

Holy Family Parish

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November 25, 2012 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Growing Our Parish

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Paul Turner

Jesus Christ is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him (28:18). The Revelation of John 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 (Jn 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 feast 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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20/20 Club Winners

Week 9 - # 74 Carol Thibault

Week 10 - #2 Sean Dowd

**Mass Schedule
November 17 to 25, 2012**

Saturday, November 24 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Edward R Liptak 4th Anniversary †
requested by Bernice and Family

Sunday, November 25 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:15 a.m. William J Farrell † requested by the Family

No Religious Education Classes

11:15 a.m. Gordon and Tony Young † requested by Elaine Young

Monday, November 26 *Last Week of Ordinary Time*

8:00 a.m. Retirees

Tuesday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Homebound and Hospitalized parishioners, friends and relatives

Wednesday, November 28

8:00 a.m. Martyrs of the Church

Thursday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Friday, November 30 *St Clement Andrew*

8:00 a.m. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 1 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Louise Fuller † requested by Diana and Craig Frink

Sunday, December 2 *First Sunday of Advent*

8:15 a.m. Needs of Parishioners and Friends

9:30 a.m. Religious Education at Littleville

11:15 a.m. Gordon and Tony Young † requested by Elaine Young

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski
(413-862-4418)

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Kellye Dowd, Assistant ~ 413 485-8889

Cemetery Superintendent:
Phil Gusek ~ 413-862-3350

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Office Hours:
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Baptisms & Marriages:
Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER

Second Collection December 1 and 2: Fuel.
Offerings for Christmas Flowers may be
dropped into the collection basket any time in
December.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:
8:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass (Mon, Tues, Wed): 8 a.m.

Communion Prayer Service
(Thurs): 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):
Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.
Sunday 7:30-8:00am

Religious Education:
Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Littleville School, Huntington

WINTER STORM POLICY

When Gateway Regional School System has a 2-hour delay or cancels classes, there will be NO 8 a.m. daily Mass.

Date	Mass	Lectors	Ushers
Nov 24	5:00 p.m.	Ellen & Jesse Vidal	Gil Gagnon
Nov 25	8:15 a.m.	Phil Winterson	Del Lavature Mel Scuderi
	11:15 a.m.	Richard Stockmal	
Dec 1	5:00 p.m.	Ginny Hardie	Bill Hardie
Dec 2	8:15 a.m.	Lori Baillargeon	Dick Allard Steve Morawski
	11:15 a.m.	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton

Soup Kitchen Volunteers - December 2, Religious Education Program.

The Pastoral Council is spearheading a gift drive this Christmas season to benefit the residents of Mount Marie Care Center in Holyoke. Mount Marie is a facility that provides care to elder religious and others in the community. The staff at the center has suggested the following items: Shawls, Lap Blankets, Leg Warmers, Neck Pillows, One Day Calendars, Playing cards, Word Search Puzzles with Highlighters, Hand Lotions.

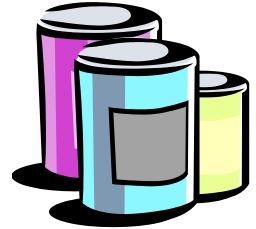
Please NO CANDY as many of the residents have choking issues.

Unwrapped donations will be accepted through December 9th and may be left in the box located in the rear of the church. A group of parishioners is being organized to travel to Mount Marie and distribute gifts to the residents. Anyone interested in joining may contact Sue Donnelly at 413 623-5433 for more information.

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank you in advance for your help and generosity in making this Christmas brighter for those in need.

Do you have a family member in the armed forces? Father Ron and the Parish Council would like to reach out to our family members who are currently serving in the armed forces. You can help us by supplying Father Ron with the names and mailing addresses of those members, along with the relationship of the Holy Family parishioner. Please call the parish office at 413-862-4418 and leave a message, or email holyfamily.parish@aol.com. You can also include this information on a note and either drop into a collection basket (attn Fr Ron) or mail to PO Box 450, Russell, MA 01071.

Huntington Food Pantry ~ Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477. Donations of breakfast cereal, canned meats, box meals (hamburger helper, mac and cheese, etc), and spaghetti sauce may be placed in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.



Parish Prayer Line – Please call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your request. If you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please call Fr Ron.

Prayer for the week

O Lord I love you because you first loved me.

“As the Father hath loved me, so I have loved you: continue ye in my love.” –John 15:9

