

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 24, 2013

I rejoiced because they said to me,

We will go up to the house of the LORD.”
— Psalm 122:1



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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

7:30 AM Rudolph Chiki Sr.
9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM William "Bill" Decker

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Mary Lou Rauch

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM Jack Dent

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Special Intention for Jean Reap's Birthday

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:00 AM Sara & Frank Tamburro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

4:30 PM Anthony Sarday

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

7:30 AM Steve Kondrcek
9:30 AM People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Quentin & Bridget Belford requested by their family.

PEACE CANDLE: For the intentions of the members of The Berwick Area Ministerium.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of Bob Gilleran requested by Joe & Marge Kutza.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: In memory of the deceased members of our parish.

THE ALTAR BREADS AND ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie given by their family.

OUR PRAYERS & SYMPATHY to the family of Irene E. Ewashko and the family of Mary Emma Yohey. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



PLEASE NOTE

There will be no bible study on November 25th or in the month of December. Think about joining us in the New Year. Everyone is welcome. Our first meeting will be on January 6th.

PARISH SUPPORT

November 17, 2013 Offering

Adults	\$4348.50
Youth	61.50
Loose	422.00
Total	\$4832.00

Christmas Decorations \$1560.00

MONTHLY REPORT (OCT.) INCOME & EXPENSE

Income	\$24,713.00
Expenses	\$ 29,765.00
Balance	(\$ 5,052.00)

Detailed Inspection on Income & Expense available to any parishioner upon request.

Thank you for your generosity.

In the wake of the devastating effects of Typhoon Haiyan, the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Harrisburg will take up a special collection in all our parishes the weekend of November 30 and December 1. Checks may be made payable to your parish with a notation in the memo line "Typhoon Haiyan Recovery". The funds will be administrated by CRS, Catholic Relief Services. May God bless you for your generosity as we help our brothers and sisters in their time of need of emergency assistance and long-term rebuilding.

PARISH DATEBOOK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BERWICK AREA MINISTERIUM Service of Thanksgiving 7:00 PM in our church.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

NO BIBLE STUDY/SHARING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR will be prayed at 8:00 AM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

CCD CLASSES IN SESSION

10:40 AM to 11:55 AM

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, December 1, 2013

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: E & M Canouse, Belford
Lector: Kalie
Altar Servers: 1
Greeters: N & D Whitko

Sunday, 7:30 AM

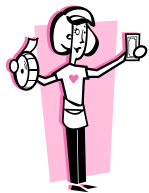
Eucharistic Ministers: Kilcullen, Curry, Edwards
Lector: Stephens
Altar Servers: 2
Greeters: M & B Samsel

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Wharton, Monatesti, Yalch
Lector: Pierce
Altar Servers: 3
Greeters: Carter & Dent

VOCATION AWARENESS

“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Raymond LaVoie at (717) 657-4804 ext. 282, or email vocations@hbgdiocese.org.



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

THE LADIES WILL BE DISTRIBUTING CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COST IS \$1.00 PER TICKET.

THE CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF 12/15. RAFFLE DRAWING WILL OCCUR AFTER 9:30 AM MASS.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

Please be a part of our new family directory program- we need YOU to make our new family album complete! When was the last time you or your family had a professional portrait taken? Watch for more information coming soon about the opportunity to schedule your portrait session. Each family will receive a complimentary 8X10 portrait and directory for participating.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day; Hanukkah begins
Saturday: St. Andrew

REDEFINING KINGSHIP

This last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year is dedicated to Christ, our King. In the first reading, from the second book of Samuel, we meet Jesus’ ancestor David, the greatest king of Israel. This passage describes a glorious monarch who is acclaimed by all the tribes of Israel. He is called both a “shepherd” and a “commander.” The second reading, from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians, also contains glorious language, describing Christ as “the firstborn of all creation.” Only at the end of this passage do we hear a hint of the paradox we will meet in today’s Gospel: Christ the King makes “peace by the blood of his cross.”

In Luke’s Gospel, we confront the stark reality of Christ’s kingship. Here is our king, hanging on a cross, jeered, taunted, berated by a common criminal. This king looks defeated and powerless. Yet he demonstrates how absolute his power is. His death is truly for the salvation of all, one person at a time, starting with the “Good Thief,” and continuing through the ages to us today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s solemnity, the final feast of the Church year, is a youngster as feasts go. In 1925, Pope Pius XI was distressed by global political upheaval and the de-Christianizing of society. That year was a “Holy Year,” keyed to the sixteen hundredth anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, when the words “and of his kingdom there will be no end” were added to the Creed. The Pope explained that although most feasts had developed over many centuries, the Church sometimes provided a new feast to address new needs. He pointed to the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, showing Christ’s love and compassion in a time when many people embraced a cold and gloomy spirituality. Originally on the last Sunday of October, in the late 1960s the solemnity of Christ the King was moved to the last Sunday of the year.

Fresh from baptism’s waters, we are anointed with chrism “as Christ was anointed priest, prophet, and king.” This feast is a key to our identity. On this feast, we recognize Christ as a king who breaks the usual mold of kingship, and who shapes his kingdom with our hands, our words, our deeds of love and service.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

A reminder to please contact the parish office with a change of address if you have moved or are moving. You are important to us and the parish is charged for mail that is returned to us with incorrect address information.