

# SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH

November 20, 2016

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; cry out to the rock of our salvation."*

**Celebrating 165 years of living faith since the foundation of our parish in 1851.**

### Christ the King

*During the Angelus in St. Peter's Square on Sunday, November 20, 2005, Pope Benedict XVI made the following remarks about the Solemnity of Christ the King:*

The kingship of Christ remained completely hidden until he was 30 years old, years spent in an ordinary life in Nazareth. Then, during his public life, Jesus inaugurated the new Kingdom which "does not belong to this world," and finally, with his death and Resurrection, he fully established it.

Appearing to the Apostles after he had risen, he said: "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth": This power flows from the love that God manifested in its fullness in the sacrifice of his Son. The Kingdom of Christ is a gift offered to the people of every epoch so that those who believe in the incarnate Word "may not die but



(may) have eternal life." ... "Christ: Alpha and Omega" is the title of the closing paragraph of Part I of the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* of the Second Vatican Council.

In that beautiful passage which borrows some words from the Servant of God Pope Paul VI, we read: "The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the desires of history and civilization, the center of mankind, the joy of all hearts and the fulfilment of all aspirations. It is he whom the Father raised from the dead, exalted and placed at his right hand, constituting him judge of the living and the dead. Animated and drawn together in his Spirit we press onward on our journey toward the consummation of history which fully corresponds to the plan of his love: 'to unite all things in him, things in Heaven and things on earth' " (*Gaudium et Spes*, n. 45).

In light of the centrality of Christ, *Gaudium et Spes* interprets the condition of contemporary men and women, their vocation and their dignity, and also the milieus in which they live: the family, culture, the economy, politics, the international community. This is the Church's mission, yesterday, today and forever: to proclaim and witness to Christ so that the human being, every human being, may totally fulfill his or her vocation.

### November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria

According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became



*St. Catherine of Alexandria, by Bernardino Luini*

Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred.

Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of St. Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai.

Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany and Hungary.

### ✠ ANNOUNCED MASSES ✠

**Saturday, November 19**

**5:00 p.m.** Memorial, Eleanor O'Hara, requested, St. Joseph Church Parish Ministries

**Sunday, November 20** *Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe*

**9:00 a.m.** For the All Souls Envelope donors

**11:15 a.m.** Memorial, Michael John Lancelotta, requested, Daniel S. Harrop III

**Monday, November 21** *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8:00 a.m.** For the intentions of the parishioners of St. Joseph Church

**Tuesday, November 22** *Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

**8:00 a.m.** Memorial, Sr. Leona Misto, requested, Sr. Virginia Walsh

**Thursday, November 24** *Thanksgiving*

**9:00 a.m.** Memorial, Mary F. Quinn, requested, Sr. Virginia Walsh

**Friday, November 25** *St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

**8:00 a.m.** Memorial, John Gracie, requested, Florence Gracie

**Saturday, November 26**

**5:00 p.m.** Birthday remembrance, David F. Donnelly, requested, wife Connie and daughters Katie and Connie

**Sunday, November 27** *First Sunday of Advent*

**9:00 a.m.** Remembrance, David F. Donnelly, requested, wife and daughters Katie and Connie

**11:15 a.m.** Birthday remembrance, Neil Joseph Gillis, requested, Gillis family

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Thursday, November 24th *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 a.m. Volunteers

Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. Olivia, Grace, Max, Kirsten

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Ben, Will, Volunteers

11:15 a.m. Lily, Jessica, Volunteers

**LECTORS**

Thursday, November 24th *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 a.m. Ed Bozzi

Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. Jonathan Samit

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Helen Valcourt

11:15 a.m. Dan Harrop

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Thursday November 24 *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 a.m. David Gillis, Judy Gillis, Lorraine Beaudoin


Saturday, November 26

5:00 p.m. Pat O'Hara, Jan Carrara, Carolyn Piatek

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. Mike Reilly, Bob Anthony, Carmen Roy

11:15 a.m. Ed Bozzi, Carroll Medeiros, Lorraine Beaudoin



Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the ***Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.***  
This is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



**First Sunday of Advent  
November 26th & 27th**

We will light the Advent Wreath at each Mass.



**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES**

During the month of November we remember those who have died and are now with the Lord. The All Souls Envelopes are reserved in the Sanctuary for the entire month of November and the intentions are remembered at each Mass throughout the month. There is still time to send in your intentions for the deceased.

**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

(CCHD) is an instrument of the Catholic Church working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ, "to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)  
**November 19 & 20**

**ST. JOSEPH CHRISTMAS**

**GIVING TREE**



**Gifts to benefit:**

**FOX POINT BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB**

Gift cards can come from Stop & Shop, Walmart, Target or CVS. These stores are accessible to the people receiving the cards and will allow parents time to buy the clothing, toys, or games that their children have requested. Remember: Buy a gift or card, wrap it, and use the ornament from the Giving Tree as a tag. **The tree will be up on the first weekend of Advent November 26th & 27th**  
**All gifts must be under the tree by December 11th.**

**Shop at Amazon, Help Our Parish !!**

Do you shop at Amazon? If yes, please consider doing so through our website, [www.saintjoesprov.org](http://www.saintjoesprov.org). By clicking on the logo on our homepage, you'll be taken directly to Amazon's website — where our parish will receive a percentage of every dollar you spend. Tell family and friends, too! **The Christmas shopping season begins soon, and this is an effortless way to help St. Joseph Church.**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**November 13, 2016**

	2015	2016
Envelopes	\$2,611.00	\$2,881.00
Loose:	\$ 80.00	\$ 105.00
Electronic giving	\$ 667.00	\$ 838.00
Children:	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,364.00</b>	<b>\$3,831.50</b>

**NOTE: The St. Joseph Church financial report will be available in the bulletin for all parishioners the weekend of December 3rd & 4th**



**The Parish Council will host a Coffee An' this weekend after the 11:15 Mass**  
**All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend!**



**This weekend is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. BENEDICTION WILL BE HELD FOLLOWING ALL MASSES.**



**St. Joseph Church will hold its Fifth Annual Pie-a-Thon**

at all Masses on **December 3rd & 4th**  
Slices of pie will sell for \$2.00 a slice, with whole pies selling for \$12.00. Proceeds will be used to purchase commercially baked pies so that more than 400 hungry and homeless people can enjoy dessert with their Holiday meal. Last year we raised enough money that we were able to provide pies for Christmas **and** Easter  
**As always, thanks and God bless!**

**Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**Thanksgiving Day  
Mass at 9:00 a.m.**

Collection in support of Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On Campaign". Thank you for your generosity.

**CCD Thanksgiving Recess:**

CCD classes will not be held on the weekend of Nov. 26-27. Classes resume on Dec. 4 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.