didn't really settle anything except the defeat of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. It may have also sown the seeds of World War II.

Pope Pius XI could have issued a document, an encyclical to voice opposition to these destructive forces, which included the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917, the rise of Fascism in Italy, the loss of political power for the Church in most countries, and the rampant materialism of the "Roaring Twenties." The Pope believed that an annual feast could be a more effective teacher than an encyclical. Hopefully this feast is still effective in getting us to consider other world realities.

The times have changed in many ways since 1925 yet our age is also characterized as an age of rampant materialism. The feast of Christ the King is also a fitting way to focus on the End-Time.

The church provides us with three volumes of scripture readings, to be proclaimed at mass over a three-year period designated as years A, B and C – that constitute the cycle of readings that feed and nourish us spiritually.

Today as year B concludes, we are told that Jesus will be with us forever as He responds to Pilate, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth hears my voice." Let us all hear the voice of the Lord and walk in His ways, helping our friends and neighbors so we may enter into the eternal Kingdom.

Next week we will begin a new liturgical year, Year C, on the First Sunday of Advent. Rejoice and be glad!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Chris



Religious Education has Advent Wreath sets available. Advent begins November 28th. This practice is a good way to spiritually celebrate this tradition as a family. Please call the Rel. Ed. Office- 973-663-0124 to purchase a set, or speak with Mrs. Hedrick. \$16 each.



THE GIVING TREE:—will be located in the statue alcove at the back of the church as of Monday, Nov. 29th, **date subject to change**. We are asking each family to purchase a gift for a boy or a girl with a tag marked (boy or girl and age appropriate). Please do not wrap gifts. **Deadline is Monday, December 13th.** Gifts will be

brought to Jefferson Recreation for the Jr. Women's League to distribute.

FOOD PANTRY

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 11-12PM, 1:30-3:30PM.

Please call 973-663-0211 for an appointment time.

Coordinator is Toni Tarighi.

We are in need of: Oatmeal packets and canisters, Yogurt, Pasta SAUCE (only), COFFEE, peanut butter, Raisin Bran, Rice Krispies, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, crackers, cookies, canned fruits, jell-o & pudding, SPAM, mayo, ketchup, Chef Boy-ar-dee pastas, milk, butter, TP, paper towels & Hair conditioner. **NO expired items accepted.** **NOTE:** Monetary donations for Shoprite cards are still being accepted. **Thank you to those who have been supporting our food pantry, especially the Bolcars, & the Kimbles.**



THANKSGIVING BASKETS will be assembled Sun. 11/21 at 1pm by the 8th grade CCD class under the supervision of Mrs. Jaye Hedrick. **Adults -Monetary donations** are still needed for our gift certificates that go into each basket. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS:

Due to the generosity of 2 local businesses we will NOT need turkeys, but are asking for turkey breasts, Kosher chickens, hams, lasagna & ziti, allowed by Shoprite in their \$400 purchase program. (check the flyer). **If you intend on donating to us please call ahead- 973-663-0211- to see what we still need.** We will be distributing about 40 baskets Tue., Nov. 23rd. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Father Chris.



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY. FRIDAY DEC. 3RD AT 7 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP GAZEBO,

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Join our Administration, Recreation and Parks, 2020 recipients of the JT Citizens of the year and our Town Council in the lighting of our holiday trees! Our Jefferson Township Middle School chorus will also be there to welcome in our very special guest and to kick off the holidays by performing Christmas carols so feel free to join in!! We hope to see you there!

"CHRISTMAS GO BAGS" FOR DOVER SOUP

KITCHEN is taking place **Tue., December 14th through Sat., Dec. 18th.**



Instructions: Using a Gallon Ziploc bag please fill with a hat, pair of gloves, socks, chapstick, mints, and face masks. (The Dollar stores have many of these items.)

Please leave your GO BAG in the Church Hall on the table and we will collect all for the Soup Kitchen's distribution on Fri., December 24th in time for Christmas. We thank you for helping the less fortunate in our area keep warm this winter.



WINTER COAT DRIVE
K of C -Coat Drive- Join in the warmth of giving. Before and after all masses on the weekend of December 11-12. Drop off coats in the Church Hall. New or gently used and clean coats will be accepted. Coats will be sorted & delivered to Fr. English Ctr. in Paterson & Hope One on Monday, December 13th.



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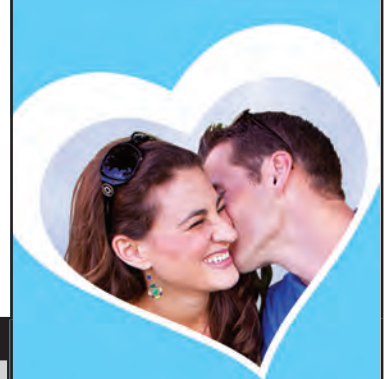


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