



*The Faith Community of
The Cathedral of Saint Joseph
140 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105*



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king."
- Jn 18:37a

November 21, 2021

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Schedule of Masses
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00 AM
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
7:30 AM , 12:10 PM, Saturday, 9:00 AM
Virtual Masses: Sunday Mass livestreamed on Parish Website
Holy Day Masses: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 PM

Parish Registration
We extend a warm welcome to our new parishioners.
Please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Parish Office.

Devotions:
Saturday, 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Holy Hour: every first Saturday of each month

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASS Intentions

Saturday	November 20,
9:00 AM	No Mass intention
4:00 PM	Marie Kane McCarthy, requested by Maureen Phelan.
Sunday	November 21, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:30 AM	William & Jane Fischetti, requested by their children.
11:00 AM	Norman Morse, requested by Eileen Morse.
Monday	November 22, St. Cecilia
12:10 PM	For a special intention.
Tuesday	November 23, St. Clement I, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
12:10 PM	Rev. John C. Blackall, requested by Stephen Blanchfield.
Wednesday	November 24, St. Andrew Dũng-Lac
12:10 PM	Roger Lavertu, requested by Gary & Marie Pelletier.
Thursday	November 25, Happy Thanksgiving St. Catherine of Alexandria
9:00 AM	For the people of the parish
Friday	November 26,
12:10 PM	Jane Fischetti, birthday remembrance, requested by her children.
Saturday	November 27,
9:00 AM	No Mass intention
4:00 PM	Donald Brick, requested by Gayle & Mark Brick.
Sunday	November 28, First Sunday in Advent
8:30 AM	William & Jane Fischetti, requested by their children.
11:00 AM	Norman Morse, requested by Eileen Morse.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Wednesday, November 17, 2021, we will discontinue the 7:30 AM Mass until further notice while Fr. Dan recovers from surgery. Please join us for the Mass at 12:10 PM if possible. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



**The Sanctuary Candle will burn
November 21 - 27 in loving memory of
Russell Kucia, requested by his family.**

If you would like to have the Sanctuary Candle burn in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 20

9:30 -10:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee
1:00 PM - Bible Study, Cathedral
3:00 - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Confession

Sunday, November 21

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, November 23

12:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 - 7:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Malta House of Care Mobile Clinic

Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

10:00 AM - Knights of Columbus, Coats for Kids giveaway. Cathedral Asylum Avenue Entrance

Saturday, November 27

9:30 -10:30 AM - Rosary Prayer Committee
1:00 PM - Bible Study, Cathedral
3:00 - 3:30 PM - Sacrament of Confession

Sunday, November 28



**Upcoming Second Collections
November 20 & 21
Campaign for Human Development**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever. ©LPi

THANKSGIVING MASS: As a spiritual family, our annual Thanksgiving Mass invites us to have an opportunity to reflect on our many blessings, both big and small, and to give thanks to the Lord for those blessings. We invite you and your family to celebrate this special Mass with us at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 25th at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph. A special Thanksgiving bread will be distributed after Mass. Please note that this will be the only Mass on Thursday. On Friday, November 26th Mass will be celebrated at 12:10 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on both days.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS

Next weekend we begin the beautiful season of Advent. May this time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of our Lord be happy and joy filled for all of our parish family. Many of you may have personal Advent Wreaths that you use in your homes for prayer during this season. If you would like to have them blessed, simply bring them to Mass with you next weekend and place them in front of the altar, and Father will bless them at the beginning of Mass.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

During the season of Advent, we will begin each weekend liturgy with the lighting of the Advent Wreath. We are most grateful to the families from the parish who have volunteered to join in the procession at the beginning of Mass, as well as assisting us in the lighting. Those families assisting us next week are as follows:

Saturday, November 27th

4:00PM Mass - Fletcher Denovellis family

Sunday, November 28th

8:30 AM - Judy Stonger and RCIA group

11:00 AM - Meczywor and Brick family

CATHEDRAL GIVING TREES

Our Giving Trees are looking a little more normal this year, however, please know we continue to offer many ways to participate in this Advent program. You are welcome to take tag(s) from the two trees located in the East and West entrances, purchase and return the item; monetary donations are welcome online or by writing a check to the Cathedral with the memo line "Giving Trees" and placed in the weekly collection or mailed to the Parish Office. Physical gifts are welcome as well, please see the parish website for details. Remember to return all gifts by Sunday, December 12th to the elevator entrance and 2022 calendars and planners are always appreciated! Questions can be emailed to CathedralGivingTrees@gmail.com or please call the rectory.

**FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY
THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Let us give thanks by helping to provide Thanksgiving dinner to our neighbors in need.

The following items are needed:

Canned vegetables, Canned fruit

Stuffing mix, Rolls

Cranberry Sauce, Non-perishable desserts

Dessert mixes

We will also gratefully accept monetary donations.

Donations may be left in the lower church and volunteers will be at the elevator entrance after all the Masses this weekend

FUNERAL MINISTRY

Throughout the year, members attend and participate in the funeral liturgy of the deceased parishioners. They represent the parish family in respectful recognition of the passing and offer the support of their prayer to those present. Members also participate in the annual Parish Mass of Remembrance. If you would like to become a member, please call the Rectory Office at 860-249-8431.

Remembering Recently Deceased Parishioners:

To memorialize a recent passing of a parishioner in any weekly Cathedral Bulletin, please also call the Rectory Office.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry provides food for those in need, in the Asylum Avenue Parking lot of the Cathedral, every Thursday, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. The next distribution date is **December 2nd**.

CT FOODSHARE MOBILE TRUCK

The Connecticut Foodshare Mobile truck provides free bags of food to those in need every other Wednesday, 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM on the Asylum Avenue Parking Lot of the Cathedral. The next distribution date is **December 1st**. For more information please visit foodshare.org/mobile for sites and times of distributions.

**MALTA HOUSE OF CARE
MOBILE CLINIC**

The Malta House of Care provides free primary health services to uninsured adults. The clinic offers services at the Asylum Avenue Parking Lot on Tuesdays from 12:00 Noon to 4:00PM. It also comes temporarily to the Cathedral on Wednesdays, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

ROSARY PRAYER COMMITTEE

Everyone is invited to come join us at the Cathedral of Saint Joseph to pray the Rosary, every Wednesday at 7:00 AM, before the 7:30 AM Mass, and every Saturday at 9:30 AM following the 9:00 AM Mass.

A Thanksgiving prayer

Loving God,

*who created and sustains the universe,
who loved us all into being,
and who gives us every good thing,
we thank you for the blessings
that you bring into our lives.*

*We thank you for the gift of life itself,
which you gave us in our mothers' wombs.*

*We thank you for the fresh start of each new day,
which is a sign of your renewing and creative love.*

*And we thank you for our friends, our families,
our neighbors and our coworkers,
whose human love is an image
of your divine care.*

*Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day,
and help us to recognize all the good things
that we have, both large and small.*

*And magnify our desire to share
what we have with others,
so that they too may be
grateful to you,
Loving God.*

Amen.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
COATS FOR KIDS GIVEAWAY**

**Friday, November 26th, 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon
Cathedral Asylum Avenue Entrance**

Children must be accompanied by an adult to receive a free coat. MASKS ARE MANDATORY. This event is sponsored by the Cathedral of Saint Joseph Knights of Columbus. Monetary donations for coats are gladly accepted, and can be made to:

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

- Sunday** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
- Monday** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

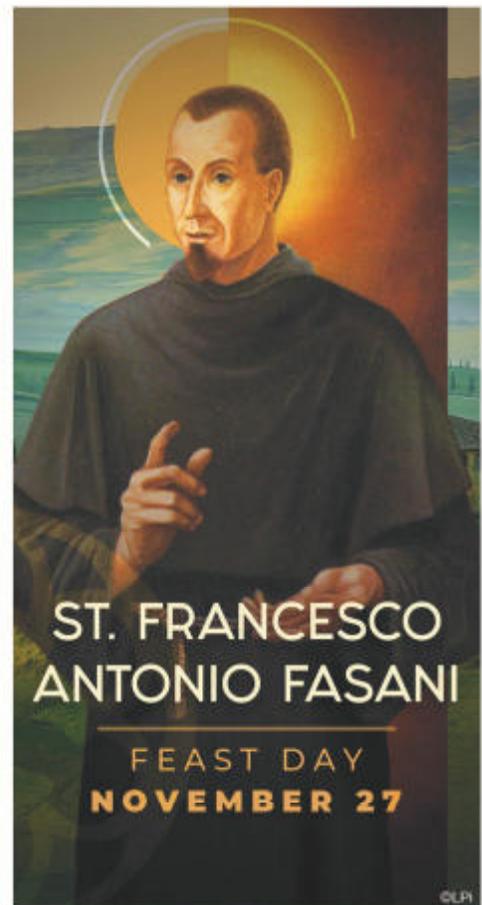
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21, 2021

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- Monday:** St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr
- Wednesday:** St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 1st Sunday of Advent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (1681 – 1742) lived his whole life as a loving, devout, and atoning man. He entered the Conventual Franciscans in 1695, and 10 years later taught philosophy to younger friars, served as guardian of his friary, and eventually became provincial minister. When his term of office ended, St. Francesco became master of novices and finally pastor in his hometown of Lucera.

Known throughout his various ministries as being loving, devout, and penitential, he was also a well-known confessor and preacher. St. Francesco was a loyal friend of the poor and worked tirelessly to find ways to support them. He was a mystic with such a profound prayer life and supernatural gifts that he was known to levitate during prayer. He was canonized in 1986 by Pope John Paul II.

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