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Dear Parishioners,

Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We know from the Gospels that Jesus refused the title of king when it was meant in the political sense, by the standards of the “rulers of the Gentiles”. On the other hand, during his Passion, he claimed a unique kingship before Pilate, who explicitly asked him “So you are a king?”, and Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king”; however just previously he had declared, “My kingship is not of this world”. Christ’s kingship is in fact a revelation and actuation of that of God the Father, who governs all things with love and justice. The Father entrusted to the Son the mission of giving mankind eternal life by loving it to the point of supreme sacrifice and, at the same time, conferred upon him the power of judging humanity, since he made himself Son of man, like us in all things.

Today’s Gospel insists precisely on the universal kingship of Christ the Judge, with the stupendous parable of the Last Judgment, which Saint Matthew placed immediately before the Passion narrative. The images are simple, the language is popular, but the message is extremely important: it is the truth about our ultimate destiny and about the criterion by which we will be evaluated. “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me” and so forth. Who does not know this passage? It is part of our civilization. It has marked the history of the peoples of Christian culture: the hierarchy of values, the institutions, the multiple charitable and social organizations. In fact, the Kingdom of Christ is not of this world, but it brings to fulfillment all the good that, thank God, exists in man and in history. If we put love for our neighbor into practice in accordance with the Gospel message, we make room for God’s dominion and his Kingdom is actualized among us. If, instead, each one thinks only of his or her own interests, the world can only go to ruin.

Dear friends, the Kingdom of God is not a matter of honors and appearances but, as St Paul writes, it is “righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit”. The Lord has our good at heart, that is, that every person should have life, and that especially the “least” of his children may have access to the banquet he has prepared for all. Thus he has no use for the forms of hypocrisy of those who say: “Lord, Lord” and then neglect his commandments. In his eternal Kingdom, God welcomes those who strive day after day to put his Word into practice. For this reason the Virgin Mary, the humblest of all creatures, is the greatest in his eyes and sits as Queen at the right of Christ the King. Let us once again entrust ourselves to her heavenly intercession with filial trust, to be able to carry out our Christian mission in the world.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Newcomb*

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The 2nd collection this weekend is for Charity & Justice. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

Last year we received a \$5,000 grant for our Food Pantry and Saint Joseph’s Table from the Charity and Justice Collection.

 Our Avon fundraiser began October 14th to raise funds for the bus to Washington, DC in January for the March for Life. If you would like see a catalog, please stop by the parish office. Various items besides makeup available for purchase. Start your Christmas shopping early! You can also place your orders online at : [Avon.com/fundraiser/stmaryspj](http://Avon.com/fundraiser/stmaryspj) The fundraiser will run until November 24th.

Holy Hour has commenced on Mondays in the Chapel. Confessions will be heard from 5:30pm until 6:15pm. Adoration will be from 5:30 pm until 6:30pm.

**Family Advent Wreath Making**

This year we have a few options for wreath making and honoring the Advent season with your family. Pre-made Pre-ordered Wreaths will be available for \$20 per wreath . Bundles-To-Go will be available (includes all materials to make your own wreath at home) \$15 per wreath (details to follow) Family Wreath Making Event Saturday November, 28th from 10 am to 12 pm in Most Sacred Heart Hall. Limited space available. Social distancing guidelines will be following, masks required. \$15 per wreath .

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Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Premade: \$20 each Quantity: \_\_\_\_\_

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St. Mary's will continue the tradition of providing those in need within our community with food baskets for Christmas. It has expanded to include additional foods considering children are off from school and normally that is where they get a daily meal. You will find bins in the narthex where you can place non perishable items or stop by the parish office. Children in the Religious Ed. program are encouraged to bring items to their classrooms. Thank you in advance.



Simplify your Christmas shopping! *The St. Nicholas Faire* will be held at St. Mary's Most Sacred Heart Hall on Sunday, December 6, 2020. The fair will be held from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. There will be handcrafted items lovingly created by local crafters. You'll be shopping close to home as you have the opportunity to purchase items from independent consultants representing Young Living Essential Oils, Pampered Chef, and many more. There will also be a Bake Sale, raffles, and a Gingerbread House Contest. Everyone in attendance will be asked to wear a mask and socially distance themselves from other shoppers. St. Nicholas will not be able to pose for photos this year due to COVID restrictions. In addition there will be a Virtual St. Nicholas Faire on Facebook all weekend long. This year's Faire is hosted by CDA #114 Court Madonna to aid in their charitable projects. For more information, or if you would like to be considered as a vendor, either in person or virtually, contact Eileen: [St.NickFaire@gmail.com](mailto:St.NickFaire@gmail.com).



There will be a Giving Tree in the Narthex. Please consider making a donation. All donations are split between the Elks Club and the Rotary Club at the Port Jervis High School.

**Announced Masses**

- Monday, November 23 (Clement I, pope & martyr; Columban, abbot; Miguel Augustin Pro, priest & martyr)  
 9:00am Christine D'Alto, by the family
- Tuesday, November 24 (Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & Companions, martyrs)  
 9:00am Barbara Maslowski, by Roberta & Sam
- Wednesday, November 25 (Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr)  
 9:00am Tom Sexton, by Paul & Sophie Rosso
- Thursday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Day)  
 9:00am Stephanie & Allen Tooley, by the fam.
- Saturday, November 28  
 4:00pm Heinrich Hearing, by Hannelore Kucher & fam.
- Sunday, November 29  
 8:30am The parishioners of St. Mary's  
 11:30am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Co. #471  
 1:00pm Emma & Matthew Fortunato, by Paul & Rosemary Brislin



*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn brightly in the Church this week, in memory of Thomas Chuckran, by the Quick family.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Debi Cotugno, Michael Bello, Michael Barnes, William Lincoln, Jeannine Lincoln, James Lincoln, Charles Hildebrandt, Maureen Hildebrandt, Walter Szpakowicz, Aedan Roach, Robin Radzikowski, James Roach, John F Flynn, Jr., Catherine Simons, Michael Medaglia, Robert Witherow, Allen Lynch, Enid Decker, Jackie Mundy, Chris Marion, III, Allan Garcia, Eric Hildebrandt, Stephen A. Odrechowski, Scott Robertson, Eva Scopino, Jan Kaminski, Ellen Pentland, Leticia Nostro, Christina Nostro, Alice Drew, Catherine Scopino, Amelia Quinn, Tonya Addy, Jackie Hamilton, Brandon Ulrichs, Helen Eckes, Gloria Hicks, Stephanie Gaide, Elizabeth Startup Jones, MaryLynn Beam, Nancy Crumley, Carol Gomillion, David Lisker, Donald Wolff, Carmen Lagatol, Carmen Ramos, Jose Brito, Wayne DeMarco, and Carmella Balsamello.

*The Cardinal's Appeal* is still ongoing. Our goal is \$34,500. We have received pledges totaling \$19,080 from 97 donors. You can visit [Cardinalsappeal.org](http://Cardinalsappeal.org). All Donations can be mailed directly to :The Cardinal's Appeal PO Box 4020 NY, NY 10261. Our Parish number is 518.

The collection for November 14/15 was \$3,779.  
 Thank you for your continued generosity.