

# JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

## Announced Masses

**November 19, Saturday,**

- 4 PM** 1) Jack Newman by Pat Newman  
2) Frances Ann Sciarra by the Sciarra Family

**Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, November 20,**

**10:00 AM**

1. Ron & Anna Meyer by Anna & Ron Meyer  
Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!
2. Patricia Holland by Elaine & Mike Foote

**Monday, November 21st,**

**9:00 AM NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>,**

**9:00 AM** Joseph Horecky by Florence Horecky

**Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

**9:00 AM** John Bretone, Jr. (L) Birthday

**Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving Day**

**9:00 AM** For All Families by Elisa Joergle

**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>,**

**9:00 AM** Dolores & Warren Joergle by Elisa Joergle

**Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>,**

**4:00 PM** Therese & Joseph Horecky by Florence Horecky

**Sunday, First Sunday of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00AM** Marie McDonell by Karen & Mike Speranza  
**11:15AM** Benjamin Dubin by Elaine & Mike Foote

## THE ALTAR BREAD for NOVEMBER:

**For Pat Foote Holland**  
**THE ALTAR CANDLES**  
**For Emily Foote**  
**by Mike & Elaine Foote**

**200 Club**

#101 Michael Sherwood

The perfect prayer is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Why not offer this most special prayer to someone living who is in need of special graces, or those who are deceased in need of special mercy. (Please fill out the form kept at the back of the Church and return it by Mail or put it in the collection basket.)

## PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Jeanine Poth, Barbara & Vinny Donnelly and Mary Ann, Melita Braun, Betty Ford, Jane Fay, Abigail, David, Jennifer, Shane Kelsey, Anne Suppa, Michele Griesbaum, Lisa Donohue, James Valenti, Kathleen Quinn, Vincent Russo, Aliya Rachlin, Tara Byrne, Bob Einterz, Andrea Fedoruk, Nicky Castagna, Michael and Matthew Mclean, and Samantha. For Our Military Personnel: Vaughn Schlott, Ana Lucia Teran-Stasilli, Arianar Severf, Larry Weiss, Martin Kamen, Peggy Connolly, Mary Ann, Kimberly Chatfield, Isabella Marchese, Ira Glickler, Rose Infantino, Cathy Gerrard, Linda Bozza, Stephanie Freer Greyden Freer, Karen Fullone, Carol Scott, Eileen Hoynes Hope Traver, Louise Smith, Stephen Scognamiglio, Pam Kocher, Gabriella Francesca Maria Paolini, Janice Mutia, Rose Ann Donnadio, Steven & Kelly Spencer, Pastor Linda Bohs, Jeanne Boyar Arniery, Lee VanSaaders, , Grace Garufi, Joe Garufi, Cheryl Novak, Melaina Elms, Neil R. Stasilli III, Michael Jaszczak and Anthony Horecky.

**CONTACT THE RECTORY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES NAMES TO BE ADDED IN PRAYER LIST**

## **The Prayer to St. Michael**

**St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle: be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

## THE MEMORARE

**Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession was left unaided.**

**Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word incarnate despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.**

## MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Thursday, December 8th, 6:00pm Parish Center

### A GREAT SHOUT-OUT

Many thanks to Tom Migliorino & Ron Meyer for the new egress stairs they made for the church sacristy. Very professional job!

### TODAY'S READINGS (by Fr. RJB)

#### **FIRST READING**

In our reading from the second Book of Samuel, we see David the great warrior and anointed king of the southern tribes of Judaism (called Judah), now become king of the northern tribes of Judaism (called Israel). He unites both territories and centralizes power in the new capital—Jerusalem. This is a really big change for Judaism, because they resisted a king for so many years. They were afraid of a king's authority and how unjust he could be. Since they had no king, however, every time there was an invading army, all the tribes had to come together and workout who would lead them into battle. It took a lot of time and delayed their ability to respond to the threats from foreign invaders. By having David as their king he could command a standing army and protect the north and south from harm. They surrendered their freedom to the king with the hope of being saved by him.

#### **SECOND READING (limited space)**

In our second reading from St. Paul's second letter to the Colossians we have listed the attributes of Jesus that make him God and King of the Universe.

#### **THE GOSPEL**

This story of the repentant criminal who turns to God, literally, to Jesus on the cross, is unique to St. Luke's gospel. This story is very revealing of the kingship Jesus "commanded" while he was on this earth. He was not the typical king imposing his will on his subjects, rather he allowed people to come to him freely and request his help when they were ready to do so. He commanded no army, but rather led a group of poor people who followed him as sheep finally finding their shepherd. He was helped by a group of fisherman and marginalized people. He had no army, no country, no royal attire, no castle, no wealth. What he did have, and still has, is this incredible love for those struggling in this world. His divine ability to heal, to instruct, to forgive, to demonstrate his authority over all that oppressed humanity, truly made him king not of the world, but over the world. His kingdom will never be here fully (until the end), but he will continue to help us and destroy all that threatens us! As king David ruled to defeat Israel's external enemies, Jesus is there to help our souls. May we be reminded that Paradise awaits all those who trust in Him!

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:** November 13, \$2,668.00

## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP WILL BE STARTING**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, at the Rectory**

**1:30 to 3:30 pm**

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**December 13, Parish Center—1pm to 6pm  
Call 1800 RED-CROSS for appointment**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION @ OUR CHURCH**

Our religious education program began on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Classes are held from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the Parish Center. The grades being taught are from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. If there are children needing to receive their sacraments, please contact Anna Meyer, our Coordinator

### **IT IS THANKSGIVING AGAIN...**

By Fr. Richard J. Bretone

It is Thanksgiving again and another beautiful reminder of the many blessings we all receive from God. People have said that this is our secular "religious" holiday, that is to say, that you don't have to believe in God to be thankful. Some people may just thank "lady luck" or whatever, but we know the real deal and who to thank.

This year it is especially beautiful for me to thank the wonderful people of St. Anthony--St. Thomas Church for all the many blessings we have been for each other. When I was here last year at this time, it was still unclear if Fr. Joselin was returning or not. I was grateful for the meeting of new people and enjoying beautiful liturgies, but it wasn't until I was appointed Administrator that it started to sink in that we may be on this journey together for an extended time. Just how long a time is up to God, but what a blessing to use all our gifts for the service of our church, our parish family and our community.

The gratitude that I feel is that the Lord allowed me the opportunity to experience what it is like to be a shepherd. Previously, I was Catholic Chaplain of the artist community at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, and I was also a fellow artist, so I was sharing a common interest along with sharing faith in Jesus. At St. Anthony—St. Thomas Church I am finding that the overarching goal is to keep the parish alive and vibrant. This has come to mean being open to creative ideas of the people, being open to the needs of others, trying to stretch our limited resources while taking on little projects and upgrades to show progress, attention and renewal.

I have a predilection for the arts, so I will foster these, knowing beauty is another approach to the Almighty. It is my hope that we will grow in gratitude for all of our blessings from God, and especially for the blessings of his most precious Body and Blood that we are fortunate to receive from our beautiful country church. Thank you, Jesus!