

Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday, November 23, 2014



Sunday, November 23, Christ the King

5:00 +John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

8:30 + Crowley, McCarthy & O'Keefe

Families

10:00 (Sp) + Antonia Morales and  
Arsenio Vasquez

11:30 Mass of Thanksgiving

1:00 (Sp) +Manuela Vernaza and  
Juan Iglesias

Monday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-  
Lac & Companions

9:00 + Joseph Zane

12:15 + Roma Sassone

Tuesday, November 25, Weekday

9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family  
and Vince & Rosa Zingone

12:15 + Sean O'Gara

7:00 (Sp.) + Rufino Antonio Rodriguez

Wednesday, November 26, Weekday

9:00 + Eileen Scanlon & Sr. Mary L.  
Scanlon, RJM

12:15 + Joan C. Foy

Thursday, November 27, Weekday

9:00 Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

12:15 NO 12:15 MASS

Friday, November 28, Weekday

9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC

12:15 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

7:00(Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, November 29, Weekday

12:15 + Peggy Lynn Mockler

5:00 + Joseph and Catherine Sullivan

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of

Advent

8:30 Parishioners of St. John

10:00 (Sp.) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez

11:30 + Bernadette Cooney and Deceased  
Members of the Cooney Family

1:00(Sp.) + Ramon Alberto Cruz

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S  
DONATIONS**

The Altar Candles burning in the Upper Church  
for the week of November 23-29 in memory of:

**ROBERT & KEVIN KENNY, FR. MICHAEL  
KENNY, OAR & FR. EDWARD FAGAN, OAR**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church  
for the week of November 23-29 in memory of:

**ROSA and ROCCO RUTIGLIANO**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Upper  
Church for the week of November 23-29 in  
memory of:

**JOSE RUTIGLIANO**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower  
Church for the week of November 23-29 in  
memory of:

**BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....



Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Maria Rivera  
Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, Alice Ann  
O'Donohue Mason, Noreen Liddane,, Timothy  
Mahoney.

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*Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule*

Our only parish Mass on Thanksgiving  
Day (November 27<sup>th</sup>) will be at 9:00 am. The  
parish office will close on Wednesday at 1:00 pm  
for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen on  
Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am.

The parish staff of St. John's Church  
extends to you and yours, our prayerful best  
wishes and Gods' continued blessings on this  
Thanksgiving Day. To those who are traveling,  
safe journeys. May we take this occasion to be  
renewed and refreshed in spending quality time  
with others.

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### ***A Different Type of Royalty***

Each year the Church ends the liturgical year with the celebration of *The Feast of Christ the King*. While many of us have various images of Jesus as the Son of God, Lord, a charismatic preacher who lived in 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestine, teacher, miracle worker, advocate for the socially marginalized, few of us probably envision Jesus as a King or royal figure.

Time and time again, Jesus reminded His followers that “*The Kingdom of God*” is radically different from earthly royalty and is not based on privilege, power, rank or birth. The Kingdom of God is a different type of society or world order primarily based on love of God, service for others, care and concern for the outcast.

In many ways the challenge for us as followers of Jesus Christ and members of the Kingdom of God is *transformation*. How do we witness to a different set of values, which are at times contrary to popular society? Are we willing to be counter-cultural? How do we bring about the message of the Kingdom of God to the present age?

Needless to say, many of us struggle with this mission. The baptismal anointing with the Sacred Chrism reminds us: “*As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet and King, so may you live always as members of His body, sharing everlasting life.*”

Perhaps a helpful way to consider this task is the concept of dual citizenship, a theme found in *The Gospel of St. Matthew* from which have been reading this past liturgical year. While we are members of secular society and reside in a particular nation, we also are members of a worldwide religious community of followers who strive to continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ as we await His return in glory.

As the Second Vatican Council and post-Conciliar documents have reminded us, *the Church exists in, not apart from, the modern world*. The complexities and challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century should not overwhelm or discourage us but be seen as important opportunities to advance the Kingdom of God in a crucial time in human history which still needs to hear this message. May we continue to find the good in the secular and transform the present age with our sense of the sacred. Indeed, this is a different type of royalty and dual citizenship!

*Fr. Michael Kerrigan*

### ***Thanksgiving Blessings***

Thanksgiving is an annual occasion for our nation on the fourth Thursday in November to recall God’s blessings and to spend time together with our families and loved ones. It is a national holiday and celebration for all religious denominations and all U.S. citizens to recall the humble beginnings of our

nation by the pilgrims who ventured to come to the New World seeking religious freedom and a new way of life.

The Opening Prayer from the *Roman Missal* for the Mass celebrated on Thanksgiving Day reflects this understanding:

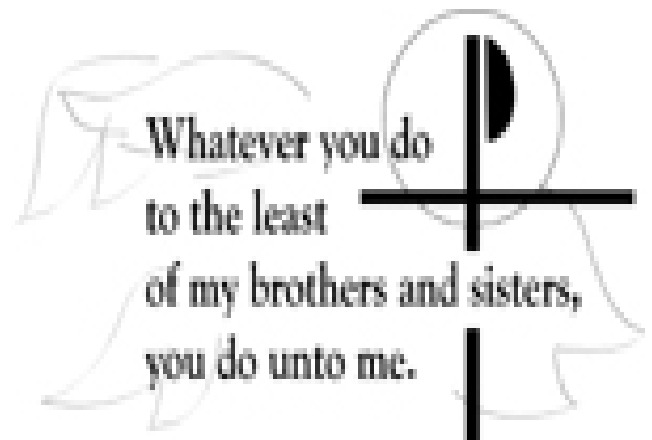
*Father, all powerful  
Your gifts of love are countless  
And your goodness infinite;  
As we come before you on Thanksgiving Day  
With gratitude for your kindness,  
Open our hearts to have concern  
For every man, woman, and child,  
So that we may share your gifts in loving service.*

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### ***Wanted: Confirmation Photos For Our Parish Website***

Families who took photos at our parish’s celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and would like to submit them for possible consideration to be posted on our parish website [www.churchofstjohnbx.org](http://www.churchofstjohnbx.org), please send them to our parish e-mail address [stjohnkingsbridge@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnkingsbridge@yahoo.com)

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### ***Christmas Charity Drive***

With another Christmas season approaching, our parish has begun accepting donations of new toys, gift cards, and new clothing for children, youth, and families assisted by the outreach mission of the Cardinal McCloskey Center. The age range is from newborn to teenagers.

New clothing for teenagers will gratefully be appreciated along with new, unwrapped toys for young children, both boys and girls. Donations may be dropped off at the church during weekend Masses and during the week at the parish office.

Some possible gift ideas to consider:

Fisher Price Toys  
V-Tech Educational Toys  
Board games  
Dolls & Toy action figures  
Trucks and Trains  
Legos  
Jewelry Making and Boutique  
Crafts Kits  
Sports (Soccer Balls, Basketballs,  
Baseball/Softball, etc)  
Books and puzzles

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### ***Many Thanks For Your Response***

Once again, many thanks to all those who have responded to the request to increase their contributions to support St. John's Parish. The increased amount in our weekly parish collections since *Sharing God's Gift* campaign began this Fall is greatly appreciated.

As last week's bulletin noted, the average weekly amount of \$6855 for the month of October is a substantial increase of \$1545 and a 29% increase from the average weekly amount of \$5310 in September. These are encouraging figures that we hope will continue in the coming months.

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**enferma... Yo las apacentaré con justicia."... "Les aseguro que lo que hicieron con el más pequeño de mis hermanos, lo hicieron conmigo".**

Juramos lealtad al rey pastor Jesucristo. En este final domingo del año de gracia de la iglesia, profesamos nuestra fe en Aquel que es el centro de nuestras vidas. A menudo las parábolas hablaban del reino celestial, o del reino de Dios cuando El enseñaba a sus discípulos el camino al Padre. El vino a establecer Su reino.

La imagen del pastor cuidando totalmente a su rebaño que leemos hoy es lo que Jesús es para nosotros y la iglesia, su reino en la tierra, y lo que se hace en su ministerio. Las obras de caridad, que son las normas a la hora del juicio, reflejan el papel del reino y la vida de sus miembros.

¿Quién no ha notado a los hambrientos pidiendo nuestra ayuda, a los indigentes pidiendo ropa de abrigo cuando se aproxima el invierno, a gente necesitada de amor, cuidado y compasión, quienes viven solos o en rehabilitación o en una institución. Un inmigrante que busca aceptación, un ex-delincuente en busca de empleo. Estas son las ovejas que necesitan al Pastor y nosotros somos los medios que el Señor desea utilizar para hacer de su Reino una realidad.

La primavera pasada las noticias mostraban al futuro rey de Inglaterra, el Príncipe Jorge, capturando los corazones durante su visita a Australia. Será interesante ver cómo crece en su papel. El reino de Jesucristo no puede esperar a ver, sino que necesita actuar sobre lo que sabemos ahora. El reino de Dios es...

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### **SU PALABRA HOY**

*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

**Nuestro Señor Jesucristo,  
Rey del Universo  
23 de noviembre de 2014**

**“Yo mismo voy a buscar mi rebaño y me ocuparé de él. Como el pastor se ocupa de su rebaño cuando está en medio de sus ovejas dispersas, así me ocuparé de mis ovejas... Yo mismo apacentaré a mis ovejas y las llevaré a descansar, dice el Señor.**

**Buscaré a la oveja perdida, haré volver a la descarriada, vendaré a la herida y curaré a la**