

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE November 26, 2017

**PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR:**

<b>Amenia</b>	Mon.	Nov. 27	8:00 am	Sarah Marano
“	Tues.	Nov. 28	8:00 am	John Orlandi, Jr.
“	Wed.	Nov. 29	8:00 am	Ray Proper, Sr.
	Thurs.	Nov. 30	8:00 am	NO MASS
	Fri.	Dec. 1	8:00 am	Jody Kain
<b>Pine Plains</b>	“	“	12 noon	Bill Fletcher
<b>Amenia</b>	Sat.	Dec. 2	8:00 am	Mary Lyman
“	“	“	4:30 pm	Margaret Quinn

<b>Pine Plains</b>	Sun	Dec. 3	8:00 am	People of the Parish
<b>Amenia</b>	“	“	10:45 am	Mary Lyman

## “CHRIST THE KING”

Dear Friends:

*The feast of Christ the King occurs this year on November 26<sup>th</sup>. It marks the end of the liturgical year. The next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent.*

*This feast is a very interesting and meaningful one. It was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It was an attempt to deal with the growing secularism in society and growing popularity of nationalism.*

*The feast presents to us the challenge of giving Jesus Christ leadership in our life. Jesus is our King and He has dominion over our lives as our King. We are called to give him direction and authority in all that we do.*

*The feast also draws us to the end of time, when the Kingdom of God will be established in all its fullness. That makes it very appropriate to lead us into Advent, where we look for Jesus to come into our lives.*

*In a historical footnote, the Feast of Christ the King was seemingly related to the “Roman Question,” the “Roman Question” was a dispute regarding the temporal power of the popes as rulers of a civil territory. The institution of Christ the King as a feast was seen to re-assert the power of Rome and the Pope as leaders of political issues. Four years after the institution of the feast in 1925, the Lateran Pacts between King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy and Pope Pius XI resolved the “Roman Question.”*

*In November of 2016, Pope Francis gave a homily on the subject of Christ the King. Pope Francis speaks in a very pastoral tone on the meaning of the feast. The Pope tells us “It would mean very little if we believed Jesus was King of the Universe, but did not make him Lord of our lives: all this is empty if we do not personally accept Jesus and if we do not also accept His way of being King.” The Pope continues to tell us that in order to accept Jesus as our King we must not be tempted by the comforts and certainties of the world. He says the lure of power and success seems an easy and quick way to spread the Gospel.*

*The Pope seems to be telling us to not see the Kingship of Christ in a worldly way, in terms of power and domination. He appears to feel that the Kingship of Christ must really be seen only in the victory of the Cross.*

*Fr. Wilson*

**CONFESSION** - Confession is available every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm at Immaculate Conception in Amenia. Reconciliation is a sacrament of healing by which we receive God’s merciful forgiveness for our personal sins and experience the powerful love of God.

**FIRST FRIDAY** - We will have Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 pm in Amenia, Please consider spending a half hour with our Lord.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH :** Gerhard Herron, Margaret Wilcox, Janet Stiles, Evan Ciovacco, Lydia Casey, Evelyn Bouffard, Mark Hamm, Grover Williams, Stephanie Merenda, Carol Wilson, Dawn Hazel Burrows, Rudy Eschbach, Jordana Bell, Lori DeLucca, Amanda Carneski, Linda Sartori, Helen McGhee, Richard Valinski, Mary Murphy Adamitis, Winifred Capowski, Arthur Nadeau, Jeff Moissonnier, LuAnn Ballantine, Frank D'Agostino, Michael Kain, Shirley Remsburger, Susan Moody, Danny Hagerty, Sonja Kelly, Jack Silvernale, Mike Butts and Mary Ann Mullen, Alan Carroll, Erin D'Elia, Richard Piccoli, Eileen Murphy Ehlers, Dominic Nannetti, Santino Delfino, Luz Pelkey, Averie Burke, Ricky McGhee, John Daubman, Mary Fitzgerald Roth, Kathryn Garzetta, Joseph Licurse, Barb King, Delora Brooks, June Heckelman, Baby Hans Pedersen, Teresa Pelkey, Renee & Al Cobuzzi, Joanne Balek, John Bray, Kevin Flanigan, Karen Grimaldi, Frances Anello and Colton Culligan.

**VINE & BRANCHES** - The 50/50 will be held on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. The next food distribution will be on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am in our gym. Last Saturday, we provided food for approximately 71 people. All food items are much needed and greatly appreciated especially as the Christmas season is fast approaching.

**PUT SOME PEACE IN YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON** - Tune out the noise and tune into God. Morning Prayer and Guided Meditation, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 am at St. Anthony's in Pine Plains. God is waiting for YOU!

**ST. DENIS' CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA & CRAFT FAIR** - St. Denis' Christmas Silver Tea & Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 am to 4 pm (snow date: December 9<sup>th</sup>) at 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you listen to holiday music and browse our crafters' tables.

**THE GIVING TREE** - Due to many families struggling during the holidays, the giving tree will be for the benefit of our Vine & Branches Food Closet. Your donations will enable us to give extra food items to those families in our community who need extra help. You can make a difference.



**MEANING OF ADVENT WREATH** - The Advent Wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The Advent Wreath, four candles on a wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolize the eternity of God. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

**THE LIVING NATIVITY** - Our Annual Living Nativity will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> following the 10:45 am Mass. There will be animals, light refreshments, a bake sale, a cash and carry table, and craft vendors. Please mark December 10<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and come join us and bring a friend!

**CALLING ALL BAKERS and VOLUNTEERS** - There is a sign-up sheet in the back of Church for those willing to bake for the "Bake Sale" at the Living Nativity on December 10<sup>th</sup>. We are also in need of volunteers to help out at the Living Nativity. Please call the office (373-8193) if you are willing to lend a helping hand. We are counting on your support to make this fundraiser a success. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE** - Chris Ferreri is planning our Annual New York City Bus Trip to be held on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Watch for details coming soon.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION** - Last weekend, November 18-19, 2017, approximately **340** people attended Mass and we collected \$4,332.00 in our Regular Sunday Collection and \$1,567 for Catholic Charities. I thank you for your presence, generosity and steadfast commitment to our Church and I pray that God will continue to bless you and your families.

**† Sanctuary Light †**  
*The Sanctuary Light which will burn this week  
at Immaculate Conception Church  
was donated by the Religious Ed Teachers  
In Memory of Mary Lyman*