

NOVEMBER 21, 2021 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

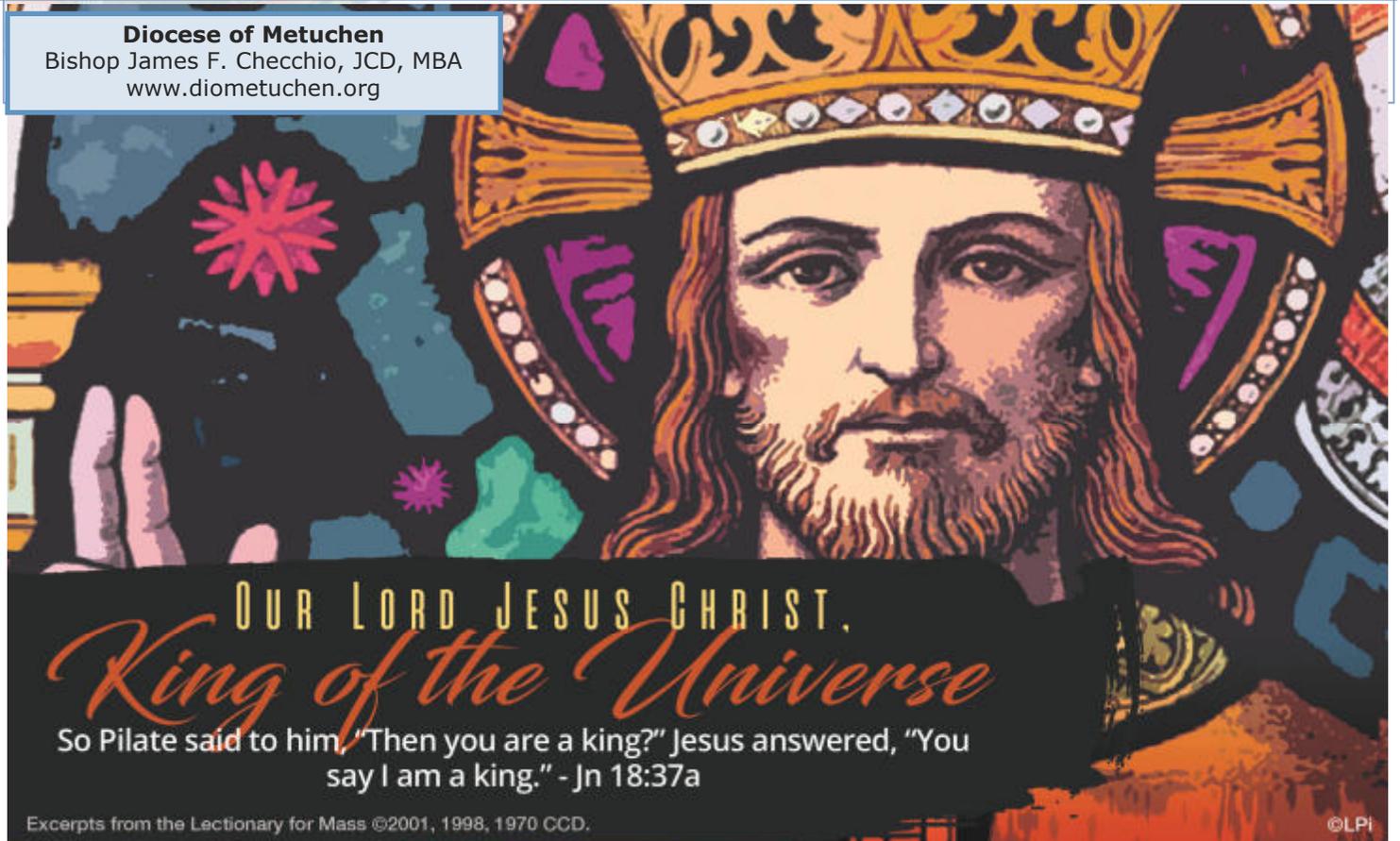


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
King of the Universe
So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king." - Jn 18:37a

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am & 11 am

WEEKDAYS

Monday-Wednesday 8 am
Thanksgiving Day, 9am

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 4 to 4:45 pm
First Sunday after the 11 am Mass
& By Appointment

BAPTISM

Celebrated on the 2nd, 3rd & 4th
Sunday. Contact the Parish Office.

*"The Lord is
king; he is
robed in
majesty."
Psalm 93*

ADORATION

Holy Hour for Life, 3rd Thursday
of the month & First Friday.

ROSARY

Prayed every 2nd Wednesday & 5th
Sunday of the Month

PARISH REGISTRATION

Pick up a form in the Church vesti-
bule or visit our website to join.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:30am to 4 pm

MASS INTENTIONS (LS-live stream)

Saturday/Sunday, November 20/21

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5:00 PM †Siobhan Hanly
8:00 AM †All Souls Remembrance
9:30 AM People of the Parish (LS)
†Kenneth Morris
11:00 AM Open Intention

Monday, November 22

St. Cecilia

8:00 AM †All Souls Remembrance

Tuesday, November 23

St. Clement I & St. Columban & Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

8:00 AM †Joseph Fiore Sr.

Wednesday, November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

8:00 AM (L) Michele & Pat Beha

Thursday, November 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Happy Thanksgiving

9:00 AM †All Souls Remembrance

Saturday/Sunday, November 27/28

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM †All Souls Remembrance
8:00 AM Open Intention
9:30 AM Open Intention (LS)
11:00 AM People of the Parish

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Your Guardian Angel is with you at Mass and at the **Offertory**, (when the bread and wine are brought to the altar along with the Offertory collection) your Guardian Angel carries **your offerings** and **petitions** before the Altar of the Lord. It is at this moment during the Mass that you should offer yourselves; offer your sorrows, your pains, your hopes, your sadness, your joys, your petitions. Remember that the Mass has **infinite value**. Therefore, be generous in offering and in asking.



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDER- STANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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**.

CONTRIBUTIONS Since the bulletin had to be submitted early due to the holiday, the contributions will be listed at a later date. Thank you for understanding!

MASS INTENTIONS Would you like to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of a deceased loved one or for someone living, or for a special intention? Please contact the Parish Office at 908-638-6211. The offering is \$10. Mass cards are available and can be mailed for your convenience.

LECTOR SCHEDULE



Nov.20 5:00 PM-
Nov.21 8:00 AM-
9:30 AM- Lou M.
11:00 AM- Andrew R.
Nov.27 5:00 PM-
Nov.28 8:00 AM- Lisa B.
9:30 AM-
11:00 AM-

If you are interested in becoming a Lector please contact the Parish Office at (908) 638-6211 or email; parishoffice@sjchb.org.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday, November 21

*Food for Families Collection

Monday-Wednesday; Thursday 9 AM Mass

*Daily Mass, 8 am

Monday, November 22

*4th Degree K of C Meeting, 7:30pm, Church Hall

Tuesday, November 23

*Bible Study, 7:30pm, Church Hall

BIBLE STUDY meets every **Tuesday at 7:30 pm** in the Church Hall. Come learn more about the greatest book ever written!

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, November 25** for Thanksgiving.

JESSE TREE It's that time of year again to make a child's Christmas, **merry and bright!** Please consider picking a gift tag from the Jesse Tree in the entranceway of the Church. This year, both **High Bridge Elementary School** and **Voorhees High School** asked for gift cards, it made shopping easier for the parents. Gift cards are **due back on December 11/12.**



"Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference!"

CARITAS CHAMBER CHORALE Directed by Barbara Sanderman, the **Caritas Chamber Chorale** will present a series of in-person *a cappella* Christmas concerts entitled **IN SILENCE & CELEBRATION**. The concert will be presented on: **Friday, Dec. 3** at 7:30pm at **Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church in Middlesex**, **Saturday, Dec. 4** at 7:30pm at **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Flanders** and **Sunday, Dec. 5** at 3pm at **St. Catharine Church** in Spring Lake.

All Concerts are FREE! A freewill offering will benefit the Adorno Fathers' St. Francis Caracciolo Mission in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

From the Office Staff at St. Joseph Church
Wishing you the gift of faith & the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving Day.

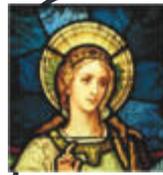


K-CLUB NEWS The 16th weekly winner will be announced at a later date. Due to the holiday, the bulletin had to be submitted earlier than normal.
Thanks for supporting the Knights!

"No matter what our circumstances, we can find a reason to be thankful."



The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the *Real Presence* of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Tabernacle. This week the flame is burning: **In Thanksgiving to God for all He has done for us!**



PRAYER FOR THE SICK: We seek your prayers for the sick of our Parish. **St. Cecilia**, (feast day Nov. 22) we ask for your intercession because you generously offered your life for the love of Jesus, Amen. Saint Cecilia, pray for us.

We pray for: Cathy Bush, William Honachefsky, Vincent Scarponi, Mark Mueller, Joseph, Stephanie Hoelper, John Hayth, Barbara Shea, Michael Tingolie Sr., Lyzah Hennig, Jacob Cole, Colin, Christopher, Helen D., Jesse Wescott, Holly McCallum-Young, Kaitlin, Bernadette R., Barbara Shea, Irene Sebold and Carole & Paul.

☪ Thanksgiving Message from Father James:

As we prepare our homes for this Thanksgiving holiday, we remember to express our thanksgiving to God. Through the Sacred Scriptures we learn that God's chosen people are called to offer Him thanks. As a Eucharistic people, we offer our thanks to God during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass by our union with Christ Jesus who offers Himself to the Father in thanksgiving. In fact, the word Eucharist means "thanksgiving". At the Eucharistic celebration, our thankfulness of each day of the week for all that God continues to do in our lives is taken up into the offering made by Christ. So truly, we are a people of thanksgiving!

Personally, I am very grateful to be a member of God's people who offer their thankfulness to God. In particular, I am thankful to be a part of this very community that makes up the parish of St. Joseph Church. During this past year, despite the challenges we continue to face due to the pandemic, our parishioners have made the effort to gather for Mass or have logged on to our live-streamed Masses. We continue to express our thankfulness to God by the sacrifices we make in order to pray as a community of His faithful people.

Even as we take the initiative to gather together when it is safe for us to do so, the fact remains that there are still some who will not be able to come together for the Thanksgiving holiday with all of their loved ones. Nevertheless, we do profess in our Creed that we believe in the communion of saints so that, in Christ, we are always united with one another as we give thanks to Almighty God!

May the blessing of our providential and loving God be upon each one of you and your families during this holiday season; and please know that all of you remain in my daily prayers.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
Father James



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