

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: 33rd Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
Mark 13:24-32

Next Sun: CHRIST OUR KING

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37



PLEASE KEEP YOUR FOOD DONATIONS COMING! – We hope to collect enough food to assemble 35 food packages for families in our parish who would welcome our assistance. Please consider a donation of the following items: rice, red beans (canned or dried), black beans (canned or dried), Parmalat Milk, canned fruit, canned vegetables. We are also seeking donations of gift cards from either Stop and Shop, Shoprite or Key Food (these are the easiest markets for our families to access). Food items can be left in the vestibule of the Church. Food gift cards can be given to the parish secretary or one of the priests. Thank you for your support!

SELL YOUR HANDIWORK! – On Sunday, November 22nd, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., we will be offering parishioners the opportunity to sell their hand-made goods in the school gymnasium. If you have crocheting, paintings, or jewelry, or other hand-crafted items that you would like to sell, you can reserve a table in the parish office. The donation for each table is \$10.00. For those of us looking for unique gift items, this would be a wonderful event to support.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Thank you for your support!

FREE THANKSGIVING FEAST – Thursday, November 26th – CYO Center – 120 Anderson Avenue – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of New York; Our Lady Help of Christians Parish; Project Hospitality.

RUN FOR THE FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Every year, there is a run on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th. The run starts at the ferry terminal at 5:00 p.m. and concludes at the Church. Mass in Spanish follows at 7:30 p.m. All participants receive a certificate and a medal. If you would like to participate, please register in the parish office.

ADVENT PRAYER with FR. ROSELLI – Fr. Roselli will be offering a weekly Advent Prayer series on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. starting on December 2nd and continuing until December 23rd. Participants can choose to stay for the 12:05 Mass.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday- December 6, 2015 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Monsignor Farrell High School (2900 Amboy Road) – Santa! 80+ Vendors. Raffles. Food. Admission: \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING - Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your servants do give you most humble and sincere thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all your people. We bless you for having created and sustained us, and for showering your many gifts upon us; but above all we bless, praise and thank you for your immeasurable love made powerfully manifest in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, who is, for us, our source of grace, and our hope for glory. And we ask that in your kindness, you give us a true appreciation of your abundant mercy so that our hearts may always be unreservedly thankful for all with which you gift and bless us. May our gratitude, our thanksgiving, find expression not only in our words of praise, but most especially in the works of our lives in which we seek to be true to the life of your beloved Son, our brother and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. It is in his most precious and holy name that we offer this prayer of thanks and it is in him, and through him, and by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we offer all praise and honor to you, God our Almighty Father. *Amen.*

WEEKLY OFFERING: November 8: \$4,900. Thank you for your support of our parish!

Reflection in Preparation for Next Sunday: - "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Once they wear the crown, earthly kings don't have to win the allegiance of their subjects; if you live in the kingdom, you're part of the kingdom and are under the authority of the king. But things are different with Jesus. As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His subjects are not given by default. His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone, regardless of any earthly allegiance, is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice—the teachings, the guidance, the commandments—of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth. Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth. Of course there are many ways to defend the truth in our modern age. Upholding the dignity of life and protecting religious liberty are two examples of the pressing issues of our day. But even more fundamental is the basic claim we make: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, He has saved us from our sins. This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.



Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 15, 2015

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ~Mark 13:31



Weekly Mass Intentions



Saturday November 14

8:00am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones
5:00pm- † Victor Lopez ~Anniversary~
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: daughter, Marta
Offered by: Joe & Nina Lopez

Sunday November 15

8:30am- † Pancrazio LaMorte
10:00am- † Souls of Deceased Relatives
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

By: wife, Rafaella & Family
Offered by: Crescencia Pascua

Monday November 16

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato
12:05pm- † Michael Contardo

Offered by: Joe & Joan Fortunato
Offered by: wife, Theresa

Tuesday November 17

8:00am- ~ Ralph Frulio's Health
12:05pm - † Dominick Negri

Offered by: Frulio Family
Offered by: daughter, Rose

Wednesday November 18

8:00am- † DeSimone Family
12:05pm- † Maria, Frank & Ben Gagliardi

Offered by: Annette Esposito
Offered by: Zappone Family

Thursday November 19

8:00am- † Joseph Fortunato
12:05pm- † Daniel Fode

Offered by: Joan Knighton
Offered by: Emmanuel Fode

Friday November 20

8:00am- † Rosanne O'Brien
12:05pm- † Robert Reuss

By: Linford & Lorna Smith
By: Mary & Libby Guardiani

Saturday November 21

8:00am- ~In Thanksgiving to St. Martin Porres
5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Marta Oliveras
Offered by: Family

Sunday November 22

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Fanny
10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine
11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions
1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Offered by: Family
Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Tabernacle Candle
Memorial Candles
Memorial Candles



Liturgical Minister's Schedule NOVEMBER 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres / Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book)
Substitute: Linda Torres
E. M.: Diane Carbonaro, Theresa Contardo & MaryAnn Ugboode *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Valerie Cappucci (carry Gospel Book) *Substitute.:* Victoria Garay
E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Thelma Washington & Mariana Zukowski *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua



The end is near! Next Sunday we end the liturgical year with the celebration of the Feast of Christ, Our King. Do our lives testify to the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over us?

The Feast of Christ the King is about the sovereignty - the authority - that Jesus should exercise over our lives. Our incorporation into the Body of Christ through baptism only has significance if our lives testify to our desire to submit to his authority; to allow our minds to be shaped by his mind, our speech to be shaped by his speech, our actions to be shaped by his actions.

The mind of Christ - Christ sought the Father's guidance, consolation and instruction through prayer. Through his intimacy with the Father in prayer, Jesus thought with the mind of his Father so that in his words and deeds Jesus revealed the Father's compassion, mercy and desire that all be saved. If we claim Christ to be our King, we must have the mind of Christ. This, in turn, requires that we seek his guidance, consolation and instruction through a habit of prayer.

The speech of Christ - Jesus spoke with authority. This authority flowed from the integrity with which he lived his life. There was a clear correspondence between what Jesus thought, what Jesus said and what Jesus did. If Jesus is truly our King then we should be growing in the integrity with which we live our lives. Persons should see that what we think and what we say corresponds, in fact, to what we do and how we live.

The actions of Christ - All that Jesus did was rooted in a profound compassion and a deep desire to offer mercy and reconciliation to those who sought it. If Christ is our king, then others will experience in us a similar compassion, a similar desire for mercy and reconciliation.

Our feast next week celebrates the sovereignty of Jesus Christ over us. Do our lives give consistent testimony that he is truly our sovereign - the one who shapes what we think, we what we say and what we do?

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.