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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

November 25, 2018 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist
Thursday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation
As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation
After the Sunday morning Masses,
Thursday evening 6:30pm
And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy
Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. Idongesit A. Etim, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Timothy J. Brady, Parochial Vicar
Father Mano Salla, Parochial Vicar

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation
Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.
Hispanic Ministry
Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of financial assistance, please call
St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon Sherman Mitchell III, our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-492-0753.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life.**

Dear Parishioners,

In his 1980 film "History of the World, Part I," funnyman Mel Brooks playing the role of the all-powerful King of France, showed a King who exercised his power flippantly and recklessly. And as he did this, he'd turn to the camera and say: "It's good to be the King!" But that King was cruel and dismissive of his own people. Thank the Lord, that our King, Jesus Christ, is altogether different… he's a King who understands that the role of King exacts a price: calls a King to live, and to die, for his people. Thus, on this final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Catholic Church concludes its year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Why a King? Note that this is not the Solemnity of Christ the Prime Minister, nor Christ the President. It is the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the University (aka Christ the King) – a feast that celebrate his Kingship. However, the reason that Christ bears the title of King has little to do with earthly nobility. Rather, it has to do with the nature of Kingship. When one becomes a Prime Minister or a President, for example, they are chosen for that role; they are usually elected in some way shape or form for that job. A King is quite the opposite. A King is specifically not elected; rather he's born to be a King. It is not a job he takes on, it is rather who he is.

Game of Thrones? While a President or Prime Minister takes office from popularity, his tenure ends when he's

no longer popular and isn't re-elected or when he cannot seek office any longer. Not so, for a King. The only way for a King to lose office is to die. You see, even if a King is dethroned or abdicates – he remains a King, though not a sovereign, or a ruler. But when a King dies, that's that. Much like the last episode of Seinfeld, there is no sequel, no reunion – it's over. There is nothing deader than a dead King. And when he dies, then a new King takes over.

For Us: No Chance of Reign. And here is where Christ gives us a more radical kingship: He gives us the good Kingship; He gives us the Kingship that doesn't end with death but increases with death, and to which we are invited not merely as subjects but as co-heirs. And while it is an honor to be a co-heir to the throne, be aware that that throne is a throne we can never take, because Christ the King is eternal. And, moreover, if one has a good King, shouldn't they rejoice that he has that throne forever? Short answer: Yes, they should! Thus, this is our celebration today: that Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is our sovereign; he is our ruler. And yes, there may be earthly Kings, and that is all well and good, but even a good earthly King must look to Christ as the King of Kings. While the people of earthly Kingdoms may have to answer to their Kings, even their King also has to answer to someone: the King of Kings.

Louie, Louie. Now, history tells and shows us that some kings understood this idea of the King being accountable to God and others King's did not. Some saw Christ, yes as God, but his Kingship as that which is beyond us. However, the good kings of history looked to Kingship of Christ, and in Him they saw a model for being both royal and humble. Others did not. There are two King Louis that have two quotes that show different understandings of the role of the King. The classic bad earthly King who missed the boat was French King Louis XIV, who famously quipped, "*Has God forgotten all I have done for Him*." I don't envy Louis XIV on judgment day. However, King Louis XVIII, the last King of France, understood the nature of the good King was one of duty and forgiveness. He said, "*A King should always die on his feet, being King*." And as he was led to his execution, said *"I pardon those who have occasioned my death."*

A Writeful King. There have been many earthly kings who understood what a good King was to do – they may have not done it perfectly, they have even done it badly, but they understood their call. And today we honor, praise and worship the good, noble, humble Kingship of Jesus Christ. But let me also have you consider a different kingly quote that show how good our King is. Writer Steven King wrote: "*It's better to be good than evil, but one achieves goodness at a terrific cost*." Looking at the Cross, we see the cost of the goodness of the good King.

Pilate Error? On this feast of Christ, the King, let us recognize what a good King we have – how he loves his people and how much he gave to show us his love. Our Lord Jesus Christ stood before his own people, soaked in his own blood, mocked as a criminal and a conman. "*Behold the man*," declared Pontius Pilate. "*Behold the King of the Jews*". Yet Christ, did not condemn his many condemners. He did not appeal for rescue. He did not threaten fire and brimstone. Christ the King stood there, waiting to take his place on the throne of Glory. Raising him on that Cross, placed him on the throne of the Most-High God, where he reigns as our good King! And on this high holy day, we celebrate his Kingship, and we celebrate the blessing that he is our King, our glorious, humble King and Lord.

St. Augustine wrote: "*Ubi humilitas, ibi majestas*" – where there is humility, there is majesty. On that Cross is our majesty, our King. The King is dead. The King is risen. Long live the King.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. James Lentini
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, November 25
8:30 Dragotto Family
11:00 Mary Gehringer
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

Sunday, December 2
8:30 Anna & Louis Adam
11:00 Lynn Schepens
Misa en Español 1pm For the People

The Mass book for 2019 is open.

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Offertory: $ 3082.87
***Catholic Campaign for human development*: $604.00**

Second Collection Today: Feast Day Celebration

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed and appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

Collection Counters

Nov 25 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud
Dec 2 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud
Dec 9 Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

****NEW Collection Counter schedule coming out. Please let office know of weekends you are not available. Thank you****

Church Cleaning Crew

Noviembre 30, 2018 Grupo #2
Hortencia Bamaca, Luz Morales, Lilian Díaz Bamaca Rosemery Bamaca, Froilán Berduo, Sheila Berduo

Diciembre 7, 2018 Grupo #3
Natalia Domingo, Victoriano Pérez, Américo García, María García, Julio Hernández, **Hayde Fuentes**

Altar Servers

December 2
8:30am Mass –Averi Locke & Mikey Dixon
11am Mass – Isaac Meyer & Sherlin Santizo
Spanish Misa 1pm – Nelvin & Keyli Macario Tomas

Lectors

December 2
8:30am Mass – Catherine Beck
11am Mass – Jim Ward
Spanish Misa 1pm – Oyuki Galán, Pavel Rivera

Eucharistic Ministers

December 2
8:30am Mass – Tom & Elisa Costello
11am Mass – Judy Carrow, Laura Schlaupitz
Spanish Misa 1pm – Adelaida Velasquez, E. Morales, G. Morales, Adrian Miranda, Carlos Miguel

LECTOR BOOKS are in the office. Please pick up your copy today.

100th Anniversary Celebration:

Tickets are on sale now for the 100th Anniversary Banquet on December 8th at the Marydel Fire Hall. $25 for adults, $10 for children. There are a limited number of tickets so please get yours today.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Sun, Nov 25 – NO SRE Classes
Mon Nov 26 9am-3pm – STMA faculty Retreat-Hall
Tues, Nov 27 6:30-7:30pm- 1st Reconciliation Prep-hall
Wed, Nov 28 6pm-7:30pm- Catechist In-Service-hall
Thur, Nov 29 7pm – Misa
Fri, Nov 30 7pm- – Vigilia-Church
Fri, Nov 30 7pm – Band Practice-cc
Fri, Nov 30 7pm – RCIA-office
Sat, Dec 1 1pm-3pm- Happy Helpers-hall

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting
Tues, November 27
7pm Meeting
in the Knights Hall

All members are encouraged to attend. Membership is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. For more info, contact Grand Knight, Bruce Kelley (302) 502-6040 or **kelley29@comcast.net. Follow us on Facebook @ Knights of Columbus Council 12509**

Two Commemorative Books – Available Now

Two history books, "Rejoicing in the Lord," and "Family of Faith" have been published to help commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

For those that have already reserved copies, they are at the office. We will also take orders for others.

Boy Scout Religious Awards

Any scout who is interested in earning their Catholic religious award should contact the Diocese of Wilmington's Catholic Committee on Scouting. Our committee can help get the process started and will supply the award, once earned. Each year the Bishop will present the awards to the scouts of our Diocese at our annual Scout Mass. For further information please contact either Bob Murray, Committee Chair at (302) 993-6290 or Deacon Tommy Watts, Boy Scout Chaplain (302) 218-1415.

FROM THE DRE'S DESK

School of Religious Education

No Classes this weekend, November 25th, for Thanksgiving break. Have a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. God Bless.

We are blessed to have many children in Religious Education and families here to learn and share their faith. We are thankful for all the wonderful adults that have stepped up and offered their time and talents to share their faith with our community. Thank you all.

We welcome parents to help and share their faith by helping during Religious Education. Please see Alicia Poppiti with questions and to register to help out.

Catechist in-service on Wednesday, November 28th, 6pm-7:30pm in the hall.

Sacramental Prep:

First Reconciliation Prep: Next session is on Tuesday, November 27th from 6:30-7:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Parenting Pointer –

Where indeed is there forgiveness today? Is there anyone you or your child need to forgive to make peace in the family or with your neighbor (or your enemy) before the season of peace can begin?

Marriage Moment –

What does it mean to be a king, or queen, or president, or indeed anyone with power? Look at your spouse today and see beyond the power struggles of who is in charge or most right. Recommit to sacrificing your life for your beloved.

"Happy Helpers"- Will be here with Christmas offerings for those that are in need. They will be here in the hall on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 1-3pm.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The General Directory for Catechesis reminds us that faith is both a gift from God and an ongoing call to a process of continuing conversion. Sacred Scripture holds a pre-eminent position in catechesis that needs to include opportunities for reflection where the disciple can be shaped by the Word of God.

Solemnity of Christ the King

Theme: Jesus reigns over us in truth.
Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?
Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?
Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

Solemnidad de Cristo Rey

Tema: Jesús reina sobre nosotros con la verdad.
Pregunta para los niños: ¿Te es fácil o difícil decir la verdad? ¿Cómo te ayuda Jesús?
Pregunta para los jóvenes: Hoy celebramos la fiesta de Cristo Rey. ¿En qué medida permites que la verdad de Jesús dicte tu vida? ¿Cuán difícil te es seguir a Jesús?
Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Qué es la verdad para usted? ¿Cómo vive la verdad cada día?

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help a couple re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille can help heal a marriage, as it has for tens of thousands of couples throughout the world. **The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. Additional weekends will be held in April and August.** For more information, or to register for one of our weekends, visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Are you being called to the priesthood or religious life?

Find out more about the priesthood at **www.diocesanpriest.com**
Find out more about the religious life: **religiouslife.com. Let us help you to discover God's plan for your life.**
E-mail: **vocations@cdow.org** or
Call us: **(302) 573-3113** today!

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI 25 DE NOVEMBRE, 2018.

Queridos feligreses,

En su película de 1980 "Historia del Mundo, Primera Parte ", el hombre cómico de Mel Brooks hizo el papel del Rey todopoderoso de Francia, que mostró a un Rey, que ejerció su poder de manera frívola e imprudente. Hizo esto, se volvió hacia la cámara y dijo: "¡Es bueno ser el Rey!" Pero ese Rey era cruel y desdeñoso para con su propia gente. Gracias a El Señor, que nuestro Rey, Jesucristo, es totalmente diferente… es un Rey que lo da todo, y sabe que el ser Rey tiene un precio: llama a un Rey a vivir, y a morir, por su pueblo. Así, en este último domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, la Iglesia Católica concluye su año con la celebración de la Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo.

¿Por Qué Un REY? Tenga en cuenta que esta no es la solemnidad de Cristo el Primer Ministro, ni Cristo el Presidente. Es la Solemnidad de Jesucristo, Rey del Universo (también conocido como Cristo Rey), una fiesta que celebra su reinado. Sin embargo, la razón por la que Cristo lleva el título de Rey tiene poco que ver con la nobleza terrenal. Más bien, tiene que ver con la naturaleza de la realeza. Por ejemplo cuando uno se convierte en Primer Ministro o Presidente, es elegido para ese papel; generalmente es elegido de alguna manera o forma para ese trabajo. Un Rey es todo lo contrario. Un Rey no es especialmente elegido; más bien ha nacido para ser Rey. No es un trabajo, es más bien es quién es.

¿Juego de Tronos? Mientras un Presidente o Primer Ministro asume la oficina del presidente por voto popular, su cargo termina cuando ya no es popular o reelecto. No es así, para un Rey. La única manera de que un Rey pierda el cargo es que muera. Verás, incluso si un Rey es destronado o abdica, sigue siendo un Rey, aunque no un soberano, ni un gobernante. Pero cuando un rey muere, eso es todo. Al igual que el último episodio de Seinfeld, no hay secuela, no hay encuentro ni reuniones, se acabó. No hay nada más muerto que un Rey muerto. Y cuando él muere, entonces un nuevo Rey asume el cargo.

Para Nosotros: No Hay Posibilidad de Reinado. Y aquí es donde Cristo nos da un reinado aún más radical: nos da el buen reinado; Él nos da el reinado que no termina con la muerte sino que aumenta con la muerte, y que no nos invita a ser sujetos, si no co-herederos. Y si bien es un honor ser co-heredero del trono, ten presente que ese trono es un trono que nunca podremos tomar, porque Cristo Rey es eterno. Y, además, si uno tiene un buen Rey, ¿no deberíamos alegrarnos de tener ese Rey para siempre? Respuesta corta: ¡Sí, deberíamos! Por lo tanto, esta es nuestra celebración de hoy: que Jesucristo, Rey del Universo, es nuestro soberano; Él es nuestro gobernante. Y sí, puede haber reyes terrenales, y eso está bien y es bueno, pero un buen rey terrenal debe mirar a Cristo como el Rey de Reyes. Mientras que la gente de los reinos terrenales tienen que responder a sus reyes, incluso su rey tiene que responderle a alguien: Al Rey de Reyes.

Luis, Luis. Ahora, la historia dice y muestra que algunos reyes sabían la responsabilidad de ser rey y que tenían que rendirle cuenta a Dios, otros no. Algunos vieron a Cristo, como a Dios, pero a su reinado eso va más allá que nosotros. Sin embargo, los reyes buenos de la historia miraron el reinado de Cristo, como un modelo para su realeza y para ser humildes. Otros no lo hicieron. Hay dos Reyes llamado Luis que tienen dos citas que muestran diferentes punto de vista del papel del Rey. El rey malo terrenal clásico que perdió el bote, fue el rey francés Luis XIV, quien bromeó: "¿Ha olvidado Dios todo lo que he hecho por Él?" No envidio a Luis XIV en el día del juicio. Sin embargo, el rey Luis XVIII, el último rey de Francia, entendió la naturaleza del buen rey. Dijo: "Un rey siempre debe morir de pie, siendo rey". Y mientras lo llevaban a su ejecución, dijo: "Perdono a los que han ocasionado mi muerte".

Un Rey de Escritores. Ha habido muchos reyes terrenales que han entendido lo que un buen rey debería de hacer- a lo mejor no

lo hicieron perfecto, a lo mejor hasta lo han hecho mal, pero han entendido su llamado. Y hoy honramos, alabamos y adoramos al buen, noble y humilde reinado de Jesucristo. Pero permítame también que consideres a un rey diferente. El escritor Steven King escribió: "Es mejor ser bueno que ser malo, pero uno logra la bondad a un gran precio ". Al mirar la Cruz, vemos el precio de la bondad del buen rey.

Error de Pilato? En esta fiesta de Cristo, el Rey, reconozcamos qué buen Rey tenemos: cómo ama a su pueblo y cuánto nos da para mostrarnos su amor. Nuestro Señor Jesucristo se presentó ante su propio pueblo, empapado en su propia sangre, burlado como un criminal y un estafador. "He aquí el hombre", declaró Poncio Pilato. "He aquí el Rey de los Judíos". Sin embargo, Cristo, no condenó a sus muchos condenadores. No apeló al rescate. No amenazó con fuego y acido. Cristo Rey se quedó allí, esperando su lugar en el trono de Gloria. ¡Levantándolo en esa Cruz, colocándolo en su trono del Todopoderoso donde reina como nuestro Rey bondadoso! Y en esta solemnidad día santo, celebramos su reinado, y celebramos la bendición de que él es nuestro Rey, nuestro Rey y Señor glorioso y humilde.

San Agustín escribió: "Ubi humilitas, ibi majestas" - donde hay humildad, hay majestad. En esa cruz está nuestra majestad, nuestro rey. El Rey está muerto. El rey ha resucitado. Que viva Cristo Rey!

Tuyo en cristo
James Lentini
Párroco