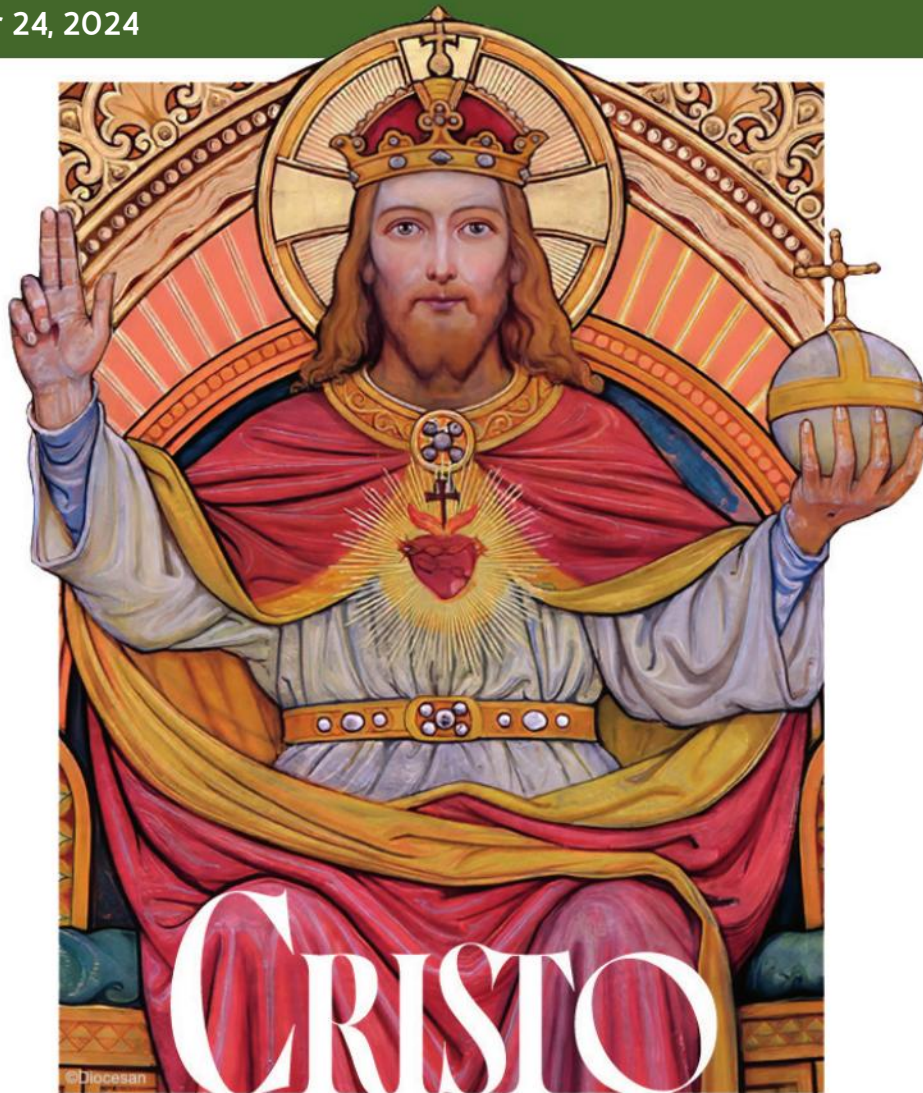




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Sunday, November 24, 2024 Christ the King



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# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, Nov. 24

**5pm Vigil:** Mary Ann Cardelli  
**6am:** Parishioners  
**7:30am:** Josie & Julian Girafalco  
**9am:** Dylan Manning  
**10:30am:** Robert Murphy  
**12pm:** Jean Loeper  
**4pm:** James Pinto

## Monday, Nov. 25

7am: Harry Valentino  
9am: Aidan Kelly

## Tuesday, Nov. 26

7am: Aidan Kelly  
9am: Dominic Binh Tran

## Wednesday, Nov. 27

7am: Franklin DiSantis  
9am: Michael Emig

## Thursday, Nov. 28

9:30am: Don Lichok

## Friday, Nov. 29

7am: Aidan Kelly  
9am: Floyd D'Ginto

## Saturday, Nov. 30

8am: Andrew Taraschi

## Next Week: Sunday, Dec. 1

**5pm Vigil:** Garrett Vincent Fasano  
**6am:** Parishioners  
**7:30am:** Dominic Binh Tran  
**9am:** Sadie Keane  
**10:30am: Memorial Society:**  
Joseph & Marie Gasper,  
Phyllis Suleski, Marie L. Scotese,  
Charles Ricker, Diane Schroeter,  
Patricia Markos, Joseph & Mary Jamack,  
Edith Delio, Darren DiMidio, Dean Leahy  
**12pm:** Aidan William Primanti  
**4pm:** Josephine Kufta

## Sacraments & Devotions

### Baptism

First-time parents are asked to please attend Pre-Jordan. Baptism scheduling and Pre-Jordan class information can be found on the parish website.

### Matrimony

Engaged couples are asked to meet with their parish priest as soon as possible to enroll in a marriage-prep program at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 330PM-430PM &  
Wednesdays: 630AM, 830AM, 630PM

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office.

## Prayer List

*Every three months we will remove names from the military and sick list to ensure the list remains up-to-date. Please call the parish office to add intentions.*

### For those that are serving our country:

Brandon W. A'Hara, GySgt Steve & GySgt Shaina Anderson, Petty Officer Katesiree Cannon Bosen, Lt. Mitch Byers, Caytie Castells, Francesca Chindemi, Specialist, Major Joseph S. DiBerardinis, CPL Daniel A. DiLuigi, Ensign Jude DiMedio, USN, Airman First Class, James G. DiSantis, Cpt Mark Edwards, ROTC, Sargent Ian Fay, James Heisler, LTJG Nathan J. Horton, USN, USN Victoria Jones, SFC Peter Karol, Peter Kurtz, Lt. Col. Paul Lang, Krzysztof Malarz, Col. J. Kevin McKittrick, Capt. Andrew C. Oddo, Pvt. Vincent Romano, 1st Lt. Eric F. Satterthwaite, Pvt. 1st Class Matthew Scalia, Cmdr. Christopher Schwarz, Jr., SaR. Max Spatola, LT Sean Sweeney and Aaron Thieroff, and Sgt. Stephen Yori

### For those who are sick:

Lidia Arasin, Joseph Bilder, Kevin Bilder, Deb Blazejewski, Baby Botero, Dennis Brehany, Ashlyn Brown, Donn Cabott, Sandy Cabott, Terry Campbell, Maureen Collins, Mary Conners, Tim Connor, Lanai Costanzo, Ryan Coombs, Patricia Cudahy, Mary Ellen Curran, Helen Cupo, Gerry Daney, Kari D'Amore, Baby Kai D'Amore, Dante Danilshenko, Joan Dawson, Lisa Dawson, Richard Deblasio, Patricia Derelanko, Lori D'Ginto, Robin DiMattei, Lauren Elliot, Jack Falkner, Conner Farnum, Joe Fasano, Nicole Ferst, Michelle Ford, Jeff Ford, Trudi Gauss, Jane Gill, Jim Guiseppe, Carol Gray, John G. Haney, Barbara Hartmann, Gary Henderson, Tom Ippolito, Jimmy Kane, Frank Keane, Matthew Keenan, Rose Kuchar, Elizabeth Leisse, Mark Lisney, Jack and Maryann Logan, Deb Lojewski, Patricia Melcher, Jim Mento, Rich Miller, Sean Moore, Winnie Mullen, Michelle Murdaugh, Jennifer Murphy, Robert Nagy, Katie Nejman, Angie Pisano, Nancy Paquet, Dave Parker, Brenda Pezone, Larry Polinsky, Lucy Poole, Elizabeth Poole, Jeanette Randall, Dave Robey, John Rogelstad, Leila Ruedy, Alexis Shaffer, Stephen, Don Skomsky, Alexis Shaffer, Jaxon Sirhal, Robin Smith, Helen Rechner Short, Diana Simmons, Justin Smith, Don Sundstrom, Noah Thomas, Don and Irene Tuffner, Nancy White, Barbara Wayne and Howard Wright.

## We remember in our prayers those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.



# The Parochial Vicar's Weekly Letter

November 24, 2024

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, which is the conclusion of our liturgical year and that means next week we will begin the Season of Advent! It is amazing to think about the quick transition between these two seasons. One week, we are celebrating Jesus in his glorious victory and his sovereignty over Heaven and Earth, and the very next week we are reminded that he humbled himself to be born as a small child. It is a reminder to us that unlike the power of world and local leaders, who define power by how big and strong we can become, the power of God is found in how small we can become.



What is power? The word power comes from the Latin word *potentia*. It is the root word of the English word "Potential". Potential is the capacity to effect change, so for something to be considered powerful, it has the capacity to effect change in our lives. The dichotomy between how our world operates and the Gospel message is quite clear. To be considered powerful by the world's standard is to be as strong as you possibly can. Jesus changes that message and shows that true strength comes from the lowliness of humility and small/personal encounters. Jesus was born as a small child in a small community, he grew up and had a small following of disciples, those disciples went out and brought people to Jesus, and through the small daily interactions with people, Jesus built a church that has withstood the test of time. Jesus is truly the eternal king because no one else has the power to change someone's heart as effectively as He can. He uses the small, vulnerable, and the weak to demonstrate how great his love is. This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I want to extend to all of you and your families my sincerest gratitude for being able to serve you as your priest. I pray that you encounter Jesus through your loved ones and can give praise to God in gratitude because he has given us his very life. Long live Christ the King!

In Christ's Peace,  
Rev. Andrew J. Auletta



## Remember Your Loved Ones at Christmas

Donations are being accepted to help offset the cost of our beautiful Christmas decorations in and around the church. For \$10 per name, your loved ones names will be included in the Christmas bulletin. **If you would like to participate, please send this form to the parish office no later than Friday, Dec. 13th at 9am.**

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## HOPE Transportation Ministry

HOPE is a transportation ministry which provides rides to doctor's appointments, the grocery store, the pharmacy and other necessary errands.

Rides require a minimum of 48 hours notice and can be requested a week in advance. For more information, please contact Debbie Hastings at 610-304-0631.

For the week of Nov. 25  
Diane Sweeney at 484-678-2738  
Janet Schramm at 484-631-8875

For the week of Dec. 2  
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## Annual Thanksgiving Blood Drive

Friday November 29 in St. Joseph School Cafeteria from Noon til 5:00 P.M. Donations by appointment only. Schedule online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (Sponsor Code is St Joes Dtown) or by calling Dana Gryger at 610-269-4613.

## “Keep Christ in Christmas” Car Magnets On Sale

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Keep Christ in Christmas car magnet and Holy Family ornament sale after all the masses in the Narthex on the weekend of November 30/December 1. The magnets are \$5 each for black and white or color, and the ornaments are \$3 each. Cash or check only.



## *A Recipe for Thankfulness*

O God, when I have food, *help me to remember the hungry;*  
When I have work, *help me to remember the jobless;*  
When I have a home,  
*help me to remember those who have no home at all;*  
When I am without pain,  
*help me to remember those who suffer.*

And by remembering, help me to  
*destroy my complacency, bestir my compassion*  
*and be concerned enough to help,*  
by word and deed, those who cry out  
for what we take for granted.

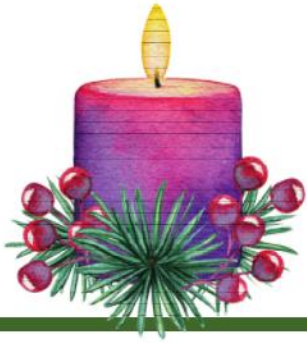
**Amen.**

*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*From St. Joseph Parish*



*Advent*  
**LESSONS  
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*Sun, Dec. 8 at 7pm in Church  
Presented by the Schola Cantorum*



## Join Adult Faith Formation for an Evening of Advent Reflection

Please join us for an evening of Advent Reflection with Father Dave O'Brien on Wednesday, December 11 at 7 PM in the church. Open to all: men, women, families, friends and neighbors.



## Wreaths Across America

With Cub Scout Pack 2 and Boy Scout Troop 2

Saturday, Dec. 14, 2024 | Help honor local heroes. Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this December during National Wreaths Across America day. Wreaths Across America (WAA) needs wreaths, and invited volunteers, family and friends to help with placement of the wreaths.

The Scouts will be attending Paoli Battlefield (11AM) and Indiantown Gap (12pm). Directions and details for these events can be found under "Locations" on the WAA site.

To make a donation, please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/168513/Overview](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/168513/Overview)



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Once again, our parish is helping those most in need this Christmas season. This weekend begins the Giving Tree project. The tree will be in the narthex of the church. The tree will be up for 3 weeks, and all gifts are due back to the church or Parish Office by Wednesday, December 11.

To participate:

- Take a tag from the tree
- Purchase the gift
- Wrap the gift
  - Pay attention if there are instructions to not wrap a specific gift)
- Affix the tag to the wrapped gift
- Return the gift office by Weds, Dec. 11th
  - Presents go under the tree in the church
  - Gift cards and checks should be dropped off at the Parish Office

Thank you to those who have participated in the past. Hopefully you can once again support a family in need. This year there are even more needs, and many requests are for gift cards.

Questions? Contact Nick D'Addezio at 610.308.1757 or 484.770.8777.

**Don't forget, all gifts must be returned to the Church or Parish Office by Wednesday, December 11!**



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## Knights of Columbus: Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

**TOPIC:** What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues?

**WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:** Catholic students in private and public schools between 6th and 12th grade.

**DUE ON OR BEFORE:** November 30, 2024 at 11:59pm (Saturday)

Essay should be between 500-750 words. The essay will be judged on content, grammar, style and how clearly they present the theme through showcasing creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. Three Prizes: 1st prize- \$75 gift card, 2nd prize - \$50 gift card, 3rd prize - \$25 gift card. Winners will be announced by 12/13/24. Send essay to [ijnbosco@gmail.com](mailto:ijnbosco@gmail.com) in PDF or Word Format. Please include full name, school name, grade and best phone number to contact.

## Troop 2 Annual Poinsettia Sale

Troop 2's Christmas Poinsettia Sale is taking place now through Sunday November 30th, 2024.

- Order online at <https://stjoestroop2.square.site/>

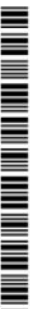
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## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL DOWNTOWN

### Upcoming Open House Times

- Wednesday, December 11th 5:00 - 6:30
- Friday, January 17th 10:00
- Sunday, January 26th 10:00 - 11:30

### In-person Registration on Tuesday, February 11th

- 9:00 - 11:30 for PreK - K,
- 1:00 - 2:00 Grades 1 - 8

### Now Hiring! Long Term Substitute

Saint Joseph School is looking for a long-term substitute teacher for 5th grade. The position starts in February 2025. For more information and to submit your resume, please reach out to Sister Lisa Golden, Principal, at (610) 269-8999 or [sisterlisa@stjosephrc.org](mailto:sisterlisa@stjosephrc.org).



### Open to all students grades 6th through 12th!

Please join us for our Youth Ministry Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th from 4 pm to 8 pm at The Campus in Downingtown. In addition to ice skating, we'll have an ugly sweater contest with prizes for the winners, a spaghetti dinner, gaga ball, crafts, and hot chocolate and cookies for desert. The cost for this event is \$20 per attendee and all parishioners in grades 6th through 12th are invited!

For more information or to RSVP, please visit:

<https://stjosephrc.org/christmas-party>

### For Young Women in High School

Registration is now open for Sisters of Strength: A Catholic Mentoring Program for High School Girls. This is a Walking With Purpose course written specifically for girls in grades 9th through 12th. This course runs for ten weeks on Wednesday afternoons from January 22 through April 9th.

Visit: <https://stjosephrc.org/sisters-of-strength>



### Stewardship Report

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Fiscal Year to Date:

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Weekly Poor Box:

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### Women of Hope Casserole Schedule

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Group 2:

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