

Christ the King

November 22, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 21st

8:30 am - St. John – Priest's Intention
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
4:00 pm - St. John – Hugette Authier by Michele Pierette Authier

Sunday, November 22nd

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John – Mass for the parishioners
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Claire Danforth by the family
11:30 am - Queen of Peace
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed

Monday, November 23rd

8:30 am - St. Elizabeth – Andrew & Claire Tanych by the family

Tuesday, November 24th St. Andrew

8:30 am - St. John – Spiritual Welfare of our children by M/M Scott Schoppe

Wednesday, November 25th St Catherine of Alexandria

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – *Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John*
5:15pm - St. John – Kenneth Budd by his daughter Vicki Mednick

Thursday, November 26th THANKSGIVING

8:30 am - St. John – Deceased members of the McVay/Robertson family

Friday, November 27th

8:30am - St. Elizabeth – David Archambeau by Ray & Diane Bailey

Saturday, November 28th

8:30 am - St. John – Mass for the people
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – *Confessions at St. John*
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – *Confessions at St. John*
4:00 pm - St. John – Anna Boivin by Isabelle Handy

Sunday, November 29th First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am - 7:55 am – *Confessions at St. John*
8:00 am - St. John – Steve Hahr by his brother Ed
9:35 am - St. Elizabeth – Richard & Cathleen Roth by Joan & family
11:30 am - Queen of Peace – Millard & Ethel Belanger by Priscilla & Bob Belanger
Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed
Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: George Thurston, Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor

Nov. 22 2020	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm S.Dugan 8:00am T. Lovett	9:35am J. Simard	11:30am M. Goldrick

Good Shepherd Early Ed & Childcare Center

Good Shepherd Early Ed and Childcare Center is a year-round child care option offering a nurturing and faith-based program for children age 6 weeks to 5 years old. Openings are available. Call 751-8223

The **FORMED** program is available to everyone in our parish. To start enjoying this free gift, please visit the FORMED website:

1. Go to: nekcatholic.formed.org
2. Click on REGISTER to create a personal account

PARISH EVENTS

Sun. Nov. 22nd 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class/Center

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650
Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$58,477.74+
On-Line: YTD \$26,342.55

Collections and Receipts: November 22, 2020

Regular Offertory: \$2,382

Please consider using the Online Giving tool for your weekly offertory donations. Visit our website at: nekcatholic.com and click "Give Online" to sign up!

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, Corpus Christi Conference offers assistance in name of Jesus to the needy in our community. To contact us call: Patrick McWilliams: 274-3542 Ann Lovett: 751-8187; or the Rectory: 748-8129
 We will arrange a visit to see if we are able to serve you!

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign

RUTH 2:12: "May the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully for what you have done."

In just a few weeks, we've received \$2,619,760.20 in gifts and pledges for the *Christ Our Hope; Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. We are grateful for the sacrifice made by hundreds throughout the state. This is the **Virtual Weekend of Giving**, Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online during the weekend with a \$1,000 gift. Each \$1,000 gift will go to the donor's parish. Each parish may receive one (1) matching gift.

If you remain undecided, we invite you to join us in support. You can give online at www.christourhopevt.org/donate or just return a completed pledge form, which you'll find in the information packets available at the back of the church. And don't forget that Bishop Coyne will match the first 10 gifts of \$1,000 or more received online! That's free support coming to our parish.

PARISH	PARISH GOAL	# of Parish Gifts	PLEGGED from Parish	% TO GOAL	COH CAMPAIGN TOTAL TO DATE
Corpus Christi	\$361,693	24	\$42,341	12%	\$2,619,760.20

The Rectory Office will be closed this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 27th.

Mass at 8:30am St. John



The Co-op Giving Tree

We have approximately 75 gift tags this year! There are mainly elderly people in need of someone to help make their season bright! The younger participants have been given to other organizations. Please take a tag or two off the tree at the entrance St John's Church. We have until December 10th to drop the items off **UNWRAPPED at MAYO'S FURNITURE on Railroad St.** Thanks for your help!

VOCATION UPDATE

November 1st – November 7th was National Vocation Awareness Week. May we continue to be a parish open to the call to promote and pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Consecrated Religious Life, Matrimony, and the Single Chaste Life. May families foster these vocations in their homes. May young people have zeal in their hearts for souls and the courage to follow the Lord who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for us all.

~ God Bless, Diane Bailey, Vocation Ministry

November 22nd: Feast of Christ the King

Christ Himself speaks of His own kingly authority: in His last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in His reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked Him publicly whether He were a king or not; after His resurrection, when giving to His Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, He took the opportunity to call Himself king, confirming the title publicly, and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given Him in heaven and on earth. These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of His power, the infinite extent of his kingdom. What wonder, then, that he whom St. John calls the "prince of the kings of the earth" appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as He Who "hath on His garment and on His thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords!'. "It is Christ Whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things"; "for He must reign until at the end of the world He hath put all His enemies under the feet of God and the Father." ... If We ordain that the whole Catholic world shall revere Christ as King, We shall minister to the need of the present day, and at the same time provide an excellent remedy for the plague which now infects society. We refer to the plague of anti-clericalism, its errors and impious activities. This evil spirit, as you are well aware, Venerable Brethren, has not come into being in one day; it has long lurked beneath the surface. The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ Himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied. Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart. There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God. The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences. ... the seeds of discord sown far and wide; those bitter enmities and rivalries between nations, which still hinder so much the cause of peace; that insatiable greed which is so often hidden under a pretense of public spirit and patriotism, and gives rise to so many private quarrels; a blind and immoderate selfishness, making men seek nothing but their own comfort and advantage, and measure everything by these; no peace in the home, because men have forgotten or neglect their duty; the unity and stability of the family undermined; society in a word, shaken to its foundations and on the way to ruin. ... If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by His precious blood, are by a new right subjected to His dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from His empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to Him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls.

~ *Quas Primas*, 11, 24, 33 Pope Pius XI

Sursum Corda

"Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just. It is truly right and just, our duty and salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father most holy, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ ..."

The Mass: A Gift of Infinite Worth

Once one realizes that Holy Mass has infinite worth, he is not surprised at the saints' eagerness and care to attend it every day, and even more often when they could. ... St. Augustine has left us this praise of his mother, St. Monica: "She did not let a day pass without being present at the Divine Sacrifice before Your altar, O Lord." St. Francis of Assisi usually attended two Masses each day; and when he was sick he asked a friar who was a priest to celebrate Mass for him in his cell so that he would not be without Holy Mass. Every morning after celebrating Holy Mass, St. Thomas Aquinas served another Mass in thanksgiving.

The shepherd boy, St. Paschal Baylon, could not go to church to attend all the Masses he would have liked because he had to take the sheep to pasture. But every time he heard the church bells give the signal for Mass, he knelt on the grass among the sheep before a wooden cross he had made, and in this way he would, from afar, follow the priest as he offered the Divine Sacrifice. What an affectionate Saint, a true seraph of love for the Eucharist! On his deathbed he heard the bell for Holy Mass and had the strength to whisper to his brethren, "I am happy to unite to the Sacrifice of Jesus the sacrifice of my poor life." And he died at the moment of the Consecration of the Mass!

... St. Peter Julian Eymard, even while very young, found delight in serving Holy Mass. At that time his town had this custom: the boy who would serve Mass would be the one who, in the early morning, would pass through the town ringing a small bell for a quarter of an hour to alert the faithful. How many times little Peter Julian hid the small bell the evening before to make sure of being the one to serve Mass the next morning! ...

Let us manage our affairs so well that we will not lack time for Holy Mass. Let us not say that we are too busy with chores, for which Jesus could remind us, "*Martha, Martha, thou art troubled about many things; but one thing alone is necessary*" (Luke 10:41-42). When one really wants to, one finds time to attend Mass without failing in one's duties. St. Joseph Cottolengo recommended daily Mass for everybody—for teachers, nurses, laborers, doctors, parents. To those who objected that they did not have the time, he replied firmly, "Bad management! Bad economy of time!" And he knew this generally was the truth. If we but appreciated the infinite value of the Holy Mass, we would be very desirous of assisting and would try in every way to find the necessary time. ... The same must be said of the love that holy priests have had for celebrating Mass. It was for them a terrible suffering to be unable to celebrate Mass. "When you hear that I cannot celebrate Mass any more, count me as dead," St. Francis Xavier Bianchi said to a brother religious, during his ordeal of imprisonment was that of not being able to celebrate Mass nor receive Holy Communion for nine continuous months.

... We will never succeed in sufficiently pondering that Mystery beyond description, the Holy Mass, which reproduces on our altars the Sacrifice of Calvary. Nor can we ever have too much devotion for this supreme marvel of divine love. "Holy Mass," wrote St. Bonaventure, "is an achievement of God wherein He places before our view all the love He has borne us. It is, in a certain way, a combination of all the benefits bestowed upon us." Therefore St. John Bosco earnestly exhorts us: "Take great care to go to Holy Mass, even on weekdays; and for such a cause be willing to put up with some inconvenience. Thereby you will obtain every kind of blessing from the Lord."

Bessed Miguel Pro, before the firing squad was ordered to shoot, raised his arms in imitation of Christ and shouted: "Viva Cristo Rey!" – "Long live Christ the King!"