

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | NOVEMBER 23, 2025



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOV 22		MEMORIAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Mark Garret by Family	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Frank & Camilla Pokol by Jeff & Carin Alvarez	Fr. Levi
5:00 pm	CHA	Dolores Kozmierczak by Dominik Family	Fr. Pat
6:00 pm	MON	David & Agness Simon by Suzie Simon	Fr. Levi
NOV 23		THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Dorothy Haller by Patterson Family	Fr. Pat
9:00 am	CHA	Lee Ann Flament by Family	Fr. Levi
11:00 am	MON	Joseph V. Sala by Bernice & Family	Fr. Pat
NOV 24		MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	
8:30 am	CHA	Peter Pham by Linda Pham	
NOV 25		MEMORIAL OF SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	
8:30 am	DON	Rose Evangelist by Holy Rosary Confraternity	
NOV 26		THIRTY-FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
7:00 pm	MON	Marjorie Jonas by Betty Fronzaglio & the Moyer Family	
NOV 27		THANKSGIVING DAY	
8:30 am	DON	Florence Cipa by Richard & Linda Cipa	
NOV 28		THIRTY-FOURTH FRIDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	MON	Joseph P. Wiliuszis by Wiliuszis Family	
NOV 29		THIRTY-FOURTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Fr. Tesfamerian Baraki by Judith Child	Fr. Levi
4:00 pm	DON	Dorothy Haller by John J. Patterson & Family	Fr. Pat
5:00 pm	CHA	Stella Kossuth by Thomas Zimmerman	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	Robert Lee by Wife, Nellie, Joyce & Gary Lee	Fr. Pat
NOV 30		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Haller Family, Living & Deceased by Rose Patterson	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Gary Altemara by Family	Fr. Pat
11:00 am	MON	Bennett Feely, Jr.	Fr. Levi




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MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE MAS

Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora
5:00pm - Charleroi
6:00pm - Monongahela

Sunday/Dimanch

8:30am - Donora
9:00am - Charleroi
11:00am - Monongahela

Weekday Mass Times/ Tan Mas jou lasèman

Monday/Lendi	
Charleroi	8:30am
Tuesday/Madi	
Donora	8:30am
Wednesday/Mèkredi	
Monongahela	7:00pm
Thursday/Jedi	
Donora	8:30am
Friday/Vandredi	
Monongahela	8:30am
Saturday/Samdi	
Charleroi	8:30am

*This schedule does not
reflect holidays or Holy Days.*
Orè sa a pa refleto jou ferye oswa
jou apa pou Bondye.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 16th:
To be announced on next bulletin

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
November 23 2025



BAPTISM

For arrangements and to
schedule a class please call
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In danger of death please call the
parish office at any time. If in the
hospital or a skilled nursing
facility, please ask the nursing
staff to contact the priest on call.



MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish
office to set a meeting with a
member of the clergy no less
than six months before the
proposed wedding date.



PENANCE

Mondays, Charleroi
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesdays, Monongahela
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Saturdays, Donora
3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

First Fridays, Donora
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**By appointment, please call
the parish office.**



**"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD. WHOEVER
FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT
WALK IN DARKNESS BUT
WILL HAVE THE LIGHT
OF LIFE."**

JOHN 8:12



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS THIS WEEK IN**

**CHARLEROI FOR
DANIEL & JOSEPHINE CIOCCIO, SR.**
By: Dan & Judy Cioccio, Jr.

**DONORA FOR
JOHN & ANN VELIKY**
By: Philip & Sharlene Veliky

**MONONGAHELA FOR
LUCILLE ZELETSKI**
By: Family

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

May the grace, love and peace of Christ be with you! Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King! This Feast closes out the liturgical year and reminds us that in the end Christ will return as King and will rule over the world with perfect love, mercy, and justice! This reminds us of the four last things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. These are the things we need to consider in the coming weeks.

If you are looking around at the world and wondering why it is not filled with perfect mercy and justice now, please remember that we are not in heaven. Saint Thomas Aquinas so wisely wrote that if we expect earth to be heaven, we will be sorely disappointed. Solomon, the wise, once said that there is nothing new under the sun. If you look through history, you will see that there has always been evil plaguing the world since Satan first seduce the human race. My point is that we should not be shocked or terrified by evil. In fact, if we are honest, we are all very well acquainted with evil, because it lies within each of us. According to Romans 3:23, the Scripture tells us "For all have sinned and are thereby are deprived of the glory of God."

It is important to admit that we have evil within us and that we are sinners. It is also important to recognize that on our own, we cannot please God. On our own, we do not deserve heaven, but hell. Some of us refuse to believe there is evil with us. Those are the people that complain about everyone else but cannot see the plank in their own eye. Humanity hates the fact that we each have evil within us and that we are sinners, and so we always try to prove to ourselves and others that we are "good people." Remember Jesus said in Mark 10:18, "there is no one good expect God alone."

Once we can admit that we are sinners, then we can take the next step in our faith. Remember that Baptism is to choose Christ and turn away from Satan and sin. If we do not believe we have any sin, then how is baptism meaningful, but if we admit our sin, then we can throw ourselves on the mercy of God! The second half of Romans 3:23 says, "all are justified by the gift of his grace that is given freely through the redemption in Christ Jesus." That being said, we are constantly being sanctified, especially through the sacraments!

Are we longing to run into the arms of our Judge and know his mercy and perfect love? Are we terrified of the Judge or do we think the Judge should answer to us? If we admit our faults now and let the mercy of Christ bring us into a very close and personal relationship with God, then we will long for his second coming! If we focus too much on our sins and not on the mercy of God we will be terrified of His second coming. If we think God needs to answer to us, we will be horrified when the true Judge sits upon his throne.

May we come to recognize our sins, repent of them and be filled with a holy longing for our perfect Judge's return!



Reverend Levi Hartle
Pastor

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection 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, cast into
hell Satan and all evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious Saint Andrew,
you were the first to recognize
and follow the Lamb of God.
With your friend Saint John,
you remained with Jesus for that day,
for your entire life,
and now throughout eternity.
As you led your brother Saint Peter to
Christ and many others after Him,
draw us also to Him.
Teach us to lead others to Christ
solely out of love for Him
and dedication in His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of the
cross and to carry our daily crosses
without complaint so that they may
carry us to Jesus. Amen.

LITURGY PREPARATION

The Solemnity of Christ the King

The Solemnity of Christ the King always marks the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. We are currently finishing up Year C, and next weekend as we move into the 1st Sunday of Advent, we'll start the cycle over again with Year A. The Solemnity of Christ the King is one of my favorite Sundays of the year. I love the grandeur of the mass, the hymns that reference Jesus' kingly nature, and the incense we use at the high mass. I also love the fundamental message of the Solemnity, which can become so lost in our current world: that Jesus Christ is our King and everything in our lives should come under his rule.

This particular solemnity is only 100 years old, relatively new compared to the whole history of the Church. Pope Pius XI established the solemnity in 1925 in his encyclical *Quas Primas* as a counter measure against rising secularism and atheism. At this time in history, the "Great War" had ended and the resulting emergence of communism and fascism were very powerful ideologies that were a direct threat to Christianity. In response, Pope Pius XI hoped to direct our focus toward our true king, Jesus Christ. This solemnity reminds us of the proper order of our rulers: Jesus Christ is our primary ruler, and our earthly rulers come in second place, but they too are under Jesus' command.



Amanda Nicholson
Music & Liturgy

Liturgical Sunday	Solemnity of Christ the King
Liturgical Year	C
Liturgical Color	White, Gold

Originally, this solemnity was placed on the last Sunday in October, but in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year, which always falls in late November. The reason for this change is that during the last few Sundays of the church year we always hear readings about Jesus' second coming, which prepare us for Advent. The end of the year also points us toward the end of time, when our king will return. Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis referred to the Solemnity of Christ the King as the "crowning of the liturgical year," a phrase which seems to me to symbolize both the end of the year and to allude to the kingly nature of the solemnity.

The royal opulence of the Mass that I love so much about this solemnity is at the same time turned on its head by the reality of what our king has done for us, and what it means to follow him. In the Gospel today, Jesus is hanging on the cross and being taunted by the Jewish rulers and Roman soldiers. They say, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself." (Luke 23:37) What the Jews, and even us, don't always realize is that Jesus' version of kingship doesn't always look like what we think it should. The King was born in a dirty stable, he wasn't an earthly king-like ruler, and at the end of his ministry he was put to death.

There is glory waiting for us one day in heaven, but in the meantime our lives should reflect that we're under Jesus' kingship, even if that doesn't look as grand as we think it should. What or who has the most power over you? What do you worship and value the most? What're your biggest priorities in life? If your answers reveal that your allegiance lies in something or someone besides the Lord, then begin to strive to bring all aspects of your life under his dominion. He is your true king and following him will lead you to eternal life.

THE ORDER OF MASS

OPENING HYMN

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne. Hark!
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
3. Crown him the Lord of love Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
4. Crown him the Lord of peace, Whose pow'r a scep - ter sways From
5. Crown him the Lord of years, The mas - ter of all time, Cre -

How the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own. A -
rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save. His
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed by prayer and praise. His
a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, And ris - en Lord sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing of him who set us free, and
glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high, who
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
reign shall know no end, And round his pierc - ed feet Fair
hail, Re - dem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your

hail him as your heav'n - ly King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
flow'rs of para - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
praise and glo - ry shall not fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

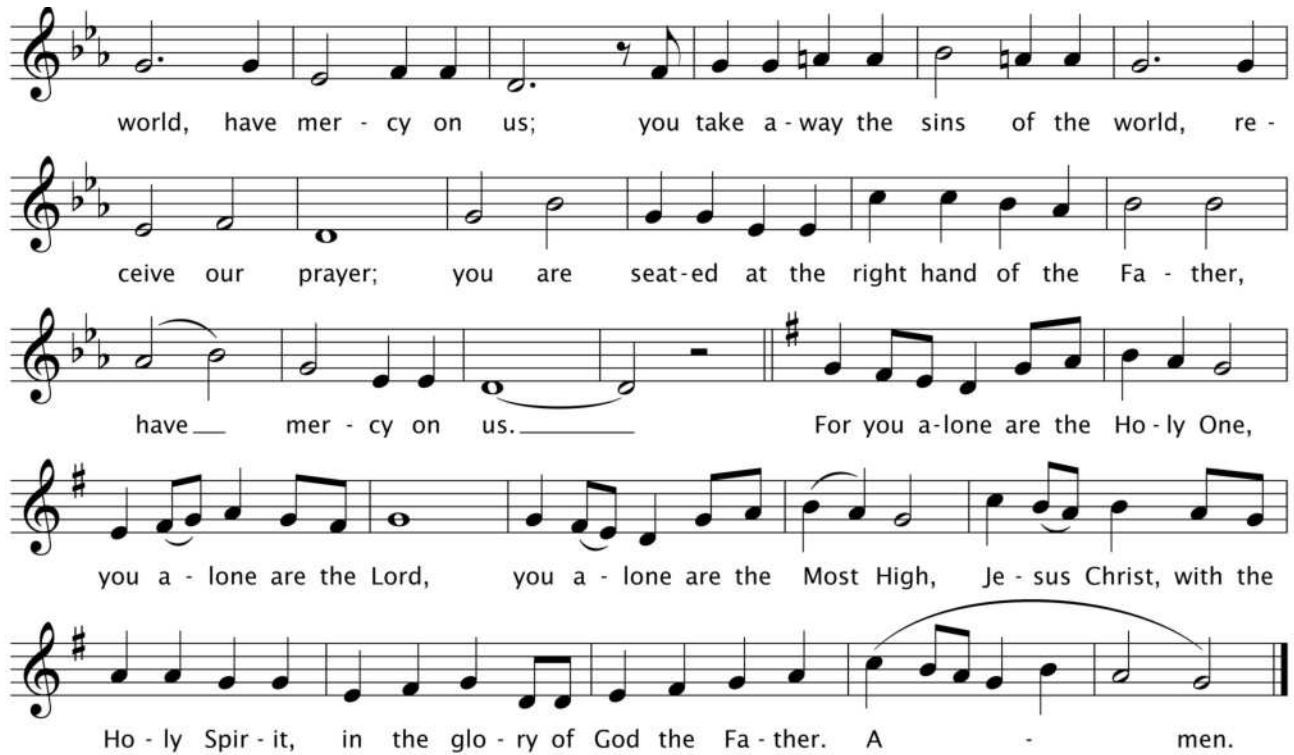
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GLORIA

A NEW MASS FOR CONGREGATIONS

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will. We
praise — you, we bless — you, we a - dore — you, we glo - ri - fy — you, we
give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the

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world, have mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,
have mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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FIRST READING

In those days, all the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron and said: "Here we are, your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was our king, it was you who led the Israelites out and brought them back. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel and shall be commander of Israel.'"

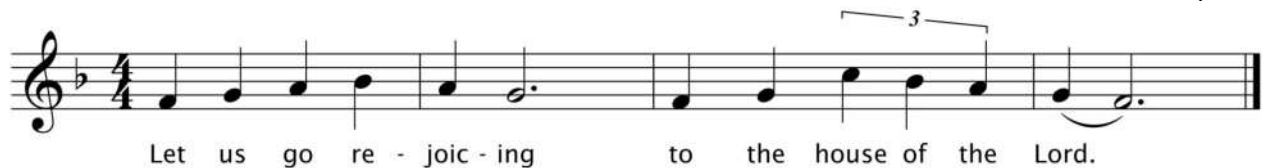
2 SAMUEL 5:1-3

When all the elders of Israel came to David in Hebron, King David made an agreement with them there before the LORD, and they anointed him king of Israel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5



Let us go re - joic - ing to the house of the Lord.

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SECOND READING

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

Brothers and sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light. He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all

things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

GOSPEL

LUKE 23:35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION HYMN

THE KING OF GLORY



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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this — Cup,
we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN

A - men a - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

LAMB OF GOD

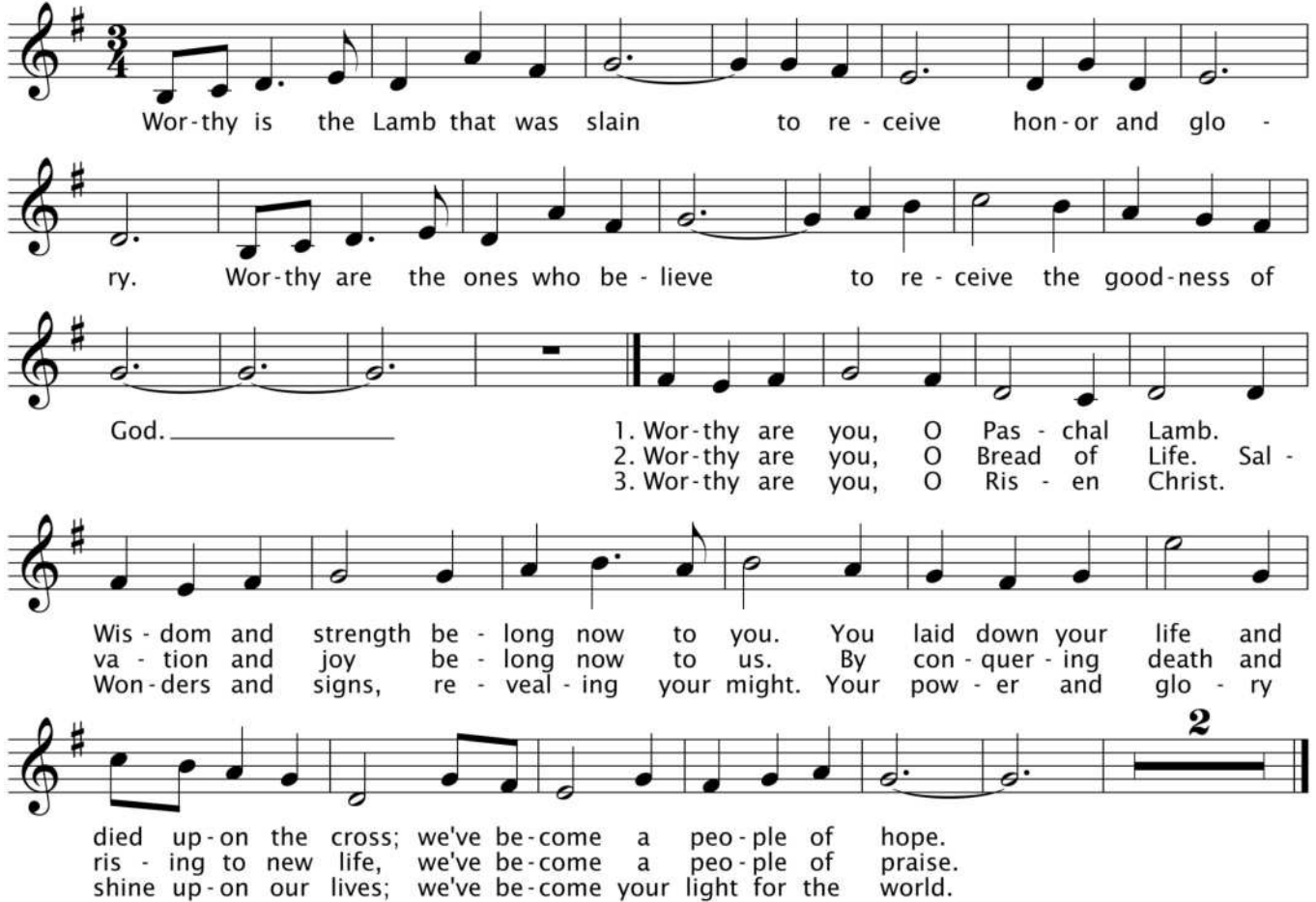
Lamb — of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

WORTHY IS THE LAMB



Wor-thy is the Lamb that was slain to re-ceive hon-or and glo-ry.

Wor-thy are the ones who be-lieve to re-ceive the good-ness of God.

1. Wor-thy are you, O Pas-chal Lamb.
2. Wor-thy are you, O Bread of Life. Sal-
3. Wor-thy are you, O Ris-en Christ.

Wis-dom and strength be-long now to you. You laid down your life and
va-tion and joy be-long now to us. By con-quer-ing death and
Won-ders and signs, re-veal-ing your might. Your pow-er and glo-ry

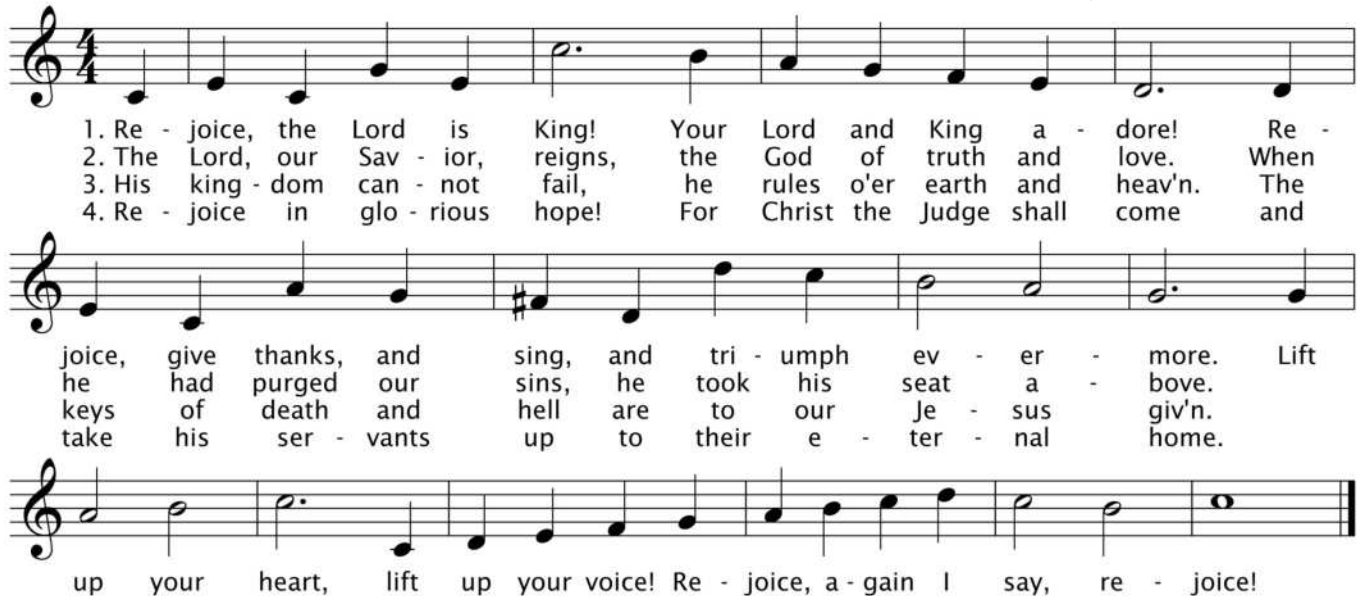
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died up-on the cross; we've be-come a peo-ple of hope.
ris-ing to new life, we've be-come a peo-ple of praise.
shine up-on our lives; we've be-come your light for the world.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING



1. Re-joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore! Re-
2. The Lord, our Sav-ior, reigns, the God of truth and love. When
3. His king-dom can-not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n. The
4. Re-joice in glo-rious hope! For Christ the Judge shall come and

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more. Lift
he had purged our sins, he took his seat a-bove. When
keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus giv'n. When
take his ser-vants up to their e-ter-nal home.

up your heart, lift up your voice! Re-joice, a-gain I say, re-joice!

Text: Charles Wesley. Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall.

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GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Today, as we end our liturgical year, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. Today's Gospel begins with Jesus hanging on the cross, condemned for crimes He didn't commit, and being jeered at and ridiculed.

When one criminal challenges Jesus to prove He is the Christ by saving them and Himself, the other criminal, who we call "The Good Thief", looks at the bloody and beaten Jesus and knows in his heart that Jesus truly is the Christ, the long awaited Messiah. He rebukes the first criminal, admitting that they are receiving just punishment for their sins while Jesus is innocent of any wrongdoing.

The Good Thief then turns to Jesus and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." In that one sentence, he both proclaims Jesus as King and boldly asks for mercy. Jesus responds with mercy: "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

In a 2019 homily on Christ the King Sunday, Pope Francis preached, "The attitude of the good thief ... makes the horror and injustice of Calvary ... become a message of hope for all humanity." When we make Jesus the King of our lives, and live that hope, something similar happens: our suffering, confusion, and ordinary struggles begin to take on new meaning. Everything is re-ordered, rightly ordered, toward praise, service, and holiness.

But Jesus is a confounding King. He reigns not from a jeweled throne, but from the wood of the Cross. His crown is made of thorns, His royal decree is mercy and forgiveness, and His victory is won through self-giving love. Those at Calvary expected power; instead they witnessed mercy. They expected domination; instead Jesus offered salvation. They expected a rescue; instead He remained with us in our suffering.

If this is the kind of King Jesus is, then following Him changes how we live. To let Jesus be King is to let His way become our way. It means choosing service over status, compassion over convenience, and holiness over self-promotion. It means embracing our suffering and uniting it with His suffering on the cross, and measuring our days not by what we accomplish, but by how well we love.

As we close this liturgical year, perhaps this feast invites each of us to ask: If Jesus is truly King of my life, what needs to change? Where can His mercy shape my reactions? Where can His humility soften my pride? Where can His generosity guide my choices?

Christ the King is not a distant ruler. He is the King who serves, the King who forgives, the King who remembers us. And when we choose to live under His reign, we become signs of His Kingdom in a world longing for hope.




Diane Kooser
Formation

OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, December 21st, at 7:00 p.m., Charleroi Site

Through spoken word, role play, and song, students from Kindergarten to 12th grade will narrate the story of our Savior's birth. Everyone is invited to join us as our youth share the most beautiful story ever told.



TEMPORALITIES & STEWARDSHIP

A Season of Gratitude

As we step into Thanksgiving week, it is fitting to pause and reflect on the many blessings God has bestowed upon our parish family. Gratitude is not only a virtue—it is a way of seeing how Christ is alive among us.

This year, we rejoice in the growth of our parish community. Mass attendance has risen by an average of 70 more people each week compared to last year. We give thanks for those who are here every week, those returning to the pews and for those discovering the joy of worship for the first time. Our OCIA program welcomed 21 new members into the Church earlier this year, and we already look forward to 15 more joining us at Easter.

We are deeply grateful for the expansion of our food bank ministry, which now serves over 1,100 people (and >1,000 pets) each month. This outreach is possible only through the generosity of donors, the selfless service of volunteers, and the strength of our partnerships with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, 412 Food Rescue, Hunters Share the Harvest, Catholic Charities, and the Washington Area Humane Society. Together, we embody Christ's call to feed the hungry and in need.

We give thanks for the revitalization of our parish Formation Center, once St. Jerome School, which now hums with activity nearly every day of the week. We are especially grateful for the partnerships we have developed with the Literacy Council of Southwestern PA and Intermediate Unit 1, which allow us to extend the reach of education, formation, and community support in meaningful ways.

We are also blessed by the financial relief brought through the sale of the former St. Anthony's properties, enabling us to focus more fully on mission and ministry. At the same time, we are both grateful and hopeful for the grant proposals we have been awarded or are anticipating, the employee retention credit funds we finally received this year, and the lifeblood fundraisers that sustain us. From festivals and fish fries to pop-up bakeries, spaghetti dinners, and our games of chance—these labors of love not only bring joy to our community but also help pay the bills and keep our parish thriving.

We are especially grateful for the arrival of Fr. Pat Barkey, whose presence and pastoral care strengthen our parish as we face the future with hope. Above all, we give thanks for you—the faithful people of St. Andrew the Apostle. Your generosity, your service, and your embrace of the “people’s parish” vision make our ministries flourish and our faith shine. Because of you, we are able to keep dozens of meaningful ministries afloat, and many of you have stepped into more permanent volunteer roles that make such a difference in sustaining the life of our parish.

This Thanksgiving, let us remember that gratitude is not only about counting blessings—it is about deepening our relationship with Christ, who is the source of all good gifts. May our hearts be filled with thanksgiving, and may our lives reflect His love.



Joe Caruso
Business Manager



THANKSGIVING HELP NEEDED

As we prepare to share a delicious Thanksgiving meal with our community, we could use a little extra help and a few key items!

Things we need:

- Hawaiian buns
- Pumpkin pies
- Potatoes
- Milk
- Turkeys
- Green beans
- Bags of stuffing
- Turkey broth
- Bags
- Take-out boxes



Ways to help:

- Peel potatoes
- Bag up buns
- Cut pies
- Debone turkeys (day before Thanksgiving)
- Deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day

We also need monetary donations to help purchase remaining items and supplies.

You can donate via:

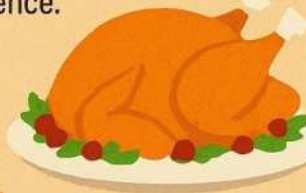
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- Zelle
- Cash App

In person at church

Questions? Contact
Michele Vidnjvich at

(724) 777-8890

Every helping hand
and every dollar makes
a difference.



Immaculate Conception Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8th
Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM Donora

8:50 AM School Mass,
Monongahela
(parishioners welcome)

12:00 PM Charleroi

7:00 PM Monongahela



ADVENT REFLECTION

Join Mark, our seminarian, for an evening reflection on preparing our hearts to meet our savior at Christmas.

Thursday, December 4th at 7pm
Charleroi Formation Center



Chosen Series Watch Party

Starting October 21

6 p.m. | Formation Center in Charleroi



Then, join us on the
third Tuesday of
each month:

- November 18
- December 16
- January 20

To confirm your
attendance, please
call Helen Bednarczyk
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Saturday, December 6, 2025

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Marian Hall

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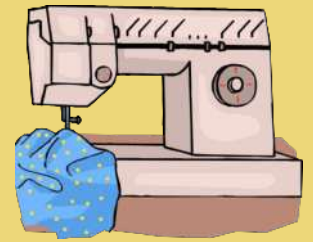
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ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This Solemnity focuses on Jesus' unique kingship, which is defined not by earthly power, but by love, sacrifice, and truth. It contrasts his reign from the cross with earthly rulers and emphasizes that His kingdom is one of justice, love, and peace that is not of this world. To follow Christ the King means to make Him Lord of one's life and to bear witness to His truth through acts of love and mercy.

Jesus is a king who reigns from the cross, not a throne, with a crown of thorns instead of jewels. He is the "faithful witness" to the truth, coming to serve, not to be served, and to offer his own life, not shed the blood of others. His kingdom is one of love, truth, and mercy: His power is one of love, which transforms sin, death, and fear into grace, resurrection, and trust. His reign is a kingdom of justice, love, and peace, and it is built by those who listen to his voice and act with truth and mercy. Making Jesus the King of our life means more than just believing He is the King of the universe; it means accepting His way of being king and letting His love rule every aspect of our life, from our relationships to our actions.



Deacon Frank Bursic

The feast of Christ the King is the culmination of the liturgical year, a reminder that we are called to serve the noblest cause of all, which is the kingdom of God. This is a choice to serve the noblest cause, a contrast to serving lesser masters like material wealth, earthly goods, career advancement, or pleasure. We are challenged to make a new act of faith and choose to listen to Jesus, accepting him as our King and letting the truth of His message set us free.

All our readings, from Daniel, Revelation, and the Gospel of John, highlight that His kingdom is not of this world and that He reigns through sacrifice and love, not domination. The "good" thief on the cross is a powerful example of accepting Jesus' kingship in the face of suffering and powerlessness. The thief acknowledged Jesus as King when he had nothing and asked, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom".

So, think about this for a moment, are you making Christ the King the center of your life. Are you making decisions based on love and mercy, or on power and control? Today, we are all called to be on fire for Christ and accept Jesus as our King and to proclaim his kingdom through our words and deeds, embracing the values of love, justice, and peace. Today, take time to bring Christ fully into your life and pray for the intercession of His Mother, Mary, to help you accept His love and call for you.

This week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. Take time with family and friends to thank God for all He had done for you and pray that you will be able to turn all your time, talents and treasure over to Him for His greater glory. Go out and be on fire for Christ, serving others and proclaiming that you are a Child of God! God Bless. May God's many blessings be upon you and your family. I'll see you at His table.



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FAITH FORMATION

Understanding the Feast of Christ the King can be challenging, especially since most of us don't have personal experience with kings or royalty. But we do understand that a king rules over a kingdom and that people show their loyalty and respect to their king. Jesus is a King unlike any other His kingdom is not limited by place or time. He shows His kingship not through power or wealth, but through love and sacrifice, especially in His death on the Cross, where He offered salvation to everyone.

As a family, think about stories you've read or movies you've watched that include kings or queens. Talk about what makes someone a good ruler. Then, discuss what it means to be one of their loyal followers.

Explain to your children that this Sunday is the final Sunday of the Church Year, when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Read together Luke 23:35-43 and talk about how people in the story respond to Jesus on the Cross. Ask:

- Who recognizes Jesus as King? (the repentant thief)
- What does Jesus promise him? ("You will be with me in paradise.")

Finally, talk about ways your family can show that Christ is your King through kindness, forgiveness, prayer, and love for others.



Kathy Miller
Director of Faith Formation

Faith Formation

Nov 23rd – Family Catechesis 9 am Mass* & family activities in Marian Hall

Nov 30th – NO FAITH FORMATION – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*Children's Choir 11am Mass
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MAN UP

This ministry is intended to bring men together in the spirit of fellowship and spiritual growth. MAN UP is a vehicle for men to discuss, learn and deal with issues, concerns, and topics that all men struggle with and to bring the Holy Spirit into that setting to guide and strengthen them. MAN UP meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7pm. All are welcome. If you're new and to find out where to meet, please call Dave at (703) 473-6447.

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Music Ministry Schedule		
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November 29	Parish Choir	4pm Donora
November 30	Folk Group	9am Charleroi
November 30	Children's Choir	11am Mon City
December 7	Sam Meek (violinist)	8:30am Donora
December 14	Parish Choir	11am Mon City

TEMP. MASS SCHEDULE

Please be advised of the new weekend Mass Schedule that will begin the weekend of January 17/18, 2026.

SATURDAY VIGIL

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GROWING TOGETHER IN HOPE

A word from Fr. Pat on the forthcoming weekend mass schedule change.

In the upcoming month of January and following, our parish will look at how we worship as a parish family. It will be a time of discovery, unity, compassion and identifying the needs of the parish. Yes, we will be looking at the change to the Parish Liturgical Mass schedule and how the parish as a whole can prioritize its resources and mindsets.

Over the years of Service in priestly ministry I, also, have had to look at myself, in light of the particular parish I had been assigned to, and prioritize what I needed to do as a priest of God's Church. I had to align my own personal wants and desires to what was needed for the Diocese, the parish, and the people of God.

The need to evaluate my personal wants and desires, the need to adjust ministry for the sake of the parish, and the need to adjust minute things for the welfare of my flock, was present when I came some five or six years ago to St. Andrew the Apostle parish, even before it was called St. Andrew. Back then we were known as "Grouping 326" by the Diocese. I was scared to come "home." I didn't know how the Holy Spirit would lead me. I had been a priest for many years; I had been assigned to many parishes within the Diocese. None of them made me shiver as much as it did when I was told I was coming here. Why? There were many people that I remembered growing up going to church with at St. Anthony. I didn't need to introduce myself; they already knew who I was.

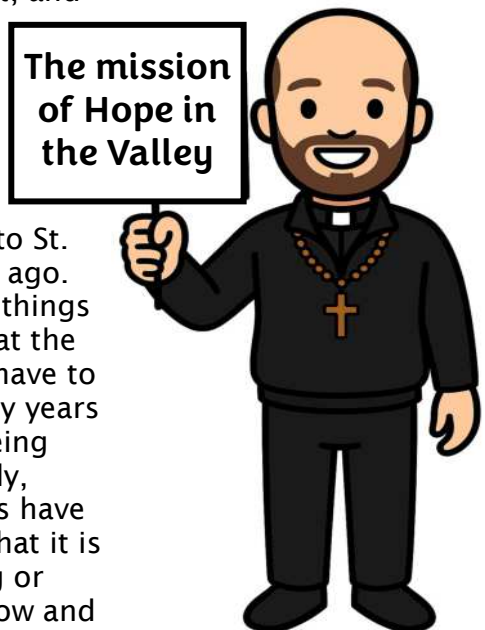
Yes, I was afraid. Very much so. I was afraid of how people would perceive me and whether they would recognize my authority as one of their new pastors. Would they see an adult, or would they see a teenager from the past? I did not need to worry. The Holy Spirit soothed my fears and helped me through my anxieties and worries. In ways that I had come to rely on in the past, God helped me be His priest for the needs of the Community. We prayed together, we laughed together, we enjoyed each other's company. The parish went through the difficult process of becoming a new identity within the Valley. We went from "Grouping 326" to "St. Andrew the Apostle Parish."

Looking back at that time, there were many bumps and bruises along the way. There were a lot of emotions and skirmishes. Growth as a new parish was NOT easy. COVID stunted our growth. I remember with sadness celebrating Mass with only me, the organist, and the videographer. No people singing, no people saying "hello", no congregation full of the Presence of God. In all of my years of priesthood, I had never felt so useless as I did at that time. Without the parishioners worshipping with me, it didn't seem like Church. Slowly and surely, we went forward. I was so glad when the restrictions were lifted.

This brings us to today. When the Diocese asked me to come back to St. Andrew, I was once again a little hesitant. I was here only five years ago. When I did come back, although some things were the same, many things were not. The parish had grown in its identity. So I am confident that the Holy Spirit is doing His thing. We have another hurdle to jump. We have to look at the Mass schedule and the need to adjust. Like I did so many years ago, we have to go beyond our fears and hesitations. Instead of seeing what WAS, we have to see what IS. The Mass schedule (and, probably, other things as well) needs to be looked at. Time tells us that things have changed. Looking at ourselves, we have to see what we have and what it is like when it is taken away, like Mass during COVID. Instead of living or basing one's life on what was before, how can St. Andrew Parish grow and blossom into one of God's greatest creations? I would like us to think about how a thought like "I don't want to change MY Mass" to a changing thought "How can I allow the Holy Spirit change me into who I am meant to be." We can develop beyond adolescence with its fears about the past and grow together in hope.



Fr. Pat Barkey
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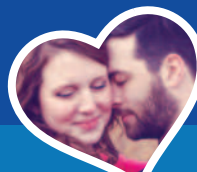
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