

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING of the UNIVERSE November 21, 2021 MASS INTENTIONS

## November 22, Monday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

6:45 AM + To End Abortion (Chris McNelis)  
12:00 PM + Danyll Rougeux (Mom & Dad)

## November 23, Tuesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;

6:45 AM + Joseph Maltet (Dave Capouellez)  
12:00 PM + Molly Jo McKnight Barnes  
(Jack & Barb Shoemaker)

## November 24, Wednesday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions

6:45 AM + Deceased Members of E.T. Smith Fam.  
(Bill & Grace Smith)  
12:00 PM + Edith McLucas (Family)

## November 25, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving

## November 26, Friday: Weekday

6:45 AM + Dan & Mariam Burns (Dave & Maureen Hanekamp)  
12:00 PM + Joann Gill (Tom Gill)

## November 27, Saturday: Weekday

8:00 AM + Freddie Martynuska (Mom & Dad)  
12:00PM + Daniel Shade (Roxann Pasquino)

## Vigil: First Sunday In Advent

5:00 PM + Mildred Brady, Birth. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

## November 28, First Sunday in Advent

8:00 AM + Todd Talasky (Mark Talasky)  
10:00AM + Pro Popolo/For the People  
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Mary Ann Hofer)  
5:00 PM + Richard & Rita Beck, Ann. (Michael & Carolyn Lombardo)

## Greeters

Greeters and ushers are the first members of the faith community who are in a position to welcome those who gather for worship. Since it is important for a parish to be hospitable, greeters and ushers are asked to greet those who enter the cathedral and provide them with a worship aid. In addition to our ushers, we will begin to invite individuals and families to assist in the role of greeting people. If you are interested in helping, please call or email our office. Thank you.

## Readings for the week of November 21, 2021

**Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-3

## 1st Reconciliation Sessions

Tuesday, November 30th 6-8 PM, Cathedral hall, parents and students.

## Confirmation Prep

Students will be sponsoring three families from the Catholic Charities this Advent season.

## Religious Ed PK/8

Students will be collecting hats, scarves, mittens, toys and personal care items again this Advent season for Family Services of Blair County Abuse Shelters.

## The Cathedral Adult Choir

The choir has begun to meet. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Cathedral Church in front of Mary's Shrine. Use the Cathedral Square side door. All voice parts are welcomed and needed.

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Sunday, November 14, 2021- \$4,646.05  
Thank you for your support.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults "Inquiry"

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, or just seeking information, you are welcome to join us for "Inquiry" which will begin Sunday, October 17th from 11:00-12:00 in the Seton Suite. Please contact Carol Galieto at (814) 327-4841, if you are interested in joining.

## Calendar of Prizes 2021 Are Here!

Calendar of prizes 2021 are being sold at the Cathedral Square Door after all masses starting this weekend. Each calendar costs \$20.00. There is a \$20.00 daily prize; an additional \$1,000.00 in special monthly prizes awarded throughout the year; and a grand prize of \$1,000.00. Due to the state's regulations for small games of chance, it is necessary that we sell all one thousand tickets are sold. If you have a favorite three digit number, call the Parish Office at 814-944-4603 weekdays between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM to check for availability or stop by the Cathedral door after Mass on the weekends. These make great Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers.



You are encouraged to begin your Thanksgiving Day celebrations by participating in the Eucharist during our Mass at 9:00 a.m.

You are also asked to being a bag of non-perishable food items or a monetary gift for the materially less-fortunate. You will be asked to carry your gifts to the sanctuary during the offertory procession.



## Stewardship Reflections

This feast is needed more than ever for all people and especially as the Christian stewards we claim to be, in the year 2021. It reminds us of three vital truths. **First**, even when it seems that the world is spinning out of control, we need not fear because we have a King of kings who is very much in charge and who is loving and merciful and just. **Second**, if Christ is king of all, then He is king of me, personally. I am not "lord" of my time, talents, and treasures. He is. **Third**, as His disciple, I am called to imitate my King. Christ's kingship is characterized by humble service, by emptying Himself for the good of others.

The Scriptures tell us He went about doing good and He says of Himself, "I came not to be served but to serve." How can I live in any other way than as a humble servant like my King? (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. (2018/11/18))

## How Would You Rule Your Kingdom?

It would be kind of awesome to be a king or queen! Absolute rule, untold wealth, and people answering your every beck and call are things that wouldn't be half bad. Of course, I would be a benevolent monarch, and I would hope that all my subjects would love me. They could cheer me as I came out of the palace, and I think my popularity ratings in the polls would be through the roof. But if they weren't, that would be fine, too, because I would rule the kingdom. And that means no throwing me out of office. Talk about job security!

As great as that sounds, the King of kings could have had all that as well, but instead, he chose quite a different path. He gave up absolute rule so all his subjects could have the free will to choose to follow him. He gave up untold wealth so he could be treated like a common criminal and receive a death sentence. He gave up having servants at his disposal so he could be the servant of all his subjects himself. Yes, he was the King of kings, but he was nothing like a typical king. As much as I think it would be great to be a king myself, I would rather emulate this King instead.

Who would you rather be like? You could have it all or choose to give away everything. You could choose a path of luxury or a path of trial. You could be respected by many or find yourself in a culture that increasingly finds you objectionable. Who would you rather be like? Do you arrive at an answer quickly, or do you need some time to think about it? The King of kings awaits your reply.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

**NOVEMBER 21, 2021**

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

**Handel's Messiah Concert and Sing Along**

Featuring Julie Hanlon, soprano, Jan Wilson, mezzo-soprano, TBA, tenor, James White, bass-baritone. Robert Long, conductor, Asa Carns, organist. Sunday, November 28th, 2021 at 2:00 pm. First Presbyterian Church, 601- Walnut Street, Hollidaysburg Pa 16648. All are welcome to attend this Sacred Music Experience! A free-will offering will be taken. Bring your copy of Handel's Messiah- some copies will be available to borrow at the door.



**Did you know that text messages have a 99% open rate? It's true! In addition to emails, text messaging is the most effective way to reach parishioners—more effective than an app, a paper bulletin, or a Facebook page. With Flocknote, a parish can text all members, just a specific group or ministry, or an individual, and capture replies and respond. Flocknote's church texting makes it simple.**

**Cathedral parish has slowly begun to use Flocknotes. Soon, we will be asking parishioners to participate by either texting or registering online. It's fast and easy.**



Cathedral Parish will be participating in #iGiveCatholic, a Giving Day for the faithful across the nation to come together and raise charitable dollars for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries, on Tuesday, November 30.

We hope to install an emergency lighting system for the cathedral. A link is available at our parish's website, on our facebook page, and here at <https://aj.igivecatholic.org/organizatons/cathedral-of-the-blessed-sacrament>. You may also use one of the envelopes available at the entrances.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Book of Remembrance is available at the Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel. You are invited to include the names of your deceased loved ones in the book. The chapel also contains a list of those for whom funerals have been celebrated since last November 2. Be sure to pray for the souls in purgatory. May they soon enter the joy and peace of heaven.

# THE CHURCH OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

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**CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

The process of formation for those seeking God through membership in the Catholic Christian community.

**INFANT BAPTISM:**

Arrange in advance for pre-baptismal instructions.

**CONFIRMATION:**

Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students are invited to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process.

**RECONCILIATION:**

Wednesday: 7:00 PM, Saturday: 12:30 PM.  
Communal Penance Services: Advent and Lent.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:**

Upon Request and Communal celebration

**MARRIAGE:**

Arrange nine months in advance. Couples expected to participate in pre-marriage preparation program.

**DEVOTIONS:**

Charismatic Prayer - Normally 3rd Monday of the Month  
Eucharistic Adoration - First Wednesday - 12:30 PM - 8:00 PM  
Eucharistic Day - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

September through April: Pre-Kindergarten thru 12.  
Sunday morning 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM  
Pre-Kindergarten thru 8.  
Sunday Evening 6:15 PM - 8:15 PM  
Grades 9 thru 12.

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Sunday:	5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holyday:	5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekday:	6:45 AM
	8:00 AM		8:00 AM		12:00 Noon
	10:00 AM		12:00 Noon	Saturday:	8:00 AM
	12:00 Noon		5:30 PM		12:00 Noon
	5:00 PM				

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