

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

FROM FATHER KUNKEL

Today's Readings

Christ the King

Dn 7: 13-14

Rv 1: 5-8

Jn 18: 33-37

Readings for 11/29/09

1st Sunday of Advent

Jer 33: 14-16

1 Thes 3: 12—4: 2

Lk 21: 25-28,34-36

MASS INTENTIONS NOV 23, 2009

Monday	9:00 a.m.	Jim Sadler
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Communion Service
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Joe Tiszl
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Grim Family
Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Poor Souls Mary D Welch Lauretta Rizzo

(SI) Special Intentions (B) Birthday (A) Anniversary
(H) Health

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Each week's bulletin will list the names of person's known to be in ill health. Names are included in this listing by contacting the parish office. A name may be continued on the list, simply by calling the office.

Please pray for: Gloria Baronian, Catherine Beyer, Helen Blahus, Jeanette Burcham, Charles Crandall, Jerome Dolivka, Simon Driesen, Bill Duncan, Liz Fournier, Donna Friedman, Tammy Gilpin, Diana Glos, Melissa Griffin, Jerry Grim, Michelle Hall (Mark), Ellen Heaps, Jo Anne Heaps, Vida Hedrick, Gary & Cindy Hogan, Jessica Hynes, Bernadine Janiski, Agnes Kelly, Diana Keys, Tracy Knox, Bonnie LaPausky, Lorraine Heaps Lilley, Genevieve Dawn Lindley, Eddie Lott, Lisa Marroney, Bonnie Marzicola, Doug Mauzy, Richard Miller, Bonnie Morris, Don Ryan, Ian Sabia, Thomas W Scheiber, Wanda Smith, David Traskey, James E. Webb, James E. W. Webb, Michael Webb, Joseph Weidner, Richard Welling, Gary Williamson.

The feast of Christ the King is placed at the end of the Church's year to offer us a clear statement of our belief that Christ is both the beginning and the end of time, the alpha and omega. All things flow to and from him. The kingdom of the Lord is everlasting, and we and all of our world will be brought under his rule. But the understanding of the nature of Christ's kingdom has always been controversial.

An ordinary understanding of kingship points to the use of authority and power through coercion. Both the disciples of Jesus and his enemies struggled to work out how he could use the language of kingship while disdaining its earthly trappings. Kings have always gotten caught up in their wealth and power. Actually, it was the idea of a king's absolute bondedness to his people that led Jesus to call himself a King - but a king like no other, because his commitment to us is total, irrevocable, and complete. It has no limits and no escape clause. It doesn't depend on our good behavior! Jesus says very simply, "You are my people. I will stand by you and be there for you always, even on your very worst days!" He holds nothing back from us, ever!

In giving us this undying pledge, Jesus, our King, is also giving us a model. He is showing us how to live with one another, how to stick with and be for one another even when the going gets very tough. He knows from his own experience how tired and discouraged we can get. He knows how strong the temptation can be to give up and walk away from one another and from our own special mission. He knows! But he also knows where our final joy is to be found, and that is not in turning away from one another, not in turning away from challenge or even pain. He knows that our final joy will be found in standing firm with one another and continuing to carry our gifts to those who need them.

By his whole life Jesus has shown us the way, the only way! So let's walk with him and bring to bear upon every moment our very best! As citizens of the kingdom of God, we share in the reign of Christ, giving our lives to the only ruler that is worthy of all our love and service and praise!

SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF 11/29/09

Ministry	Sat 4 pm	Sun 8 am	Sun 9:30	Sun 11:15
Priest	HK	HK	HK	PH
Lector	P Marroney	S McCain	J Edwards	R Oursler
EM	M Gernand	A Chaney	D Rogers	J Windsor
	M Washburn	J Siegmund	L Hebert	N Novicki
	J Kusik	F Holtz	L Panzer	L Windsor
	K Dietz	S Muller	L Hall	M Payan
Server	C Rutkowski	R Blevins	J Devereux	S Griswold
	S Dietz	J Blevins	J Weber	Z Dodson
	M Dietz		G Corcoran	M Griswold
Sacristan	A Roemer		M Roman	R Fonte

ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Jesse Verchow on the 4th anniversary of his death by his mom Margaret. If you would like to have a loved one either remembered or honored with a donation of flowers please call Sue Dieter at 410-836-1641.



THE BOOK OF LIFE –

In memory of Tara Berg on her birthday Nov. 21st by Aunt Connie & Uncle Tom.

FINANCIAL REPORT NOV. 15, 2009

Envelopes contributors	\$ 6,261.00
Offertory Loose	861.75
Capital Campaign Pledges	2,663.34
Poor Box	146.91
Envelopes Used	199
Attendance	611

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING



The Church observes most of the month of December as a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We remind ourselves that Christmas is not already here by progressively lighting the four candles of the Advent Wreath, one more candle each Sunday beginning on

November 29, 2009.

We need your help! If you or your family would like to sign up to light the Advent Wreath one weekend there is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the Church. This is a great family practice in getting prepared for Christmas.

HOME BLESSINGS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath Tradition

The word "Advent" means coming. Each year we enter into the four weeks of Advent preparing again for the coming of Jesus. We long to know Him with greater intimacy and closeness, so we prepare through penance, reflection and expressions of our longing for God.

Each evening we say a seasonal prayer and light a candle. The flame proclaims that Jesus, the Light of the World, will soon come.

Prayers

On the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent, the family gathers to bless the wreath:

Lord God, we, Your people, await the coming of the Savior. Bless this wreath and grant that through its use we may better prepare for Christ's coming.

During the first week, light one purple candle at mealtime and pray:

Jesus, as we turn our minds to You, help us to focus on Your promise. Grant us the grace to repent of our sins and prepare for Your coming.

During the second week, light two purple candles at mealtime and pray:

Lord, may our hearts be set on You and Your will. Help us to always echo the words of Mary at the Annunciation, That the will of the Father may be done in our lives.

During the third week, light three candles – two purple and one rose – and pray:

Jesus, we know that you are coming soon. Our hearts rejoice that You are near. May that holy expectation lead us in the ways of your hope and love.

During the fourth week, light four candles at mealtime and pray:

Come, Lord Jesus, to each of us, to our family and to our world. We long for Your peace, joy and grace that bring new life.

MILITARY FAMILIES

The following are names of parishioners or their relatives who are currently serving our country in the military. May they feel the support and comfort of the prayers we offer for them.

Aaron Benjamin Leyko	Ensign Karen Twigg Ritchie
PFC James Borchardt	Major Randy Staab
Lt. Joseph Healy	MS Rose Leftridge
Michael Rezakabek	Capt. Nate Koss
Sgt. Benjamin Yost	PFC Derek Knight
HM3 Christopher Baker	CPO James Fish
Capt. Craig Richters	Colonel William Fowler
James Wheeler	PFC James Hale
CPO Anthony Clavijo	SPC Sam W. Balzanna III
PZ2 Robert Thacker	AC Julia R. Gerick
Capt. Timothy Monaghan	Sgt. Matthew Warne
Private Vance Chapman	Anthony Cirillo
Sgt. Donnie Billin	Private Jason Snyder
Master Sgt. Richard D. Hughes	Daniel Culver
Lt. Scott Hebert	2 nd Lt. Charles Gruver
SGT. Eric Hoopert	PV2 Emril Getscher
MSgt. Larry Goulden	LCPL Joseph M. Wheeler
Major Sean Wilson	Sgt E-5 Harry Patterson
Pv. Samuel Bursell	Zachary Paup
Lt. Col Neil Salkowski	MM2 Michael Nicke
PVT Estee Lawrence	PRAN Richard D. Awalt 3rd
PFC James Raab	2nd Lt. John Regan
Jeff Markowski	2 nd Lt Jenny Stewart
2 nd Lt Joseph Krick	

Please remember in your prayers the brave men and women serving in our Armed Services. Pray for them, their families, for their safe return and peace. If you have loved ones serving in the military at this time of crisis, please call the parish office 410-879-4015 ext. 10.

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL ADVENT WREATH MAKING/PANCAKE BREAKFAST

We will be holding on Sunday November 29th after all Masses an Advent Wreath Making & Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center. Come and join us for a Pancake Breakfast to benefit Catholic Heart Workcamp. Make an Advent Wreath with your family, and learn about John the Baptist and St. Nicholas.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Will resume on January 12 & 13th. Please have a family filled holidays and make plans to attend all or some of our parish Advent Activities.

Who is Mary? That is a question on many minds as we approach the birth of her Son on Christmas. Come to reflect and share during this special adult education opportunity during Advent. Tuesday, December 15th at 7:30 pm in the Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS OCTOBER

JAM-Junior High (6-8 Grade)

Drop in Nights (2nd Friday of each month)

KFC – Senior High (9-12 Grade)

Drop in Nights (3rd Saturday of each month)

JOINT EVENTS

Dec. 11th – Operation Christmas Spirit – Visit with residents of Rock Spring Assistant Living. Car Pool leaves St. Mary's at 5:45 p.m.

Dec. 20th – Jesus' Birthday Bash – 10:30 to 3:00 p.m. Pageant performed at 3:00 p.m. with potluck supper. All youth are invited to participate.

JAM –Junior High (6-8 Grade)

Jan 8th – P.J. Party/Movie Night 7-10 p.m. in the new Youth Room!!

Jan. 15th – Visit the Bel Air Senior Housing.

Jan. 22nd – Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at the Delta Rec. Center. For guys and gals ages 10-14. Give it a shot. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. to register.

Jan 30th – Ice Skating Party at Ice World – 7-10 p.m. cost is \$14.00 per person includes drink, slice of pizza, skate rental and 2 hours of skating fun.

KFC – Senior High (9-12 grade)

Jan. 12th Vocation Sensation – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join us for pizza and Seminararians presentation.

Jan. 15th Visit Bel Air Senior Housing.

Jan. 16th – P.J. Party/Movie Night 7-10 p.m. in the new Youth Room!!!

Jan. 28th – March for Life- for more information call Cathy Smith at 410-692-2932.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Pastoral Council would like to create a Welcoming Committee who would be responsible for, as you might guess, welcoming new parishioners to our Church and guiding the new person, couple or family. Through making them aware of all that St. Mary's has to offer and answering any questions they might have, this committee would ensure that our new members are brought securely into the St. Mary's fold. If interested in being part of this committee please contact the office to leave your name and number so we can get back to you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

Monday, November 23, 2009

7:30 p.m.Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

6:30 p.m. High School FF

Wednesday, November 25, 2009

6:30 p.m.Cont. Music

Thursday, November 26 2009

10:00 a.m.Thanksgiving Day Mass

.....PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 27, 2009

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Sunday, November 29, 2009

9:00 a.m.Advent Wreath Making/Pancake Breakfast

THE GIVING TREE



The annual Christmas Giving Tree is now up in the Church and will remain until December 13th. The tree will be decorated with hand-made ornaments, containing information about the wishes of our families in need. When you take an ornament and purchase the gift for that family, please place the ornament on the package and return it to the foot of the tree as soon as possible, or before December 13th. Your gifts in the past years have given much joy to those in need. Thank you as always for your generosity.

The Belles of St. Mary

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR!! CHRISTMAS



Bags handed out	Sat & Sun 12/5 & 12/6
Food Collection	Sat & Sun 12/12 & 12/13
Food Sorting	Friday 12/18 7 to 9 p.m.
Food Distribution	Sat. 12/19 8:45 a.m. to noon

Bring a friend - The more the merrier. Any questions call Norm Yost 410-836-1977 or e-mail nyaugust@aol.com.

GIVE AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT

How can you combine the celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas?

If you enjoy good health that is a great reason to be thankful.

Hate to shop for Christmas gifts? Combine Thanksgiving and Christmas by making a life saving difference in the lives of three people. What a gift!

How? Donate blood at our next Bloodmobile on Thursday, December 10th between 1 & 7 p.m. here at St. Mary's.

To give that life saving gift make an appointment now.

In MD call Theresa Driesen @ 410-457-451

In PA call Janice Bowman @ 717-382-4198

ST MARY'S LUNCHEON BINGO TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009 WE ARE BACK!!!!!!



Join us for a relaxing day of bingo and lunch here at St. Mary's. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. and the low price of \$7.00 includes admission, lunch and a regular bingo packet of 16 games, 3 cards to a sheet. For a small additional fee special games and extra bingo packets can be purchased. The Menu for December 1st is:

Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Pineapple Stuffing, Carrots,
Biscuits & Christmas Cookies for dessert

Jack pot is \$175.00 in 53 numbers

We also need help on Monday & Tuesday. If you can give some of your time please call Nancy @ 410-692-6363, Pat @ 410-836-1891 or Cheryl @ 410-557-9157.

HEALTH CARE NOTES!!

Flu Prevention Tips

- ❖ Try to avoid contact with people who are sick.
- ❖ Toss your tissues in the trash when done using them.
- ❖ Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds several times every day.
- ❖ Keep your hands away from your face, especially eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ❖ Keep surfaces clean of the flu virus by washing them with a solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water.
- ❖ Increase the humidity in your home and/or office to keep nasal and oral passages moist. This helps your body flush out the virus.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS BAZAAR HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will have a Bake Table, Greens, Swags, and Wreaths along with Col. John Streett's Revolutionary War Chili. Lots of Crafts and lots of CRAFTS! CRAFTS! CRAFTS! Vendor spaces \$20.00 call Robin at 717-309-6324 for more information. All proceeds raised by Holy Cross Church benefit Holy Cross Outreach Programs.

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Amhra'nai Na Gaeilge, The Irishman's Chorale
Date: Sunday, November 29, 2009
Place: Holy Spirit Church
540 Joppa Farm Rd
Joppa, MD 21085
Cost: \$10.00 per person /Children under 12 Free
Time: 3:00 p.m.
All proceeds go to the homeless of Harford County. For Tickets call 410-879-2085.

THE SHACK

On the New York Times best seller list for 75 weeks, the book **The Shack** by Wm. Paul Young will be the topic of discussion on Thursday evening, December 3rd, in the Adult Education Center at St. Margaret's Parish from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge for this event. For more information please contact: Marie Dekowski; St. Margaret Parish; 141 N. Hickory Ave., Bel Air, MD marie.dekowski@gmail.com or call 410-879-2670 ext. 126.

ART EXHIBIT: PICTURING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST IN MEDIEVAL MANUSCRIPTS

The Walters Art Museum, 600 N. Charles Street in Baltimore, hosts The Christmas Story exhibit, December 3-February 28th. This exhibition draws on the extraordinary holdings of the Walters Art Museum, and an anonymous private collection, to illustrate the Christmas story in the way that it has been understood for centuries, with Books of Hours and Missals from around the Christian world. Admission is FREE.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & GERMANY WITH ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN

The Catholic Review, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, invites you on a 10 day pilgrimage to Italy, Austria and Germany, including viewing of the Shroud of Turin and the 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play. Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will join the tour. The trip, May 18-27, 2010, presents a unique opportunity to see both the Shroud of Turin, which is usually displayed only every 25 years but which is on special viewing for a brief period in 2010, and the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, performed only every 10 years. Tour price of \$3,899 per person and includes airfare from Baltimore/Washington area and accommodations in first-class and superior first class hotels. For a brochure or other information, contact'

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