

## From the Pastor's Office

### ***Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe***

Paul tells us in his letter today, "He is the firstborn of creation. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn." The feast of Christ the King marks the end of the official Church year. Next Sunday begins with the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Church year. We remember Jesus said He was the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. The story of the Church is the story of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God. We are all part of that story. We live in Creation and we live our lives to the fullest. Jesus is the signpost pointing the way to Heaven. He is our Good Shepherd. He watches over us, the flock. He leads us to safe pastures and flowing waters. If I were to trek along the Appalachian trail I would do well to bring along a guide to keep me on the right path. I don't want to be falling down the mountain. Throughout our lives on this earth, we Christian people follow Jesus as our guide. He will bring us to Heaven safely if we do what we are told. The problem is that we don't always do what we are told. We are like little children. As soon as Mom or Dad are not looking I am away exploring all kinds of dangerous places. I don't need to enter the world of sin and iniquity. From my childhood, I was told what was the right way to live. The world is full of dangers and it is the Church that teaches me the right way. Rules are not there to be broken. Rules are there to protect me.



With love,  
Fr. Pat