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Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Cycle “B”

Solemnity – Christ the King

November 22, 2009

“Time has a wonderful way of weeding out the trivial.” – RICHARD BEN SAPIR

Events for the Week

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, November 22nd – Solemnity – Jesus Christ the King - Thirty Fourth (last) Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist in which we proclaim Jesus Christ as the king above all others. His kingdom reaches beyond all times and places and, through the Gospel, He invites us to live as its citizens.

11:00AM – Holy Mass with reading of the *Memorial List*, intention: for sp. **Eleanor Hovanec**, of. by Mrs. Geraldine Andrews.

- The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 1:1-6.8-20; Luke 21:1-4; **Tue.**, Daniel 2:31-45; Luke 21:5-11; **Wed.**, Daniel 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Luke 21:12-19; **Thu.**, Daniel 6:12-28; Luke 21:20-28; **Fri.**, Daniel 7:2-14; Luke 21:29-33; **Sat.**, Daniel 7:15-27; Luke 21:34-36

MONDAY, November 23rd – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

TUESDAY, November 24th – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, November 25th – *Weekday*

6:00PM – Thanksgiving Holy Mass in **Shenandoah**.

7:00PM – Thanksgiving worship service – First United Methodist Church in Frackville.

THURSDAY, November 26th – **THANKSGIVING DAY**

FRIDAY, November 27th – *Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

SATURDAY, November 28th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, November 29th – First Sunday of Advent

11:00AM – Holy Mass with reading of the *Memorial List* intention: for sp. William Lorah, of. by Andruscavage/Komara family.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE

(Sirach 18:3; Psalm 22:28-29)

V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.
V. 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.

I Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel tells of his vision of the Lord returning as a glorious king.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalm 145:10-13)

V. Let all Your works give You thanks, o Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You. Let them discourse of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might.

R. Making known to men Your might and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom. Your kingdom is a kingdom for all ages, and Your dominion endures through all generations.

II Reading: Apocalypse 1:5-8

The Apocalypse describes the risen Jesus returning as a mighty king.

THE ALLELUIA

(Isaiah 43:15)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

St. John recounts the dialogue between Jesus and Pilate. Jesus is a king, but His kingdom is not of this world.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

You are citizens of the kingdom of God. May Christ be the Lord of your life and the king of your heart.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Dec. 5th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM.

Dec. 6th Advent Penitential Service – 10:45AM.

Christmas Party – around 12:15PM.

Dec. 20th Decorating the church for Christmas.

FRACKVILLE

Dec. 6th Advent Penitential Service – 8:30AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people and members of the choir.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Jacob Komara** for help during the liturgy, **last** Sunday (November 15).

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

MASS LITURGY CHANGES – beginning today until Easter we will stop shaking hands during the Holy Mass – *the sign of peace* - due flu season.

CHURCH'S ENVELOPES – please, continue using the church envelopes given, adjust the actual date. Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Margaret Kruszynski – Helen Menzyk - Connie Sincavage - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Edward Ryszka Jr.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Nov. 29:** sp. William Lorah; **Dec. 6:** sp. Robert Hoppes, Charles Hoppes, Maria, Ignacy Stypik, Joseph Stypik, Charles Stypik (All Souls); **Dec. 13:** sp. Matthew Menzyk, Catherine Menzyk (All Souls); **Dec. 20:** sp. Phyllis Gurecki; **Dec. 25:** sp. Ann Kowalonek (Grande).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.



CHRISTMAS PARTY - will be held in our Holy Ghost church hall on Sunday, **December 6, 2009** following 11:00AM Holy Mass. If someone is interested to participate please sign your name on the sheet at the vestibule. If someone is planned to participate, please bring one inexpensive gift. The **deadline is November 29.**



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS: Again this year we will have the opportunity to remember our loved ones in a very special way at Christmas time with Memorial Poinsettias. These donations will enhance the beauty of our church altars for the glory of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Cost per plant is \$15.00. DEADLINE FOR REQUESTS IS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 2009.

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at Redner’s please use your “Redner’s card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Thank you, Lord of the Universe,
for all the gifts
you always offer me.*

*Thank you for all I receive:
for the water that washes me,
for the clothes I wear,
for the bread that sustains me.*

*For my dwelling and my parents,
for my sisters and brothers,
and for my friends.*

*For the knowledge gained from striving,
and for the toils of each day.*

*For the good mornings that have dawned upon me,
for the light that shines upon me,
and for the handshakes that link me to others.*

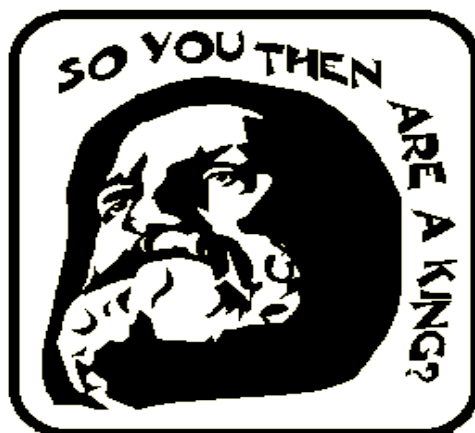
*For the time you have allotted me,
for the life you have offered me,
and for the blessings of each new day.*

*Thanks you for being with me, Lord,
for listening to me,
and for taking me seriously.
Thank you even for receiving today's thank you.
Thank you, Lord, thank you very much.*

Amen.

CHRISTIAN TRADITIONS — In the Christian era the custom of celebrating a thanksgiving harvest festival began in the High Middle Ages. For lack of any definite liturgical day or ceremony prescribed by the Church, various practices came to be observed locally. In many places, as in Hungary, the Feast of the Assumption included great thanksgiving solemnities for the grain harvest. Delegates from all parts of the country came for the solemn procession to Budapest, carrying the best samples of their produce. A similar ceremony was observed in Poland, where harvest wreaths brought to Warsaw from all sections were bestowed on the president in a colorful pageant. These wreaths (*wieniec*), made up of the straw of the last sheaf (*broda*), were beautifully decorated with flowers, apples, nuts, and ribbons, and blessed in churches by the priests.

The most common, and almost universal, harvest and thanksgiving celebration in medieval times was held on the Feast of Saint Martin of Tours (Martinmas) on November 11. It was a holiday in Germany, France, Holland, England, and in central Europe. People first went to Mass and observed the rest of the day with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner, the main feature of the meal being the traditional roast goose (Martin's goose). With the goose dinner they drank "Saint Martin's wine," which was the first lot of wine made from the grapes of the recent harvest. Martinmas was the festival commemorating filled barns and stocked larders, the actual Thanksgiving Day of the Middle Ages. Even today it is still kept in rural sections of Europe, and dinner on Martin's Day would be unthinkable without the golden-brown, luscious Martin's goose.



Receiving the Holy Eucharist – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.