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## ***Devotions***

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Mondays after  
8:00 am Mass

## ***Eucharistic Adoration***

**First Fridays:** 12:30 to 1:30 pm

**Saturdays:** 12:30 to 1:00 pm (*September - May*)

## ***Baptisms***

The sacrament of Baptism is administered by the priests of the parish. Please call the rectory to arrange the time and date of Baptism and the individual instruction appointment with the priest assigned to the particular month.

## ***Marriages***

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.  
No marriages on Sunday.

**Fr. John F. Lauri**

*Pastor*

**Fr. Robert Barnabass**

*Associate Pastor*

**Fr. Charles Caccavale, STD**

*Sunday Associate*

**Fr. Gilbert J. Gentile, S.J.**

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## **Rectory**

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## ***Masses***

### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday at 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

### **Holy Days**

Consult Bulletin

### **Weekdays & Saturdays**

8:00 am & 12:00 noon

### **First Fridays**

8:00 am & 12:00 noon

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## ***Sacrament of Reconciliation***

**Saturdays: 4:00 to 4:45 pm**

## Mass Intentions



### Monday, November 27

8:00 Susan Corbett  
12:00 Gary Michael Curry

### Tuesday, November 28

8:00 Ben & Gloria Lauri  
12:00 Carole Fair

### Wednesday, November 29

8:00 Jean & Frank Lauri  
12:00 Angelo Cappelli

### Thursday, November 30

8:00 Joseph Gaspari Jr.  
12:00 Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, December 1

8:00 Antonio Regalado  
12:00 Donnelly & McSweeney Fams

### Saturday, December 2

8:00 Joseph & Mary Duigou  
12:00 Jovito C. Verona  
5:00 Anthony Ruocco

### Sunday, December 3

#### First Sunday of Advent

8:00 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Adelina Di Matteo  
11:00 Patricia Alleva  
12:30 Gerardo DiLeo

## Bread and Wine



For: Anthony Ruocco  
By: Carmelia Ruocco



## Sanctuary Lamp

For: Elizabeth & Edward Fleckenstein  
By: Barbara & Charlie Schementi



## From the Pastor

On this last Sunday of the liturgical year, we reflect on the day when we will meet Christ face to face. Our reflection began two Sundays ago when the readings encouraged us to be prepared. Last week, the readings invited us to consider how we have spent the time waiting for Christ. This week's readings add another nuance: Did we recognize that Christ was always with us, especially in the poor?

As the first reading and psalm reveal, the God of Israel always had a special interest in the needs of the poor. Time and again, God instructed Israel not to let the poor suffer, to render just judgments for widows and orphans, to feed the hungry, and as the prophet Ezekiel writes in this Sunday's first reading - to seek out the lost and heal the injured. As this Sunday's psalm shows, biblical literature turns repeatedly to images of God as shepherds provided their flocks, and many people experienced a similar care in the love of God.

Paul reminds Christians that those who belong to Christ must follow his example with their actions. The church as a body leads us in caring for the poor and tending the sick, but individual Christians have a responsibility to do the same as far as their means allow. It is easy to think that concern for the least is merely one good way to symbolize an interior salvation, but that is not what this Sunday's Gospel teaches. Matthew insists that care for the least is an encounter with Christ himself, and that it prepares us for the day when we meet Christ face to face. In Matthew's mind, only those who seek Christ in gritty and painful realities like homelessness, hunger, illness, and imprisonment will be recognized by him when he comes in glory.

## Pray For



Michael Alexander, Frank Lauri Jr., Michael Ciallela, Elaine Clark, Ann D'Agostino, John Dalton, Barbara DeGeorge, Maire Deiana, Mario Deiana, Manuel Docoito, Mildred Garcia, Ken Hanson, Timothy Higgins, Richard Holly Sr., Marlene Hunt, Donna Lee, Joan Lynch, Gloria Melagrano, Stephanie Merenda, Sterling Mitchell, Vincent Nyholm, Susan Scarinci, Barbara Schimpf, Rosaria Simone, Erin Sweeney, Cathy Vanatta, Nicolette Deiana Winslow, Kathleen Whalen.



## From the Church Office

Sts. Peter & Paul and  
St. Ursula Church  
November 26, 2023  
Christ the King

### Discussion Group-Men & Women

Any man or woman interested in learning more about the Scriptures and applying the word of God to your daily life is invited to come on Saturday mornings at 10:30 to the Rectory.

### Cardinal's Appeal

We have reached and surpassed our goal. Our goal was \$50,300. We have pledged \$51,445. Thank you to all who have contributed. God bless your generosity.



## Parish Events

### Winter Coat Drive

The Men's Club is now collecting new and gently used adult and children's winter coats. Help us to share the warmth with those in need in the Mount Vernon community. Donation boxes are located in the hallway near the restroom. *Please do not donate clothing or shoes.* Winter coats only.

### Christmas Tree Sale

Our Christmas Tree Sale will take place on December 1 - 3 and December 8 - 10 in the Church parking lot. This year we are offering a full assortment of Fraser fir and Balsam trees, decorated wreaths, table-top trees, and poinsettias.

### Christmas Elf Workshop

This year's Christmas Elf Workshop will take place on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> under the tent in the parking lot after all the Masses. There will be refreshments and gifts for the kids.



## Church News

### Advent Talk

Prepare for Christmas with an Advent evening of reflection! On Monday, December 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm, Fr. Louis Masi will lead a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and deliver an Advent meditation entitled: *The First Eucharistic Procession: From Nazareth to Bethlehem.* Take an hour out of the busy month of December to rest in and meditate upon the True Presence of Jesus, the Redeemer in the Womb of Mary and our Eucharistic Lord.

### Christmas Flowers

The Second Collection next weekend is the Christmas Flower Collection. Your generous contribution will sustain the tradition of beautiful floral arrangements for our Christmas celebration.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8. Our Masses are at 8:00 am, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 pm.

Let us remember that the Blessed Virgin Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without original sin, and is held up by the Church as a model for her holiness and purity in her willingness to accept God's plan for her to be the mother of our Savior.

### Lend a Hand

Volunteers are needed to help with our upcoming Christmas Tree Sale, Winter Coat Drive and Christmas Elf Workshop. If you would like to lend a hand, please sign the volunteer sign-up sheet located on the table in the vestibule or call the Rectory office at 914-668-9815.



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