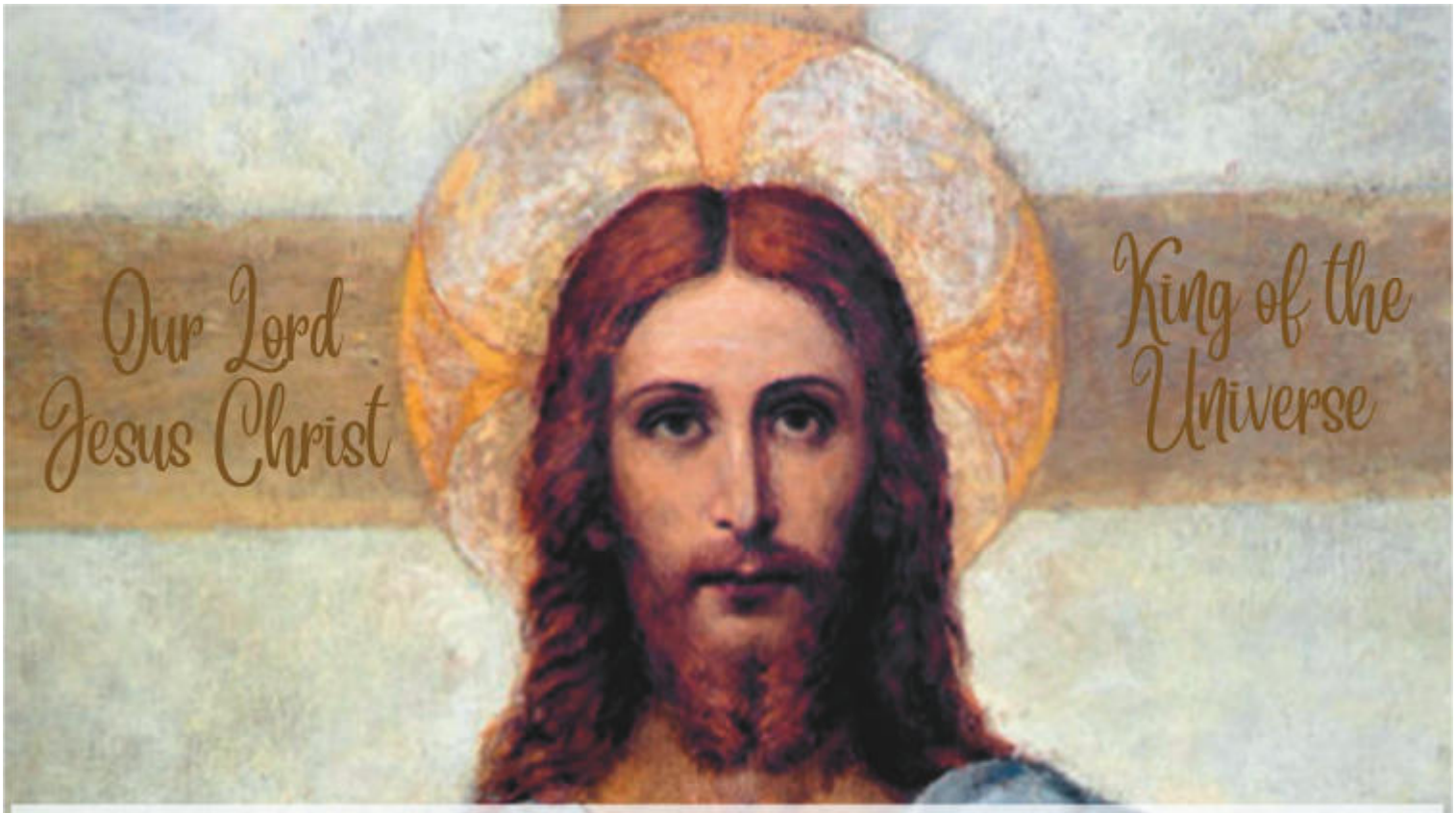


Today, the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This solemnity is a relatively new one, it was only instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It was begun during an uncertain time in the world where secular rulers were launching dictatorships with expressions of hate and destruction. Through this solemnity Pope Pius XI wanted to reassert the ultimate and universal kingship of Jesus Christ and his law of love and truth.

Next Sunday begins Advent, and with it comes the beginning of a new year for the Church. In Luke's Gospel we find a great promise, a messenger from God tells a young woman from the village of Nazareth that she is going to conceive a child, a son, whom she is to call Jesus. And the promise is this: "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." Her child is going to be a king. And not just any king, but the great promised Prince of Peace, the Redeemer–King for whom people had been hoping and longing for centuries, the One who would bring to the whole world peace and salvation. The following is an excerpt from the Second Vatican Council's pastoral constitution, "Gaudium et spes" on the Church in the modern world (#78, December 7, 1965), and is an important reminder that we are to follow Jesus' lead in the promotion of peace.

Peace is not merely the absence of war; nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies; nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called an enterprise of justice. Peace results from that order structured into human society by its divine Founder, and actualized by men as they thirst after ever greater justice. The common good of humanity finds its ultimate meaning in the eternal law. But since the concrete demands of this common good are constantly changing as time goes on, peace is never attained once and for all, but must be built up ceaselessly. Moreover, since the human will is unsteady and wounded by sin, the achievement of peace requires a constant mastering of passions and the vigilance of lawful authority.

But this is not enough. This peace on earth cannot be obtained unless personal well-being is safeguarded and men freely and trustingly share with one another the riches of their inner spirits and their talents. A firm determination to respect other men and peoples and their dignity, as well as the studied practice of brotherhood are absolutely necessary for the establishment of peace. Hence peace is likewise the fruit of love, which goes beyond what justice can provide. That earthly peace which arises from love of neighbor symbolizes and results from the peace of Christ which radiates from God the Father. For by the cross the incarnate Son, the prince of peace reconciled all men with God. By thus restoring all men to the unity of one people and one body, He slew hatred in His own flesh; and, after being lifted on high by His resurrection, He poured forth the spirit of love into the hearts of men.

For this reason, all Christians are urgently summoned to do in love what the truth requires, and to join with all true peacemakers in pleading for peace and bringing it about. Motivated by this same spirit, we cannot fail to praise those who renounce the use of violence in the vindication of their rights and who resort to methods of defense which are otherwise available to weaker parties too, provided this can be done without injury to the rights and duties of others or of the community itself.

Pastor's Desk

Immaculata Award

Congratulations to Ted and Linda Baker who will be honored by the Diocese of Syracuse with this year's Immaculata Award, presented by Bishop Lucia, Sunday December 5 at the Cathedral. There is very little that Linda and Ted are not involved in, but one item probably most noteworthy is Hospitality on so many levels. Thank you and congratulations Linda & Ted!

Flu Season

As we are more than ready to relax distancing and the likes from COVID, we are entering flu season. We encourage frequent hand washing, social distancing, and minimal physical contact for the Sign of Peace.

Snow Closings

We will continue our practice to observe closings and delays due to the weather. Thus, if **VESTAL SCHOOLS** have a delay or close there will be no 7:30 am Mass. If they close, the parish office will be closed as well, as staff will work remotely. Likewise, if after school activities are canceled, so are in-person evening meetings and programs. Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday and yes, the menu is a factor but just one. Mass is at 9 am. I have never really fathomed beginning the day without going to Church. Even in college, when I rolled in at the wee hours of the morning after catching up with friends, I would be certain to be up to go to Mass. *Eucharist* defined, means to give thanks. Thus, there is no separation in my mind from the day and the Sacrament. As our Bishops met this past week and worked on the statement about the eucharist it is to be a teaching tool of the real presence and the impact of the Eucharistic community. It is not about politics. It is about, how do we see Christ and give thanks.

As you gather with family & friends, give thanks for their presence as each in the image of God is the presence of Christ. As you watch the Bills play in New Orleans, and are tempted to get up for a Turkey sandwich, be sure to say grace once again when the temptation is too much. When you come next Sunday for the First Sunday of Advent, remember what our preparation is about, how in Christ we are one and are one with God. Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Father Donovan

Parish News

Job Opening

Our Lady of Sorrows is in need of a maintenance person, flexible hours with the possibility of benefits. It does entail indoor/outdoor work as well as lifting. If interested, contact Father John Donovan, (6607)748-8287

Advent Program for Adults

Starting the First Week of Advent,
Tuesday, November 30
Offered either at 11am -12pm or 7-8pm
Signups in the Gathering Space or online beginning November 13. *Rejoice!* Journals will be available to purchase before class.

What does God want this Advent? Simple. He wants you. He wants a personal encounter with you. This year, as we journey through Advent with *Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story*, we'll learn about the places, people, and events that shaped the story of the very first Advent and shape our own lives today.

Together with the guided meditation videos, you will see how the people, places, and events of the first Advent affected Jesus's story. You will take time to look at the people, places, and events in your own life, to see how the Lord is shaping your story, today.

Rejoice! will help you open your heart to the peace and joy of the Advent season as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Christmas. We look forward to journeying with you.

The HOPE Appeal

Our Hope Appeal goal is $69,710.39. Thank you to all those who have participated. We have reached 87% of our assessment with 22% participation. For those who have not yet completed a pledge there are envelopes in the pews or online on our website.

Annual Advent Wreath Workshop

Join your fellow parishioners in making a fresh Advent wreath for your home this year. It is a great way to prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ as we follow this beautiful Church tradition during Advent. It takes about 30 minutes to make a wreath, come anytime between 9am-1pm on November 27th to make yours, stay a little while longer and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments. Cost is $5. Bring greens if available and garden clippers. Register on our website, call or stop by the parish office.

Pastoral Care Corner

Happy Thanksgiving!

May the day be all you want it to be. May the memories of years past be shared with friends and family so that those memories never fade.

May we all be thankful for the gifts we have been given especially during this season.

Beta

Wednesday, December 1
6-8pm Our Lady of Sorrows Café

Please join us for a night of Advent reflection and fellowship!
Beta's are not like our other programs that last a number of weeks, Beta is one night on a specific topic.
We will be enjoying wine & assorted appetizers & desserts and then have a video presentation and small group discussion with the people at your table.
This month's topic comes from Bishop Robert Barron, *The Advent Revolution*.

Sign-ups can be found in the Gathering Space, on our website (*olsvestal.org*) or call the Parish Office.
Please join us and invite someone to join you too!

Dear Lord,
Today we give thanks for our many blessings.
As we pray for those in need,
We give thanks for our family & friends,
As we pray for those who are lonely,
We give thanks for our freedoms
As we pray for those who are oppressed,
We give thanks for our good health.
As we pray for those who are ill,
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity.
As we share our blessings with others,
On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us,
The peace of God dwell within us,
And the joy of God uplift us.
Amen.

Bereavement Group

Bereavement Group at St. Vincent de Paul Blessed Sacrament Church meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm. For more information, call 722-3988 Ext. 3.

Mass for Sr. Lois Barton, CSJ

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Binghamton will be having a Mass with intentions for Sister Lois Barton, CSJ on Wednesday, November 24th at 12 Noon. All are invited and welcome to attend! (1031 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901)

Buchti & Cookies at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church

Buchti will be available for sale, by pre-order. Cost is $13 per roll. Altar Rosary Christmas Cookie Sale - cookie platters consisting of 3 dozen assorted cookies will be available for a cost of $14 per platter. Call the office 724-1372 to order. Deadline for orders is November 28, Drive-thru pick-up is December 11th, 10am-12pm.

Doug's Fish Fry

Sponsored by Sts. John & Andrew Holy Name Society. Wednesday, December 8, 2021, TIME: 11am-6pm, Schnieder"s Market 873 US Route 11, Kirkwood, NY

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Christmas Pageant

Sign-ups for students interested in participating in the Christmas Pageant can be found in the Gathering Space! Please sign-up by December 5th. Rehearsals will be on Mondays, December 6th, 13th, & 20th at 5:00pm.

Questions? Please call or email Nancy Hargrave at: 607-222-5616
nhargrave@stny.rr.com
or Kelly Soprano at:
ksoprano@olsvestal.org

Presented just before the Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Youth Mass All are welcome! It's a 39 year tradition at Our Lady of Sorrows!

Pilgrimage for Life

January 20-22, 2022

Join the Diocese of Syracuse for the annual Pilgrimage for Life youth trip to Washington, DC! On this powerful 3-day experience, participants will travel to Washington DC attend Mass with Bishop Lucia, enjoy a guided walking tour of the monuments, see the Smithsonian Museums, join an evening Youth Rally with Sr. Josephine Garret, CSFN and music by Dave Moore, and of course, participate in the National March for Life. This is open to youth in grades 7-12. Sign-up in the Gathering Space by November 30. Questions about upcoming youth activities may be directed to: Kelly Soprano - *ksoprano@olsvestal.org*

Nazareth Farm

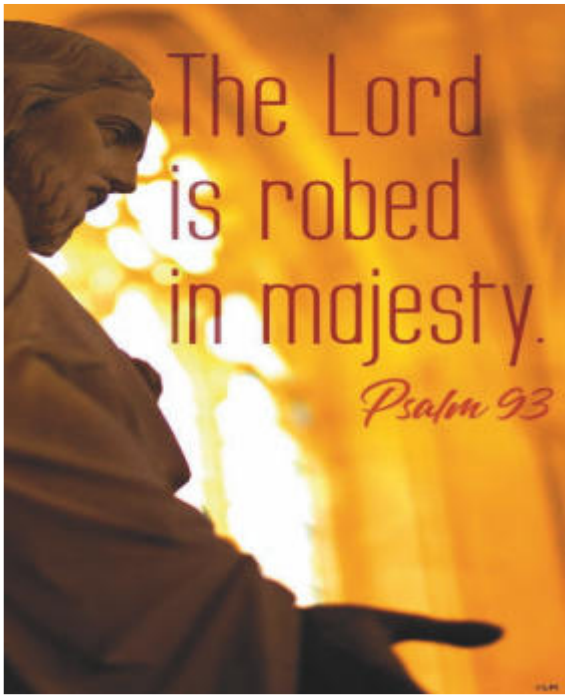
Summer 2022

Nazareth Farm is a Catholic community in rural West Virginia that transforms lives through a service-retreat experience. Nazareth Farm is founded upon four cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, community, and service as the foundation and reason behind everything that they do. Students must be 16 years or older, or rising Juniors. Since we do not yet have a date for Summer '22, **please sign-up if you are interested** so that further information can be distributed to those who would like to consider this trip. Questions about upcoming youth activities may be directed to: Kelly Soprano - *ksoprano@olsvestal.org*

Weekly Prayer

Readings for the Week of November 21, 2021

Sun 11/21	First Reading	Daniel 7:13-14
	Second Reading	Revelation 1:5-8
	Gospel	John 18:33b-37
Mon 11/22	First Reading	Daniel 1:1-6. 8-20
	Gospel	Luke 21:1-4
Tues 11/23	First Reading	Daniel 2:31-45
	Gospel	Luke 21:5-11
Wed 11/24	First Reading	Daniel 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
	Gospel	Luke 21:12-19
Thurs 11/25	First Reading	Daniel 6:12-28
	Gospel	Luke 21:20-28
Fri 11/26	First Reading	Daniel 7:2-14
	Gospel	Luke 21:29-33
Sat 11/27	First Reading	Daniel 7:15-27
	Gospel	Luke 21:34-36
Sun 11/28	First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16
	Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
	Gospel	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Observances for the Week

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	St. Cecilia
Tuesday:	St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
Wednesday:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
Thursday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria; Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	BVM
Next Sunday	1st Sunday of Advent

Please Remember in Prayer

... All those who have recently died & their families:

Marjorie Telfer, wife of John.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 22
7:30am Elaine & James Clavin - The Franzanella Family
Tuesday, November 23
7:30am Communion Service
Wednesday, November 24
7:30am Edith Rigotti (Birthday) – Amy Sullivan & Family
10:30am Mass at Willow Point
Thursday, November 25
9:00am The People of Our Lady of Sorrows
Saturday, November 27
9:00am Faith Coyne & Tom Coyne – Mike Coyne
5:15pm Ethel Estep – OLS Music Ministry
Sunday, November 28
8:30am Thomas Brown (19th Anniversary) - Family
11:00am William Boslet - Tom

Sanctuary Lamps

...are burning in memory of Robb Kowalewski, requested by Marilyn De Marco.

Pope Francis' Twitter (@Pontifex)

A person who is generous, helpful, meek, patient, not envious, does not gossip, brag, or lack respect (cf. 1 Cor 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. That person may not be noticed, and yet, what he or she does will not be lost because good lasts forever.

Ministry Schedule — First Sunday of Advent

Ministry Schedule	Lectors	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Hospitality Ministers	
Saturday, November 27, 5:15pm	G. Kucharski G. Pedroza F. Frear	E. Hotalen D. Rigotti	E. Annunziata S. Annunziata	M. Annunziata B. Brown	D. Innarella C. Kaminski
Sunday, November 28, 8:30am	S. Hrehor D. Fitzgerald A. Catalano	O. Fitzgerald E. Messina OPEN	C. Autieri V. Autieri E. Fine	F. Czochara A. Green	P. Gursky G. Wagner
Sunday, November 28, 11:00am	B. Congdon D. Lorenzetti K. Egan	S. Congdon L. Fiacco	T. Albert V. Kneller OPEN	B. Albert C. Austenfeld	J. Schlitz T. Schlitz

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Information

November 21, 2021 Parish Calendar

Daily Mass (Church) Monday-Wednesday 7:30am
Saturday 9:00am

Sunday, November 21

Hospitality after all Masses
Parish Office Open after all Masses

8:30am	Mass
9:30am	RCIA (Room 11)
9:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal (choir room)
11:00am	Mass

Monday, November 22

7:00am	Rosary
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting (Knights Rm)

Tuesday, November 23

7:00am	Rosary
12pm-2pm	Food Pantry Open
7:00pm	Hebrews Bible Study (rm 11)
7:00pm	Preview of the Sunday Scriptures (Zoom)

Wednesday, November 24

7:00 am	Rosary
8:00am-9:00am	Divine Mercy & Adoration
10:30am	Mass at Willow Point

Thanksgiving Day **Thursday, November 25**

9:00am	Mass

Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

Friday, November 26

7:00am	Men of St. Joseph (library)

Saturday, November 27

8:30am	Rosary
9am-1pm	Advent Wreath Workshop (café/gym)
4pm-4:45pm	Reconciliation
5:15pm	Mass

Sunday, November 28

8:30am	Mass
9:30am	RCIA (Room 11)
9:30am	Adult Choir Rehearsal (choir room)
11:00am	Mass

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	pantry@olsvestal.org
Dennis Slattery	Parish Council
Tom Boslet (Grand Knight)	tboslet02@gmail.com

Sacraments

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements. If this is your first child, a baptism prep online class is required. Any questions please call Diane Rigotti at 748-8287.

Marriage

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements.

First Sacraments & Confirmation

Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, *ksoprano@olsvestal.org.*

Ministry to the Sick

If a family member is hospitalized or homebound, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Privacy laws may prevent a hospital from telling us your loved one is there.

If you are moving ...

Please call or email the Parish Office with your new address and phone number, or let us know if you are leaving the parish.

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