The great Solemnity of CHRIST THE KING is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, before we begin a new liturgical year with the start of Advent. It is fitting that we end the year with a triumphant reminder that the Christ whose coming we await during Advent already reigns supreme over the entire Universe.

We welcome all our friends joining us today that were Christ our King Parishioners.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for all those who may be hospitalized, sick, or recovering, especially:


Please contact the parish office if you would like to add a name or would like your name removed.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR MEN & WOMEN SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.

ESPECIALLY FOR:
2LT Michael Aleixo (Army), CPT David Paul Cline Jr. (Army), CPT Matthew Cline (Army), CPT Foster Day (Army), 2LT Patrick Devine (Army), Lt. Cmdr. Jason Erickson (US Coast Guard), Corporal Michael Gallo (Marines), PFC Kyle Isakoff (Marines), CPT Sean Kealey (Army), Sgt Meghan Miller, LT JG Julie DiGiovanni Plessinger (Navy), PFC Elena Shields (National Guard), Lance Corporal Mark Staley (Marines), 2LT Matthew Stone (USAF), Corporal Cody Turner (Marines), & Seaman Michael A. Zullo (Navy).

Call the parish office to add an Armed Forces member.

We are thankful for their courage and dedication to duty in difficult circumstances.

This week’s Dialog features a special section giving thanks for Bishop Malooly’s eleven year ministry as our bishop. Please pick up a copy as you exit church today.

HELP NEEDED

DECORATING THE CHURCH NOV. 30TH FROM 11AM-2PM

It’s that time of the year - decorating for the Christmas season. We could really use your help!! On Saturday Nov. 30th at 11AM - 2PM we need help to install the Remembrance Tree, Giving Tree and the Advent wreath. We will also install the Three Wise Men on their journey. We should be finished by 2PM. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

To sign up to help or for more info call Richard Heiss (302) 428-0525. Service hours given!

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

Please bring your family on Sunday Dec. 1st to the SMM Annual Wreath Making Workshop in the Church Hall. This Advent event will be held after the 9AM mass only this year.

The cost is $10 if you have a base from previous years or $15 if a base is needed. Pre- Registration is preferred by Nov. 20th & please bring your own scissors or pruning shears to the event. Sign Up forms are on our parish website. Questions, contact karen.yasik@smmchurch.org

If attending under the PREP family day event, you do not need to sign up again – just remember to pay the materials fee beforehand!

MASS 10AM NOVEMBER 28TH, THANKSGIVING DAY

Please consider joining us for Mass on Thanksgiving morning at 10AM. Father Kirk will be blessing and distributing bread from Serpe’s after mass. Come give thanks!

UPDATED BOY SCOUT POINSETTIA SALE INFO

The SMM Boy Scout Troop 342 will be selling poinsettias after the 5PM mass Dec. 7th & all masses Dec. 8th. Cash & checks accepted. They are beautiful to decorate with! Thank you for your support.

Sunday, December 1st is the First Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring your children to the 9:00a.m. Mass that day for a “Christingle Celebration” where each child will receive a little white wax candle, tied around with a red ribbon.
A child receiving their 1st Communion in May will bring up the gifts with their family.

**November 23rd & 24th**
- 5PM Mass: Marin Alexo & Family
- 9AM Mass: No Family Assigned
- 11AM Mass: No Family Assigned

**REMEMBRANCE ANGEL TREE**
We will have the Remembrance Angel tree up again in church this Advent season, starting Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. Our 2nd graders from SMM School & PREP program have put together the angels with the names of those parishioners that died this year. Letters have been sent to those families inviting them to see the tree in church, to let them know we remember them and their loved ones, & that we are praying for them this Advent season. Once up, we invite you to place an angel on the tree with the name of a loved one that is no longer with us.

**ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND / SIGN UP TO LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE**
Interested in lighting the Advent candle? If so, sign up using our SignUpGenius located on the front page of our website or call the parish office at 652-6800.

**SODALITY – DEC. 7TH CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AFTER**
The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality will attend 1st Saturday Mass on Dec. 7th, preceded by praying the Rosary BEFORE Mass at 8:05AM.

Our Christmas Breakfast will follow at the Hollywood Grille. RSVP by Dec. 5th to Jeanne at 477-0168.

Rosary making will resume on Monday Dec. 9th in the church hall.

**THANK YOU** so much to everyone that donated food items, baskets and/or turkey vouchers for our Thanksgiving Basket Drive for the St. Paul’s Outreach Center. Due to your generosity, we are able to provide 25 baskets to families in need in our area for Thanksgiving.

After Thanksgiving Day Mass we are in need of helpers to switch over the hymnal books. It’s a quick & easy job – Bring the whole family and have it be an act of service to the parish this Thanksgiving.

**CANDLELIGHT VESPERS, DEC. 19TH 7PM**
Candlelight Vespers music has been carefully selected to bring the Christmas message without need of a sermon & will be performed by the Adult Choir of SMM Parish and the Mastersingers of Archmere Academy accompanied by full orchestra under the direction of Mr. David Ifkovits.

*The Vesper Service is a unique Expression of three traditional forms of worship. The service includes from the Catholic Tradition – Evening Prayer and from the Moravian Tradition – the “Singstunde” (Singing Hour), a service of music with no preaching, and closes with the Moravian Candlelight Service. This service is unique to St. Mary Magdalen Parish and the only church in the United States that presents such a form of worship.*

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**
Each week a child that is receiving their 1st Communion in May will bring up the gifts with his/her family.

**November 23rd & 24th**
- 5PM Mass: Marin Alexo & Family
- 9AM Mass: No Family Assigned
- 11AM Mass: No Family Assigned

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**
The Christmas Angel Tree will be up in the church again starting Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st. If you wish to participate, take 1 or 2 angels, provide the requested gift & bring it back to church on Sunday, Dec. 15th before the 11am mass. Use the “angel” as the gift tag for the wrapped gifts or donations. Requested money or gifts cards are so they can buy food or pay for a prescription or put towards a utility bill, etc. Please contact Stephanie.casey@smmchurch.org or call 652-6800 ext. 145 with questions, delivery availability, or early gift drop off. Late gifts may miss intended recipients.
Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Take special note of the following:

1) As I hope you know, this Thursday is Thanksgiving – the day that we as a nation give thanks to God for his many blessings. Plan to begin the day by attending Mass. Our SMM parish Thanksgiving Day Mass is at 10:00 a.m. Fresh baked bread (Serpe’s) will be blessed and distributed for sharing at the holiday meal along with a table blessing.

2) Sunday, December 1st is the First Sunday of Advent. You are invited to bring your children to the 9:00 a.m. Mass that day for a "Christingle Celebration." Don’t know what that is? Keep reading.

The “Christingle” began in the Moravian congregation of Marienborn, Germany, on 20th December, 1747. At a children’s service, hymns were sung and the minister read verses, which the children had written to celebrate the birth of Jesus. He then explained to the children the happiness that had come to people through Jesus, “who has kindled in each little heart a flame which keeps burning to their joy and our happiness”. To make the point even clearer, each child then received a little white wax candle, tied round with a red ribbon.

The minister ended the service with this prayer, “Lord Jesus, kindle a flame in the hearts of these children, so that theirs may become like yours.” The Marienborn Diary concludes, “hereupon the children went full of joy with their lighted candles to their rooms and so went glad and happy to bed.”

The idea was that children would use the Christingle during Advent as they said their bedtime prayers as a reminder that they and all people are preparing to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas and that we are supposed to become like Him.

No one knows for certain when the word “Christingle” was first used or from what it is derived. Various suggestions have been made. One is that it comes from the Old Saxon word “ingle” (fire), meaning “Christfire or light”. Another is that it derives from the German “engel” (angel), meaning “Christ-angel”, or that it may derive from the German “kindle” (child), meaning “Christ-child”. No matter which one might choose they are all equally appropriate.

While the look of the Christingle has evolved over the years the original Christingle was a white candle tied with a red ribbon. White of course is a symbol of purity and the candle of Christ Himself. The red ribbon is a symbol of the blood that He shed on the cross for our salvation. The flame is a symbol of the light of Christ that pierces all darkness and of the warming love of God that is enkindled in our hearts.

May you all be richly blessed throughout the Advent Season,

Father Kirk
smmkirk@smmchurch.org
302.652.6800

From the Pastor’s Desk
November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
**CELIAC DISEASE - LOW GLUTEN HOSTS**

If you have gluten intolerance and would like to receive the low gluten host, go to the gift table as you enter church (behind the center pews, in front of the cry room) & follow the procedure listed. For more information please visit [www.smmchurch.org/low-gluten-hosts](http://www.smmchurch.org/low-gluten-hosts).

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**CHRISTMAS INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE:**

- **Christmas Mass Schedule 2019**
- **Bambinelli Brunch with Santa:** Dec. 15th after 9AM Mass.
- **Parish Christmas Dinner with Music & Dancing:** Dec. 21st 6:30-8:30PM.

Sign up & pay online for both events!

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**SMM SCHOOL PARISHIONER TUITION RATE REMINDER**

Per the SMM Parish-School Commitment form, families that receive the parishioner tuition rate promise to “contribute a donation to the offertory weekly - a minimum of $15 per week.” This comes to $780 yearly or $65 monthly since some months have more than 4 weeks. Please ensure you are meeting this requirement to keep your tuition rate. To make a change or start automatic withdrawal contributions, visit our parish website for the form.

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**VOCACTIONS:** “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact vocations@cdow.org

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS:**

Information for the bulletin must be in **10 days** prior to the publication date. Email submissions to Stephanie.Casey@smmchurch.org

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**TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**

A warm welcome is extended to all who come to SMM Parish. All new parishioners are invited to register in the parish office. You may stop in the parish office Monday-Thursday 8:30AM - 3:30PM, Friday 8:30am – 12:30PM or call us at 652-6800 and we will get all the necessary information from you and get a parish ministries directory in your hands.