

# SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY R. C. CHURCH

November 22, 2009

## CHRIST THE KING

Readings: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

### Masses for the Week of Nov. 23-29

<b>Monday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Chris Jordan, Jr.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:15</b>	Charles A. Enne (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Charles Dempsey
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	John Grattan
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:00</b>	Peg & Chris Jordan
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00</b>	James Needham & Peter Campo
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:00</b>	Mary Kruk
	<b>9:30</b>	People of the Parish
	<b>11:00</b>	Renee Valent de Raola, Anne McCormack, Lucy D'Italia, Richard McMahon, Robert Rose
	<b>12:30</b>	<b>Spanish Mass</b>
	<b>5:00</b>	Meredith & Thomas Joyce (L)

### MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### NOV 28 5 PM Father Gill

SERVERS	K. Bourke, L. Cirillo, E & M Knight, C. Yastrzemski
E.M.'S	M. Adamczyk, A. Fiore, B. Miller
LECTOR	H. Riester

#### NOV 29 8 AM Father Madley

SERVERS	Martin Sisters, C. Muller
E.M.'S	E. Finalborgo, M. Muller, M. Steinbrecher, J. Taranto
LECTORS	J. Clarke
GREETERS	I. Hurley, K. Moffa, N. Scanlon, J. Taranto

#### 9:30 AM Father Madley

SERVERS	J. O'Brien, M. Terry, M & M Wilson
E.M.'S	J. Diesing, A. Lesta, M. Nugent, C & J Wilson
LECTOR	Sr. Mary Assunta
GREETERS	A. Lesta

#### 11 AM Father Kiernan

SERVERS	M. Kropiwnicki, A. O'Brien, O. Valle,
E.M.'S	S. Adelante, V. Grattan, P. Jordan, M. Lynch
LECTOR	G. Bauer
GREETERS	L. DeRobertis, T. Grimaldi, K. Maple

#### 5 PM Father Dahm

SERVERS	B. Alvarez, C. Kreyborg
E.M.'S	L. DeRobertis, T. Grimaldi, K. Maple
LECTOR	G. Reisig

SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL -Nov. 22 – M. Baskin

Nov. 29 – P. Jordan

HAMPTONS CENTER – L & M Parillo

ALTARS - November – N & B Kelly

LINENS - Nov. 22-28 – A. Enstine



This week's collection was \$7103.00.

The special collection for the repaving of our front walk area was \$3603.00. Based on the prior year's financial statement our average weekly operating expense is \$16,347.75. May God bless you for your continued support and generosity.

Thank you, Fr. Jeff.

MAIN ALTAR FLOWERS were given in loving memory of Charles Enne on his 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by his wife, Patricia Anne and son, Mark Edward and his family.

BLESSED MOTHER & ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR FLOWERS were given in loving memory of Joseph A. Sciame by his son, Joseph.

**Anyone who would like to donate flowers, please call the Parish office at 283-0097.**

Bread, Wine & Candles for this week are donated

in loving memory of Frances Hornung by the Geoghan Family.



If you would like to donate **Altar Candles, Wine or Altar Bread** in memory of a loved one or for a special intention please call the parish center at 283-0097.

### † WE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK †

Keith O'Brien	Isabelle Lanin-Tanquay	Winnie Chin
John Bishop	Connie Kane	Pat Reinhardt
Howard "Corty" Bishop		Grace McNamara
Gene Travers, Jr.	Suzanne Parillo	Andrea Gulija
Patrick Dermody	Gwendolyn Porter	Robert O'Shea
John Cuccia, Sr.	Jean Smith	Jean Kearns
Jo Counihan	Celestino Gambino	Beth Larkin

### **FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JEFF:**

Everyone is invited to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

The Mass here on Thanksgiving will be at 10 AM. There will be no 12 Noon Mass. This will enable

people who are travelling to get to Mass.

Thank you for your generosity in last week's \$20 Sunday collection. We received over \$3600.00, which enable us to pay a good part of the paving bill.

Next week, November 29<sup>th</sup>, we will have our Annual Celebration of Lessons & Carols. The musicians have been practicing for weeks. I'm sure it will be excellent, as usual.

Have a nice Thanksgiving!

**Book of Remembrance:**



The Book of Remembrance will be in front of the Blessed Mother's Altar for the month of November. Please feel free to write the names of your deceased loved ones.

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**WELCOME:** The parish community of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary welcomes the following newly baptized children with joy:

*Gina Rose Zuzierla  
John Thomas Zuzierla*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUIDELINES**

Children must attend **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** for 2 years before they receive First Eucharist and for eight years to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please make sure your child is registered for classes.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Please check the website for meetings and announcements [www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org](http://www.sacredheartsofjesusandmary.org). Click on Religious Education.

**OPEN HOUSE**

**"DECEMBERS PAST & PRESENT"**



The Southampton Historical Museum, 17 Meeting House La, will hold an open house from Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> featuring the traditional Christmas of many nations exhibit. One of our parishioners, Joe Taranto, has his beautiful Italian crèche on exhibit there. Open Tues-Sat.

11-4. Call 283-2494 for more information.

**PARISH PROGRAMS**

**FRANCISCANS**

The Secular Franciscans meet on the third Sunday of the month, after the 11 AM mass in the Parish Center. Would you like to know what we are all about? Please come to our meeting. Bring a bag lunch and we will supply the coffee.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study Group meets in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room of the Parish Center at 1 PM.

New members are always welcome!

**SPIRITUAL BOOK GROUP**

The Spiritual Book Group meets every Tuesday from 1-2 PM in the dining room of the Parish Center. New members are always welcome!!

**Christ the King**

**Nov. 22, 2009**

Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv. 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

"Are you a King?" Pilate did not comprehend Jesus' true authority. Jesus was not a king in the way such kings were understood, subjugating people with their military and political clout. The people of God has to learn that Yahweh alone was their king, "robed in majesty," standing firm forever. They must bow down before Yahweh's throne, and no other.

Daniel addressed an occupied people dominated by a tyrannical empire that persecuted them for their religious convictions. The suffering faithful were personified corporately as the "son of man" who would one day become a glorified people. They would not be destroyed.

John wrote to a people enduring persecution from the Roman Empire. He reminded them that they were baptized into Christ's own death and resurrection. Jesus was the supreme ruler of all the earth. Before his throne, his faithful followers were vested as a priestly people, a "royal nation."

**For reflection:** To which kingdom do I give my allegiance? Are my actions demonstrating God's reign on earth?

**HUMAN RESOURCES OF THE HAMPTONS**

**DUE TO MASSIVE DUMPING OF GARBAGE AT THE CLOTHING BINS, THE BINS HAVE BEEN REMOVED.**

Donations of clothing will be accepted Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 10 AM – 12 Noon at the food pantry or Parish Center. To receive clothing please call 283-6415 for an appointment.

**EXPLORING THE OLD TESTAMENT**  
**An Adult Study Course**  
**(Basic Study Certificate)**

St. Andrew's in Sag Harbor will be offering this 10 hour course in 4 classes beginning Tues. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Instructor: Vincent Whitfield, teacher at St. John the Baptist High School in Islip and at the Pastoral Formation Institute. Fee: \$20. Please call 725-0123 for more information.

**SHJM YOUTH UPDATE:**

*The Lord keeps faith forever,  
 secures justice for the oppressed,  
 gives food to the hungry.  
 The Lord sets captives free. Ps 146*

**A Celebrate Youth Advent Party** is planned for December.

The next soup kitchen is planned for Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sr. Assunta 631-283-0508 to volunteer or email her at [assuntarsm@gmail.com](mailto:assuntarsm@gmail.com). (Please note that Sister's phone does not take messages.)

**"COPING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS"**

The East End Hospice Bereavement Care Team is pleased to offer "Coping through the Holidays" on Thursday, Nov. 19 – 6:30 – 8 PM at the Bridgehampton National Bank Community Room, 2200 Montauk Hwy., Bridgehampton. For more information or to register please call East End Hospice at 631-288-8400. There is no charge.

**OUR LADY OF THE HAMPTONS ADVANCE REGISTRATION**

Information leading toward placement in grades K-8 at OLH for the 2010-2011 school year is now available at the school. Personal interviews will be scheduled for January 2010.



**TEEN MUSIC MINISTRY**

Currently joins in the Sunday 5 PM Mass every second and fourth weekend of the month. All are welcome to attend this liturgy and join in the celebration.

**2009**  
**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
**UPDATE**

*We are very grateful to the 98 families who made pledges and gifts.*

*Amount Pledged: \$43,530.00*

*Parish Goal: \$50,000.00*

*Amount to goal: \$6460.00*

Any amount over goal will be returned to the parish at 85%.

If you have not made a gift or pledge, it is not too late. Please do so as soon as possible. A heartfelt thank you to all those who have made a gift or pledge. With your help, we have reached 98.4% of our goal. We would like to especially thank the families who have made a sacrifice to help those in need.

**THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!**

**OUR LADY OF THE HAMPTONS**



OLH will sponsor a trip to Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Seating is limited but is available to parishioners and community members. The fee of \$85 includes round trip transportation via the Hampton Jitney, a seat at the morning performance, time to shop in Manhattan. Please call 283-9140 for details.

The First Presbyterian Church of  
Southampton  
 Presents

**THE CELTIC TENORS**



The Celtic Tenors live show is an experience overflowing with vitality and variety from start to finish. Their unique voices, charm and wit combined with their talented Musical Director creates a thoroughly uplifting experience.

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM**  
**Southampton High School Auditorium**  
**Donation - \$50 or 10 tickets for \$450.**  
**For information and tickets call: Box Office**  
**631-587-3565 or Sue Birdsall 531-726-9537.**

Website: [www.larentr.com](http://www.larentr.com)

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For more information please call Carol Curreri at  
283-2590.

November 22, 2009

Today is the Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ the King. The Gospel from St. John recalls Jesus' conversation with Pilate before he was crucified. Jesus is a king, but not the type of king Pilate expected.



**Gospel**  
**John 18:33-37**

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a King?" Jesus answered, "you say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."  
The Gospel of the Lord

**Reflection:** What sort of king is Jesus? How can we listen to his voice today?

**Prayer:**

*Almighty God,  
help us to hear the voice of your Son  
who is our teacher, king and savior.  
We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.*

November 26, 2009

Thanksgiving Day

Today is Thanksgiving. A day to thank God for all that we have.

**Prayer for Thanksgiving meal:**

**Leader:** How good it is to be her! We can smell the delicious food, and as we look around the table, we see the people we love so much! Let us begin our prayer with the Sign of the Cross:

**Leader:** Let us pray the psalm response:

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

**All:** I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

**Leader:** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness.

**All:** I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.

We come together at this table to thank God for sending us his Son and for loving us as his own sons and daughters.

**Let us pray:**

Heavenly Father,  
send your blessing on us  
and on the food before us.

We thank you for feeding our hungers  
and giving us peace beyond all understanding.  
We thank you especially for the love around this  
table today.

May your love continue to grow in our hearts,  
making us generous to all who are in need.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, on God,  
For ever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

# KID'S PAGE

Prayers and history of the Church

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

Christ the King

## **Three dioceses, three seminaries, one priesthood**

As one of the responses to Pope Benedict's calling this year *The Year for Priests*, I have just published a pastoral letter on vocations, *I will give you Shepherds*, which takes its inspiration from Pope John Paul II's great apostolic letter of the same title. I hope that you, the People of God of this Church on Long Island, will read it and join me in seeking to become proponents of vocations to priesthood and religious life. After the Council of Trent, great bishops, like St. Charles Borromeo, developed the seminary system which, while undergoing many changes and adaptations, is still today the primary way men are educated and formed for the diocesan priesthood. Our diocese has been blessed by the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Lloyd Harbor in Huntington. Most of the priests of the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre received their theological training there. Some began the studies at the Pius X High School Prep Seminary which closed in 1984 and more have done their college preparation at what is now the College Seminary Residence of the Immaculate Conception at Douglaston in Queens.

In January of this year, Brooklyn's Bishop DiMarzio and I were asked to consider working with the Archdiocese of New York to see if it would be worthwhile to consider various possibilities of our two institutions having a closer relationship with St. Joseph Seminary at Dunwoodie, New York. The two of us began a conversation with Archbishop Dolan about this. The three of us determined this to be a challenging pastoral question that deserved our consideration. After a few meetings we decided that we wanted to look at various possibilities for the future but that we needed more information and suggestions before we could make an informed decision about possible models of collaboration among these three institutions of formation for priests. The Archbishop suggested that we should do this within a specific time frame and I suggested that any such process must be an open one so that everyone in our three dioceses might know what we were discussing and have the possibility of expressing an opinion or offering an idea.

Msgr. Robert Brennan, the Vicar General, was asked by me to chair a commission to gather facts and present recommendations within a four to five month period. Bishop DiMarzio named Bishop Frank Caggiano, his Vicar General, and Archbishop Dolan named the rector of his seminary, Bishop Gerald Walsh, who together compose the commission charged with this task. They have already begun work, involving others in the collection of a great deal of data which they, along with whatever assistance they might need, will examine and discuss with the aim of proposing the best use of the resources of our three dioceses for the future education and formation of priests.

Because I am convinced that projects of this sort can be harmed by excessive secrecy and because I want all those with an interest to be informed about the real goals of this commission, I have explained our project to the vicars, the cabinet of the diocese, the finance council of the diocese, the Presbyteral Council of the diocese, the rector and faculty of our diocesan seminary and, this month, to the Board of Governors of the Seminary and now, via this column, to all the faithful of the diocese.

About five years ago, the Congregation for Education in Rome conducted apostolic visitations of all the U.S. seminaries. That office sent a detailed report of the visitation of each diocesan seminary to the individual diocesan bishop. You will be happy to know that the evaluation of our diocesan seminary was very positive, commending the seminary and making a few suggestions which we had already undertaken and have fulfilled. The Congregation also sent a general letter to all the bishops of the United States giving us an overview of their findings and a few general suggestions for our consideration in the future. One of those was the observation that, in the opinion of the leadership of the Congregation, there were too many “major seminaries” (for example ours and New York’s) and that we might wish to examine some possible mergers.

You can therefore see that this is one possibility of the commission headed by Msgr. Brennan. You also could easily deduce that one easy solution would be to merge our seminary and that of the Archdiocese of New York to have one major seminary or theologate. And that is an option. However, it is not the only option nor at this point can I, or anyone, say it is the best or most logical option for us to fulfill our Episcopal responsibility to provide the best formation we can for the future priests of our three

dioceses. Msgr. Brennan and Bishops Caggiano and Walsh are beginning to look at all the possibilities using the resources and material, which is quite extensive, about all three institutions.

There are several elements of this I wish to be clearly kept in mind. Our common commitment as bishops and our shared goal are to provide the best possible education and formation for the future priests of our three dioceses. Whatever specific charges each of these places will have after the bishops have seen the recommendations and made their decisions, all three, Huntington, Douglaston, Dunwoodie, will remain as houses of formation and education and will have the support of all three bishops. Because I know how cherished an institution our seminary at Huntington is as the place where most of our priests have been formed, I want to be sure that the priests, deacons and faithful of our diocese feel free to share their reactions with me or with Msgr. Brennan in the next few months. Already we have heard some good suggestions. But the process is very much an open one. I for one can say that I do not know at this point what proposal, from keeping the status quo to any number of future configurations, will be persuasive to me and to my brother bishops. I do know we want the best for our dioceses, for our priests and future priests and our people. For that reason I do not hesitate to close these words with a sincere plea that all of you pray for Archbishop Dolan, Bishop DiMarzio and me in the months ahead, that the Lord will guide our deliberations and the Holy Spirit inspire our decisions.