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# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE NOVEMBER 20, 2022

### **SATURDAY, NOVEBMER 19**

The Mass of Anticipation for the Solemnity of Christ the King 4:00PM Steven Simms—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
7:30 AM Lorenzo DeSimone & Donna Storti—Memorial
9:00AM The Deceased of the Quetta Family—Memorial
10:30AM Celia Landi—2nd Anniversary
5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Parish

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30AM Joseph A. Grimes—50th Anniversary

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
7:30AM John E. Gardner—Memorial

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Weekday; St. Clement, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Pro, Priest & Martyr

7:30AM Edward V. Healey, Jr.—100th Birthday Rembrnc.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Weekday; St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr 7:30AM In Thanksgiving

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

Weekday; BVM

8:30AM Special Intention

The Mass of Anticipation for 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00PM Frances Hruda—Memorial

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM Teresa M. Romano—3rd Anniversary

9:00AM Lucille Masse—Memorial

10:30AM R.G. Peter—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

St.Padre Pio

# Mercy Musings



Dear Parishioners:

Thursday, On we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. A secular and uniquely American holiday commemorating good fortune the Puritans found in the New World, a good fortune that we Americans share this day. However, Thanksgiving Day also has religious and even Catholic overtones.

On October 3, 1789, President George Washington message received from Congress requesting him recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer." His proclamation declared that the day "be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be."

The first Thanksgiving feast shared by the Puritans and Wampanoag tribe arranged by Squanto, a Native American who the Dominican Friars from Spain had catechized. He had been captured by the English, who planned to sell him into slavery. The Dominicans Friars rescued him, instructed him in the Catholic Faith, baptized him, and helped him to return to his people.

Sauanto helped Puritans survive by teaching them to hunt, fish, and grow corn. He also tried to help the Wampanoag tribe build peaceful relationship with the Puritans, one that sadly did not survive.

The thanksgiving feast we recall was between the tribe Wampanoag and the

Puritans. However, it wasn't the first celebration of Thanksgiving on American shores.

Over 50 years before the established **Puritans** Plymouth Colony, a group of Spanish colonists celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a feast with members of the Timucuan tribe near Saint Augustine, Florida.

When those Spanish priests celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, it was the most Catholic thing to do. It is part of our Faith as Catholics to thank God for the many blessings he has given us. Most importantly, we give thanks for the gift of his son, Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for the forgiveness of our sins. In our Catholic view of the world, that gift is the most powerful of all of God's gifts.

As Catholics. celebrate Thanksgiving every time we go to Mass. The word eucharist comes from the Greek for thanksgiving and reminds us that we have so much to be thankful for as followers of Christ. We are thankful for his love and his mercy. We are thankful for the Catholic Faith that has been passed on to us by all those who have gone before us. We find peace and joy in giving thanks and offering our gratitude to God.

We are called to share our gratitude, bounty, and blessings with others, especially those in need and less fortunate. That is lesson of the real the Thanksgiving feast. So, for this Thanksgiving and every day that will follow, we should look beyond our immediate family to share our blessings. Share the mercy and love God has showered upon us.

We gather around the dinner table and enjoy a good meal but first, gather at the altar, where we give thanks to God. Begin the secular holiday of Thanking Day at Mass at 9:00AM. Make it a true Catholic holiday, and give thanks to God!

Holidays can be stressful, whether hosting or traveling, celebrating with family, spending the day alone. There's no better way to begin than with a prayer of thanksgiving to God, and that's especially true on Thanksgiving Day! Begin the

day with this prayer:

"Good and gracious God, we give You thanks today, as we do all days, first and foremost, for the gift of creation and the gift of life. We ask You to bless this food that it may nourish us and sustain us, and strengthen our ability to do Your will. We pray in thanksgiving for all the hands involved in bringing it to our table. You tell us. Lord, that to whom much is given, much is expected. May this meal and the fellowship we enjoy not only serve as clear reminders of Your love of us but of Your call for us to share Your love and to serve brothers and sisters. especially those most in need. We ask this as we ask all things through Christ. our Lord. Amen."

As we offer our thanks to God, Fr. Mahoney and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! I am traveling on Thanksgiving Day to my sister's home in New York. Be well. Stay safe. Do good. God Bless. Go Pats!

Father Healey

# Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

JESUS CHRIST is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (28:18). The Book of Revelation calls him, "King of kings and Lord of lords" (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (John 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts.

The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the Church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him.

The Solemnity of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions.

Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the Church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.

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### November 13, 2022

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	Total=\$17,135.00		
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Annual Collection (To Date)	\$98,700.00		
November 15, 2021			
Weekly	\$25,659.00		

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# **Second Collections**

This Week: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

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# Thanksgiving Day Holiday Thursday, November 24, 2022

ursday, November 24, 2022 Mass at 9:00AM

The Parish Office closes on Wednesday, November 23, 2022 at 12:00PM and reopens on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 8:00AM





## **RE Schedule**

<u>November 20</u>: 9:00am Mass & Class for Grades 3 & 4 to follow in the gym

**November 27**: Thanksgiving Break/no class

<u>December 4</u>: 5:00pm Mass & Class for Grade 8 Confirmation 2023 to follow in the Gym

<u>December 11:</u> 9:00am Mass & Class for Grade 1 & 2 to follow in the gym 6:00pm: Advent Penance Service 6:00PM for Grades 3 thru 8. Parents invited to attend.



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### **Upcoming Events:**

- •<u>Tuesday, November 22</u>: Weekly School Mass at 8:15am; HSPT Prep Class 2:30-4:00PM
- November 23-25: Thanksgiving Holiday Recess

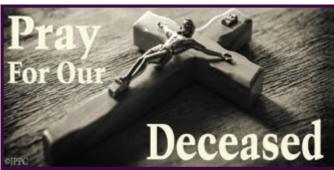
We wish all our OLM School Faculty, Staff, Students and Families a Happy Thanksgiving!

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- <u>OLM Food Pantry</u> is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable. We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.
- •OLM Holiday Outreach: We are always in need of gift cards to Stop & Shop and Walmart during the holiday season. Please drop in the collection basket or the safe in the vestibule in envelop marked OLM Holiday Outreach.
- OLM Bereavement Group: Next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 4:00PM in Mercy House. All those who are grieving are invited to join with us. ●For more information, please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at outreach@olmparish.org





In your charity please pray for the happy repose of the souls of the faithful departed, most especially **Ann E. Gardiner** whose Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated here last week.

Rest in Peace



**Brynn Antonia Borrelli,** and her parents, Kevin and Alyssa

**Declan Riley Hall,** and her parents, Christian and Elisha

Reese Marie and Hadley June Musco, and their parents, Brian and Sara

Amelia Avery O'Neil, and her parents, Michael and Anna Rose.

"Dear brothers and sisters: these children have been reborn through Baptism, and are now called children of God, for so indeed they are. Through Confirmation they will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and, approaching the altar of the Lord, they will share at the table of Sacrifice, and will call upon God as Father in the midst of the Church." — The Rite of Baptism



Join the OLM Family Group for an evening of caroling!

Friday, December 2

5:30-7:00PM

Gather in the Church vestibule.

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# The Men of St. Joseph

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Monthly Meeting Saturday, December 3, 2022, at 7:00AM OLM Rectory Meeting Room

All Men (18 years or older) are invited to join us.

Book Discussion Into the Breach by Bishop Thomas Olmsted Copies Available in the Parish Office

For more information, contact Fr. Mahoney at 884-4968 or associatepastor@olmparish.org



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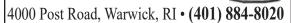
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