Fr. John's Corner

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord- Psalm 122

Today’s Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe sounds very imperial, doesn’t it? Well, it was created not terribly long ago by Pope Pius 11th in 1925 to celebrate not only the Jubilee Year, but the 16th centenary of the council of Nicaea, which was held in 325. Pope Pius 11th saw the rise in Nationalism and Fascism in Europe and wanted to create a feast that affirmed the primacy of Christ. With the rise of Bolshevism, Nazism and so many other isms of Europe, we see today they no longer exist at the forefront of governments. The kingdom of God doesn’t stand in competition with any earthly kingdom, but it’s one we long for and beg God to help us enter. “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom” said the criminal who was crucified with Jesus. Today we ask God to remember us and to grant us the favor of entering into his dwelling, “Today you will be with me in paradise.” May we be given the grace to also hear these words.

This Week:

MONDAY 11/25

TUESDAY 11/26
6PM SVdP Meeting, Room 6

WEDNESDAY 11/27

THURSDAY 11/28
THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00AM One Daily Mass
Office Closed

FRIDAY 11/29
9:00AM One Daily Mass
Office Closed

SATURDAY 11/30
9:30 RCIA Retreat, O'Brien Hall

SUNDAY 12/1
NO Religious Ed, 10am RCIA
11am Fellowship Sunday, O'Brien Hall, Coffee & Donuts
St. Vincent De Paul Society

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. Thank you, and may the peace of God be with you.

As part of our mission to help those in need, SVdP distributed 62 bags of food and supplies to our friends at Casa Calderon, last month.

Consider becoming an active member of SVdP. Society meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm, Room #6, Parish Center. www.facebook.com/svdptally or svdptally@gmail.com

Children's Nativity Mass

A meeting for families wishing to participate in the Children's Nativity Mass on Dec. 24 will be held on Sunday, December 8th in the CSU Student Lounge immediately following the 10AM Mass. All children ages three and older are welcome to participate. For additional information, contact Jeanne O’Kon at okonj@flagler.edu, or 850-264-4903.

Alternative Christmas Market

Saturday, Dec. 7, 9-4 pm & Sunday, Dec. 8, 1-4 pm

The Haiti Parish Twinning Committee will be participating once again in the Alternative Christmas Market to support our sister parish, Ste. Elisabeth, in Fond Tortue, Haiti. Shoppers can honor loved ones with a donation in their names by visiting us during the market featuring dozens of non-profit organizations. Admission to the market is a non-perishable food item. Stop by John Wesley United Methodist Church 1689 Old St. Augustine Road Tallahassee, FL.
Religious Education

Thanksgiving
NO RE class on 12/01 for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend. Classes are scheduled on Sunday, 11/24.

Adopt-A-Family
for Christmas through Catholic Charities
Christmas Connection begins Sunday, Nov 24th - Dec 15th. Christmas Wish Lists for the adopted families will be posted on the R.E. bulletin board upstairs in the hallway. All parishioners are invited to participate. Thank you in advance for your support.

Contact maureen@cocathedral.com if you have any questions.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Heroes of the Catholic Reformation

Dr. Tim Gray, renowned Scripture scholar and president of the Augustine Institute, provides fascinating insights about the Protestant Reformation and the ensuing Catholic Counter Reformation. He discusses how holy men and women worked from within the Church, as they do in every age, to bring forth much-needed reform. Hear how necessary changes were brought about by holy heroes such as Giles of Viterbo, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Ávila, St. Charles Borromeo, and others. Our Lighthouse CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. $3/CD.

Stewardship of Treasure

November 2019 Dates: 11/12 – 11/17

Weekly Need: $16,000
Weekly Giving: $16,299
Year-to-Date Need: $804,000
Year-to-Date Giving: $785,787

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com and go to the “Giving” page.

Committed to Christ,
Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, December 1 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

Stay tuned for an update on CSA next weekend.
Now Hiring
Trinity Catholic School is seeking the following positions for the 2019-2020 school year: Kindergarten Aide. Interested applicants should contact Principal, Tommy Bridges at BridgesT@TrinityKnights.org

Did you know?
You CAN afford a Catholic education for your child. Trinity Catholic School accepts AAA, Step Up, Gardiner, and McKay scholarships. Internal School Scholarships are also available through the FACTS button on our website. Visit www.trinityknights.org/scholarships to learn more about financial aid options.

Trinity Catholic School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

Annual Fund Campaign
Friends of SJPII, help us fill the gap! Please consider contributing to our Annual Fund Campaign to help us provide tuition assistance to families in need, pay our teachers well, help maintain our campus and buildings and more. Make online donations at www.sjpiiachs.org/the-annual-fund/, or mail your contributions to the school.

Save the Date: December 17th
We will be celebrating our alumni. St. JPII Alumni Mass at 10AM in our chapel with reception to follow.

For more information and to keep up with all the current happenings at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, please visit our website www.sjpiiachs.com

The Polish Heritage Family Christmas Eve Traditions Dinner
Saturday, Dec 7, 6-9PM in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall
A large food dish or two of preferably Polish or Slavic food is required for entrance. Each family is asked to donate $1 for the evening's expenses and some canned goods for Good News Outreach. For information e-mail marthapytel@gmail.com

Rachel’s Vineyard
December 6-8, 2019
Abortion can change your life: anger, depression, grief, and even despair. IS THIS YOU?
This retreat will help you find the unending forgiveness, mercy and hope of Christ.
CONTACT: 850-210-6526
EMAIL: rachelsvineyard@gpsparishth.org

Advent Penance Service
Thursday, Dec 12
7 pm
Advent and Christmas Schedule

Weekday Mass Schedule
Dec. 16th – Jan. 6th:  7 am only
Saturday: 8 am
Saturday, Jan 4: Holy Hour after Mass

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:15 pm Vigil
Sunday: 8:30 am, 10 am,
        11:45 am & 6 pm

Christmas Mass Schedule
Tuesday, December 24th
Children’s Mass: 5 pm Vigil
Midnight Mass:  11:30 pm

Wednesday, December 25th
Christmas Day:  10 am

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, December 31st:  5pm Vigil
Wednesday, January 1st:  10 am
Mass Intentions

**Sunday, November 24**
- 8:30am † Chris Connell by Marcia Rodriguez
- 10:00am † Jerry Gerardi by Mark & Mary Fran Strickland
- 11:45am † Ernest & Bette Berger by Edward & Mary Keuchel
- 6:00pm For the people of Saint Thomas More

**Monday, November 25**
- 7:00am † Frank Barro by A Friend
- 5:15pm † James Waechter by A Friend

**Tuesday, November 26**
- 7:00am Special Intention by Carol Alqutub
- 5:15pm † Birdie O’ Sullivan by STM

**Wednesday, November 27**
- 7:00am The Trinh Family by Vu, Thu & Mimi Trinh
- 5:15pm † Ella O’Bryan by Roseanne Wakeman

**Thursday, November 28**
- 9:00am Thomas Baumgartner by STM Staff

**Friday, November 29**
- 9:00am Deborah Sheffield Scarborough by the Vu Family

**Saturday, November 30**
- 8:00am David Taylor by Mr. D. Taylor
- 5:15pm Chief Warrent Officer 3 Colin Hightower by Amanda Clements

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**Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse**

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.