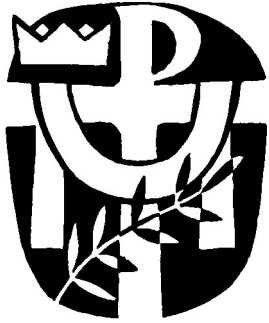


Our Lord Jesus Christ the King B November 22, 2009

Meditation



Pilate questioned Jesus, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus’ explanation of his kingdom shows that Jesus is not a king according to the world’s understanding of a king who brandishes political and military power. The literal minded Pilate cannot see that the man who stands before him is indeed a king, but a king of paradox: his rule comes through obedience to his Father, his riches through self-emptying, his glory through suffering.

Readings for November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Hospitalized

Please note: If you or a family member is going to or is already in the hospital, please call the rectory office so we can visit and add the name to our prayer list. *Hospitals do not inform us when a parishioner is admitted.*

Advent Schedule

“Soon and Very Soon” is a familiar song to most of us. Very Soon the Season of Advent will be here. Our new Church year begins at the season Our theme for this Advent and Christmas is KEEP HOPE ALIVE! THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST BRINGS US TO FULFILLMENT.

Our Advent wreath will be in its usual place. The second reading will be read prior to the final blessing This is done **only** during Advent. Its purpose is ;to renew our spirits with calm and goodwill during the hurried preparations that Christmas can bring. Our schedule has been planned in the hope that you and your family will be able to take part in the events.

Saturday, November 28 Advent Decorating, 9 a.m. in church. All volunteers are welcome. Coffee, bagels, fruit and donuts provided.

Sunday, December 6 Lessons & Carols, 4 p.m. in church with the choir followed by a delicious reception prepared by the choir. Don’t miss this!

Tuesday, December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Masses are at 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. Yes, it is a holy day of obligation.

Saturday, December 12 Parishioner Pot-luck Christmas Celebration! Church hall from 6 to 9 p.m. Music provided by our own parishioners. Blessed Sacrament folks will join us. We are looking for volunteers who can help with the planning and decorating for this event.

Tuesday, December 15 Advent Penance Service, 7 p.m. in church.

Monday, December 21 Decorating the Church for Christmas beginning at 10 a.m. Light lunch for early volunteers and pizza for volunteers who can come later in the day. Soda for the kids and wine provided for adults. (OK, the adults can have soda too.)

Our Christmas schedule will be forthcoming.

This Week at St. Mary

Sunday, November 22

PREP - 9 a.m. - School

Confirmation - 10:30 a.m. - Corpus Christi

Thursday, November 26 - THANKSGIVING

Mass - 10 a.m. - Church

Office closed.

Friday, November 27

Office closed.

Boy Scouts - 7:30 p.m. - Hall

Sunday, November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent

Finances for the week of November 15

Offertory collection	\$4,825.25
Anniversary collection	230.00
All Saints	15.00
Utilities	643.55
Miscellaneous	267.31
Parish Development	5.00
Immaculate Conception	100.00
Total income for the week	\$6,086.11
Campaign for Human Development	508.00

Thank you for your generous support of the parish. Please remember that our Offertory collection must be at least \$8,213 each week to meet our budget. The second collection this weekend is for the Campaign for Human Development.

Mass attendance: 4:30 pm - 85, 8:00 am - 66, 10:00 am - 116, 12 pm - 56; Total 323

Mass Intentions - November 23-29

Monday	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	Geraldine Clancy
Wednesday	William Grigson
Thursday	St. Mary Parishioners
Friday	Pauline Allison (living)

Saturday, 12 pm	Rita Reusing
Saturday, 4:30 pm	James Lemons Jr.
Sunday, 8 am	Veronica Croce
Sunday, 10:00 am	Jean Hartman
Sunday, 12:00 pm	Edward Smetana

Christ the King B November 21-22

1st Sunday of Advent B November 28-29

Clergy Schedule

Saint Mary	Blessed Sacrament	Saint Mary	Blessed Sacrament
4:30 PM — Fr John	Saturday	4:30 PM — Fr John	Saturday
8:00 AM — Fr John	Sunday	8:00 AM — Fr John	Sunday
10:00 AM — Fr Jim	9:00 AM — Fr Joe	10:00 AM — Fr Pat	9:00 AM — Fr Joe
12:00 PM — Fr. Jim	10:30 AM — Fr Joe	12:00 PM — Fr Pat	11:30 AM — Fr Joe
St. Mary - Every Day - 12 noon	Daily Mass	Blessed Sacrament - Mon and Fri - 8:30 am	

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
4:30 PM Dianne McHale Betty Howard	*Donna Blackwell Rosemary Grace Dianne McHale	4:30 PM Mary Darling Knach	Marge Ayd *Darlene Fields Marilyn Murray
8:00 AM Helene Perry John Petrik	Barbara Dugger Milton Dugger *Elizabeth Graf	8:00 AM Milton Dugger Barbara Dugger	Margaret Isaacs Jo Ann Morton *Tom Morton
10:00 AM Jim Morris Heather Franklin	Janie Harris Maggie Madden Conor McDade *Mark McGlone Allen Stith	10:00 AM Vicky Smith Ron McDade	John Butt *Heather Franklin Linda Kohler Maggie Madden Kayleigh Weber
12:00 PM Ellen Young	*Joan Muth Betty Nell Wagner La'Nae Whitfield	12:00 PM Cheryl Smith	*Mary Ann Rodavitch Betty Nell Wagner La'Nae Whitfield

The van driver for Sunday, November 29, is Frank Dailey.

Cemetery Sales

We are now selling columbarium niches for cremains (ashes of the deceased). Prices are \$2,300 for the bottom row and \$2,500 for all other rows. Please contact the rectory at 410-435-5900 if you are interested. We will be glad to give you an appointment to view the columbaria on site. We also have a limited number of in-ground lots available at \$2,500 each.

Parish Christmas Party

We need help in planning and organizing our Christmas Party which will be held on Saturday, December 12. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please call Dianne at the rectory to set a date for those volunteers to meet as soon as possible. Thank you.

Troop 133 Christmas Tree Sale

Starts December 4.

Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.

Weekends, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

All trees \$49.99

We still have a few left. We would like to sell out as soon as possible. All proceeds go to Scout Troop 133.

Van Outreach

Please remember that the van outreach to the homeless is on the last Saturday of each month. Sandwiches and soft fruit are always very welcome and much appreciated. Please leave them at the rectory before 4:30 p.m. on the day of the outreach. The next van outreach will be on Saturday, November 28.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

New lector workbooks and source books will be available in the sacristy beginning this weekend. Sign up sheets for the Christmas season will also be available.

Thanksgiving Day collection

There will be a Thanksgiving Day collection to buy Christmas presents for the homeless. With this money socks, underwear, soap, razors, and other toiletries will be bought and wrapped as Christmas presents and given to the homeless on the December van outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving dinner at Epiphany House

If anyone is free and would like to help serve Thanksgiving dinner at Epiphany House on Thursday, November 26th, your help would be most welcomed. From 10 am to 12 we set up and decorate the tables. Dinner is served at noon and lasts until about 1:30 or 2 p.m. If you can join us for either of these times, or for more information, please call Helene at 410-617-2521.

Entertainment books for sale

St. Mary's Parents' Club Alumni is selling Entertainment books for \$25. They make excellent Christmas gifts. Please call Bea at 410-433-6361 to purchase your book. Yes, the St. Mary's Parents' Club Alumni is alive and well and here to stay.

Next GEDCO in Action Tour

Here again is a chance to tour the GEDCO programs that St. Mary helps support. From Epiphany House to Stadium Place, the next tour will be held on Thursday, December 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Please call Rosemary at 410-433-2442 ex. 11 for more information or to sign up for the tour. Bring a friend!

Bingo

Catholic Daughters are sponsoring Christmas Bingo games at White Marsh Hilton Garden Inn on Thursday, December 3. Luncheon is from 11:30 a.m to 3 p.m. Call Bea at 410-433-6361 for more information.

Friends of the Oblates Concert

Saturday, December 12, 6 p.m.

\$25 per person

Our Lady of Mount Providence Convent

701 Gun Road

Featured performers include David Marshall, Kadejah One, LaVerne Scruggs, St. Ambrose Choir and many more. For tickets contact Alethea Braggs, 1-888-222-4705 or 410-242-8500 (leave message).

Please Remember the Poor Box this Month.

Our Poor Box donations go to **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Please help them help the needy in our parish community.

Many thanks for your contributions.

Confirmation

We are thrilled about the six young people who are being confirmed this weekend!

Congratulations to:

James Blake

Christopher Hernandez

Morenike Jackson

Liam Kelly

Graoch McGhee

Maeve McGhee

All completed 10 months of class service, retreat and meetings.

We are continuing to forge new relationships and deepen our awareness of how young people are not the Church of the future but ARE Church right now. All will be taking up new roles in the parish and we look forward to their service.

And another point, we and our four partners are the only group in the diocese who are joined so successfully. Many parishes are partnered for the ceremony but do not have the cooperation, joint classes or shared responsibility that we have worked so hard to get right. It is a testament to our cooperation, guidance and prayer that we have reached this point of nine successful confirmation programs and nine long distance service opportunities.

Thanks to all and anyone who has dipped into their prayers, hearts and pockets over the years to help us along. It is worth its weight in gold! (And we know how much that's worth these days!)

Anniversary Collection Soars, Exceeding Goal

It is with great humility and gratitude that we happily announce that the special Anniversary Collection currently stands at \$10,350, well exceeding the goal of \$6,000. This can be attributed to one, and only one, factor: the unshakable generosity of the parishioners of St. Mary's. Despite current economic conditions, our parishioners have once again exhibited great faith in the future of this historic parish, and for that we can all be happy and proud.

A special ad hoc committee is being formed, headed by Ron McDade (author of our recent Strategic Plan) to survey the rectory, assess future needs and make recommendations for its renovation. This Anniversary Collection will be used for that purpose. The rectory is a terrific asset. Its careful use and timely preservation are vital to the parish as we move into the future. Your generosity, proven over and over again, will play a big role in completing the project.

Many, many thanks.

The Parish Development Committee:

Lance Bendann

Rita Hartman

Margaret Isaacs

Chris Jensen

Tom Waldinger

Father Jim Kiesel, Acting Pastor