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TODAY, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026

SOLEMNITY – CHRIST THE KING

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite.
10:00 am – Parish Committee to meet.

OPENING HYMN

"TO THEE, WE COME, O LORD OUR GOD"

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God,
Before Thine altar, Father
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat of blood or tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we Thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(Revelation 5:12; Revelation 19:16)

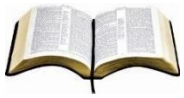
V. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.
R. He has a name written on His cloak and on His thigh, "King of kings and Lord of Lords.
C. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to His people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God, and Father,
we worship You; we give You thanks,
we praise you for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the
right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. Let us pray: Almighty and Everlasting God, it is Your will to restore all things in Your beloved Son, our Lord and King. Grant that the peoples of this earth, now divided by sin, may be brought together under His gently and loving rule. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17)

Thus, says the Lord God: I, Myself will look after and tend My sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend My sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy

and dark. I, Myself will pasture My sheep; I, Myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, My sheep, says the Lord God, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

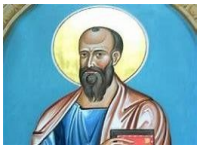
V. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Luke 1:32-33)

V. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father,

R. And He will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER Of PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

(1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28)

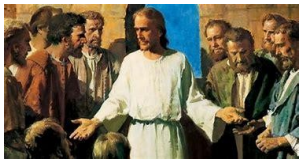
Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at His coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when He has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to Him, so that God may be all in all.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Daniel 7:14b)

C. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
V. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, His kingship shall not be destroyed.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW

(Matthew 25:31-46)

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the king will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, I was ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer Him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for Me.' Then He will say to those on his left, 'Depart from Me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you gave me no

food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for Me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

V. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made
of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation.
He came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake, He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and Is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead and
His kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come.
Amen.

OFFERTORY VERSE

(Revelation 15:3b)

V. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God almighty. Just and true are Your ways, O King of the nations.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord our God, receive these gifts we offer to You today. Grant unity and peace to all nations under the leadership of Christ the King. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

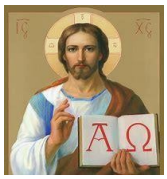
(Psalm 29:10b-11)

V. The Lord reigns as king forever. May the Lord give might to His people; may the Lord bless His people with peace.

CLOSING PRAYER

C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also, with you.

C. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we have eaten at the Banquet of Immortality and have been restored to fellowship with You. May we be made strong for Your service and come to reign with Christ the King. We ask this through the same, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen

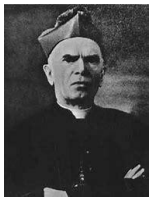


REFLECTIONS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

"I Am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." - Revelation 1:8

In Christian theology "Eschatology," is defined as "a branch of theology" which deals with the "last things." It deals with the final destiny of the soul."

On this last Sunday in the Ordinary, which is also known as the "Solemnity of Christ the King," we reflect on these "last things."



The Organizer of the Polish National Catholic Church Prime Bishop Hodur Franciszek Hodur

Prime Bishop Francis Hodur authored the Polish National Catholic Church's "Confession of Faith " in 1913, when it was first adopted at the Provincial Synods in Wilkes-Barre, PA; Passaic, NJ; and in Chicopee, MA., In his "Confession of Faith," he writes of the "last things"

I BELIEVE in the ultimate justice of God, in a future life beyond the grave, which will be a continuation of this temporal life and which, as to its condition and degree of perfection and happiness is dependent on our present life, but above all on the state of our soul in the final hour before death.

I BELIEVE in immortality and everlasting happiness in eternity in union with God of all people, races and ages, because I believe in the Divine power of love, mercy and justice and for nothing else do I yearn, but that it may be to me according to my faith.

Today, in many Christian denominations; those of the "Catholic" or Western Rite, both "papal and non-papal," share a faith that has joined us spiritually with the churches of the Eastern or the "Orthodox faith," as well as those churches who are of the Oriental Orthodox churches and many Protestant Churches, celebrate this Sunday, the Solemnity or the Feast Day of Christ the King,

Throughout this past year of 2026, these churches have proclaimed the Word of God, as prescribed, in an accepted plan, which follows a three-year common lectionary plan of Sunday readings.

In the Nicene Creed, composed in 325 AD, Christians profess these lines of our "united" faith:

"On the third day He [Jesus] rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead and
His kingdom will have no end."

It is in these last few Sundays, the words of Jesus, are read as found in the Gospel of Matthew, which helps each of us, as baptized Christians, to prepare for a not only our own final judgment, but for the whole of mankind. In this final Sunday, the Solemnity of Christ the King, speaks of a "Divine Judgment' of sheep and goats and all of mankind, who will be based how one is willing to know the two "Commandments of God" of loving God and the "least of the brethren."

Jesus, in His "Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids" as found in Matthew 25:1-13, tells each of us to be "prepared" for the bridegroom comes to each of us "unexpectantly." The lesson of "trimming" your wicks and having "light" is the key to this parable.

Finally, we read in Acts 1: 6-7: "When His [Jesus'] disciples who gathered [prior to his Ascension] asked about the Kingdom, says: " It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority."

"Let those who have ears hear."



NEXT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 29, 2026
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law."

On this first Sunday of Advent, we begin to hear the Word of God, entering the "B" cycle of readings.

The First Sunday of Advent, begins to tell all of us through Holy Scripture of the "anticipation and longing" for a promised "Messiah," which would speak of "redemption" to God's people more clearly.

In Advent, we read of a "promise" spoken of by God, concerning a "Messiah", who through the Old Testament prophets of God, of Isaiah, Jerimiah, Daniel, Malachi and others spoke about His judgment and the need for a "Messiah."

It should also be noted that this "Messiah" would fulfill the "three-prong" role of the "Messiah." He would be a "King, a High Priest and a Prophet."

These passages of Holy Scripture would continue to tell the story of "the "Anointed One of God." This Messiah or "Christos" in Greek, was know as Jesus came unto us not only through His miraculous birth into the world, not only through His three-year public ministry including His many teachings and healings; not only through His Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension, of the "Word made flesh," and established the early Church as well as the establishment of the early Christian communities through the teachings of St. Paul and others. Finally, on this final Sunday of the Christian liturgical year, we hear and reflect on His Divine kingship.

Today, Saint Paul gives testimony to the congregation at Corinth. He speaks of the "atonement" or reparation of man through Jesus Christ. Paul writes:

"For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came through man." Paul teaches the early Christians in Galatians 4:4 of the bridge that was to unite man totally with God:

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law."

It must be remembered that man fell away from God, in the story of the Garden of Eden and to make things right, there was a need for settling the score. This was to take place through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God's begotten Son, the Word.

We are reminded of what God called upon Abraham to sacrifice Issac,. Through his obedience, Abraham was to offer His son, Issac, through his faith in God. But we read in No one else could have made things right. Paul continues: "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." "It is in these words, that Paul gives the essence of the Universality of the kingship of Jesus Christ. It was and is one of the guiding principles of the Christian faith.

We read in today's Gospel, according to St. Matthew, there will be a time when the "Son of Man" will come in His glory and have all the nations assemble before Him. Did Jesus not state in the Gospel John 12:32 these words: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people[b] to myself." In reciting the Nicaean Creed, Christians around the world declare that: "He [Jesus] seated at the right hand of the Father will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and of His kingdom that will have no end?"

It is interesting that we hear that when the "Son of Man" will come into His glory, He will separate people according to their deeds in life, and

acceptance will be dependent on how they treated others. We are all called upon by St. Paul to "put on the Lord Jesus" in all our actions with one another. Is not Christ in all? Scripture tells us this is so. Are we not taught that God's spirit resides in all who He breathed life. We are not of a common faith that there was a beginning and there will be an end.

Today, we are also reminded of our common faith as Christians and are taught in our catechetical instruction, the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy which finds its roots on today's Gospel. We are taught::

- **To feed the hungry**
- **To give drink to the thirsty**
- **To clothe the naked**
- **To shelter the homeless**
- **To care for the sick**
- **To visit the imprisoned**
- **To bury the dead**

We are also reminded in this parable of Jeus that "as often as we have done these things unto the least of the brethren, we have done it unto Him." and "as often as we have not done these things unto the least of the brethren, we have not done it to Me." Our salvation comes not only through our faith of living Christ and sharing Christ to others.

And so, as we close this liturgical year of 2026, let us all reflect on what we are called upon and commanded by our Lord to do, because it is right. In the separation of the sheep and the goats, let us remember that sheep will hear the voice of the Shepherd and allow themselves to be guided by Him, whereas goats, by nature, are more stubborn, independent and exhibit their own way of doing things. And we know from experience that many are lost.

My brothers and sisters: May the words that God gave unto the prophet Ezekiel, resound in us today: "Thus, says the Lord GOD: I, Myself will look after and tend My sheep. "As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend My sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I, myself will pasture My sheep; I, Myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."



PARISH CALENDAR AND NEWS

DAILY MASS at 9:00 am

8:45 am – Liturgy of the Hours
9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist

LECTORS PROCLAIMING THE "WORD"

11/22 - Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd
11/29- Paula Winn



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am - Holy Mass to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite of the PNCC.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

"And He sent them out, to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."
- Luke 2:4

May we pray this day, and every day, for the health and healing of all of us, and most specially for those, who are homebound or in various facilities. May we pray especially for:

O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness, stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way are ailing. Deliver them , according to Your will, from all their present

sicknesses and illnessness, and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You. Amen.

OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS

"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others."

- Philippians 2:6

OUR FOOD MINISTRY

Our next Parish "food giveaway" fromwill be on Saturday, **November 21st from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm.** We are grateful for all donations given.

We wish to thank Cheryl Major, Sue & Eric Dibrindisi, Jim & Paula Winn for all their help in this important ministry, as well as all those who have donated groceries.

We ask for help with the following items

- Cereals and instant oatmeal.
- Fruit juices, - V8, Apple and Cranberry juices.
- Powder milk / condensed milk.
- Tea bags.
- Pasta and spaghetti sauce.
- Boxes of Mac-n-cheese.
- Canned tuna in water.
- Canned meats- chicken, salmon,
- Ramen noodles.
- Soups- all varieties.
- Canned veggies and fruits.

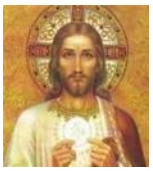


GALABKI & PIEROGI FOR SALE

I wanted to announce that we have galabki (stuffed cabbage) and pierogi for sale. Please see either Linda Puchalski or a member of our Parish Committee for more information.

ADOPT-A FAMILY 2026

We are again collecting items to aid families in our area who need help this Christmas season. Peg Kostiuk is the chairperson for this ministry. A "wish list" has been prepared and can be found in our Parish hall. Will you / can you help ?



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Daily Devotions

Copies of **"One Bread, One Body"** a daily devotional booklet, is now available, free of charge, found in the vestibule of our Church.

EASTERN DIOCESAN MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION CALL TO PRAYER

In the month of November, the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC. has called upon all its members and friends to offer these prayers at 12:00 noon each Wednesday.

LET US PRAY

Almighty God, Speak to our hearts whenever courage fades. Sustain us with an unyielding trust and steadfast faith, so that we may not be afraid to profess or defend our faith in You. May we stand with the same courage and perseverance of Your holy martyrs as we face the challenges before us. Renew us with Your unfailing love and fill us with hope in Your eternal purpose. Enlighten us to look beyond the temporary things of this world to You, the Source of all courage. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW SENIOR

On Sunday, December 13h at 3:30 pm, Rev. Fr. Pawel Dudek will be installed as the new Administrative Senior. This installation will take place at Holy Saviour Parish, 118 Prospect Street, in Naugatuck, CT. I will be attending this installation and I hope that we send a delegation from our Parish for this important installation of our new Senior.