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## King of Kings

Revelation 19:16

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 25, 2012

## Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 25, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: 93:1-2,5

**R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Epistle: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Intention: For those remembered on All Souls Day.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Breakfast/Pampered Chef Party
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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December 2, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal, 11am Pew Missal, pg. 63

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Intention: For a spirit of preparation this Advent

Worship leader at 9:30am: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Celebrant at 11am: Rev. Mark Gnidzinski,

Lector: at 11am, Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins, blessing of Advent wreath, and Oplátky
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Holy Mass at 11am

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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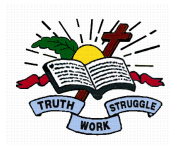
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## Upcoming...

- November 25: Solemnity of Christ the King/Pampered Chef Party after church
- November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle
- December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra
- December 8: Solemnity of Divine Love
- December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent
- December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent/Parish Vigil Dinner and Youth Presentation
- December 21: Feast – St. Thomas
- December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent/Greening of the Church
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
- December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Do you know a good podiatrist?

My Achilles is bothering me. arrow during the battle of Troy.

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed."

We may recall the myth of Achilles from our school days.

The gods gave Achilles' mother a choice as to how her son’s life should be: short but glorious or long but obscure. Fearing for her son's safety, Achilles' mother chose long but obscure. His mother also bargained with the gods for additional protection from harm. They told her to immerse Achilles in the waters of the Styx River, which would immunize him from all harm. His mother did this, holding onto Achilles by the ankle. Of course, this part of the boy did not receive the protection of the gods, and proved to be Achilles downfall. Achilles died after being shot in the ankle by Paris’

From this mythology we derive the term Achilles heel. It is the weakness, the failings we all have. We certainly have many positive and wonderful qualities, certain skills and talents, those things (and there are many) that make us special. We also know that we have that Achilles heel, the particular sin, shortcoming, or weakness that might well prove to be our downfall.

For podiatrists, the Achilles tendon is the tendon of in the back of the leg that attaches the calf muscles to the heel bone. Injuries to this tendon can require long healing time and rehabilitation.

We set aside this Sunday to recognize and celebrate the kingship of Christ. What does Achilles have to do with the kingship of Jesus?

It is in this: That Jesus as Lord and

King of all things, and most particularly of our hearts and souls, has the power to overcome our Achilles heels.

Our Achilles heels lead to injury, in ourselves and in others. We might not even recognize our Achilles heels! We may think we are relatively ok.

The reality is we all lay unprotected, vulnerable, injured, in need to healing and rehabilitation. When we recognize this we might try to fix it ourselves, but that is not possible. Rather we need to throw ourselves on the mercy of our King, relying on Him. With Him we have the grace to overcome as well as His healing.

Our King, Jesus Christ, is the absolute guarantor of protection, of healing, renewal, and eternal life. Our lives will not be long and uneventful with Him. Making Him the Lord, worshiping, adoring, relying on, and serving Him, fixes every weakness in us, and gives us unending life in His Kingdom.

"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:32-33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Zechariah 6:12-13  
MONDAY: John 19:14  
TUESDAY: Matthew 28:9  
WEDNESDAY: Acts 1:3  
THURSDAY: Acts 2:29-33  
FRIDAY: Colossians 1:13  
SATURDAY: Revelation 1:9

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may hold You ever as Lord and King of my life.

School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn. We are here to assist in delivering knowledge of the faith through SOCL. Also remember, no one is too old to learn or make one’s confirmation. We welcome all students.

New Year/Advent/Oplátky

With the coming of Advent we welcome a new liturgical year – happy New Church Year! We begin use of the Year C cycle of readings.

Our Advent themes in cycle C focus on Hope - God’s Promise Will Be Fulfilled; Peace - All Shall See God’s Salvation; Love - God Is Among Us; and Joy - Rejoice! These beautiful themes lead us to the birth of Jesus, the fulfillment of hope, peace, love, and joy – not just for others, but also for each of us.

On the First Sunday of Advent we will bless our Advent wreath and the “Bread of Angels,” the oplátky that we will share with each other, family, and friends during the Christmas Vigil. Please be with us for Holy Mass at 11am to start the new Church year off right, in a spirit of prayer, repentance, charity, and anticipation.

This short Advent season will be filled with activities and preparation, for church things and in our homes. Above all, let us prepare our hearts for the newborn King – He is worth preparing for!

A time of preparation

Next week we enter into the season of Advent, a time of preparation. In most church bulletins you will likely hear the annual lament – Christmas songs were playing weeks ago, stores were decorated months ago... tisk, tisk, tisk.

Rather than lamenting the trends of society, and complaining about the secularization of Jesus’ birth, let’s resolve instead to do something positive.

Let our preparation focus first on prayer – a prayer of hope and anticipation for God’s coming among us. Pray for reconciliation and an end to greed.

Let us then also sacrifice for those in need. We will put out a donation basket. Our contributions will be used toward **the purchase of a well** for people in need of fresh water. We will also be **collecting food, gloves, and hats** for those in need in our immediate community. Canned, dried, and non-perishable foods, as well mittens, gloves, and hats are all needed. God bless you for your generosity and sacrifice in preparation for Jesus’ coming.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzynski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True , Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Cynthia Hume, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Bonesteel Family

- All in need of God’s healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Good Shepherd Parish, Plymouth, PA its congregation and pastor Fr. Edward Czudak.

Bless them, O Lord!  
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men’s Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.