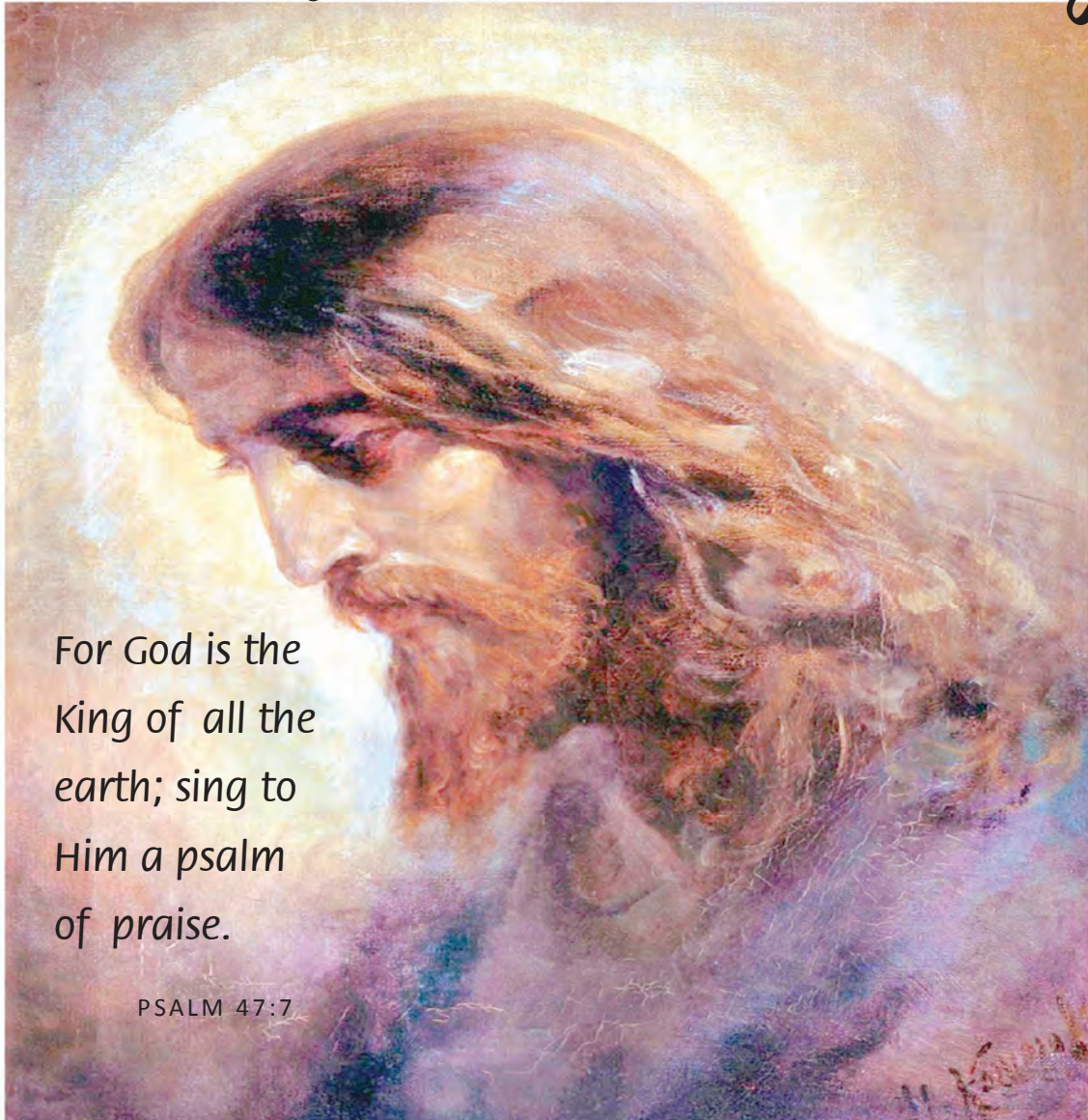


Blessed Sacrament Church

Martinsville, NJ

Feast of Christ the King



For God is the
King of all the
earth; sing to
Him a psalm
of praise.

PSALM 47:7

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM

SUNDAY, 7:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

WEEKDAYS, MONDAY—FRIDAY, 9:00 AM AND 12:10 PM

SATURDAY 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAYS 11:00 –11:30



Mass Intentions

Monday - November 21

9:00 AM Sabina Coffin
Req. by James & Pam Long
12:10 PM Joseph Niedzwicki
Req. by Art & Helen Nielsen

Tuesday - November 22

9:00 AM Mary Plocinik
Req. by Jim & Ginny Brogan
12:10 PM Michael Burns
Req. by Marie Rizzitano

Wednesday - November 23

9:00 AM Alex Petroff
Req. by Ann Meisenbacher
12:10 PM Jack Lopes
Req. by Eliza Lopes

Thursday - November 24

9:00 AM Thanksgiving –
People of Blessed Sacrament

Friday - November 25

9:00 AM Carole Lamiera
Req. by Raffaella Bove

Saturday - November 26

9:00 AM Mark Johnson
Req. by The Traver Family
4:00 PM James & Barbara Magura

Sunday - November 27

7:30 AM People of Blessed Sacrament
10:00 AM Michael Burns
Req. by Jim & Ginny Brogan
12:00 PM Bob Papp
Req. by The Noonan Family

November 20, 2022

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

“....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”
Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

The Sanctuary Candles burn before the Blessed Sacrament for...

Florence Sheehan



Seven-Day Votive Candles burn for:

Renee Thiry Edwards

For you, Lord, give light to my lamp; my God brightens my darkness.
(Ps. 18:29)

Thanksgiving, November 24th

9am Mass only

Friday, November 25th

9am Mass only

BSC Book Club

Next meeting will be

November 21st at 10am

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Circle of Friends

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

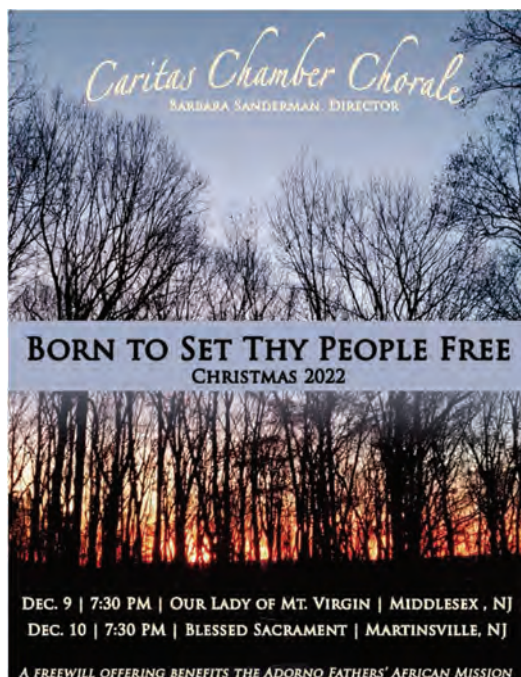
We make and send Rosaries to the missions and hospitals at home and abroad. Now is the time to turn to Our Lady for all our needs. Making Rosaries is easy to learn, inexpensive and very fulfilling. Once you learn, you can make them in the comfort of your own home. You may drop off the completed Rosaries on the table outside the parish offices. We will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 am through May. If you are interested, please contact Theresa Carson at 732-424-8064.



The CCW will be collecting gift cards again this year for charities in our local area. We will have a table in the Narthex from November 19th to the 27th.

Gift cards should only be from ShopRite, Walmart and Target in amounts of \$10, \$20 or \$25. There is no limit to the number of gift cards you may donate.

The charities we will support this year are: SHIP, The Center for Great Expectations, Homesharing, Catholic Charities, and, of course, our own Parish Families



As a Community, We Pray

Vocations Traveling Chalice Program

Hosting the vocations traveling chalice is very simple. An individual or family can select a week to volunteer to take the chalice home and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. A sign up sheet, with the description of how the program works is in the narthex. Please see our website for more details.



THE PRAYER LINE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Sometimes people need to talk with someone when they have a concern, or joy, or urgent request that they wish to share with God. If you would like to submit a prayer request or would like more information about the Prayer Line, please call Barbara Hoff at (908) 647-5749 or Gloria Edwards at (908) 304-3987.

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom and grace. Especially those in our parish family:

Lt. Cdr Douglas Stahl, Navy
2nd Lt. Jacob J. Garrett, Army
Sgt. First Class Charles Esposito, National Guard
PFC Gennaro Castaldo, US Marine
ITSN Scott Davis, Navy
MID Christopher Civetta

If you have a family member, relative, or friend in the military, especially overseas, or in a dangerous assignment, please let us know so we can request the prayers of our parish family. Furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service to the parish office.



In your kindness we ask you to remember all the sick members of our parish. We also ask you to pray for all of our beloved that have passed.



Pray-A-Day For Vocations

Volunteers are needed to pledge one prayer one day per month for the intention of increasing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The volunteers will select one calendar day. (e.g. the 15th of every month) You may also consider attending mass or praying the rosary. *Pledging to pray one day a month for religious vocations is a simple, but powerful, first step toward encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

If you are interested **please Kathi call 732-356-4405 ext. 2** with your name and the date you select.

We are grateful to those who pledged a monthly day of pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

We pray each month on:

2nd - Lillian Ziembra
 3rd - Rita O'Brien
 4th - Liz Schambach
 5th - Karin Mille
 8th - Dolores Papp
 12th - Ginny Brogan and Maria Farinhas
 15th - Mary Lou and Jack Fieseler
 17th - Ketrin Maxwell
 21st - Elearnor Fahey
 22nd - Ray Daniel
 24th - Jim Brogan
 25th - Ella Loffelman
 27th - Mary Lou Elzer

*** There are still many days available, please consider pledging ***

Parish Prayer Book of Intentions

St. Paul reminds us:

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7



More Good News from Children's Faith Formation!!!

In addition to those we celebrated last week, the following catechists have also completed the ten-session Loyola Catechetical Formation Series on classroom management techniques and theological foundation review. We can now boast that nearly two thirds of our volunteer catechists are now certified as trained for their ministry.

Michele Araujo

Jackie Fattell

Francesca Cardona

Cheryl Machusky

Alicia Drozd

We are so proud of these and all our catechists who work so hard to give their students the best possible faith experience! Watch for more updates as we strive for 100% training!



Save the Date!

December 3, 2022

12-4pm

BSC Parish Hall

Sponsor Letters

Canon (Church) Law states that a Godparent for Baptism and a Sponsor for Confirmation **be an active, fully-initiated Catholic** (Confirmed). An **active** Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, and publicly leads a genuine Christian lifestyle. Please note that we can only grant *Certificates of Eligibility* for parishioners who meet these criteria.

CALLING ALL OF YOU BAKERS OUT THERE!

BAKED GOODS ARE NEEDED FOR OUR BAKE SALE. PLEASE CONTACT KATHI IN THE PARISH OFFICE (732) 356-4405 EXT. 2 TO ADD YOUR NAME AND ITEM TO THE LIST!

PLEASE REMEMBER, ALL ITEMS MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED AND AN INGREDIENT LIST NEEDS TO BE ATTACHED.



8 Things You Didn't Know About the Feast of Christ the King

On the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar, today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, more commonly known as the Feast of Christ the King. The last Sunday of the liturgical year (next week is Advent!), this feast reminds us that whatever earth powers may do or ask of us, Christ is the true king that should reign in our hearts. Here are 8 things about this awesome feast you may not have known:

1) It was instituted less than 100 years ago in 1925

In the aftermath of the First World War, in the midst of the rise of Communism in Russia, and during the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea (325), Pope Pius XI instituted the feast in his 1925 encyclical [*Quas Primas*](#), though its first celebration took place in 1926.

2) It was first celebrated on Halloween in 1926

It was originally supposed to be the last Sunday of October, just before the Feast of All Saints – which, in 1926, just happened to be October 31st.

3) In 1969, Pope Paul VI revised the feast, giving it its current name and date

Pope Paul VI gave the feast its current full title (the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe) and moved it to the last Sunday of the liturgical year.

4) The feast was a response to the rise of secularization, atheism, and communism

While the world was increasingly telling Christians that they must compartmentalize their religion and give their highest allegiance to the government, Pope Pius XI wrote regarding the feast:

If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. ([*Quas Primas*](#), 33)

5) Despite its recent Catholic origins, the feast is celebrated by many Protestants

Even though it was created by a pope less than a hundred years ago, some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians celebrate the feast.

6) In the protestant Church of Sweden, this Sunday is called “the Sunday of Doom”

Its official name is “the Return of Christ,” but its colloquial name comes from the fact that they give a particular focus on the Last Judgement at Christ’s Second Coming.

7) Some Anglicans refer to this Sunday as “Stir-up Sunday”

This Sunday got this name for two reasons:

First, the Anglican [collect](#) for the day begins with the words, “Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people...” Second, some old pudding recipes require the pudding to sit for several weeks before being cooked. This Sunday became a day that people would traditionally begin preparing pudding for Christmas, which includes “stirring it up.”

These two things came together in people’s minds, as Wikipedia [explains](#): “Supposedly, cooks, wives and their servants would go to church, hear the words ‘Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord...’, and be reminded, by association of ideas, that it was about time to start stirring up the puddings for Christmas.”

8) The “Christ the King” statue in Poland is the largest statue of Jesus in the world

At 33 meters tall (one meter for each year of Jesus’ earthly life), the Christ the King statue is 3 meters taller than the Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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