

CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 20, 2022



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second: Colossians 1:12-20

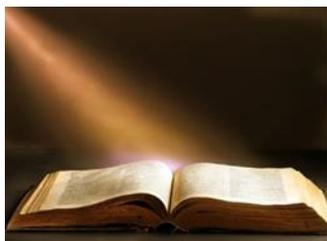
Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

FOCUS: *Our true King is worthy of praise and adoration.*

Kings are celebrated, regardless of whether they deserve honor. Some emperors claim divinity. What about the King of the Universe; a king who is the image of the invisible God? How does he use his mighty power? He ransoms sinners and reconciles them with the Father. He uses his title "firstborn from the dead" to share his triumph with all who follow him. How do we respond to this King?

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, the elders of Israel anoint David as king. Paul writes to the Colossians, giving thanks to the Father for the inheritance he has given. In the Gospel, the soldiers and onlookers jeer at Jesus on the cross, questioning the inscription that declares him King of the Jews.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Jerry McCarthy, Jack Feehan, Joe Britto and Monsignor William Reynolds

10 a.m.: Frances Hernandez, Alberto Biondi, Robert Carpino, Michael J. Faso and Monsignor William Reynolds

TREASURER'S REPORT

November 6-13: Totaled \$ 5,325.90

Envelopes: \$ 2,255.00 – Online: \$ 3,070.90

THANK YOU!

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Our next **Children's Mass** has been scheduled for 10 a.m. **Sunday, December 11**, at which the children will greet, read the Word of God, sing and present the gifts. Signup sheets are in the hall for those who wish to participate.

Although the homily will be written and delivered with the youngsters in mind, everyone is welcome to attend and be inspired!

CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Jane Watson and her family upon the death of husband, father and grandfather, Charles; and to Owen and Mary Ann Reynolds upon the death of his brother, Monsignor William Reynolds. Please keep them in your prayers.

PAGEANT PRACTICE

Traditions add warmth to Christmas celebrations, evoking smiles and sweet memories.

A St. Paul's tradition is the annual **Christmas Eve Pageant**, preparation for which is already in the works. Role selection and the first practice will take place after Mass on December 4. There will be another practice on December 11 and a dress rehearsal on December 18, leading up to the actual pageant on Christmas Eve.

The time at which children should meet Mrs. Suchy in the church will be announced next week.

Remember, the greater the participation the grander the pageantry!



VIRTUAL GIVING TREE RETURNS

The "angels" have flown in: From the Orange County Department of Social Services, from St. Simon Stock, a sister Carmelite parish in the Bronx, and from Access Supports for Living, which works with struggling families.

And now is the time to choose your child or family. As was done last year, rather than taking a tag off the **Giving Tree**, all you need do is reach out to **EITHER** Therese Quinn (845-313-0256; eat@frontiernet.net) **OR** Mary McCabe (914-420-0842; mmmk94@frontiernet.net). **NOT BOTH!** You will be given all the information needed to find Christmas gifts that are sure to please.

Wrapped gifts identified with the angel number must be returned to Deacon John Hall no later than **December 18**.



THIS WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

5 p.m. Saturday: 64

10 a.m. Sunday: 115



“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.”
 — St. Gianna Molla

HOLIDAYS START ON THE RIGHT NOTE

Kick off the season once again with holiday music performed by the **Pine Bush Community Band**, a full-sized concert band that is dedicated to sharing music with the public.

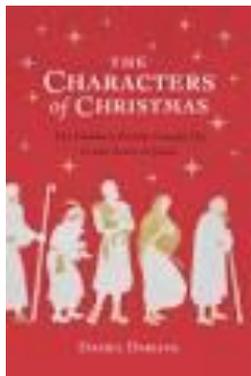
This musical tradition will return at 7 p.m. **Monday, November 28**. It's free, so invite friends and neighbors.



REAWAKEN THE AWE THIS ADVENT

How about preparing for Christmas by getting a fresh look at the Christmas narrative during Advent!

Join other members of the parish by slowing down, engaging your imagination, and sharing your faith as you enter into the lives of the men and women who played a part in Jesus' birth. Break free of the familiar, and you will discover something you never knew about the story you've always heard.



Although it is not necessary to read the book to participate, we will be centering our discussion on the Gospel narrative as presented in the book “The Characters of Christmas” by Daniel Darling, available on

Amazon for \$12.59 and other booksellers.

Sessions will be during the weeks of Advent on Tuesday mornings (10-11:15 a.m.) and Thursday evenings (6:30-7:45 p.m.) on ZOOM. If interested, please contact the church office (845-361-3107) or Deacon Carl (carlloc@yahoo.com).

WREATHS WITH HEART

It's not too early to start thinking about decking the halls – or your doors – for Christmas. Orders for **festively-decorated wreaths** continue to be taken this weekend, **November 19-20**. They'll be here to pick up and then hang up the weekend after Thanksgiving, **November 26-27**.

The cost is still \$24 each, and the proceeds are donated to the American Heart Association.

MINISTRY FAIR UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who meandered through our recent Ministry Fair, and a special thanks to those of you who volunteered. Here's a recap:

- 12 new Christian Services members;
- 7 new Altar Servers, and Andy and Alison Britto will now be coordinating this ministry;
- 6 new Archangels or Safety Team members;
- 4 new adults to assist with the Youth Ministry;
- 2 new Sunday Choir members;
- 2 new Arimatheans;
- 1 new Consolation Ministry member; and
- 1 new Adult Faith Formation member.

On the downside, there were no signups relating to the Saturday Mass, and no ushers for either Mass. Keep in mind that before we can resume bringing up the gifts or passing the collection basket, a team of ushers at both Masses is needed.

IN THE LOOP

Once again, the community of St. Paul's rose to the occasion, bringing scores of donations for **Walkkill East Rotary's annual coat drive**. If you know of anyone in need, these gently used coats and jackets in myriad sizes for men, women and children will be **distributed at no cost** between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on **Saturday, December 3**, at the YMCA Center for Youth Programs, 6 Liberty Street, Middletown.

The **Hooked & Happy** group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, **December 2**, in Deacon John Hall. Everyone is invited to an evening of crafting and camaraderie. Bring a project to work on.

Confessions will be heard between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 26.

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