

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## NOVEMBER 26, 2017

### LIVING GOD'S WORD

To say that Christ is king, that he reigns over our lives, is to admit to a world bigger than our own. In Christ's realm, each is cared for simply because each is a part of the kingdom.

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 27, 2017

Monday, November 27  
8:15AM Special Intention  
Tuesday, November 28  
8:15AM Cleo Gross by Bernice Prather  
Wednesday, November 29  
10:30AM Pat O'Toole by Family  
Thursday, November 30, St. Andrew  
NO MASS  
Friday, December 1  
8:15AM Jim Shields by Lois  
Saturday, December 2  
5PM Art & Marty Maes by Family  
Sunday, December 3  
9AM For the Parish

#### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 26 THRU DEC. 3

Sunday	9AM Mass NO PSR Class
Monday	8:15AM Mass 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon BBQ Brats/Fried Chicken
Tuesday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 1-4)
Wednesday	10:30AM Mass at Three Springs NO PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM Confessions for Red Bud PSR Fr. Gene will assist
Thursday	Fr. Gene's Day Off
Friday	8:15AM Mass (Grades 3 & 4 Liturgy) 1:30PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE 4:30-7PM PTO Fried Chicken Dinner at K of C Hall 7PM Christmas Trivia Night in Gym
Saturday	9:30AM West Vicariate Partnership Meeting at Chancery, Belleville 2:30-6:30PM PTO Home Tour 5PM Mass
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Something moves us to care for the lost among us. It is often instinctive, and at times even contrary to our own best interests. Is such sympathy for the underdog written on the back of our psyches? Are lost souls really long-lost kin? Is it guilt that moves us to contribute to food pantries or is it genuine compassion? If we are to believe in the Incarnation, that God has taken form in human flesh, then those instincts to visit shut-ins imprisoned in their own homes and to free those who still find themselves locked into poverty are Godly instincts. It is holiness bred in our bones, incapable of being held in.

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Dec. 2 & 3: 5PM, Carson Dunn, Jack Heffernan; 9AM, Madison Kribs, Paige Vasquez, Elseah Congiaro

#### TITHE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Mary Help of Christians: \$4,981.00  
\$461.00 Cemetery; \$537.00 Campaign for Human Development; \$7.00 Votives; \$2.00 Child Env.  
WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00  
YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,195.08  
Fiscal Year Week: 21  
YTD Actual Giving: \$130,096.50  
YTD Budget Need: \$147,000.00  
YTD Budget Difference: (\$16,903.50)  
YTD Weekly: (\$804.93)

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** As the Gospel illustrates, our own destiny is determined by the way we have been "shepherds" to the rest of the flock.

**DUE TO SCHEDULING CONFLICTS** there will be **NO** Parish Council meeting for the month of November. The next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 24.

**FRIED CHICKEN DINNER** will be held at the K of C Hall on Friday, Dec. 1, from 4:30-7PM. It is being sponsored by the PTO as a Christmas On The River event.

**CHRISTMAS TRIVIA NIGHT** will be held in the gym of St. Mary's School on Friday, Dec. 1, at 7PM. Doors open at 6PM. Contact the school office (826-3120) or Dainelle Powell (618-559-0555) or dpowell43011@gmail.com to reserve your table. Cost is \$20 per person.

**PTO HOME TOUR** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 2:30-6:30PM. Tickets are \$10 per person and are available in the school office.

**LADIES SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be held at Reid's Harvest House on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30PM. Sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the back of church. All ladies of the parish are invited.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE** will soon be ready. The names on the tree will be for residents of Three Springs and the Manor. Also diapers are requested for the Pantry.

**CHESTER AREA CHRISTIAN FOOD PANTRY** has sent a heartfelt thank you to Mary Help of Christians for their gift of \$105.00. Please know that your donations directly affect the local community by providing food to the Pantry clients in their time of need.

**HUMAN DIGNITY & THE BEATITUDES:** "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." The Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. Who is "blessed" today? By virtue of our Baptism, we are all called to be blessed. The baptismal call of Catholics is based on Jesus' commandment to "Love your neighbor as I have loved you." This means working to protect the life and dignity of all people—the unborn, immigrants and refugees, persons in poverty, and others who are vulnerable. Living the Kingdom-acting with confidence that God will work through us to make his vision a reality—requires new "blessed" ways of acting. How is God calling you to imitate Jesus' example and live the call of your Baptism? How are you called to bless and be blessed?

**THE GREAT DIVIDE:** Right and left; goats and sheep; good and bad. Question: How does the King decide who and what? Answer: Evidence of doing works of mercy! The Church has held before us in special ways these past two liturgical years, these duties, these actions, these right behaviors. Works of Mercy. How can I be a better sheep? How have two years of praying shaped my mercy works? What more must I do?

**IT'S TIME** to place your offering for a Poinsettia & Votive Lights in Memory of Family Members. Please fill out the form below and return it via the collection.

**POINSETTIA OFFERING:** \$25.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTIVE OFFERING:** \$2.00

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_