

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 26, 2017



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Bill Vogt
Lina Pezzella
Sam Bisaccio, Jr.
George Breyer
Anne Molnar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ann Marie Hivish
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Rocco Tarulli
12:00 P.M. Carmelita Growcott

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2017

8:00 A.M. Lorraine & Al Levine
Stella Eagen

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017

8:00 A.M. Anna Algarotti O'Hagen
Ernest Canali

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2017

8:00 A.M. John Bisaccio

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL
Rocco Florio

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Charles Pasquariello
Regina Sullivan
Bill Vogt

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Special Intentions
10:00 A.M. Dr. Thomas F. Killeen
Joseph Giordano
Tom Karwacki
12:00 P.M. Tom Norton
Harold Sbrocco
Mieczyslaw Zalaczkowski

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Helen Lubertazza
Nina Margossian Tom Guzowski Audrey Grace Higgins
Gary Ragusa Silverio Conte Alex Haines Helen Dacunto
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Gabe Bellantoni Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenelia Soto Frank Sanclimenti
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Evelyn Means
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo George Link
James Quinn Harriret Pairo Ava Rae Nebbia Amida Jaloudi
DECEASED: Anne McEntee Molnar

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$5,928.50

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear Friends in Christ:



Today is the 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time and is the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year A. Next Sunday we will start a new Liturgical Year B with the First Sunday in Advent. As is the custom now, on this Last Sunday the Church solemnly celebrates the feast of "Christ the King".

In it we recognize and honor Christ as ruler and universal shepherd. Also, this feast helps us to look towards our future and our ultimate future is, when Jesus will return in glory for the final judgment and award reward or punishment. Actually, this feast is, as it were a synthesis and culmination of the entire salvific mystery. We contemplate Christ in his glorified state as King of all creation and of our souls. So, the Feast of "Christ the King" is the occasion for us to give glory to the Lord of Heaven and Earth.

Today, we solemnly celebrate the feast of "Christ the King". We must be on guard against taking this feast the wrong way. The picture of the Judgment in the Gospel is not meant to fill us with fear and trembling. No, it is a challenge not about the future but about today. It makes us appreciate the ever-expanding expanse of his Kingship. So, if the Solemnity of Christ the King is to make sense, and that we ought to submit to the rule of Christ, then it is imperative that we understand how his Kingship is exercised.

The sole criterion for judging our worthiness to inherit the glorious Kingdom is our exercise of love, especially on behalf of the poor and needy. Our compassionate hearts are our badge of belonging to God's Kingdom. Our corporal works of mercy indicate the divine power of love at work within us.

We are thus judged not for the positions we hold in the community, our social status, academic records, wealth, heroic deeds, etc. Neither will we be judged by the number of prayers we say daily unless they lead us to greater love of God which in turn leads us to the service of the poor - "the least brothers of mine", for Jesus not only hides behind these vulnerable people but identifies himself with them.

If we wish to be counted among the sheep, then we must be an actively loving person, irrespective of the response we get to our love. This is the way God loves us.

If Jesus comes as Judge right now, will he be able to say to us, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom"? If not, then we still have a lot of work ahead of us.

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Feast day: November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, also known as St. Elizabeth of Thuringia, was born in Hungary on July 7, 1207 to the Hungarian King Andrew II and Gertrude of Merania. As soon as her life began, she had responsibilities from being a royal pressed upon her.

While Elizabeth was very young, her father arranged for her to be married to Ludwig IV of Thuringia, a German nobleman. Because of this plan, Elizabeth was sent away at the age of four for education at the court of the Landgrave of Thuringia.

Elizabeth's mother, Gertrude, was murdered in 1213, when Elizabeth was just six-years-old. According to history, the murder was carried out by Hungarian noblemen due to the conflict between Germans and the Hungarian nobles. From this point on, Elizabeth's perspective on life and death dramatically changed and she sought peace with prayer.

Happiness was returned to her young life in 1221 when she was formally married to Ludwig, whom she deeply loved. Together the couple had three beautiful children, two of whom became members of nobility and the third entering the religious life, becoming abbess of a German convent.

Elizabeth continued to live a life full of prayer and a service to the poor. Ludwig, who was now one of the rulers of Thuringia, supported all of Elizabeth's religious endeavors even though she was a part of the royal court. She began to lead an austere simple life, practiced penance, and devoted herself to works of charity. She used her royal position to advance her mission for charity.

Elizabeth's life was full of love and faith.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Third Order of St. Francis. Elizabeth, having received her dowry, founded a hospital in honor of St. Francis, where she personally attended to the ill. She ministered to the sick and provided support to the poor.

Elizabeth's life was consumed deeply by her devotion to God and her charitable labor. She passed away at the age of 24, on November 17, 1231 in Marburg, Hesse.

Pope Gregory IX canonized her on May 27, 1235.

She is the patron saint of bakers; beggars; brides; charities; death of children; homeless people; hospitals; Sisters of Mercy; widows.

Elizabeth's body was laid in a gold shrine in the Elisabeth Church in Marburg.

She is also painted in honor of the "Miracle of Roses" and "Crucifix in the Bed."

St. Elizabeth has been praised by Pope Benedict XVI as a "model for those in authority."

**CALENDAR RAFFLE SWEEPSTAKES TIME
90 CHANCES TO WIN WITH EACH TICKET
PRIZES TOTAL \$4000**

Since tickets may win more than once, each \$10.00 donation gives you 90 chances to win.

Every day is a chance to win a great prize.

Packages of 10 calendar raffle tickets will be available after all weekend masses beginning November 25th or during the week in the rectory.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support the needs of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

A winner will be chosen for each day from December 25th through March 24th. Check the special days for bigger prize money!

Please return all raffle stubs and unsold calendars to the rectory by Friday, December 23rd. If you need more raffle tickets, please stop by the rectory or contact Erika Reid via the information below.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Erika Reid
Calendar Raffle Chairperson
973-628-7917
eareid@optonline.net

KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS SALE

The Ladies Guild will be holding their Christmas Sale on the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd in the Narthex after all weekend Masses. Plan on stopping by to see the great items they have available for Christmas giving.

PART-TIME CRE POSITION

Our Lady of Fatima, Highland Lakes has a part-time position available for a Coordinator of Religious Education. Interested applicants are asked to call 973-764-4457.

Assumption College for Sisters...not just for Sisters!

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, is proud to announce its theology and philosophy courses for the Spring semester January 9-May 9, 2018 along with two new offerings:

Th 102 Sacred Scripture II - 3 credits - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

Th 205 Mystery of God - 3 credits - Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

Th 207 Mary and the Scriptures 3 credits -Thursday 12:30p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA

Ph 203 Philosophy of the Human Person - 3 credits Tuesday 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. and Craig Davis, M.A., J.D. Friday 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m

En 203 Special Topics in English: Women in Literature 3 credits - Mon. 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Sister Margaret McCann, SC, PhD - Thurs. 12:45-2:00 p.m.

Ps 202_O Developmental Psychology (Online) 3 credits Stephanie Melick - Pre-requisite: acsOCO (Online Course Orientation)

\$510/course for credit \$255/course for audit

For registration call or e-mail by December 18:

973-957-0188 Ext. 106 academicdean@acs350.org

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving We Receive

This time of year, as our nation celebrates Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme – *In Giving, We Receive* – your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

Sunday Morning Breakfast



St. Francis K of C will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 3rd from 8am until 12 Noon in the Church hall. Tickets are \$10.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children (10 and under FREE)

Breakfast Includes:
 Pancakes – Scrambled Eggs
 Bacon – Sausage
 Juice – Coffee – Tea

Tickets: contact Pete Kramer at 973-839-5731. Also available at the door.

WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017 – 1:00 AM

WANAQUE FIRST AID SQUAD BULDING

MELROSE AVENUE – WANAQUE

\$8.00 per person – all children must be accompanied by an adult

Scrambled eggs, French toast sticks, Sausage, Donuts, Muffins, Juice, Coffee, Tea

Christmas crafts – games – and a visit and picture with Santa

Please make your check or money order payable to Wanaque First Aid Squad – Breakfast with Santa

Mail to: Wanaque First Aid Squad, 5 Melrose Avenue, Wanaque, NJ 07465

Number of tickets: _____ Children _____ Adults

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Tickets will be picked up at the door – Any questions, please call 973-835-6212.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Let Us Share Our Thoughtfulness with Others!

9th Grade Service Project

Our ninth graders will be collecting toys for the children of Paterson from November 28 to December 14.

Toys for Tots for the children of Paterson

Please donate a toy in its original package. The value of the toy can be between \$5.00 and \$10.00. Any kind of gift will be appreciated.

PLEASE help our ninth graders help others by donating!
 PLEASE bring donations to our Religious Education classes!

For Parishioners: there will be boxes in the Narthex.
 Thank you St. Francis Community for your help and support!

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

The Christmas Youth Choir will be starting rehearsals in December. This choir is for anyone ages 6-14 who would like to sing at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings before Mass, 9:15-9:45am, starting December 3. Please see our Music Director, Dania Emusov, if you are interested in joining! If you have any questions, email: Dania_Music@yahoo.com

2018 Mass Book is now open
Office hours are 8:30am – 4pm Monday - Friday

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

LECTORS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Pat Demarest

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Peg Carolan

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Diane Drew & Annie Rivera

12 NOON Barbara Garruto & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Divine Crilly & Tim Kenny

ST. FRANCIS LADIES GUILD
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT
“BRADY’S PRIME 15”

Monday, December 4, 2017
6:30 PM
\$37.00
(Tax & Gratuity included)

MENU

(1st Course) Mozzarella in Carozza

(2nd Course) House Salad

(3rd Course) Penne with Basil sauce

(4th Course)
Choice of 1 Chicken Francaise
 Coconut Encrusted Tilapia
 Filet Mignon

(5th Course) Cheesecake **or** Apple Pie
 Coffee, Tea, Soda

No prior dinner choice of the 4th course is required. You will tell the server your request at dinnertime.

LIMITED SEATING. To reserve your seat, please call
Claire Kressaty – 973-835-9344 or stop by the rectory with your payment for
your dinner.

If you have a seating request, please drop it off at the rectory to:
ATTN: Claire Kressaty.

Deadline for reservations is December 1st. No exceptions will be made.