



# Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 25, 2007

I rejoiced because they said to me, "We will go up to the house of the Lord."  
- Psalm 122:1

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday November 25 because of the Thanksgiving weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday December 2.

We give thanks to all of our catechists, the students who attend our classes and the parents who support our program. May Gods Blessings be on you as you celebrate Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

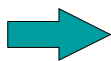


**ADVENT ANGEL** Although it seems early, the tree is up and the angels are ready for you to select. We have 6 families this year including the parents who have some very large requests in order to take care of their children. See the bulletin insert for full details. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry.

**VOCATIONS:** "Dear Lord help me to know what you want me to do with my life. Give me wisdom and understanding." If you think God might be calling you to a priestly or religious vocation, call or write Fr. Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302) 573-3113, [jcocucci@cdow.org](mailto:jcocucci@cdow.org).

**Birthright** thanks all those who participated in the "Bottles for Babies" campaign. Your generosity was overwhelming! This season, we count our supporters as blessings, and we pray that you will all be blessed in turn.

**A Season of Giving** - can I make a pledge with a stock gift. Yes, gifts of stock not only benefit the church, but can have significant tax advantages to the donor. In addition to receiving a tax deduction for the current value of the stock, a donor avoids paying capital gains on stock that may have increased in value over the years. Informational brochures are in the back of church for your convenience.



During the Holiday Season, please don't forget our sponsors who advertise on the back of this bulletin!

### MANY BLESSINGS, MANY THANKS

Thank you to all who came to the Thanksgiving Service with Lower Brandywine and SJOB. It was an evening of worship, fellowship, and delicious refreshments. Let us thank God for growing friendships!

*Enriched in the spirit !*

## PASTOR'S NOTES

Facing Truth

There is such a great temptation not to see things the way they are. It's too painful, at times, to look life squarely in the face and say, "Yes, this is the way things are. I may have a difficult time dealing with them as they are, but that is just how it is. I either face life as I find it, or find an escape and pretend that things are not as they really are."

We do whatever we have to do in order to avoid looking at life the way it is. And the culture we live in is more than happy to give us all kinds of ways to escape facing life as it is. It seems that we are addicted to distractions. The list would be long but allow me to mention just a few of the escapes we indulge in: Television, shopping, expensive holidays, food, booze, drugs, sex, pornography, romance novels, gambling, and so on. If you're looking to escape facing life, you have many, many choices. But they are all on a dangerous detour called illusion. They are all substitutes for real living, for living in the truth.

When your weekends are spent with alcohol or overindulgence as their main focus, that's not real living. That's just being stupid. Do you ever wonder why people spend thousands of dollars to go away to some exotic place, only to end up sitting at the bar most of the day and night? Or become so involved in mundane, senseless television shows that they never have an intelligent thing to say about what is really going on in life. Trashy, badly written books have a deadening effect on the soul. And spending hours in front of a slot machine never made a person a better human being. Today as we think about Christ the King, we are given the picture of Pilate and Jesus facing each other. When we are not living the truth, we are living a lie. We are living a double life.

When Jesus proclaimed: "Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me", he was saying that he would be always with us in the human presence of one another. You and I actually bring Jesus Christ to one another. And we don't do this just symbolically or as a representative of Jesus. Jesus has given us the power to be his real presence. When we neglect one another, we neglect Jesus himself. The good news is that we can meet Jesus every day of our lives by giving ourselves in kindness and love to those who are a daily part of our lives.

*Shrine to the Departed:* Lilies were added to the shrine as a reminder that while we mourn we also look forward to the resurrection and the life to come. Next week we will add lilies and reduce carnations even more.



*Majestic Italy*

Run, don't walk to join the Majestic Italy Choir Pilgrimage. Each week the choir is including in the mass at offertory or communion meditation one of the pieces they are preparing to present during the ten-day tour. Dates are changed by one day to April 15-24 to make sure we get an audience with the Holy Father who will be at the UN in New York, in April. The itinerary has been switched to begin in Venice and end in Rome with a papal audience. Everyone is welcome.

*Theology on Tap*

All young adults (married or single, in their 20s and 30s) are invited to the Advent series of Theology on Tap to be held at Catherine Rooney's Pub & Restaurant in Trolley Square, Wilmington. This popular discussion series for young adults will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday evenings November 29<sup>th</sup> through December 20<sup>th</sup>. All will be challenged to make a difference as we hear four stories of ordinary people doing the extraordinary! The speakers will be: November 29<sup>th</sup> - Br. Ronald Gianonne, founder of the Ministry of Caring; December 6<sup>th</sup> — Most. Rev. Bishop Michael Saltarelli, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington; December 13<sup>th</sup> — Gene Monterastelli, co-founder of APEX Ministries and author of "How to Save the World, and Retire"; December 20<sup>th</sup> — Jane Pierantozzi, founder of Faithful Friends. Please contact Susan Murray Office of Catholic Youth Ministry for more information, [smurray@cdow.org](mailto:smurray@cdow.org) or 302-658-3800, ext. 12.

*LIGHTS OF LOVE CEREMONY*

The Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital is sponsoring Lights of Love and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Monday, Dec. 10 with Eucharistic Liturgy at 12 in hospital Chapel. Making a donation of \$5 or more, you have the opportunity to honor friends and family members, living or deceased. Please send donations to Jean DesJardins, 100 Lastrada Lane, Wilmington, DE 19807 (302) 984-1144. Deadline is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

*In the Shadow of the Church...*

*A Modern Cemetery with a Traditional Setting...*

The Cemetery Committee wishes to remind you of the opportunity to purchase Rights of Burial if you have not already done so. Obtaining your final resting place before the actual need arises is most beneficial to all concerned. Please call the rectory to arrange an appointment with one of our sales consultants (302) 658-7017.

*RECEPTIONIST POSITION AVAILABLE:* for the parish office at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Hockessin. Forward a resume directly to the Parish Manager, Fran Harty, (302) 239-7100, Ext. 11. 7200 Lancaster Pike, Hockessin, DE 19707. Fax: (302) 239-8219.

*Snowbirds!* Prior to flying south for the winter, leave your address with the rectory and we'll mail you a bulletin or you can access the bulletins on line [www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org](http://www.stjosephonthebrandywine.org).

**Saturday (Nov. 24)**

5:00 p.m. Anna L. B. Wolfe by Lisa & David Beatson

**Sunday (Nov. 25)**

7:30 a.m. Jeanette Draper by Spencer Cecilia Hirata

9:00 a.m. parishioners

10:30 a.m. Barbara Vachris by James Vachris and family

**Monday (Nov. 26)**

7:00 a.m. Thomas E. Giblin by Dick Kaiser

12:05 p.m. Phoebe Carabello by Henrietta Romanowski

**Tuesday (Nov. 27)**

7:00 a.m. William Edward Kirk by Carol Mackenzie Jackson

12:05 p.m. William Edward Kirk by Bernard Brady

**Wednesday (Nov. 28)**

7:00 a.m. Bridie White by Theresa Glynn

12:05 p.m. Art Mendolia by Isabelle MacDermott

**Thursday (Nov. 29)**

7:00 a.m. Open

12:05 p.m. Richard & Jeffrey Reese by family

**Friday (Nov. 30)**

7:00 a.m. Eloise Trudy Harvey by St. Joseph's choir - Mary Ellen Schaubert, Director

12:05 p.m. James Ciarlo by Arlene & Bernard Daney

**Saturday (Dec. 1)**

8:00 a.m. Open

5:00 p.m. Phyllis McDonald by Donald McDonald & Donald McDonald, Jr.

*MUSIC NOTES*

The choir features *Crown Him King of Kings* from the cantata "Auf, schmetternde Tone" by J.S.Bach, arranged by Hal H. Hopson in 1977. "Crown Him King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. Shout and sing to God the mighty Lord, O sing His praises. All ye heavens, all the earth, shout and sing to God the mighty Lord. Truth, unchanging is His law. In His justice we rejoice. Praise His name in joyful voice. Sing to God the mighty Lord with joyful heart and voice. In humility we bow in thanks for all His tender love."

Families with deceased loved ones laid to rest at Cathedral or All Saints Cemeteries may purchase their cemetery Christmas decorations by contacting 737-2524.

*WELCOME, YULE?*

Welcome, Yule! is a series of handouts for each Sunday of Advent and each week of the Christmas season. Welcome, Yule! provides an ideal way for our faith community to honor and celebrate these holy seasons