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November 23, 2008

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

37 million
Americans
live below the
poverty line.

(U.S. Census Bureau)



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Approximately
4 million Americans
experience homelessness
in a given year.

(U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)



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Nearly **4 million**
senior citizens
over 65 are
living under the
poverty line.



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46 million
Americans
live without
health insurance.

(U.S. Census Bureau)



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16 million families
are "working poor,"
meaning they have
at least one family
member who works
full-time but still
cannot afford the
basic costs of living.

(U.S. Census Bureau)

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13% of homeless people
are employed.



(U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development)

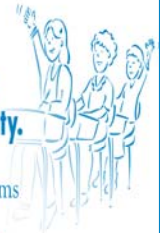
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13 million American
children live in poverty.

That's 520,000 classrooms
of 25 children per room.

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8 million American
children have no
health insurance.

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From the Pastor's Desk:

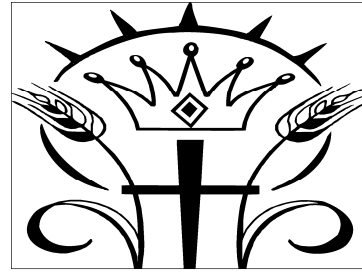
Bishop Richard Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee and Chairman for the Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has stated that "Recent months have seen a dramatic escalation of acts of violence against Christians, their homes and institutions in several regions of India. The assassination of a Hindu religious leader who had often spoken out against presumed coercive conversions was the provocation for the current outburst, which has taken more than 50 lives and resulted in enormous property damage. There is no evidence that Christians were involved in the assassination, which seems to have been the action of a militant Maoist political group. Tens of thousands of Christians are now in hiding in forest areas of Orissa, Karnataka and Assam to escape acts of physical violence and coerced rites of 'reconversion' to Hinduism"

Our western media do not often focus attention on the persecution of Christians in India or, for that matter, in Iraq, and other places throughout the world. While religious extremists may be blamed for acts such as assassination, wanton desecration and destruction of churches, the rape of a nun in India, and the forced reconversion of Christians, at the same time governments where this happens often do little or nothing to avert such acts or to pursue the culprits and bring them to justice. All of this often occurs in countries that declare themselves to be democratic and tolerant. And the world sits quietly by. The world has done that before. We remember. Let us pray.

Fr. Farano

 On this Sunday, November 23, the Christian Churches of North Colonie will hold their annual **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**. This year it will be hosted by Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Rt. 155 (almost across from Shaker Jr. High School), at three o'clock (3:00 p.m.). Usually the Service is held in the evening. This year it has been moved to the earlier afternoon time to permit more persons to participate, especially those who may not wish to drive when it becomes dark. This annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is a wonderful witness to our union in the Lord Jesus. It is an opportunity to honor the presence of the Lord in the various Christian faith traditions in our community. I encourage you to participate. Come alone. Bring a friend. Come as a family. As we prepare to celebrate our national Thanksgiving Day this coming Thursday, what better way to enter into that week than by praying with our sisters and brothers in the Lord.

Fr. Farano



Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

He is the image of the invisible God,
 The firstborn of all creation.
 For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth,
 the visible and the invisible,
 Whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers;
 All things were created through him and for him.
 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together
 He is the head of the body, the church.
 He is the beginning, The firstborn from the dead,
 That in all things he himself might be preeminent.
 For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
 and through him to reconcile all things for him,
 Making peace by the blood on the cross
 Through him, whether those on earth, or those in heaven.

Colossians 1: 14-20

CHRIST, KING OF ALL

On this, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only king over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. At the end of time as we know it, Christ's work of restoring all things to unity and harmony with their Creator God will be completed. This Sunday, when we claim Christ as both our Shepherd and our King, we recognize our own calling to participate in Christ's saving work by caring for those whom Jesus calls "the least ones" (Matthew 25:45).

Equinox Thanksgiving Dinner

"The guests who come have one thing in common that brings them together - they are hungry for the food, the warmth and the companionship that is the Equinox Thanksgiving tradition".

Equinox is celebrating its 39th Annual Thanksgiving Day Community Dinner. It is the longest and largest running event of this type in the country. The dinner will serve more than 8,000 of our hungry, homeless or homebound neighbors. Donations of food or a monetary donation are welcome. We know from the past that the contributions of food and money from the parish and school of St. Pius X is a huge portion of what is collected and used to bring a Thanksgiving meal to so many who would otherwise not have this meal. Any questions or for more information, please call Martha Galloway at 458-7321. Thanking you in advance for your continued generosity.

A Call to Communal Prayer

In order to respond more consistently with compassion and prayer beyond our Sunday commitment, the names of those who are seriously ill are printed below.



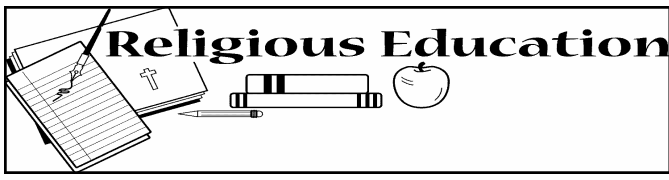
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| Dominick DeFilippo | Jack Galloway |
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| Mark Farrell | Joseph Pepe |
| Heidi Sengenberger | Lisa Pilla |
| Robert Campbell | James Gaetani |
| Barbara Fitzgerald | Charles Arthur |
| Iris Marini | John Massimilian |
| Edward Kosier | Infant Jack James |
| Joan Morrison | Mary Morrison |
| Patrick Lennon | Jizziyah Skelly |
| Miriam Kleinberger | Charlotte Anne Wolfstich |
| Bob Raffaele | Eveline Farragan |
| Rafael Agtarap | Gertrude Abele |
| Jennifer Garland | Marilyn Gradoni |
| Dorothy G. Cheeseman | Anne Egan |
| Peg Jubic | Kym Hynes |
| Nathan Natale | Arthur Audi |
| James Rogers | Barbara Ferris |
| Lorraine Mason | Antoinette Guadagnino |
| Richard Malinowski | Judy Delaney |
| Sarah McDonough | |



Coordinator: Brian Evers
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Our Sister Parish Committee is looking for two Nativity sets to send to our Sister Parishes in Georgia for their Christmas Celebrations. If you have a set that is between 12 to 15 inches that you would like to donate to our Sister Parishes, please call Carole or Jack Egan at 438-362.

The Sisters of St. Joseph invite you to *An Evening of Quiet: Prayer and Music in Preparation for Christmas*, featuring Tim Janis, well-known composer and musician. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in the chapel of St. Joseph's Provincial House on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to assist the people of Gulu, Uganda, where the Sisters of St. Joseph have begun serving the Acholi people whose suffering, crowded living conditions and poverty are monumental.

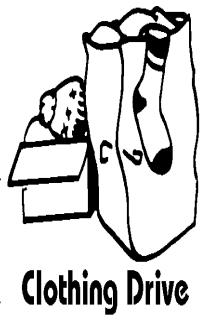


Sunday School Sessions for the month of Nov. are: Nov. 23 #9. There are no classes on Nov. 30 –Thanksgiving Weekend. Our next class after Thanksgiving is Dec. 7 #10.

Parents: On November 23, the children will be bringing home a handout on the Advent Wreath plus prayers to say each week.

Hilltown Clothing Drive This Weekend

The Religious Education Office will be holding the annual Hilltown Clothing Drive during the weekend of Nov. 22 and 23. Your donations help families in the rural areas of Berne who are in need of assistance. We are in need of **Helpers** to pack boxes and bags into the truck on Nov. 23 at 10:30 AM, or to ride to the hilltowns in Berne to unpack the truck, or **Adults with Vans** to help transport the overflow of donations to the hilltowns at 12:30 PM on Nov. 23. Please call Judy Ranalli at 465-8068 if you can help. We really appreciate it! For those Confirmation students who signed up to help – Do you remember your times you signed up for?



Location, Dates, and Times for Clothing Drop-off:

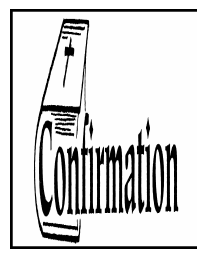
- Saturday – November 22 – 3:00 to 6:00 PM
- Sunday – November 23 – 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

All clothing donations can be dropped off during the above times in the **back half** of the Parish Center. Please follow the **signs** for where to put boxes, bags, or clothes on hangers. We can **only** accept donations on the above dates and times because we do not have the space to store the items. Thank you.

We have **“Special Requests”** for men’s and women’s winter coats, men’s and women’s hats, gloves, and boots, towels, blankets, sheets, and comforters for the **Lwanga** Residence and **Mercy House**. Boxes will be in the entrance area of the Parish Center during the Clothing Drive for you to put these items in.

Wishing our Sunday School Teachers, Aides, Substitutes, children, and families a “Blessed Thanksgiving” celebrated with your family and friends. God has blessed us all with many gifts to share.

ADULT CONFIRMATION:



Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized and have received First Holy Communion but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to inquire about our parish Confirmation preparation program. Sessions will begin on November 19, 2008. Please contact Peter

Ranalli at the parish Office of Religious Education by calling (518) 465-8068.

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

"Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep."

+ Through the prophet Ezekiel, the Lord speaks to the leadership in Judah chastising them for not caring for His people. Through His mercy God promises to shepherd the people of Israel. *How do you care for the people God has entrusted to you?*

In his letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul urges all of us to live up to our potential and our call. We are not to follow Adam's sinful ways but root our lives in the ways of Christ. *How are you living out your Christian life? Are you making Christ more present in our world?*

The familiar gospel from Matthew is a further reminder of our purpose and the reason for which we have been born. It's all about love within the relationships we nurture. Jesus asks us to open our eyes to the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, ill and imprisoned, to others and help them in their needs. For if we truly serve all of them with love we will find Christ, who we are seeking.

As this church year comes to a close on this feast of Christ the King, ask yourself, "What or whom are you seeking? Who do you serve?"

**Make Christ your King.
Care for others with all your heart!**

GOOD NEWS: Thank you to the person who donated Martha Hickman's book, Healing After Loss: Daily Meditations for Working Through Grief. It will be a blessing to many! You may borrow this book or any other of the books donated to the Pastoral Care Office. Just call 462-1336.

MINISTERS OF PRAYER: In **NOVEMBER** please pray **THAT THE TESTIMONY OF THE SAINTS IN LOVING WITNESS TO CHRIST WILL STRENGTHEN OUR RESOLVE TO LIVE FOR JESUS.**

Become a Minister of Prayer!

Our Women's Scripture Study/Faith Sharing Group will not meet this Wednesday November 26th 2008. Our next meeting will be Wednesday December 3rd, 2008. Our focus will be "The Parables". Please read Luke 11:5-10; Luke 18:1-14. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM in Conference Room B, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336.

At the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center:

"The Light of the Season", Advent Wreath Making with Kathleen Greiner will be held Sunday November 23rd, 2008 from 2 to 4 PM. Cost: \$25 (materials).

"Dreaming Well", a Workshop for Breast Cancer Survivors and their Caregivers will be held Monday November 24th, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Facilitators: Wanda Burch, and Sr. Carol Davis OP. CRAAB Grant Funding

"Breakfast with Advent Saints: St. Nicholas" This Presentation is one of three and it will be held Tuesday December 2nd, 2008 from 10 to 11:30 AM. Presenter: Sr. Deborah Baker, OP Cost: \$15.

"What Are We Waiting For?" an Advent Day of Reflection, will be held Thursday December 4th, 2008 from 9 AM until 3 PM. Presenter: Rev. Gary Gelfenbein. Cost: \$25.

An Advent Silent Weekend for Men and Women will be held December 5th to 7th, 2008. Presenter: Rev. Jim Gavin OFM Cap. Cost: \$185 (seniors \$170) **For more information and to register call 393-4169.**

"Dementia Care Basics and Helpful Holiday Tips" This Family Forum will be held at Hawthorne Ridge from 5-6 PM on Wednesday December 3rd, 2008. Presenters: Paula Fanning and Jennifer Cioffi. For more information and to make reservations call 833-1111.

FROM GRIEF TO GRACE

On Wednesday December 3, 2008 we will present "From Grief to Grace." The theme, "LET GOD" begins at 7 PM and continues until 8:30 PM in the Parish Chapel. The evening consists of prayer, a presentation, small group sharing, refreshments and fellowship. The program is open to all parishioners, their guests, and the community. There is no fee. For more information call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

Are You Caring for Someone over 60?

Catholic Charities Caregivers Support Services invites you to attend an open discussion about Elder Caregiving sponsored by the Albany County Department of Aging et al. A light meal is provided during the gathering at these sites:

2nd Wed. - Christ the King Church (Guilderland) 6 to 7:15 PM

3rd Thurs. - St. John's Parish House (Rensselaer) Noon to 1 PM.

4th Tues. - East Greenbush Community Library 6 to 7:15 PM

RSVP to Christine Damon at 449-2001 Ext 120.



Thank you, Dear Lord

For all the blessings
you have bestowed upon me.
Help me to always be mindful
of all your gifts.

Through the love and sacrifice
of Your only Son,
You have shown me
the true meaning
of my own existence.
May the example
You have given me
guide me through
all the days of my life.

Amen.

From the Marians of the Immaculate Conception



THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK SUNDAY DECEMBER 7TH NOON MASS

"Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage."

On Sunday December 7th, 2008, during the noon liturgy, you will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick. It is available to us to strengthen and heal us, and to give us the peace and courage to endure the sufferings of illness and old age in a Christian manner. The rite reflects Jesus' concern for the sick and invokes special graces on those whose physical health, age, or circumstance move them to cry out to Jesus for healing. Through this communal celebration we join together to pray with and for the aged, the ill, those with an upcoming surgery or those with emotional distress.

Anyone who is chronically ill, elderly, frail, or emotionally distressed is invited to receive this sacrament and participate in this celebration. It will strengthen you in the difficulties of your illness or age and fortify you in the struggles of your life. Through it the Holy Spirit it will lead you to healing within your soul and your body if that is God's will.

Men's First Friday Club meets on the First Friday of each month at the Schuyler Inn on Broadway in Menands for Mass and Communion at 11:30 am followed by lunch. There are no speeches or formal program and the dress is casual. You will surely know some of those in attendance and you will be most welcome. Please come and join us. For more information please call 438-1253.

Be Still and Know that I am God

(Psalm 46, 11) ...

Time spent in dialogue with the Lord is never time lost" (Pope John Paul II, Homily, October 24, 1993). Time spent with Christ is never lost, but is time best spent, and in a sense, the greatest act of charity we can offer all the souls that have been entrusted to us.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Come join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** after the 9:00 a.m. mass up through closing prayer at 7:00 p.m. All our welcome. For more information about how to become a weekly or substitute adorer, contact Peter Ranalli at 482 - 9087 or Margaret Purcell at 453 - 9302.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday to celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday. The staff wishes all of our parishioners a Happy Thanksgiving and thanks all of you for the blessings you are to our parish family.

Save the Date: On Monday, December 8, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center, there will be a parish –wide meeting to discuss the results of the parish survey. Don Levy of the Siena Research Institute will be with us that evening. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mom's Group: Please join us. Please mark Thursday, December 4th down on your calendars as this will be our next meeting for our newly formed mom's group. This group is a socialization group for moms (or caretakers) and their young children. Usually our group meets twice a month on Thursday mornings from 8:30am until 10:30am in the parish center. As the cold weather arrives, this is a great opportunity to get out and meet some new friends. Toys and light refreshments will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Jelstrom @ 463-0005, Pat Tobin @ 438-9532 or Gayle Bouchard @ 436-0585. If you can't join us on December 4th, mark these other meeting dates on your calendars. Jan. 8, Jan 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 26, Mar. 5, Mar. 19, Apr. 2, Apr. 8, May 14, May 28, June 11. We can't wait to meet you!!!

Giving Tree Dates

The season of giving is upon us. In keeping with the tradition of past years, we will have our "Giving Tree" here in church beginning on November 23. Please select a tag or two and return the wrapped item with the tag on the outside, by December 14th. Many organizations assisting needy families benefit from the generosity of St. Pius X Parish Families. We wish to thank



you in advance for your support of this wonderful ministry. It is only through your kindness that many will ever know what it is to know the joys of a Christmas morning or the warmth of a holiday meal.

Priesthood Discernment Group: College-age men and older meet monthly at St. Isaac Jogues House of Discernment for Mass, dinner and good discussion. The meetings are attended by men who want to learn more about Priesthood as a possible life option without any "hard-sell" or pressure. Seminarians also join us for the evenings to offer their perspective as well. If you are between the ages of 18-52, and the possibility of Priesthood has crossed your mind in the past, Contact Fr. Walsh jjwalshie@aol.com or (518) 312-9397 for more information.

Thank You and Update- Nathan Natale

We would like to thank all parishioners who have been praying for our son Nathan Natale. We are grateful to each of you for keeping Nathan in your thoughts and wishing him well. It has been uplifting for our family and has had miraculous results for Nathan. For those interested in his recovery story, current updates and a guest book for messages please log on to www.caringbridge.org/visit/nathannatale. For security purposes sign in is required and no one under 13 is allowed to access the site. With deep appreciation, Nancy and Nick Natale.



2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Same GREAT price \$30.00, enjoy savings all year long... Available now in school and Parish Office. Purchase Five books, receive One book FREE Books are available in the Parish Office [Checks may be made payable to St. Pius X P.S.A.]

Community Maternity Services is sponsoring a night at Capital Repertory Theatre on Sunday, December 28, 2008 at 7:00 PM, featuring a production of *Striking 12*, an eclectic new musical based on Hans Christian Anderson's classic fairy tale *The Little Match Girl*. Open seating tickets are \$40.00 and can be purchased by contacting Anne Marie Couser, at 482-8836.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR cordially invite you to a "Victorian Tea" on Sunday, December 14, 2008 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Hope Residence in Latham. The tea will be served by our residents who will be dressed in authentic Victorian Costumes, which they have made. At 4:30 p.m. the Residents and Volunteers will hold a "Festival of Lights" in the Chapel at the Residence. Please plan to visit us at 1 Jeanne Jugan Lane, located off Old Loudon Road, Latham, for this event. The event is free and everyone is welcome.

Christian Works and Service

In conjunction with Hannaford Supermarkets we have joined in a program that will assist the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. If you purchase a \$10.00 "Feast Box" you will receive \$20.00 to \$30.00 in coupons from Hannaford. The "Feast Box" will then be donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry. This program will run throughout the Holiday season until the end of the year. Again, thank you for your generosity.



St. Pius X PEP Group Luncheon
The next luncheon to be held by the St. Pius X PEP Group will be on Thursday, Dec. 4th, 2008 at The Scrimshaw Room (Simpson Menu) at the Desmond Inn on Albany Shaker Road. The group will meet

at 1:00 pm. New members are invited and encouraged to join us for what will be a great gathering of good folks and fine food. For more information please call Margaret Charon at 783-6242. Hope to see you there

**CAPITAL REGION PRO-LIFE COUNCIL
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12203**

The National Night of Prayer for Life will be hosted by the Capital Region Pro-Life Council at St Pius X Church on Monday, December 8th from 8PM until 12:15AM in the chapel. The evening will consist of scriptural reflections, the rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, musical interludes and periods of meditation. All are welcome to spend some time in prayer for the greater respect for life in the womb. For info contact 463-7575.

To the Bishops

Cardinal Francis George's Address to U.S. Bishops at the Annual Fall Meeting 2008

...We come to this Assembly in the interim before a new presidential administration takes office in our country. Symbolically, this is a moment that touches more than our history when a country that once enshrined race slavery in its very constitutional order should come to elect an African American to the presidency. In this, I truly believe, we must all rejoice. We must also hope that President Obama succeed in his task, for the good of all. The odds against success are formidable. We are internally divided and, in a global order, we will be less the masters of our economic and political fate. Nevertheless, we can rejoice today with those who, following heroic figures like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were part of a movement to bring our country's civil rights, our legal order, into better accord with universal human rights, God's order. Among so many people of good will, dutiful priests and loving religious women, bishops and lay people of the Catholic Church who took our social doctrine to heart then can feel vindicated now. Their successors remain, especially among those who quietly give their lives to teaching and forming good and joyful children in Catholic schools in African American and other minority communities.

We can also be truly grateful that our country's social conscience has advanced to the point that Barack Obama was not asked to renounce his racial heritage in order to be president, as, effectively, John Kennedy was asked to promise that his Catholic faith would not influence his perspective and decisions as president a generation ago. Echoes of that debate remain in the words of those who reject universal moral propositions that have been espoused by the human race throughout history, with the excuse that they are part of Catholic moral teaching. We are, perhaps, at a moment when, with the grace of God, all races are safely within the American consensus. We are not at the point, however, when Catholics, especially in public life, can be considered full partners in the American experience unless they are willing to put aside some fundamental Catholic teachings on a just moral and political order. The hubris that has isolated our country politically and now economically is heard, but not usually recognized, in moral arguments based simply and solely on individual moral autonomy. This personal and social dilemma is not, of course, a matter of ultimate importance, for America is not the Kingdom of God; but it makes America herself far less than she claims to be in this world....

... In working for the common good of our society, racial justice is one pillar of our social doctrine. Economic justice, especially for the poor both here and abroad, is another. But the Church comes also and always and everywhere with the memory, the conviction, that the Eternal Word of God became man, took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, nine months before Jesus was born in Bethlehem. This truth is celebrated in our liturgy because it is branded into our spirit. The common good can never be adequately incarnated in any society when those waiting to be born can be legally killed at choice. If the Supreme Court's Dred Scott decision that African Americans were other people's property and somehow less than persons were still settled constitutional law, Mr. Obama would not be president of the United States. Today, as was the case a hundred and fifty years ago, common ground cannot be found by destroying the common good....

Mass Intentions for the week

NOVEMBER 24– NOVEMBER 30

Mon	6:30	Kay Hunter req. Gary & Lynn Yund
	9:00	James & Mary Lourdes Brennan req. James G. Brennan Edward Platt req. His Family Gino Franchini req. Jeanne Selkis & Family
Tue	6:30	James V. Puleo req. Dr. & Mrs. James H. Puleo David Chalmers req. Janet & Patrick Fitzgerald
	9:00	Kay Hunter req. Frank & Betty Lent Margaret Houlahan req. Her Husband & Family Carol Mitchell req. The John Family
	7:00	Pamela Crupi Fusco req. Ed & Lee Crupi & Family John Walsh req. Ed & Lee Crupi Lorraine & Ferdinand Lynn req. Dr. & Mrs. Jos. Crisafulli
Wed	6:30	Alexander J. Rinaldi req. His Family Victor & Dora Cardona req. Their Family Catherine S. Britton req. Her Family
	9:00	Alfred Salamida req. His Family David Julian Chalmers req. His Family JoAnn McCarron (8th Anniv.) req. Her Family
Thur	6:30	No Early Mass
	9:00	Parish Thanksgiving Day Mass
Fri	6:30	No Early Mass
	9:00	Michael Brennan req. James Ryan III Sandra Cobb req. The Christman Family Florence Armony req. The Christman Family
Sat	9:00	Jack Fino req. His Family Mary A. Sgroi req. Mary Ann & Bob Dowd For the Blessings of Kevin G. & Mary H. Langan req. Sr. Rose Regina Smith CSJ
	5:00	Vigil
Sun	8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 Noon	

Eucharistic Ministers & Greeters - Team 3

SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 29/30

5:00 PM	Kerry Brock, Philip Adikes, Mike Hope, Beth Rucinski
8:00 AM	Chris & Brian O'Keefe, Emily & Sarah Nicol
10:00AM	Mark & Jack Morrison, A. Jelstrom, Connor McCarthy
12:00PM	Andy & Teddy Burke, Ashley Tanski, Katie Blake

READINGS FOR NOV. 30, 2008
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 63: 16-19, 64: 2-7
1 COR 1: 3-9
MARK 13: 33-37

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
SUN	11/23	Sunday Eucharist RCIA Religious Education Hilltown Clothing Drive	8, 10, 12 11:00 am 9:00 am	Church Conf A School
MON	11/24	Cub Scout Pack Meeting	6:30 pm	P. Hall
TUE	11/25	Mass and Marian Devotions AA Meeting School Mass (Prayer & Share) Chime Choir Youth Choir 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm	7:00 pm 5:30 pm 9:00 am 3:20 pm	Chapel Conf B Church Church
WED	11/26	Women's Bible Study Group Children's Choir	10:00 am 4:15 pm	Conf A Church
THU	11/27	AA Meeting Happy Thanksgiving School & Parish Offices Closed	7:00 pm	Conf B
FRI	11/28	Renew Eucharistic Adoration School & Parish Offices Closed	7:00 am 9:30 am	Conf A Chapel
SAT	11/29	Vigil	5:00 pm	Church

Music for Weekend of November 22/23

Gathering: 608– Festival Canticle
Preparation: 475– Shepherd Me, O God
Communion: 590– Whatsoever You Do
Recessional: 313– All People That On Earth Do Dwell
Choir: The Lord is My Shepherd

Thanksgiving Day Mass



Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am in the church. This special liturgy is a fitting way to begin our observance of our national day of giving thanks to God for the many blessings we enjoy. At that Mass we will bless small loaves of bread as we have done in past years. The congregation will be invited to take home a loaf of this bread and to share it with one another at the Thanksgiving Day meal. Our choir will be with us for this special occasion. All are welcome. Bring your family and friends.

**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

The Festival Celebration Choir and Orchestra will present it's Christmas Concert, "Magnificat: Songs of Mary" at Saint Pius X on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 pm. The choir is directed by Charles Jones with Maury Castro at the organ and piano. The concert will include settings of The Magnificat, Ave Maria, and other music celebrating the role of Mary in the Christmas story. Admission \$12 and \$8.