

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*"My Kingdom is not of this world."*

## St. John Vianney Church

420 Inman Avenue – Colonia, New Jersey 07067

(732)574-0150 – <https://parish.sjvianney.com>

Rectory Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm



*"Then the  
king will say  
to those on  
his right,  
'Come, you  
who have  
been blessed  
by my Father!  
Inherit the  
kingdom  
prepared for  
you from the  
foundation  
of the world.'"*

–Mt 25:34

Fr. John J. Barbella, Pastor  
Rev. John C. Gloss & Msgr. Edward M. O'Neill, Pastor Emeriti  
Very Rev. Jay Toborowsky, V.G. in Residence  
Fr. Greg Zanetti, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Robert Gorman, Parochial Vicar  
Deacons Joseph Ragucci, Thomas Michnewicz & Vincent Brigande  
Ellen DeRosa, Director of Religious Education  
Nancy Tannucilli, Principal of St. John Vianney School  
Jessica Hicks, Vice Principal of St. John Vianney School  
Jamie Frame, Director of Sacred Music

**Mission Statement**

In the spirit of St. John Vianney's zeal and concern for people, we are a community proclaiming the Gospel in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church. The community of St. John Vianney strives to utilize the gifts and talents of each parishioner to create a vibrant welcoming parish. Through our liturgies, ministries, and organizations, we encounter Christ and are empowered to bring Him to the world.

**Parish Staff**

Parish Administrative Assistant	Stephanie Noto
School Administrative Assistant	Sandy Gambotto
School Office Assistant	Laura Gruenling
Parish/School Bookkeeper	Karen Dudas
Maintenance Supervisor	Poncho Julius

**Mass Schedule**

Monday-Friday	7am – 8:30am
Saturday	8am - 5pm
Sunday	8am - 10am - 12pm

Holy Days will be announced at the beginning of mass and in the bulletin.

**Sacramental Schedule**

**Confessions:** Saturdays 11am-12pm, 4:15-4:45pm  
Anytime in the rectory – call ahead

**Baptism:** most Sundays at 1:30pm.

Babies should be Baptized as soon as possible. Please call the Parish office to make arrangements. We will be happy to help you schedule your baby's Baptism.

**Last Rites/Anointing of the Sick:** anyone who is ill and or would like to receive Communion is asked to call the rectory.

**Marriage:** Couples should call the Parish office as soon as possible to schedule a wedding. Our priests and deacons will help you through the preparation process.

**Parish Membership**

All new families who live within our boundaries are welcome to the parish. They are requested to register at the rectory.

**Parish Gift Shop**

Please note that the Parish Gift Shop is now open! The gift shop hours of operation are before and after the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12pm Mass on Sunday's each weekend.

**Mass Intentions – Jesus Christ King of the Universe**

**SATURDAY, November 25, 2023 – St. Catherine of Alexandria**

8:00 AM	Miriam & Norman Jorgensen, r/o Jay & Maureen Jorgensen
5:00 PM	Michenwciz & Russinelli Families, r/o Tom & Janice Michnewicz

**SUNDAY, November 26, 2023 – The Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:00 AM	John P. Yankowski, r/o Herron Family
10:00 AM	Thomas Rinehart, r/o Rotondo Family
12:00 PM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased

**MONDAY, November 27, 2023**

7:00 AM	For the Healing of Geri Lazowitz, r/o Mom & Family
8:30 AM	Barbara Lynch, r/o Let Let DeLeon

**TUESDAY, November 28, 2023**

7:00 AM	Alan Bergman, r/o Fr. John Barbella
8:30 AM	Carole A. Merlo, r/o Arlene Lowe

**WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2023**

7:00 AM	Ryan Tyc, r/o Parents
8:30 AM	Beatrice Schott, r/o Mary Lynne Chiera

**THURSDAY, November 30, 2023 – St. Andrew**

7:00 AM	Michael Pevarnik, r/o Gertrude Zafian
8:30 AM	Robert Thaner, r/o Thaner Family

**FRIDAY, December 1, 2023**

7:00 AM	Alan Bergman, r/o Gertrude Rodriguez
8:30 AM	Joan Napiorski, r/o Egger & Maureen Lugo

**SATURDAY, December 2, 2023**

8:00 AM	May Hill, r/o Family
5:00 PM	Anthony & Emily Kopacz, r/o Vicidomini & Kopacz Families

**SUNDAY, December 3, 2023**

8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish Living/Deceased
10:00 AM	Laura Mendonca, r/o Daughter
12:00 PM	Timothy Rokose, r/o Joyce & Tony Da Silva

**Parish Poinsettia Sale**

Our parish poinsettia sale will be held in the church gathering area after all masses the weekend of **December 2nd and 3rd**. The plants will be available in several different colors and two different sizes. All proceeds benefit your church and parish!!

## The Prayer Corner

*"There is a season and a time for every purpose..."*

### A TIME TO BAPTIZE

Gianni Grayson Gomez & Luca Christiano Gomez

### TO WED

### TO HEAL

John Farawell, Cezary Olszewski, Agnes Chisvetti, Eileen O'Donnell Ammon, Michael Baron, Alicia Deborgia, Bill Houston, Carol Oberdick, Frances Alencewicz, Robert Kilsby, Stanley Koberski, Justin Chiera, Bruce Horning, Caroline Stauffer, Mariola Warzyniak, Msgr. O'Neill, Gladys Schmidt, Henry & Joanne Sokoloski, Robert Jardines, Kathy Leary, Margaret Anne Kerr, Douglas Castner, Maureen Horning, Trevor Horning, Bill Riley, Theresa Szablowski, Cody Brown, Dolores DiGangi, Harold Carney, Sue Zafian, Leslie Johnson, Rita Weissenburger, Alberta Clark, Therese Clark, Angelo Gallo, Heidi Egan, Carol Kolator, Rita Scarpone, Macario and Linda Yap, Michelle Gargiulo, Sonia Stefan, Maria Famiglietti, Connor Feeney, Doug Christie, Donna Sandklev, John & Maryanne Delutis, Joshua & Amelia Ford, Marie Novak, Jo Ann West, Denise Stanislawczyk, Catherine Buettel, Rose Campanelli, Kyle Brown, Collin Sciahetano, Giovanni Caccamo, Mark & Victoria, Nancy Genna, Sherry Canavale, Domenic Canavale, Michael Canavale, Rose Currie, Nina Laico, Tommy Birkner, Ronald Harvey, Artie Schapiro, Tina Deliaquila, Robert Feeney, Debi Leiter, Jane Fitzgerald, Wayne Bartlett, Julia Skrya, Mary Charniga, Brenda & Dolores Tourtellot, Mary Jantas, Kathleen Baumann, Giuliana DeAngelias, Dennis Costante, Gene Moore, Joel Leiter, Jerry Hill, Susan Sepedy, Geri Lazarowitz, Aymee Iannaccone, Jean Nych, Gregory Kolaranda, Johanna Esposito, Mary Shegas, Nina Stefanelli, Nikoloz, Clare Weber, Vincent Dellaquila, Joe Vitello, Arlon Roth, Edward O'Brien, June Laub, Nick Troiano, Carl Walker, Dan Weiss, Arthur Shipiro, Christine Camping, Catherine Donahue, Marie Negri, Christiano Bianco.

### FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED

### A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

S. Sgt. Keith D. Lee (Air National Guard), Major Brian McCartin (Army), John Bridges (Navy), 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Phillip G. Faccone Jr. (Marines), Bryan Alexander Perez (Army), Brandon Haynes (Army), Jared Endler (National Guard), LTJG Liam Keenan (Navy), Mas. Sgt. Michael Primavera (Air Force), John O'Donnell (Marines).

### Weekend Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

*Weekday readings can be found on the parish website.*

### November 26, 2023

#### Jesus Christ King of the Universe

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me." MATTHEW 25:40*

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of ones time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

### Season of Giving

Before you buy a bunch of "stuff" for family and friends this holiday season, try asking them what they really NEED. Maybe they need help with the utility bill, or a car payment, or the rent. Maybe they need a kid-free night and could use a free babysitter. Maybe they need a night off from cooking and could use a homemade meal. Maybe they need help with gas for their car. Maybe they need a night out with friends. Maybe they need a cup of coffee, and someone to just listen. Maybe they need help making the holiday's bright for their children. Maybe they need help in some other way, but they either don't know how to ask for help or are embarrassed to ask. Maybe YOU could be the one to give them what they really need this season, rather than just more "stuff."





**Weekend Mass Schedule**

December 2 <sup>ND</sup>	5:00pm	Fr. John
December 3 <sup>RD</sup>	8:00am	Fr. Bob
	10:00am	Fr. Jay
	12:00pm	Fr. Greg

**St. Vincent de Paul News**

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, and frightened to know that they belong to God. Your donation of money in the "Poor Box" makes this assistance possible.

**Turkey News**

This year's Adopt-a-Turkey program was a huge success! With your help, we were able to raise more than \$6,500. This helps to feed more than 150 families. Each year the response to this simple program has been amazing. Thank you!

**SJV Christmas Bazaar!**

The traditional Christmas Bazaar is back on **Thursday 11/30**. This year it will be held in the school cafeteria. The team has made sure we have a wonderful variety of items with affordable price points to offer. As in the past, the school will have the opportunity to shop during the day and we will be open for community shopping from 3-7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

**PARISH MINISTRIES & CONTACTS**

Organization	Contact	Phone/Email
Altar Rosary Society	Jane Bianco	732-382-1512
Altar Servers	Deacon Vinny	vbrigande@sjvs.net
Basketball	Joe Marinello	908-347-9269
Bible Study	Deacon Joe & Rose Ragucci	732-548-3880
Cheerleading	Jennifer Grasso	732-943-2409
Communion/ Homebound	Joanne Streck	732-382-4147
Cub/Boy Scouts	Sandra Franczak	732-754-5613
Eucharistic Ministers		
Fair Coordinator	Joe Noto	sjv_fair @sjvs.net
Finance Council	Mike Kaplonski	732-735-0184
	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
HSA	Jaclyn Falzarano	sjvhsa@sjvs.net
	Lydia Guerrier	
Knights of Columbus	Bob Luban	732-382-6939
Lazarus Ministry	Ann Ruth	732-381-6815
Lectors	Deacon Tom Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Legion of Mary	Joan Wilson	732-548-3359
Music Ministry	Jamie Frame	908-331-0471
Parish Life Comm.	Egger Lugo	732-801-6705
Pastoral Council	Suzanne MacIntyre	732-283-0731
Pre-Canva	Deacon Tom & Janice Michnewicz	732-574-1651
Pro-Life	Carolyn Glodek	973-349-4626
R.C.I.A.	Deacon Joe Ragucci	732-548-3880
SAC	Jeanette Wilmanski	jwilmanski@gmail.com
Secular Franciscans	Rev. J. Kubiak	732-494-3399
	Anna Zielski	732-325-7779
SJV Seniors	Bob & Mary Nilan	732-574-3427
St. Isidore's Garden	Maureen Jorgensen	732-778-8471
St. Vincent de Paul	Jim Leathem	732-388-5512
Track	Amanda Miller	732-549-2356
Ushers	Ray Morgan	732-815-1037
Youth Minister	Sr. Luciana D'Cruze	sruciana@sjvs.net

**Saint of the Week: St. Andrew**

St. Andrew is one of the most known saints of the Catholic Church as he was one of the 12 apostles, chosen from the disciples by Jesus. Before being one of Jesus' apostles, St.

Andrew was a fisherman from Galilee, then a disciple of John the Baptist. It was also St. Andrew who spoke up about the boy with the barley loaves and fishes. Although the location of where he preached has not been confirmed, it is believed that he preached either on the present-day Greece/Turkey border or in Scotland. St. Andrew is known as the patron saint of fisherman, Greece, Russia, and Scotland. Let us follow his example and encourage others to "come and see Jesus" through our words and actions.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023 OFFERTORY:**

\*\*not yet available due to holiday printing deadline\*\*

*"The only things we can keep are the things we freely give to God."*

- C.S. Lewis



Online Giving

A Secure & Convenient Way to Give to St. John Vianney Church

**Donate Now!**

No cash or check? No problem! Our parish offers a convenient, safe, and automatic way to contribute to our parish directly from your bank or using a credit card. Online Giving is a web-based application that allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. You will still receive offering envelopes to present during offertory at Mass to indicate "I've given online". Online Giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge. If you haven't already signed up, then go to our parish website at "sjvianney.com" and select Online Giving. It's easy and safe!



### **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The food supply for the St. James and St. Cecelia's Food pantries has fallen to critical levels. At one time the pantries had approximately one month's supply of food, now they have less than one week's supply. Rising food prices and demand for necessary food have caused this problem. Please donate one extra food item each week and the pantries can get some relief.

Needed items are: tuna, cereal, canned fruit, jelly, peanut butter, coffee, tea, all canned vegetables and all personal hygiene products. Remember if you need it they need it. Thank you.

The SVdP Society would like to thank you for your generosity to the local food pantries. The need continues for increased food donations.



## **Have You Heard?**

### **WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org

*"During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples. 'Take and eat it' He said, 'this is My body.' Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. 'All of you must drink from it,' He said, 'for this is My blood of the covenant, to be poured out on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.'"*

-- Matthew 26:26 - 28

### **Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Vianney**

We are looking for people to commit to spending a scheduled hour a week in the Blessed Sacrament at Adoration. Come adore the Lord for one hour or more in Eucharistic Adoration. The Blessed Sacrament will be on the altar of St. John Vianney Church each Saturday from 8:30am – 9:30am. We must have at least two people present during each hour as the Most Blessed Sacrament may not be left alone while exposed. Please prayerfully consider giving Jesus an hour of your week in Adoration. If you are interested, please call Jo Ann Worosila at 908-420-5083 or Joanne Streck at 732-382-4147.

Eucharistic Adoration is a silent mediation in the presence of the exposed Host. One hour a week with Jesus, to recite your favorite prayers, read the bible, contemplate acts of faith, hope and charity, thanksgiving, reparation, pray a rosary or do whatever prayerful devotion that suits you before Our Lord. You can just sit and say nothing simply keeping Him company, just as you would with a dear friend.



### The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back; by counting our blessings and sharing with those less fortunate, we are continuing to help those in need. **Please return gifts/cards no later than the weekend of December 9/10.** St. Vincent DePaul, SJV ProLife, Catholic Charities, and SJV families in need will be the recipients of your generous gifts. Thank you in advance for your sharing the spirit of Christmas.  
Barbara Morrissey- 732-501-2195  
Donna Worosila -732-713-3107

### News from St. Isidore's Garden

A winter garden can be a sad sight, but it is much more than empty beds. It's a reminder of our past successes and it's the promise of next year. This year was one of the best in our fourteen year history. We donated just under 1400 pounds of fresh vegetables to the food pantries at St. James and St. Cecelia's. The clients of those food pantries are always grateful for fresh produce, and we are grateful that we can provide it.

There is a saying that it takes a village, and that is true of our garden. Our village is our dedicated volunteers who plant, water, weed, harvest, clear the pathways, and support us financially. Our village also consists of the awesome scouts who have made improvements to our garden as their Eagle projects. If you would like to join our village next spring, contact Maureen Jorgensen. Her number is listed in the parish ministries section.

### Upcoming Second Collections

December 8th	Immaculate Conception
December 10th	Retired Religious



Please join Sr. Luciana D'Cruze this Sunday, November 26th, after the 12pm Mass ! The meeting will take place in the Youth Group rooms in the rectory office from 1pm-2pm. We are always welcoming new members! For more information, please call Sr. Luciana D'Cruze at the rectory at 732-574-0150.

### The Pro-Life Corner

If you are a man or woman affected by abortion, please check this website for information that may help you:  
<http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/>



### Unplanned Pregnancy?

#### Find help at one of these centers:

Life Choices Resource Center, Metuchen, NJ  
Phone: 732-516-911  
First Choice Women & Resource Center,  
New Brunswick, NJ  
Phone: 908-561-0079  
Life Choices Inc., Phillipsburg, NJ  
Phone: 908-454-2066  
Inspire Women's Resource Center, Warren, NJ  
Phone: 908-615-9008  
Bridge Women's Center, Old Bridge  
Phone: 732-588-0999

**Or go to [optionline.org](http://optionline.org) (Pregnancy help online) to search for a location near you.**

**Please refer to this link from the Diocese of Metuchen: <https://diometuchen.org/pregnancy-help>**

### SAFE HAVEN INFANT PROTECTION

An unwanted baby?  
You can safely and anonymously give it away.  
No shame, No blame  
Call SAFE HAVEN HOTLINE:  
1-877-839-2339



### This Week At A Glance 11/27 – 12/3

Monday	CCD 6:15-7:15pm Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm SvDP – LBR 6-7pm
Tuesday	Christmas Choir – MR 2:30-4:30pm Children's Choir – CH 4-5pm Cheer – GYM 4-7:30pm CubScouts – 5 Classrooms & CAF 6:30-8pm BoyScouts – GYM 7:30-9:30pm Al-Anon – Classroom 7-8pm Pro-Life – LBR 6:30pm
Wednesday	Basketball – GYM 4:30-9pm Adult Choir – CH 7:30-10pm
Thursday	SJV School Christmas Bazaar – CAF open to the public 3-7pm Concert Choir – MR 2:30pm Scout Leadership MTG – CL 6:30pm Legion of Mary – UBR 7-8pm
Friday	Basketball Pep Rally – GYM 7-9pm
Saturday	Basketball – GYM 8am-4pm NJAKE Workshop – CAF 9am-1pm
Sunday	Parish Poinsettia Sale after Masses Parish Breakfast – CAF after 10am Mass RCIA – UBR 11:15-11:45am Youth Group – 1-2pm Youth Ministry Office in Rectory



### St. John Vianney School News

732-388-1662 <https://school.sjvianney.com/>

We have so many exciting events coming up this holiday season including: the Christmas Bazaar on 11/30 for the school kids from 8am-2pm and open to the public from 3pm-7pm, SJV Pep Rally on 12/1 at 7pm, Story Time with Santa on 12/7 at 6pm, and the 2nd grade Christmas Pageant on 12/21 at 7pm.

So many great ideas and suggestions have come in! Continue to email us at [sjvhsa@sjvs.net](mailto:sjvhsa@sjvs.net) and someone will respond to your email within 24-48 hours. Don't forget to visit our school website and follow us on Facebook!

### Ready to fully live your Catholic Faith? Join the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary will be meeting in the upper room of the Church every Thursday at 7 pm. To Jesus through Mary. For information call Joan Wilson at (732) 548-3359 or email at [jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com](mailto:jhoynes.wilson@yahoo.com).



### Bus Trip

Join us for a bus trip to Wind Creek, PA on Monday, December 18th. The bus will be leaving the SJV parking lot at 10am and will return at 6:30pm. Cost is \$45 and get back \$35. For more information and to sign up please call Mary Lou at 732-710-3201.

### This Week on FORMED : *the link for FORMED is on the parish website*

#### Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

#### Who is Jesus Christ? w/ Sr. Bethany Madonna SEEK23

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany Madonna!

#### Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?

### Navex Ethics Point Anonymous Reporting

Website URL: <https://diometuchen.ethicspoint.com>

Mobile URL: <https://diometuchenmobile.ethicspoint.com/>

Hotline: 844-796-1296

Your understanding and support of this effort is greatly appreciated by Bishop Checchio. The successful implementation of Navex Ethics Point will be a further way to ensure that our Diocese and all its entities are cooperating in the light to be authentically who we are called to be.

## *Pastor's Column November 25 – 26, 2023*

Today, Catholics around the world are celebrating the Solemn Feast of Jesus Christ, the King. It is a day to consider the place that Jesus has in our lives. While Jesus is certainly our Savior and Lord, today's feast reminds us that He is also our King.

The Bible, in the Book of Revelation, calls Jesus the 'King of Kings.' This means that everyone, including the 'kings' of this world, are ultimately accountable to Him. As we say in the Creed – Sunday after Sunday – 'His Kingdom will have no end.'

Our observance of Christ the King Sunday – as this Feast is commonly called – asks us to consider how well we really allow Jesus to be our King. How well we live by His Laws. How well we practice His teachings. How well we strive to be part of that Eternal Kingdom where He 'lives and reigns forever and ever.'

Many of the kings who ruled the world when Jesus lived His human life often misused their power. Thankfully, Jesus is nothing like them! Jesus has all the power in the universe – but He uses it for good, and asks us to do the same.

Indeed one of the 'laws' Jesus makes for us is that we practice charity and show mercy to others. One way to do this is by taking a tag from the Giving Tree. You know how it works – we take a tag and buy a gift for the person on it (usually a child from a poor family). It's always nice to see the presents start coming in – thanks to your generosity.

To be sure, our King commands other things, too – things like going to Church on Sunday, practicing honesty and purity, and respecting the lives and property of our neighbors. These are, of course, summed up in the Ten Commandments – and we do well on this Christ the King Sunday to reflect on how well we live by them.

With Advent starting next Sunday, I will start speaking about making a good Confession before Christmas. Thinking about how well we live by our King's Commandments is a good way to start preparing for our Advent Confession. So is thinking about what we can do to show that Jesus Christ is truly our King.

Please remember that Hail Mary for me today and every day. I take great pleasure in praying for all of you – and in knowing I can rely upon your prayers. Let's also pray for peace in our troubled world – especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine – and in our own hearts and homes.

Have a great week.  
Fr. John

P.S. I had to write this before Thanksgiving, so I can't tell you about my holiday. I do hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving – and are looking forward to a holy Advent.





**Update from the Religious Education Program****Calendar for November and December**

This weekend, November 25/26, many of our 3rd and 4th grade students are with us for Mass. They are coming to any of our Masses (5pm, 8am, 10am or 12pm) or they may be going to Mass at another Catholic Church. In addition to the graces they receive from coming to Mass, as an added bonus, the children in grades 3 and 4 do not have class on Monday November 27. Children in all other grades do have class on Monday the 27th.

On Monday November 20th the students in all grades will be given information about a family Advent activity. A food item needed by the food pantry is listed for each day of Advent. If families can purchase as many of the listed items as they can by the end of Advent, the family will have assembled a much-needed bag or box of food items for the food pantry. On Monday, November 27th, students in grades 6 - 8 classes will go to Church for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Looking ahead, a Sign Board Contest for all students in grades 3 – 8 will be announced and begin on December 4th.

The Missionary Childhood Association is asking children to help other children by making whatever donations they can using the “mite box” the children will be given on December 4th. Some of you may remember using mite boxes when you were in school. We used to fill them with loose change and return them when they were full and we would receive a new mite box. We are asking the children to use the mite box during Advent. The mite boxes should be returned when they return for classes after the Christmas recess. More information will be distributed with the mite boxes.

**Opt-Out.**

The website includes information from the NJ Catholic Conference regarding the process parents can use to opt-out of certain health and physical education lessons presented in public schools.

**Contacting Me**

The best way to reach me is by email at [ederosa@sjvs.net](mailto:ederosa@sjvs.net). If you would like to speak with me, please send an email with your phone number.

Have a blessed week!  
Ellen DeRosa

**Parish Advisory Council**

This council is a group of dedicated parishioners who meet with the pastor several times a year. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for communication between various groups in the parish, to discuss issues or questions proposed by the pastor or brought to him or members of the group by parishioners.

While the council has met irregularly for some time, we will now meet on a regular basis. At our November 8th meeting we set a schedule to meet five times a year - generally every other month with a break in the summer.

In the interest of communication with our fellow parishioners, we will keep a space in the bulletin going forward. Please watch this space for updates from the council. And please feel free to approach the members of the council with thoughts you might like them to bring to their meetings.

Our next meeting will be on January 10th.

Current Members: Fr. John Barbella, Fr. Greg Zannetti, Deacon Joe Ragucci, Deacon Tom Michnewicz, Deacon Vinny Brigande, Nancy Tannucilli, Andrew Cianfano, Ellen DeRosa, Jamie Frame, Debbie Kalanta, Lisa Pagano Kennedy, Jim Leathem, Egger Lugo, Maureen Lugo, Suzanne MacIntyre, Joe Noto, Pam Noto, Rose Ragucci, and Greg Worosila.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus tells His disciples, the Son of Man will come in His glory and sit upon His throne. He will bless, from all the nations, every person who gave drink to the thirsty, something to eat to the hungry and paid a visit to the ill. The Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs.

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One Kingdom  
One King

Christ the King said in reply,  
"Amen, I say to you, whatever  
you did for one of these least  
brothers of mine, you did for  
me."

Matthew 25:40

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

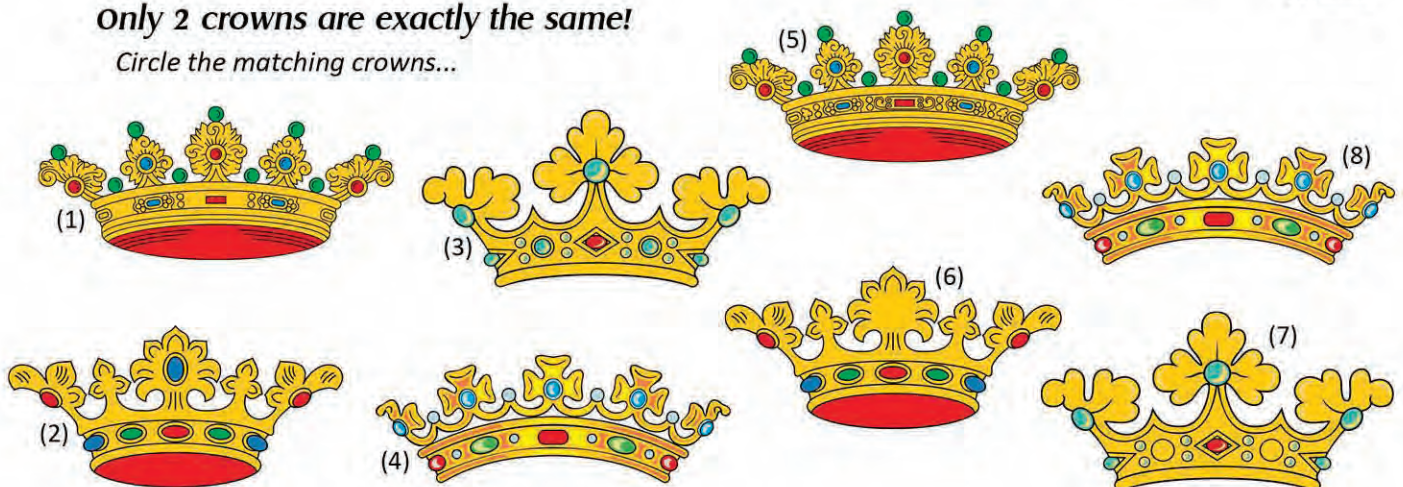
Find the underlined words in the block puzzle by coloring them all gold...  
left, right, up, down or diagonally. Then color the ✧ stars ✧ all different jewel colors.

O	E	L	E	J	D	I	A	T	V	I	Y	U	T	D	L	B	W	I	N	F	V	A
B	N	G	T	K	O	P	S	H	Y	R	A	L	A	C	E	O	G	E	Y	E	D	L
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