
CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024



First Reading – Daniel 7:13-14

I saw the Son of Man receive eternal authority and glory from the Ancient One. His everlasting kingdom will never be destroyed and all nations will serve him.

Second Reading – Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus, the faithful witness and eternal king, loves us, freed us from sin and made us a kingdom. He will return, and everyone will see him.

Gospel – John 18:33B-37

Pilate questioned Jesus about being the King of the Jews. Jesus explained that his kingdom is not of this world and that he came to testify to the truth.

Focus: Jesus is King and Lord of all both now and forever.

The readings from Daniel and the Book of Revelation share an apocalyptic vision of the Son of Man coming on the clouds to rule over all peoples. In John's Gospel, on the other hand, Jesus is already king. His everlasting authority comes from God. For his disciples – those who listen to his voice – eternal life is already possible.

Liturgy of the Word:

Daniel sees a vision of the Son of man coming on the clouds, and his kingship will not be destroyed. In the second reading, Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth, and he has made us a kingdom of priests. He is coming amid the clouds for all to see. In the Gospel, Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom does not belong to this world.

MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: Jerry McCarthy, Linda Wren Conboy and Annemarie Willard

10 a.m.: Alberto J. Biondi, Robert Carpino and Luka Vulaj

HELP ME: A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

*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 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!



CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Lorraine Krlis and the McQueen family upon the death this week of husband, father and grandfather, Herb Vogel. 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 the 10 a.m. Mass on **December 8**. There will be another practice on December 15 and a dress rehearsal on December 22, leading up to the actual pageant during the 5 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve.

Remember, the greater the participation the grander the pageantry!

FESTIVE CHALLENGE NIGHT

'Twas just before Christmas Festive Challenge Night, Chris and Deb worked to ensure that all would be right. Candy canes were readied for their goofy game role. Holiday music was selected for a dance-off with soul. Marshmallows, toilet paper and cups lined in a row, along with other interesting props for them to tow. What clever activities have they devised? Attend and find out; don't just surmise. All fifth- through twelfth-graders are invited to come to this SPYM event filled with merriment and fun. Note 6 p.m. Friday, December 13, on your calendars. Feel free to bring friends, but no salamanders! Wear jolly attire that reflects the spirit of the season. No grinchies allowed – and for a very good reason!



Contact Deb and Chris at 845-248-3120 or saintpaulsym@gmail.com for more information.

HOLIDAYS START ON THE RIGHT NOTE

Kick off the season once again with **Pine Bush Community Band's** winter concert. This full-sized concert band is dedicated to sharing music with the public.

This musical tradition will return at 7 p.m. **Monday, November 25**. It's free, so invite friends and neighbors.




LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE


5 p.m. – 69
10 a.m. – 177


HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION


Monday, **December 9**, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at St. Paul's. There will be no vigil Mass. Call the office if you are able to serve as a greeter.

IN THE DECEMBER LOOP

 There is still room for a few more families to participate in the annual **Advent wreath-making**, which will take place at 1 p.m. next **Sunday, December 1**. Sign up in Deacon John Hall after either Mass this weekend.

 Parishioners are invited to remember deceased loved ones with a donation toward the **Christmas flowers** and decorations. There are envelopes in the church vestibules or contributions can be made on WeShare (just remember to give the names to the office). The usual donation is \$10 per name, and the deadline is **Friday, December 13**.

 All women are invited to hear Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV, speak about the beauty of the feminine heart at the **Feminine Genius Brunch** at 10 a.m. Saturday, December 14, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Middletown. Register by Dec. 10 at adnyfemininegeniusbrunch.eventbrite.com or contact respect.life@archny.org with any questions.

 Reconciliation Monday is **December 16**. There will be priests available at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church** in Middletown from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. There will be **NO** confessions heard that day at St. Paul's. However, confessions will be heard here at 3:30 p.m. on **Saturday, December 21** rather than the typical fourth Saturday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection
November 11-17 – \$ 6,523.35
Envelopes: \$ 2,093.00 – Online: \$ 4,430.35
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