

St. Patrick Catholic Church - Lexington, Virginia Parish Bulletin - November 22, 2020



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Dear Parishioners,

As our Commonwealth, nation and world focus on the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) since March of this past year, I kindly ask you to focus



on the end of the church's liturgical year which culminates with the Solemnity of Christ the King this Sunday, November 22. The Season of Ordinary Time actually ends on Saturday, November 28.

If I were to conduct a spiritual survey or to ask the question: Would you prefer a crown of gold or a crown of thorns placed on your head: I am sure the majority of us would respond "a crown of gold!"

As we look more into the depth and meaningfulness of this great feast, I think we all gradually realize that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ had to go through his suffering, passion and death with a crown of thorns before he experienced the joy and happiness of his resurrection, the golden crown of glory with his heavenly Father.

And so, as we end this Year of Grace and anxiously await the Season of Advent and the New Year of the Church, I ask you to accept the sorrow, pains and disappointments of your lives. Only then, can we begin anew.

> Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Joe Fr. Joseph A. D'Aurora **Pastor**



Thanksgiving Canned Food Drive: The Justice & Peace and Liturgy Committees are sponsoring a food drive through Thanksgiving week. Canned food may be

placed in the baskets at the altar and in the narthex. Your donations support the Rockbridge Area Relief Association Food Bank. Please be generous.

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Mark your calendars for our special Thanksgiving Thanks Mass on Thursday, November 26 at 10 a.m. May our presence in church on this day be a reminder that we are a thankful people.



Scripture Readings for this weekend: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit in honor of the People of St. Patrick.

Friday, November 20

12:15 PM Crossen Houser Biscarner by Suzanne and Billy Kornegay

Saturday, November 21

5:00 PM †Al Tucker, III by Rita Poranski

Sunday, November 22

8:00 AM †Michael Coss by Ken and Pat Seelig

10:30 AM †Dolores V. Kostelni by Family

Monday, November 23

12:15 PM †Suzanne Bashisky by BJ & Gwyn Parson

Tuesday, November 24

7:30 AM †Concetta and Dominic Taddeo by Edna Palmer

Wednesday, November 25

7:30 AM Maria Cruz Lopez by Rita Poranski

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving

10:00 AM †Hon. Mino R. D'Aurora by Fr. Joe and †Dick Cayo by Family

Friday, Nov. 27 – Mass of Christian Burial

2:00 PM †Al Tucker, III

Saturday, November 28

5:00 PM †Michael Coss by Dave and Mary Lupsha

Sunday, November 29 – Advent Begins

8:00 AM People of St. Patrick

10:30 AM Kornegay Family

Christmas Flowers: As is our tradition Christmas, you are invited memorialize or honor a loved one through a flower donation. An envelope for November 22 is designated for this gift. Please write the name of your loved one on the back of the envelope and note if it is a memorial Our Christmas environment is remembrance. more beautiful because of your generosity.







Prayer at Harvest and Thanksgiving ©Diocese of Sioux Falls

O God, source and giver of all things, You manifest your infinite majesty, power and goodness in the earth about us; we give you honor and glory.

For the sun and the rain, for the fruits of our fields, for the increase of our herds and flocks, we thank you.

For the enrichment of our souls with your grace, we are grateful.

Supreme Lord of the harvest, graciously accept us and the fruits of our toil, in union with Jesus, your Son, whose death, burial and resurrection have brought atonement for our sins.

In your love foster the growth of your Church. Grant peace in our homes and salvation for all the world.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.

Star Tree Alert: The Star Tree arrives November 29! Each year at Christmas, the parishioners of St. Patrick reach out to elderly people living alone, to people with disabilities and to children from



low income families. We do this by selecting a star from the Star Tree and by buying a gift for the person named and described on the star. We are asking you to write the star # and your phone # on a clipboard in the Narthex. You will have two weeks to select the present, wrap it with the star (number side up) on the outside, and return it to the Star Tree. The gifts MUST be returned by Sunday, Dec. 13. We ARE Christmas for many of the people whose stars are on the Tree.

Holy Father's Prayer Intention: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



Friday, November 20

11:45 AM

12:15 PM Mass

1:00 PM Marian Helpers - AFF Meeting Room

Saturday, November 21

4:00 PM Reconciliation

4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 22

7:15 AM Cantor Rehearsal

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

9:45 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

10:30 AM Mass - Blessing of Music Ministers & A/E Team

Monday, November 23

11:45 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

12:15 PM Mass

Tuesday, November 24

7:30 AM Mass

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

10:30 AM Staff Meeting - Parish House

6:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service - First Baptist

Wednesday, November 25 - Office Closes at Noon

7:30 AM Mass

8:00 AM

8:05 AM Rosary with the Association of Marian Helpers

Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving

9:30 AM Cantor Rehearsal

10:00 AM Mass

Friday, November 27 - Office Closed

2:00 PM Mass of Christian Burial for †Al Tucker, III

Saturday, November 28

9:00 AM A/E Set-up

11:00 AM Baptism

4:00 PM Reconciliation

4:15 PM Cantor Rehearsal

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 29 - Advent Begins

Cantor Rehearsal 7:15 AM

8:00 AM Mass

8:30 AM "Kindle My Fire" Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

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10:00 AM Catholic Radio Program on 96.7-3WZ

10:30 AM



of the Holy Souls. Write

the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance present all month near the piano and pray for them. Entering their names in the book and praying for their souls is one of the most loving acts you can offer during the month of Holy Souls.





From the Director of Religious Education, Kathleen Nowacki-Correia:

"Inherit the Kingdom."

This Sunday marks the last Sunday of the liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Gospel from the Evangelist Matthew recounts that "when the Son of Man comes in glory, and all His angels with Him," He will choose for His Kingdom the righteous, who have lived to serve God and others, and banish to eternal punishment those, who lived only for themselves. The Lord's criterion will be the Corporal Works of Mercy and we will be judged according to our record of aiding or ignoring the neediest members of society. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus plainly teaches that we are to see Him in every person who needs our help by stating it in both positive and negative declarations: "Whatever you did for the least of mine, you did for Me" and "What you did not do for the least ones, you did not do for Me." Then, Jesus reveals the reward or the consequence of our choices. Those who did nothing for the least among us "will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." In our time, this lesson to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet was both practiced and professed by St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta for all the world to witness. Through her intercession, may we, too see "Christ in disguise" in the least ones among us. Through our acts of fidelity, mercy, and love, may we be made worthy to "inherit the Kingdom," when Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. ~K.N-C.

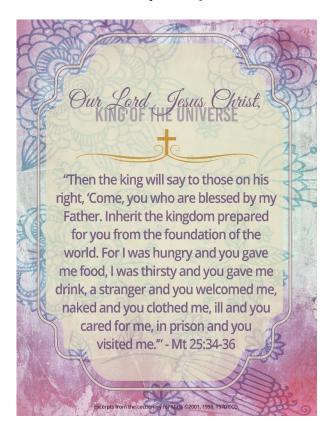
Liturgy Notes by Justin Soutar:

On this Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, our biblical texts present Christ as our Good Shepherd. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the Lord promises to care for the lost, injured, and sick Israelites as a good shepherd tends his sheep. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want," sings the Psalmist. Saint Paul explains to the Corinthians that just as all people are destined to die through the sin of Adam, all the dead shall be raised to life again through the

Resurrection of Christ. And in the Gospel, Jesus foretells the Last Judgment through the image of the shepherd dividing sheep from goats, pointing out that those who perform works of mercy will be admitted to the heavenly kingdom.

"In a world stricken, unfortunately, by the virus of indifference, the works of mercy are the best antidote. In fact, they educate us to pay attention to the most elementary needs of our 'least brothers', in whom Jesus is present. To recognize His face in that of one who is in need is a real challenge against indifference. It enables us to be always vigilant, avoiding Christ passing beside us without our recognizing Him" (Pope Francis, General Audience, 10/12/16). As the liturgical year draws to a close, may our daily practice of the works of mercy manifest the love and compassion of Christ our King.

*** A Musical Note: We need additional cantors to sing at weekend Masses. Please contact Justin Soutar if you would like to serve as a cantor. *** *** Liturgical Note: Sincere thanks to Kenneth and Patricia Seelig for again volunteering to clean and maintain our church baptismal font. ***







Parish Finances:

Collection for 11/15/2020	\$	5,901
Weekly Budgeted Need	\$	7,461
Operating Income YTD	\$ 13	37,161
Budgeted Operating Income YTD	\$ 14	49,220
Under YTD Budgeted Income	\$ (-12,059)	
Collections not included above:		
Haiti	\$	110

Giving Options: Thank you for your continued financial stewardship during this difficult time. For your convenience, please consider giving online at <u>offertory.richmonddiocese.org</u> or through our direct debit program at <u>Direct Debit</u>. Alternatively, you can mail checks (no cash please) to P.O. Box 725, Lexington, VA 24450.

The Rockbridge Area Ministerial Association's annual community Thanksgiving service will be Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6:00 p.m. at First



Baptist Church - Lexington. Please plan to be there and represent St. Patrick's Parish.



Mass of Our Lady of Guadalupe: On Friday, Dec. 11, Mass at 5:30 p.m., Fiesta at 6:30 p.m. at Don Tequila's. Juan Diego, a peasant farmer, was vigilant in following our Lady's request

to build a church. Our Lady favored him with the blooming flowers packed in his tilma (poncho) and placed a miraculous icon of herself beneath them. The story teaches us trust and the certainty that when God calls us to proclaim his Kingdom, we are surrounded by the grace needed to see our mission through.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the U.S.A. is Tuesday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 and 5:30 p.m.



Please continue to check the parish website at <u>stpatrickslexington.com</u> for updates.

Prayer Net: Martha Boneta; Deborah Soutar; Rita Rooney; Fr. John McGinnity; John Ekin; Anne Maxwell; Ted DeLaney; Pat Hennis; Tanya Lalley; Dean Batterman; Msgr. Michael McCarron; Fr. Pat Apuzzo; Shawn Hamric; Mary Anne Lowe; Marilyn Rom; Linda Burke; Coen Deschambault; Patricia Browning; Virginia Mitchell; Amanda Soutar; Patricia Burch; Knox Thomas; Mary Lou Olszewski; Ryen Frost; Antoinette Warzinski; Tom Greenwood; Matt Hemp; Terry Early; Jerry Beckley; Lou Ramsey; Antonietta Scire; our parishioners in nursing homes and those who are homebound; those addicted to alcohol & drugs; the underemployed and unemployed; our military and their families; families affected by the coronavirus; those struggling financially because of this crisis; and first responders, medical personal and all government leaders. (For Prayer Net requests, contact Cher McCoy at 540-570-2111 chergrindlemccoy@gmail.com.)



Keep Christ in Christmas: Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas cards after all Masses. Come check out

the cards for 2020.

Finance Council Alert: At our monthly Finance Council meeting held on 19 Nov 2020, the Council members noted that our parishioner donations are running under our budgeted requirements by about \$12,000. Lower attendance at church Masses due to COVID-19 have contributed to this situation resulting in lower plate collections and fewer parishioner envelopes. While some of our expenses are running under our forecasts again due to COVID-19, new expenses associated increased cleaning and sanitizations have taken their place to an amount of about \$1,000/month. This increased cleaning cost was not budgeted and is absolutely mandatory to keep everyone safe. We ask all parishioners to consider increasing their donations to close the budget deficit gap and to cover our increased cleaning expenses. We also ask that you consider Direct making using **Deposit** for donations. Instructions for doing this are on our St. Patrick's website.





Advent Evening of Recollection on Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m.: Our Adult Faith Formation and New Evangelization Team is pleased to announce that Father John Anthony Boughton, CFR,



General Vicar of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Bronx, New York, and a 1987 graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, will be the guest speaker at our Advent Evening of Recollection on Friday, December 4, at 7 p.m.

Father John will preach on "Christian Weaponry in a Neo-Pagan World – How We Fight a Culture Gone Mad." The service, offering Adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament and Solemn Benediction, is open to youth and adults. Although it will be livestreamed, we hope for good attendance in the church, where our diocesan Covid-19 health and safety guidelines will be maintained.

From the Diocese of Richmond:

Dear Priests, Deacons, Seminarians, Principals, Campus Ministers, and Lay Leaders,

Thank you for your patience as we reviewed the new requirements outlined in the Sixth Amended Executive Order #67 and the Amended Executive Order #63. As a result of this review, some guidance will continue while others are being revised. The effective date of the identified revisions is 12 am on Monday, November 16, 2020. Below is a summary of the highlights.

PARISHES

Religious Services

- Attendance at religious services is limited only by adherence to maintaining proper social distancing. Religious services include, but are not limited to Sunday or daily Mass, Funerals, Weddings, School Masses, and other liturgical celebrations.
- Individuals attending religious services must wear "cloth" face coverings in accordance with Amended Executive Order 63.
- Individuals, five years of age and older, are required to wear a cloth face covering.
- Individuals who cannot wear a cloth face covering due to health reasons are still exempt

- from wearing masks but should wear a face shield. Any person who declines to wear a cloth face covering because of a medical condition shall not be required to produce or carry medical documentation verifying the medical need.
- Besides social distancing and cloth face coverings, all other current procedures remain in effect, such as cleaning and disinfecting per the CDC, signage posting, food handling, etc.

Social Gatherings

- Effective at midnight on 12 am on Monday, November 16, 2020, all public and private inperson gatherings/social gatherings of more than 25 participants, or 50% of the occupancy of the event space, whichever is less, are prohibited. A gathering includes, but is not limited to, parties or other social events whether they occur indoors or outdoors. In addition, a social gathering associated with a religious service, such as a funeral or wedding reception, should follow the revised guidance of 25 participants or 50% of the occupancy rate. The revised requirement of wearing a cloth face covering applies.
- The presence of more than 25 individuals performing functions of their employment or assembled in an educational instructional setting is not a "gathering"
- All other measures outlined in the Emergency Preparedness Instruction Manual, version 6.4, remain in effect.

FORMED: Did you know that 69 of our parishioners are registered users of this complete online Catholic platform for adults and children? Join them! Take advantage of our free parish subscription for the best Catholic movies, e-books, study series, webinars, classes, and top speakers! Go to <u>formed.org</u>, scroll down, click Register, enter parish code T2WDQ3, your email, click Submit, and fill in your information for free access. Sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation/New Evangelization Team.

The RARA Items of the Month are cranberry sauce and canned yams.



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Hymns for this weekend's Masses:

Entrance Chant: Crown Him with Many Crowns #461

Offertory Chant: We Will Rise Again #681 Communion Chant: Bread for the World #780

Hymn of Praise (10:30 AM only): Laudate Dominum by Jacques Berthier

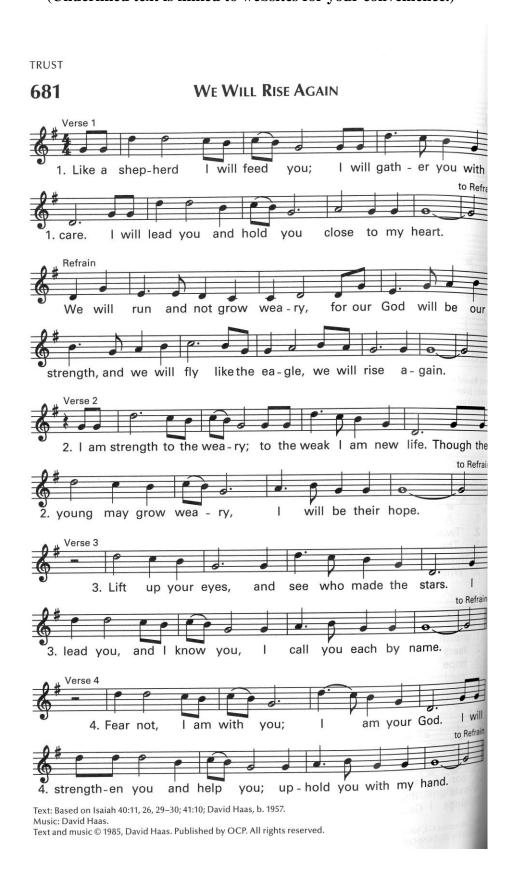
Recessional: To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King #468

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS













Bread for the World



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Laudate Dominum



Text: Psalm 117, Praise the Lord, all you peoples; Taizé Community, 1980 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 © 1980, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent









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