



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 23, 2014

“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”
— *Matthew 25:35*

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 AM Robert Rehkop

9:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

9:00 AM Michael Angelo Ferro

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

9:00 AM Robert May

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 AM Mary Lou Rauch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

9:00 AM Anna Mihalik

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

9:00 AM Sara & Frank Tamburro

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

4:30 PM Stephen Kondrcek

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7:30 AM Michael Boyer

9:30 AM All Souls Intentions

SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK: In memory of Joseph Roche requested by daughter JoAnn Dante.

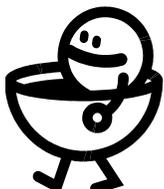
PEACE CANDLE: In memory of Matthew & Florence Kopetskie requested by their family.

RESURRECTION CANDLE: In memory of the deceased members of St. Mary's.

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE: Special Intention for all members of our Parish family.

THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE that will be consecrated at all our Masses this week are in memory of Margaret Rudnicki given by the Johnson family.

WE WELCOME Anthony Michael DeFebo who was baptized here last weekend. God's blessings on this little one.



We will be having our delicious
MEATBALL & SAUCE SALE
DECEMBER 6 & 7

\$8.00 per quart for meatballs!!!

\$4.00 per quart for sauce!!!

PARISH SUPPORT Offering

November 16

Adults \$4437.00

Youth 51.00

Loose 223.00

Total \$4711.00

Christmas Decorations: \$1587.00

MONTHLY REPORT (OCTOBER) INCOME & EXPENSE

Income \$24,452.24

Expense \$34,641.56

Balance (\$10,189.32)

Thank you for your generosity!

We recently received a letter from Rev. Robert F. Sharman Diocesan Director of the Office of Pontifical Mission, thanking us for our generosity on World Mission Sunday. "While the prayers and spiritual support offered by your faithful people cannot be measured, I can gratefully acknowledge the \$1,121.00 they so generously contributed to support the missions".

PARISH DATEBOOK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BIBLE STUDY/SHARING: 1:30 PM in the meeting room.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: 3:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CCD: Classes in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 PM
Reconciliation grades 3-4-5.

ADVENT VESPERS: 4:00 PM in the church followed by benediction

SERVICE FOR THE LORD

Next Sunday, November 30

Saturday, 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: B & D DeLuca, Dante
Lector: Womer
Altar Servers: 4
Greeters: Torsella

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Canouse, Edwards,
Czajkowski
Lector: Belford
Altar Servers: 5
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

Sunday, 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Wharton, Samsel, Marston
Lector: Stephens
Altar Servers: 6
Greeters: S & L Lizardi



We have received an invitation to attend the Berwick Area Ministerium Service of Thanksgiving to be held 7:00 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, 401 Broad Street, Nescopeck, PA. Let us join together in worship to give

thanks to God for our abundance of blessings!



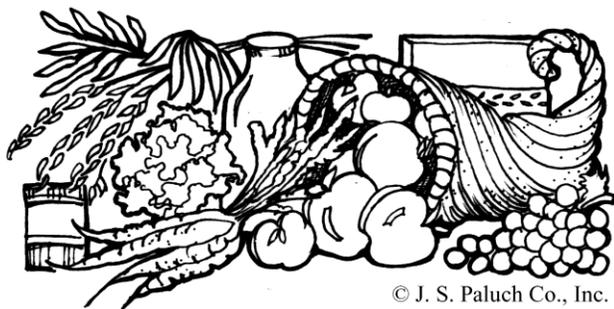
ADVENT VESPERS & BENEDICTION

will be held at St. Mary's 4:00 PM,
Sunday, November 30th

THANKSGIVING

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations

St. John of Avila



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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

THE LORD'S FLOCK

Sheep are high-maintenance animals. They are not very intelligent. Without guidance and care, especially in a climate like Israel's, they would die quickly from predators, starvation, or just their own slowness. The scriptural image of us as the Lord's flock is not terribly flattering to us, since it is only the never-ending diligence of a watchful shepherd that allows the flock to survive.



The feast of Christ the King was intended to call the world back to Christ as the sole power of the world, to bring back a flock that had been scattered by many negative forces of the growing industrial, scientific, and war-torn world of the early twentieth century. It is fitting

that, as we celebrate Christ the King, we hear about Christ the Shepherd who cares for us and who, likewise, will be there at the end of time. Interestingly enough, as the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Coming to the end of the Church year, we can wonder how we got "extreme unction" out of "anointing of the sick." "Extreme" comes from a Latin phrase, *in extremis*, which in English refers to the last struggle of a dying person. "Last rites" is a phrase in common usage, and refers to the fact that years ago everyone waited until the last crisis of illness to summon the priest. The goal of anointing had always been healing and forgiveness, but in time it began to be seen as a preparation for death. In a hard world, almost anything from a hangnail to a sneeze could be life-threatening, so perhaps the change was inevitable. The emphasis on the penitential aspects was heightened, even to the odd practice of Rome in the twelfth century, when the sick person was sprinkled with ashes mixed with holy water and given a hair shirt as a sign of penance.

The reformers thankfully overlooked some of these oddities of history, and today the sacrament of the sick is much more generously applied to persons in a wide range of situations. Still, it is a sacrament of reconciliation, and for that reason is not celebrated for an infant or toddler, although there is a rite for a visit to a sick child not including anointing or Communion.