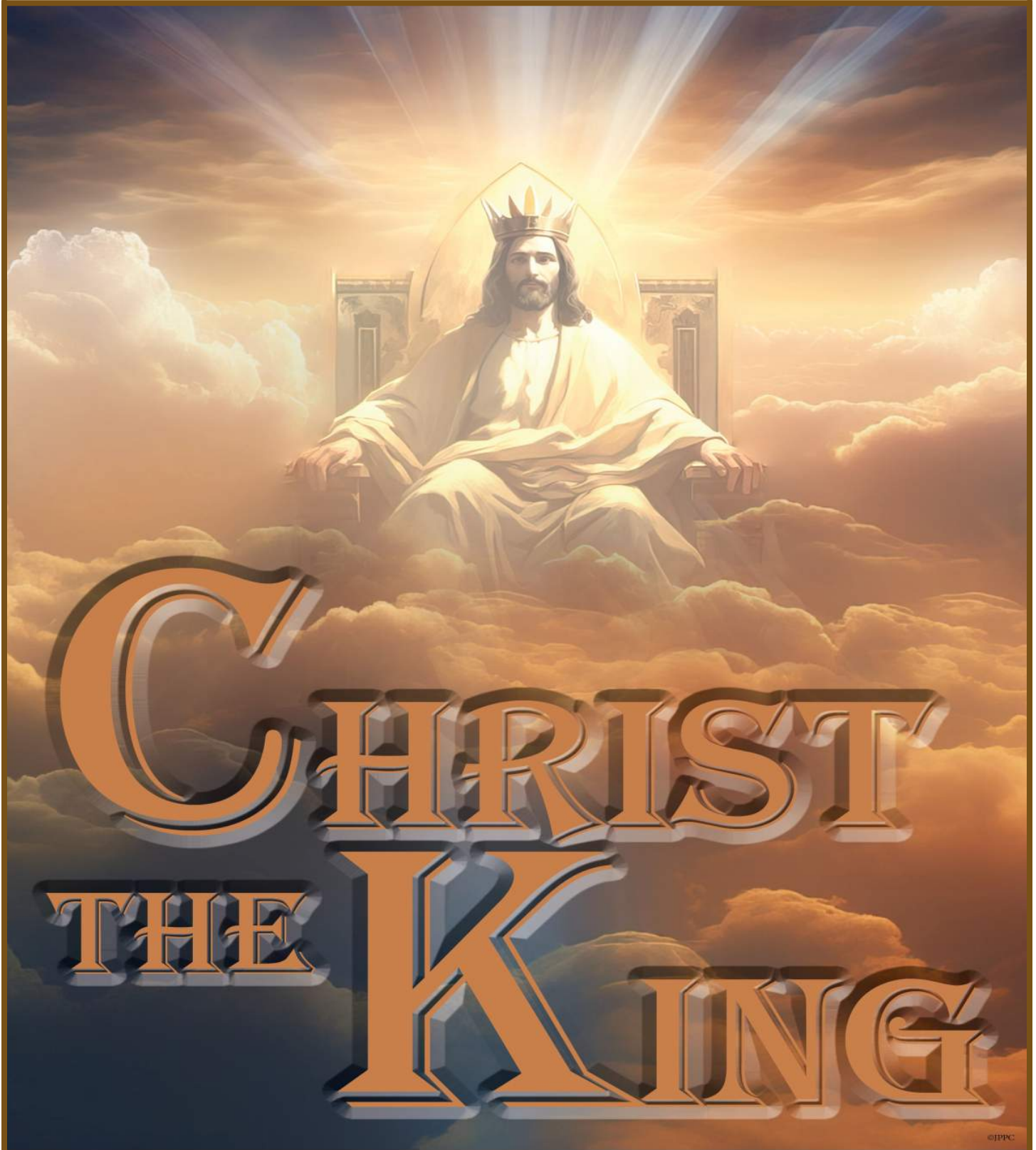


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November 24, 2024  
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*



### Dear Church Family

On this final Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We affirm our faith that Jesus Christ is King of our hearts, lives and souls. Yes, we may elect leaders on the national, state, and local levels to manage the affairs of government for the common good. However, we acclaim Jesus as our Lord of our lives. He willingly suffered and died on the cross to save us from sin and lead us to the eternal glory with God the Father.

The Lord and King of our hearts commanded us to continue His mission of caring for the least of His brothers and sisters. For what we do for them, we do for Him! Today, in grateful appreciation of God's gifts and blessings, recommit your **time and talent to Jesus Christ the King in order to** fulfill the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

#### Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry  
Give drink to the thirsty  
Clothe the naked  
Visit the imprisoned  
Shelter the homeless  
Visit the sick  
Bury the dead

#### Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counsel the doubtful  
Instruct the ignorant  
Admonish sinners  
Comfort the afflicted  
Forgive offenses  
Bear wrongs patiently  
Pray for the living and dead

**Prayerfully consider** using your talents in our Church as an Usher and Greeter, Sacristan, Lector, Altar Server (Weekday, Weekend and Special Masses), Music Ministry, Sunday Offering Counters, General Volunteer.

**Recommit your gift of treasure (weekly Church envelope or online giving) to** ensure a more financially stable Church, here in our Partnering Parishes of Sacred Heart/St. Hedwig and St. Charles Borromeo.

Whatever you can do will bring glory to God and build up our Church. Act now and find great reward in continuing His work!

#### THANKSGIVING DAY - A National Holiday

Please consider joining fellow parishioners in a Special 9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church. Let's give thanks to God and ask His blessings and protection on our nation, family and loved ones.

**Next Sunday, December 1, 2024, begins the season of Advent.**

**The Annual Novena in honor of the Immaculate Conception** will begin on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and conclude on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. A special Novena Pamphlet will be available for your use. The Novena can be prayed both at home or during the Daily Mass. Remember *Mary is our greatest intercessor with her Son!*

God bless,  
Monsignor George A. Majoros

*Saint Charles Borromeo will be hosting a Breakfast with Santa Claus on Sunday, December 22nd following the 10AM Mass in the St. Charles Borromeo Parish Hall.*

*Tickets can be purchased in the vestibule of St. Charles Borromeo Church following the 10AM Masses November 24-December 15.*

*Tickets can also be purchased at the Sacred Heart and St. Charles Borromeo Rectory Offices during regular business hours.*

*Tickets are \$10.00 each (children under 10 are free)*

**NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR**





*St. Philomena Roman Catholic Church  
Music Ministry presents a  
Christmas Concert*

*Date: Sunday, December 8, 2024  
Time: 3:00 pm in the Church*

*All are welcome.  
Please join us and bring your family and  
friends.*

41 E. Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne PA

Munier Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra



The Munier Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra will present a free holiday concert of assorted pieces including Christmas carols, holiday songs and beautiful mandolin orchestra music on

Sunday, December 15, 2024  
at 3:00 pm in the church.

Don't miss this opportunity to get into the festive spirit of the season!

Saint Philomena Catholic Church  
41 East Baltimore Ave  
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania 19050

*America Needs Fatima*

Please join us as we pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary  
and Sing Christmas Carols.



Rosary Rally to Keep "Christ in Christmas"

When: Saturday, December 14, 2024

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Where: Sidewalk outside McDonald's

1891 South State Road in the Bond Shopping Center

State and Lansdowne Avenue

Drexel Hill PA 19026

Upper Darby Township granted permission for this event.

Rain or shine, prepare for the weather!

Questions? Catherine 610-299-5107 Please text first.



**Conference Day: "It's Advent Time: Discovering the Beauty and Depth of the  
"O Antiphons"**

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

Presenter: Sister Kathy Benham, IHM

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Stipend: \$40 (includes breakfast, lunch and Mass)

**IHM Conference Center**

401 S. Bryn Mawr Ave  
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we will spend time together uncovering the depth of the meaning of the "O Antiphons". They are prayed during Evening Prayer seven days prior to the Christmas. Using music, visuals, and contemplative quiet, participant will become acquainted with these prayers and come to appreciate this rich treasure of the Advent liturgy.

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, November 23– Weekday

8:30AM-Al Randazzo (11th Anniversary)

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil Mass) - Consiglio Buccì

## Sunday, November 24—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

10AM—Elizabeth Dougherty

4:00PM –Special Intention of Patrick Grow and The Living and Deceased Members of Saint Charles Borromeo Parish

## Thursday, November 28– Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)

9:00AM—Eleanor Cantalupi

## Friday, November 29—Weekday

8:30AM—Harold Mc Cullough and Julia Mc Cullough

## Saturday, November 30—St. Andrew, Apostle

8:30AM—Justin Maraska

5:30PM (Sunday Vigil Mass)-For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

## Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent

10AM—John Gallagher and The Living and Deceased Members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish

4:00PM—Kate Boland

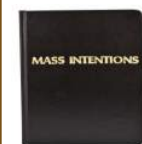
Please pray for the following people for whom Sanctuary and Saint Anne's Chapel candles are burning the week of November 24 ~November 30

### Church

The Deceased Members of the Boyle Family

### Chapel

Suzanne Totaro ~ Joseph Gabriel DiBella



**The Saint Charles Borromeo Mass Book for 2025 will open on Sunday, November 24th.**

Mass Celebrants for November 23 and November 24, 2024 (Subject to Change)

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Anderson

7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil—Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM –Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM-Fr. Msgr. Majoros

## **FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP**

Prayerfully consider your Offertory Gift as your act of praise to God for all He has given you.

### Sunday, November 17, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,140.00

E-Giving—\$2,413.25

**Total: \$6,443.25**

St. Charles virtual book club will be held over Zoom on Sunday Dec 8 at 7:00 PM. We are reading "Wisdom from Women in Scripture" edited by Kelly Wahlquist. All are welcome. Contact Debbie Gillette at [debbie.gillette@att.net](mailto:debbie.gillette@att.net) for the Zoom link or further information.

**Casseroles, toiletries and other items for St. John's Hospice will be collected NEXT Sunday, December 1st from 9:30AM-10:30AM.**

**In addition to casseroles, toiletries and any usable MENS clothing will be collected.**

### Casseroles



St. Charles Borromeo, Drexel Hill  
Students excelling at  
Cardinal O'Hara High School

Our parish recently received notification of the performance of our high school students on the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report. We are particularly proud of those who demonstrated academic excellence.

Students who have achieved first honors include: Mia Leopold '25, Katrina Manning '28.

Students who have achieved second honors include: Cora Leopold '27.

Mass Celebrants for November 30 and December 1, 2024 (Subject to Change)

### Sacred Heart

4:00PM Vigil-Fr. Stenson

7:30AM-Fr. Stenson

### St. Charles Borromeo

5:30PM Vigil-Msgr. Majoros

10:00AM –Msgr. Majoros

4:00PM-Fr. Stenson

**LET US GIVE THANKS**—Most elementary age students will be able to tell you that our American Thanksgiving Day celebrations date back to the time of the early pilgrims. These early pilgrims had lost 51 of their original 102 settlers during the winter and spring of that first year and needed to express in prayer their thanks to God for seeing them through this terrible time. Their first harvest in 1621 was successful, and they wanted to celebrate. They started their celebration by firing their flintlocks in the air. This frightened the local tribe of native Americans who gathered their warriors thinking they were going to be attacked. After explanations were made an invitation was offered and natives and pilgrims gathered for a feast of deer meat, potatoes, squash, corn, cod fish and pumpkin pie.

At this point you are probably asking about turkeys. The wild turkeys found in the American wilderness slowly became a staple on the Thanksgiving table. By 1857 the turkey was an ingrained part of the feast, but today's domestic turkey is quite different from those hunted in the New England woods.

Probably some high school students learned that during the 19<sup>th</sup> century this national celebration became official shortly after the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Abraham Lincoln made a proclamation that set aside the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of November as a day to thank God for His many blessings and prayers of penitence for the terrible war America was then engaged in. Lincoln asked the nation to pray to God to care for "all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers..." from the war and asked that God's mighty "Hand heal the wounds of the nation." Every president since then has issued a Thanksgiving Day Proclamation.

Americans have always associated the idea of "abundance" with the holiday. President Wilson in 1916, just before the U.S. entered World War I, urged Americans to "... render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which He has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unstinted measure." But Wilson said our thanks to God had to be expanded to include prayers to relieve those suffering from the terrible war in Europe. He asked Americans to remember in "deep sympathy...the stricken peoples of the world upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen, and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their suffering."

A year later the U.S. was involved in the war and rationing had changed the Thanksgiving Day menu. If you could afford a turkey, about \$10.00 a pound in today's money, you could stuff it with coarse bread.

By World War II, Thanksgiving as a family celebration in November was a fundamental core value of American culture. Norman Rockwell, illustrating the Four Freedoms expressed by President Roosevelt as war aims (Freedom from fear, Freedom of worship, Freedom of speech and expression, and Freedom from want) painted a scene of a family Thanksgiving Day dinner with turkey and all the fixings, that he titled "Freedom from Want." The govern-

ment at that time went to extraordinary lengths to prove this to our fighting forces around the world by providing a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey to every soldier, sailor, and marine. This exceptional effort included planes braving Japanese attacks to land at Henderson field on Guadalcanal in November 1942 with thanksgiving dinners much to the surprise and delight of the marines fighting on the island.

In other parts of the world conflict, the spirit of prayerful thanksgiving and American connections to the original pilgrims was remembered in 1942. Many soldiers stationed in or near Plymouth in Southwest England said Thanksgiving prayers at St. Andrew's Church, a church that was badly damaged by German bombs in early 1941. It was the same church where some of the Pilgrim Fathers gathered to pray before setting sail to America on the Mayflower in 1620. Other Americans held service along the docks of Plymouth, from where the Mayflower departed.

The spirit of Christian charity which is a hallmark virtue associated with Thanksgiving was echoed that fateful Thanksgiving in 1942 by U.S. servicemen. U.S. camps based in England invited British war orphans to a Thanksgiving feast and an evening of games and conversation. Many servicemen also passed up their own portions of turkey, giving them to wounded British soldiers.

These tidbits of history might add to your dinner conversations this year, but let's not stray from the importance and true meaning of the celebration. Thanksgiving at its core is an expression of gratitude to God for the many blessings that God through his benevolent providence has given to us. This benevolence includes the fruitful land of bountiful harvests, almost uncountable herds of animals of every kind and description, and a climate whose beneficial seasons allows for tremendous harvests.

Thanksgiving should be a sincere, profound recognition of these many blessings God has given to us. Besides our prayers of thankfulness for our bountiful land, there should be prayers of thanks for a great deal more that God has given each of us.

This more includes our family, friends, community and core values of respect, freedom and a character of charity and compassion for all members of the human race, not just our immediate family.

As you enjoy your thanksgiving feast with family and friends, keep in your heart the main intention of the pilgrims, the presidents, the many anecdotal stories you have read, heard and know and let us give thanks to God. — Deacon John



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Wednesday  
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