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Mission Statement

Baptized in Christ Jesus and nourished by his Word and Sacrament we strive to live our daily lives in love and service to God and neighbor.

Pastor:

Augustine K. Bentil

Staff:

Sister Mary Ellen Diermeier Mary Uttecht, DRE Pat Kulas, Interim Parish Administrator

Mass Times

St. Joseph, Galloway

Saturday 4:00 pm Sunday 8:30 am

St. Ladislaus, Bevent

Sunday 10:10 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:35-3:55 pm Sunday 8:00-8:20 am

Mark your Calendars!

November:

Sat. 25 - Mass 4 pm Sun. 26 - Mass 8:30 am Wed. 29 - Mass 8:30 am

CCD 6:15 pm; Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:20 pm

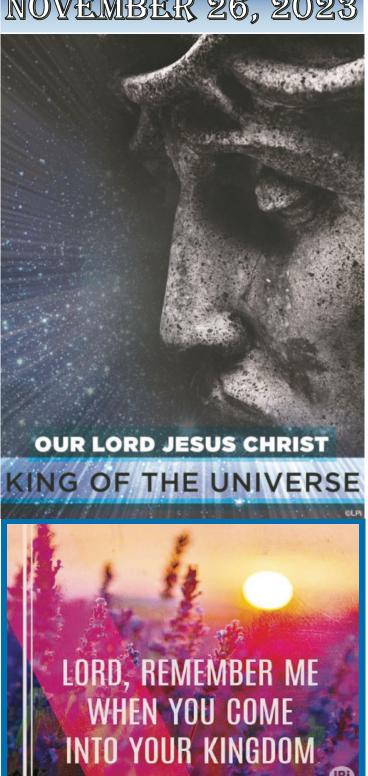
December:

Fri. 1 - Mass 8:30 am Sat. 2 - Mass 4 pm

Sun. 3 - Mass 8:30 am

Breakfast with St. Nick 9:30 - 11 am

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Liturgies of the Week

Wednesday, November 29- Weekday 8:30 am - Diane Rogalla by Carol Wagner

Friday, December 1- Weekday

8:30 am - Sick, Homebound, and Departed

Sat., Dec. 2 - Vigil: First Sunday of Advent 4:00 pm - Jan Lehrer by Lee Lehrer

Sunday, Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent 8:30 am - George "Larry" Konkel and

Special Intention: Viola Konkel by Ralph Konkel

Rosary prayed 1/2 hour before Mass

Saturday, Mass 4 pm - December 2

Lector: Pat Kulas
Eucharist: Dick Golomski

Blood of Christ: **Donna Golomski**

Pat Kulas

Ushers: Lee Lehrer

Fred Groshek

TV Monitors: Isabella Stegall

Rosary (Joyful) Litany: Dick & Donna Golomski

Sunday, Mass 8:30 am - December 3

Lector: Michelle O'Donnell
Eucharist: Mike O'Donnell
Blood of Christ: Joe Bushman

Renee Groshek

Altar Servers: Colton Kaminski

Bryce Kohl

Ushers: Marvin Meronk

Drayden Kersten

TV Monitors: Julie Kohl

Rosary (Joyful) Litany: Joan Brahmer

2023 Donations Deadline:

All financial contributions to the church received in the office by 12/31/2023 (including the offering taken during that Saturday mass) will be credited to 2023 while those that are received on or after 1/1/2024 will be credited in 2023. This includes mailed gifts so if you're mailing a donation that you would like credited in 2023, please plan ahead. Thank you!



<u>Baptism dates</u>: Dec. 2, 9, 10 or 16. Please call the rectory to schedule. If this is your first child being baptized, please also call Sister Mary Ellen (715.446.3060) to schedule a baptism class.



Breakfast with St Nick Sunday, December 3

Serving 9:30 am—11 am

Bring your camera to take home photos of St Nick.

Pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, fresh fruit, desserts, coffee, juice and milk.

We will need parishioners to help on Sunday in the kitchen with serving and prep work on Saturday. We are also asking for desserts/cookies/bars

St Joseph Men's And PCCW Societies

are having a catered lunch

Sunday, December 10 11 am

All men and women of the parish are members of these societies and are welcome to attend. Please sign up in the foyer so we know how many to prepare for. Come join us for fellowship in our parish.







Silent Sentinels of Prayer: Vigil and Votive Lights

- I. When you walk into Church, you see little flickering lights in translucent glass holders near a statue or two.
- For centuries, people have lit candles in Church as part of their prayer life. "I'll light a candle for you" became almost as common as today's "I'll pray for you."
- In the 5th century, St Jerome wrote about candles at Mass. Earlier that that, oil lamps and candles were left burning before the tombs of martyrs in the 3rd century.
- By the Middle Ages, starting in the 6th century, people burned candles equal to the height of the person they were praying for. It was called "measuring toa saint."
- With time, the practice of lighting a candle equal to one's height changed to just 2 (short and tall candles) with the same purpose/motive of lighting a candle: that the burning flame of a candle rises up together with your prayer to God for the person being prayed for.
- Thus, the same purpose/motive: praying for your loved one whether a tall or short candle.
- I, therefore, encourage people to light either candle which are "unlit" especially, the shorter ones, while the taller ones are all burning.
- II. a) Vigil Light promise to pray for someone.
- b) Votive Light an offering and promise tied together as you pray for someone.
- III. Votive from the Latin "Votum" a promise made God or a solemn pledge.

Vigil – from the Latin "Vigilia" – awake. Thus, a candle keeps burning after we leave. It stands awake, in our place.

IV. Conclusion:

- Candles have a donation box near them with a suggested offering. Remember, these are just that: a suggestion.
- The funds offered pay for the candles and perhaps for some of the building's upkeep.
- If you need a candle and really don't have any money for a donation, go ahead and strike that match on to a short or tall candle.

May God listen to your prayer as you light a candle for a loved one.

Happy Christ the King Feast

Area Events

 St Agnes Sweet Shoppe, Weston, cookies & candy available by the pound, Sat., Dec. 9, 10 am-2 pm

(see flyers on bulletin board for all events

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

Advent is right around the corner, December 3rd to be exact! Plans are in the works to start a 4-week-long (starting the last week of Nov.) book club featuring Jesus and Jewish Roots of the Eucharist.



If you are interested in joining us (or getting a copy of the book for your own perusing), please sign up in the foyer or online with your smart phone with the or code to the right. We also need hosts. Scheduling sessions will depend on what works best for people.





St. Joseph Parish continues to seek a person to fill the very important role of **Director of Religious Education**.

We are also hiring a **Parish Administrator**, a part-time (about 12

hrs/week) position. This position requires a broad range of skills/attributes including secretarial, organizational, communications, financial and bookkeeping.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested and would like to know more about either of these positions, please contact Father Gus: 715-454-6431 or stjosephchurchgalloway@gmail.com.





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