



# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 2014



"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink". -Matthew 25:35

## Weekly Mass Intentions

### Saturday November 22

8:00am- † Marie Micillo

5:00pm- † Susan Obermayer

### Sunday November 23

8:30am- † Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Fanny

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine

11:30am-*Living*-Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

### Monday November 24

8:00am- † Esco (Terry) Blaylock

12:05pm- † Ceasar Sanchez

### Tuesday November 25

8:00am † Mary Louise Brown

12:05pm- † Brian Graves

### Wednesday November 26

8:00am- † Walton George Dawkins

12:05pm- † Dorothy Spicer

### Thursday November 27

10:00am- † *Thanksgiving Mass*

### Friday November 28

8:00am- † Grace Coleman

12:05pm- † Mary L. Brown

### Saturday November 29

8:00am- † Stephen Spano

5:00pm- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

### Sunday November 30

8:30am- † Isabel Maria Quiñones

10:00am- † Deacon Anthony Lagotta

11:30am-*Living*-Special Intentions Fr. Stephen Valenta

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions



## Mass Intentions

By: Annette Contardo

Offered By: Family

By: Family

By: son, Thomas Valentine

Offered By: Friends

By: Monique & David Sambula  
& the boys

By: Family

Offered By: Cathy Zelonis

Offered By: Linda Graves

By: Monique Sambula &  
family

By: Evette Contreras

By: Aurora Nazareno Ocampo

Offered By: Contardo Family

Offered By: Frances Spano

Offered By: Rosalie Patterson

Offered By: Oliveras Family

By: Joann Scamardella

Offered By: Friends



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**Who is our King?** Who or what has sovereignty over our lives? On this Feast of Christ the King, these are the questions that we must ask ourselves.

If Jesus Christ is truly sovereign over us, his life and teaching governs what we think, say and do, how is that manifest in our daily lives? Jesus governs what we think when our view of the world and of other persons is shaped by the Gospels, by Church teaching and our personal prayer, and not by what shock jocks and cable pundits would have us think and believe. Jesus governs what we say when we strive to speak a word that will lift others up and not tear them down. Jesus governs what we say when we strive to speak a word of forgiveness and not a declaration of hatred and a desire for vengeance and retribution. Jesus governs our actions when we reach out to those who are poor and on the margins of society. Jesus governs our actions when we welcome immigrants and provide them with the support they need to establish themselves in this country. Jesus governs our actions when we visit the sick, call the lonely and isolated, and volunteer in soup kitchens and food pantries. This is what it means to say the Jesus is sovereign over us. He and his teaching govern what we think, say and do.

Sadly, other things can become sovereign over our lives. We can allow our thinking, speaking and acting to be governed by the popular opinion and popular prejudice. We can allow alcohol, drugs or even sex to become sovereign over us – controlling our thoughts and actions. We can allow the desire for material possessions, or the desire for power, to become sovereign over us. In what areas in our lives is there a need for change so that Jesus truly becomes sovereign over us? Are we open to the grace of God to allow that change to happen?

As disciples of Jesus Christ, only he should be sovereign over us. May we grow in our faithfulness to Jesus and his Gospel so that living in faithfulness to him in this life, we might reign with him forever in the life to come.

*Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.*

## Weekly Memorials

### Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle

Memorial Candle



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~ *Charlie Pommerenk*

~ *2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in Heaven*

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## Lectors & E.M. ~ SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS ~

### Thanksgiving 10:00 a.m.

Lectors: Joan Fortunato

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Emmanuel Fode & Joe Fortunato

### Christmas Evening Mass Wednesday - 5:00 PM

Lectors: Linda Graves Eucharistic Ministers: Alexis Crowdell, Samuel Torres & Nancy Velez

### Christmas Evening Mass Wednesday - 10:00 PM

Lectors: Valerie Cappucci Eucharistic Ministers: Victoria Garay, Bill Hinton & Angelo Sabella

### Christmas Day Mass (10AM)

Lector: Delmeter Carey

Eucharistic Ministers: Theresa Contardo, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

### New Year's Day Thursday - 10:00 AM

Lector: Joan Knighton

Eucharistic Ministers: Delmeter Carey, Lydia Moran & Linda Torres

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

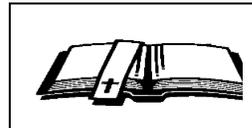
*These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcstmary.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."*

### **TODAY: Christ the King**

Ezequiel 34: 11-12, 15-17  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28  
Matthew 25:31-46

### **Next Sun: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37



**CARDINAL CAMPAIGN - \$4,000 to Our Parish** – Thank you for your support of the Cardinal’s Campaign this past year. The Archdiocese recently sent us a check in the amount of \$4,000. This is a percentage of the money that we raised beyond our goal. Thank you for your generosity to this Campaign which is so important to the Archdiocese and to our parish!

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – We have begun our Christmas raffle! First prize is a basket of premium liquor, second prize is a basket of cheer, and third prize are two bottles of wine in a special Christmas basket. These prizes will make great Christmas gifts! Tickets are \$5.

**KEEP ON VOLUNTEERING!** We have received some new volunteers to serve as ushers, lectors and Eucharistic ministers. There is room for more! Please leave your information at the office. Thank you!

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD 2015** – Lectors are encouraged to pick up a copy of the new edition of Proclaiming the Word for the liturgical year B that begins on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Copies are available in the sacristy for \$10.

**THE INCARNATION** – Mr. John Lantry will offer a three-part presentation on the wonder of the Incarnation on Saturdays, **November 29** (this coming Saturday), December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Using the Madeleine L’Engle book, “The Glorious Impossible” as a reference point, Mr. Lantry will weave together the Christmas story through prose, poetry and prayer. Session 1: (a) The Word (b) The Annunciation; Session 2: (a) The Visitation (b) The Nativity; Session 3: (a) the Presentation (b) the Journey of the Wise Men and Our Journey. Mr. Lantry is the former director of retreat ministry at Linwood Spirituality Center. Registration is required. Please call: 718-442-3411.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** – We will be offering an Advent Reconciliation service on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. There will be an opportunity for individual confession within the service.

**YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** – Pope Francis has proclaimed 2015 a Year of Consecrated Life, starting on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014, and concluding on February 2, 2016, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus. “Consecrated Life” refers to the men and women who live their lives under public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in religious congregations such as the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) or the Schoenstatt Sisters. As we give thanks for the witness of these men and women to Christ and his Gospel, all Catholic Christians must recognize that in their work and daily lives they, too, are called to give faithful witness to Christ and his Gospel. We also pray that more young men and women will embrace the consecrated life which offers rich service to God and the people of God.

### **Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life:**

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING WHEN YOU DIE?** – St. Peter’s Cemetery is now offering individuals and families the opportunity to purchase a grave site for future use in response to the demand for pre-planning of funerals. Please call the cemetery office at 718-442-2363, Monday through Friday – 8 a.m. -12 p.m./1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### **HOLIDAY FAIRS** –

**Columbiettes –TODAY - November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** – Fr. John C. Drumgoole Council Hall 397 Clarke Avenue – Christmas gifts and food.

**Monsignor Farrel High School – December 7<sup>th</sup> – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** – Christmas gifts, food, raffles, visit from Santa. Admission: \$3 or \$5 per family. 2900 Amboy Road.

**Weekly Offering:** November 16<sup>th</sup> - \$2835. Budget: \$2,100.