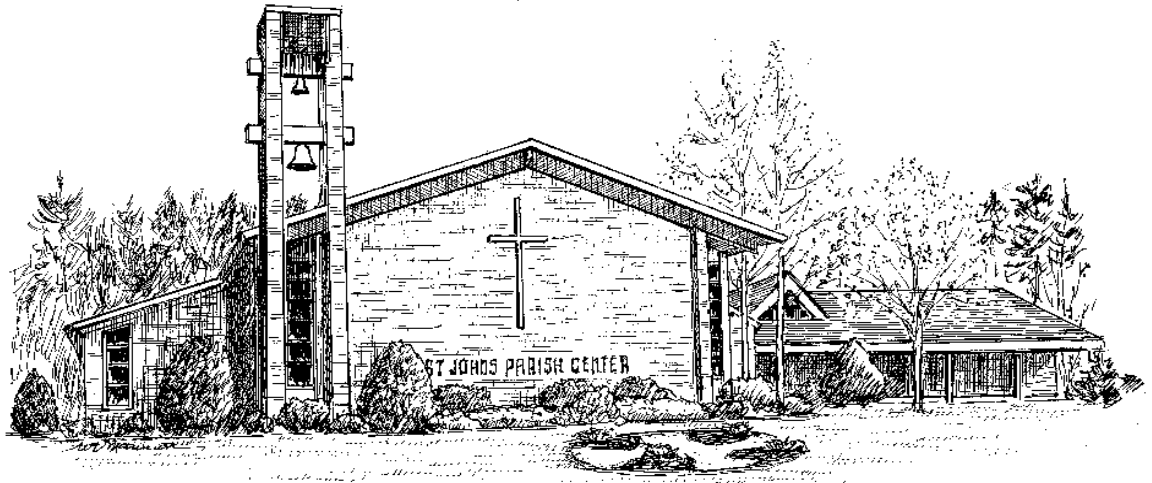




WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?

Ancient Israel understood God to be the only "King" that they needed. As time went on, human envy and insecurity crept in, and they wanted a king like their neighbors, an earthly king who would lead them to greatness. God's people came to depend upon and find their strength in frail humanity rather than their faithful Creator. When that failed, they hoped for a human Messiah King to give them back that fragile sense of security. We can understand, perhaps, their confusion upon encountering the powerfully gentle and gloriously humble Jesus.

Are you aware that today's joyous feast is not even one hundred years old? In his 1925 encyclical *Quam Primas*, Pius XI established the feast of Christ the King. Remember what the world was like in those days—the rise of nationalism and secularism in Europe and un-Godly false prophets, leading inexorably to the Passion of the Holocaust and wide-ranging martyrdoms. No wonder the pope was anxious to show the world a true King! Saint Luke today goes straight to the heart of kingship, of a king's devotion to his beloved people. In this topsy-turvy kingdom, we see not a king decked in power and glory, but the crucified "King of the Jews" who robes himself in the suffering of a sad and lonely world. His forgiveness and heart-breaking love throughout his passion is a hard act for humans to follow, and yet Jesus gives us his life and death as a model. And then he tells us that, along with the "good criminal," we will be with him "in Paradise." What more could we ever ask?

It is fitting that Pius' encyclical ties this royal feast to the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This King who gave his heart to humanity in the sacrificial love feast of Good Friday gives his heart every day to a broken world still trying to figure out who he is.

Today's Readings: 2 Sam 5:1–3; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5; Col 1:12–20; Lk 23:35–43

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11/24/2019

Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

St. John's Church

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5:00pm Woodstock
Sunday 8:00am Centerville and
11:15am Woodstock

Weekday Mass

Monday and Wednesday at 9:00am Woodstock
Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am Centerville

Eve of Holy Days

5:00pm Vigil Mass at Centerville

Holy Day Mass

9:00am and 7:30pm at Woodstock
10am at Centerville

Penance 4-4:30pm Saturdays at Woodstock

St. Augustine's Chapel

Weekend Mass

Sunday 9:45am

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St. John's Parish Hall—Grades 1-9

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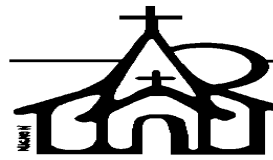
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Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 24, 2019

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."

—Psalm 122:1



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OF KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of Paradise.

Blessings,
Fr. Thomas Kiely

Today's second collection is for Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Providing Help & Creating Hope for New Yorkers in Need Through Supporting Parishes and Community-based groups. The Campaign for Charity and Justice is an initiative to revitalize and increase Catholic Charities support for the charitable and justice work of parishes and community groups. This Campaign transforms and replaces in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York, the annual CCHD collection on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, (November 24, 2019). The funds raised through this collection will support parish and community-based projects through grants that meet local needs, particularly those of our poor and vulnerable neighbors. www.catholiccharitiesny.org



THANKSGIVING

Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.

—Henry Van Dyke

Please join us for Thanksgiving Mass is on Thursday, November 28th at 10AM at at St. John's Church.

Thank you to all the bakers and artist who came out to help make 1000 cookies and decorate all the placemats!

All the fresh homemade chocolate chip cookies and paper placemats will be added to our Thanksgiving Food Baskets!



Our Thanksgiving Food Baskets will be assembled on Sunday, Nov. 24th after 11:15am Mass in St. John's Parish Hall. We hope you can help us with this very rewarding event!

Thank you from the Holiday Basket Committee



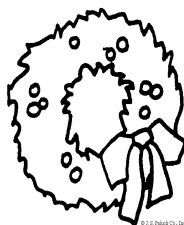
Orders for Christmas Wreaths, Kissing Balls, and Poinsettias will be collected after Masses on Nov. 16/17 and 23/24. This weekend, order forms will be stuffed in the bulletins and available in St. John's and St.

Augustine's lobby. As in the past, payment is due at time of order.

Delivery will be on the weekend of December 7/8, at St. John's, after 11:15am Mass. 100% of money raised from this fundraiser goes toward the Christmas Food Baskets!

Thank you for your support!!

Blessings from your Holiday Basket Committee



The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Then he said,
"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
Jesus replied to him, "Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." Lk 23:42-43

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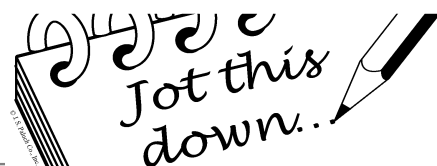


St. John's Religious Ed children are partnering with The Table at Woodstock to collect Gifts of Warmth for their guests!

We are collecting gloves, scarves, winter hats, and NEW socks. We will also add coats to this drive and items of dignity.

All donations can be brought to St. John's lobby and St. Augustine's lobby.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!!



Notice from our Religious Ed Department!

This is regarding Our Safe Environment for our Religious Education Students! On Tuesdays during the school year when Religious Ed is in session, all doors must remain locked.

Please use the FRONT DOOR ONLY—Even if you have a key. A monitor will be stationed there to greet you on Tuesday's from the hours of 3-9pm.

UNBOUND

Fr. JOHN D. KIRWIN and the staff of UNBOUND



are grateful to the parishioners and staff of St. John Church, Woodstock and St. John the Evangelist, Saugerties, for their warm and hospitable welcome to UNBOUND.

As a result of that welcome 24 of our children and elderly were sponsored. It is our hope and prayer that this will be a grace and blessing for all involved.

Thank you so much

BEYOND ST. JOHN'S

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by The Christ Lutheran Church on Monday, Nov. 25, 7pm located at 26 Mill Hill Rd., Woodstock. **All are welcome!**



Make A Christmas Miracle

Ulster County has earned the dubious distinction of being the county with the most opioid overdose deaths in NYS. Since 2016, a Saugerties based grassroots organization has been leading the way on a counter assault on this epidemic. Hope Rocks Christmas is one of the many events organized by the Hope Rocks team and this year, 2015 Grammy Winner Mike Farris, will be the featured performer. Farris will be sharing his addiction and recovery story through his music and personal testimony in a most powerful and intimate way. Individuals in recovery from around the region will be invited to this exclusive event to witness this in a unique and inspiring atmosphere. Your ticket to this event could allow for up to 20 individuals who are in the grips of despair find support and hope during a time that is particularly dark. Be a donor or sponsor of this event while seeing first-hand hope in action. Help to make Hope Rock! For more info, visit www.hoperocksny.com or contact info@hoperocksny.com

Come Chase Your Blues Away!

Friday, December 22 at 7PM at the Woodstock Harley-Davidson on Route 28.



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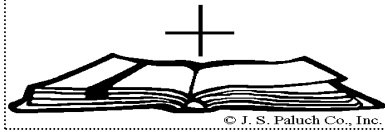
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Carl
Suzi
Pam
Eric H.

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Morgan F.

Added in November

Andrew
Jonathan
Michael
Dee and Family
Karen & Charles
Kay
Cindy Weeks
Levi Decker
The Ellsworth Family
Neuza
Mike
Debbie P.
Alison Burke

Mass Intentions



Date	Time	Mass is offered for	At the request of
11/23	5:00pm	Mary Rustin	Rosemary & Tim Cyr
11/24	9:45am	Luisa Tinti	The Family
	11:15am	Cecelia Grippio	The Curran Family
11/25	9:00am	Angelo Giordani	
11/27	9:00am	Joseph Reilly	Pins and Needles
11/28	10:00am	John, Regina, Robert, Charlotte & Norman Smith	Kathleen & Richard Fazzone
11/30	5:00pm	Luisa Tinti	The Family
12/1	9:45am	Edmund Keenan	The Burchfield Family
12/1	11:15am	Lauren Brennan	Monica & Billy



Our Military, especially for
James Mault, Johnathan Schwab and
Danny Brennan (Navy), Justine
Lamoreux, Dartagnan Vanacore
Repose of the Soul

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

11/18/18 Gifts \$6,445.62

11/17/19 Gifts \$3,482.00

**The Cardinal's Annual
Stewardship Appeal 2019 Goal—\$30,000.00**

of Pledged Gifts—60 Pledged \$32,140.00

Paid— \$31,830.00 Average Gift \$536.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACT PERSONS

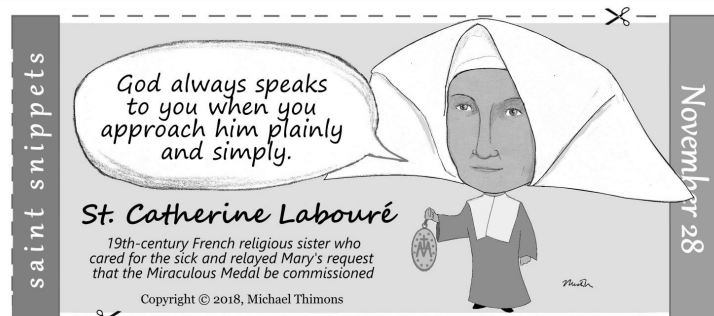
Altar Servers	Fr. Kiely, 679-7696
Altar Society	Christine Molinelli, 679-5332
Baptismal Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205 and Bernadette Poremba, 679-7643
Beautification	
Church	Brian and Joan Hagedorn, 679-7622
Grotto and Outdoor Stations	Bob and Lori Biamonte, 679-2239
Bereavement Committee	Francine Carmody 679-7205 and Gail Russo 657-8068
Bulletin	Jeanine Meisler, 853-3042
Chapel	Becki Shultis, 616-3426
Eucharist Ministers/Lectors	Bob Dietrich, 657-8556
Food Pantry	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Holiday Food Baskets	Diane & Vince Christofora
Holiday Food Baskets Fundraising	Ann Gregory
Liturgy Committee	Sue Curran, 679-8617
Maintenance Committee	David Sudlik, 845-332-9037
Music Group Church	Dave Christj, 430-8040
Music Group Chapel	Becki Shultis, 616-3426
Parish Council	Jennie Konior 336-8059
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Pins and Needles	Pat Lindtveit, 338- 1720 Helen DeVoe, 679-5947
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Soup Kitchen	Barbara Runz 845-657-4022
Tree of Life	Dolores Hagedorn 845-679-7607
Ushers	Guy Oddo, 338-0624
Wedding Committee	Alice Haberski, 679-6791 Sandi Armstrong, 612-599-4112

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28 <u>Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:</u> Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Sunday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	Thirty-fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time; St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	St. Andrew



Come To Our
Cookie Walk

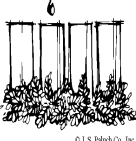
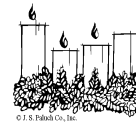
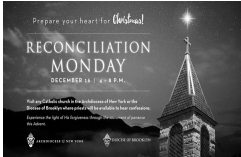
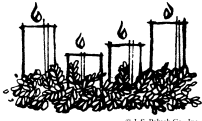
December 14th and 15th
After the 5 PM and
11:15 Masses

**We are raising money for
our fuel bill which is
extremely high.**

If you would like to
bake cookies for the
walk, please contact
Kate Berryan at
845-217-7183 or
berryjoy68@gmail.com



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1st Sunday of Advent  © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.	2 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	3 8am-2pm Kitchen in use Rel Ed 4-5:30pm Elem. 7-8:30pm grades 7,8,9	4 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	5 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	6	7 Pick up Wreaths, Kissing Balls & Poinsettias after Mass
8 2nd Sunday of Advent  Pick up Wreaths, Kissing Balls & Poinsettias after Mass Worldwide Candle Light- ing Memorial Srv. at 7pm	9 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	10 8am-2pm Kitchen in use Rel Ed 4-5:30pm Elem. 7-8:30pm grades 7,8,9	11 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	12 8am- 5pm Kit- chen in use 7pm Parish Council	13	14  Christmas Cookie Walk after 5pm Mass
15 3rd Sunday of Advent   Christmas Cookie Walk after 11:15am Mass	16 8am-5pm Kitchen in use  Confessions in the church from 4-8pm	17 8am-2pm Kitchen in use Rel Ed 4-5:30pm Elem. 7-8:30pm grades 7,8,9	18 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	19	20	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent  © J.S. Paluch Co., Inc.	23 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	24 NO REL. ED. Christmas Eve Mass Schedule 4pm—Family Mass 8pm—(Our “midnight” Mass)	25  10am Mass at St. John’s	26	27	28
29	30 8am-5pm Kitchen in use	31 NO REL. ED	Jan. 1st 10am Mass Holy day			



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

*Anne Abrams 12/20 *Heather Albright 12/5 *Dwayne Albright 12/13 *Daniel Aliberte 12/7 *Annabelle Amato 12/8 *Kelsie Beckerman 12/13 *Steven Beckerman 12/18 *Kieran Bell 12/17 *Linda Blossom 12/9 *Caroline Blundell 12/29 *Brendan Boughton 12/27 *Robert Carelli 12/18 *Eric Carmody 12/31 *Jonathan Connolly 12/21 *Mary Ellen Corio 12/17 *David Cox 12/12 *Louise Crispell 12/2 *Marcel D'Aprile 12/27 *Maria Delvino 12/04 *Delia Desalle 12/12 *John Dittus 12/4 * 12/3 *Andrew Friedel 12/30 *Dean Giuliano 12/11 *Regina Giuliano 12/11 *Jody Grabowski 12/10 *Nicholas Hakim 12/27 *Dorothy Horton 12/17 *Sally Hrbek 12/27 *Liam Jordan 12/3 *Robert L. Klein 12/6 *Brian Lane 12/12 *Julie Leon 12/9 *Andrew Loheac 12/31 *Eva Lopez 12/7 *Marie Louis-Charles 12/25 *Richard Mantey, Sr. 12/26 *Eve Martindale 12/21 *Edward McKenna III 12/16 *Linda Metcalf 12/20 *Mary Mistler 12/8 *Alexandrea Mobijohn 12/8 *Erika Moniz 12/3 *Kaitlyn Murphy 12/18 *Patrick Murphy 12/4 *Raymond Nichols 12/3 *Steven Nutzul 12/24 *Hunter Panek 12/28 *Annie Patrick 12/11 *Stephen Patschke 12/25 *Marisa Perez-Rogers 12/7 *Irene Powers 12/18 *Barbara Quick 12/15 *Douglas Renaud 12/25 *Matthew Rice 12/10 *Linda Rose 12/28 *Kathleen Ruiz 12/17 *Daniel Sayut 12/17 *Andrew Schwab 12/8 *Abimael Sequinot 12/21 *Chelsea Shultis 12/23 *Florence Shultis 12/28 *Suzanne Sliwa 12/22 *Julia Strauss 12/10 *Andrew Thomas 12/14 *Kylie Tierney 12/12 *Christina Tinti 12/27 *Warren Vanbaaren 12/7 *Natalie Varallo 12/25 *Jamie Waldron 12/3 *Robert Waldron 12/10 *Roseann Walker 12/4 *Christopher Zimmer 12/22

HAPPY DECEMBER ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Corio 12/28
Mr. & Mrs. David Foster 12/26
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Pesce 12/24
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Van Baaren 12/9
Mr. & Mrs. John Wolfersteig 12/28
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Zimmer 12/12