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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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## THE CHURCH YEAR ENDS: THE GIFT OF TIMES & SEASONS

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It marks the completion of our church's liturgical year, as next week we will begin the season of Advent once again. The annual cycle is very familiar to us as we move through the various liturgical and religious seasons. We begin, of course, with Advent, as we prepare for the coming, or 'advent' of the Lord at Christmas. After Christmas and the new calendar year, we quickly move into the special season of Lent when we journey for forty days and nights in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We then celebrate the resurrection of Jesus for fifty days during the season of Easter, before marking the coming of the Holy Spirit and the "beginning" of the church and its mission at Pentecost. In the late Spring, through the Summer and into the Fall, we keep "ordinary time" when we follow our Lord's ministry and mission, guided by one of our Gospel writers (Matthew, Mark or Luke) In 2017-2018 it will be Saint Mark's turn. As we listen to his Gospel, it will help us to be true disciples of Jesus: like Saint Mark, we can receive Jesus' invitation to follow Him and to do this with courage and daring!

The annual cycle in our church's calendar has a number of purposes. It is, of course, to remind us of all the great events that have led to our salvation: it is rather like an annual cycle of remembrance. It also reminds us of the need to sanctify or "make holy" time: to see time not just as a thing or a commodity, but as a medium through which God is ever present and working and that time is therefore also a gift and something we are challenged to use well in love and service of God and our neighbor.

In fact, the people of the Bible had a very deep understanding of time: perhaps far deeper than we generally have today! There were three quite different meanings or ideas of what time is and all of them had a particular religious significance. The first was called *chronos* from which we have our words like chronometer or chronological. This is the simplest idea of time, where time is like a line or a series of things one after the other and it probably the main idea of time that most people have today. But, there were also two other concepts of time in the Bible. A second meaning was called *kairos*: this refers to what we would call a right time or a special time. This had a very important religious meaning, because people

were acutely aware that God acted when the time was right. So, for example, Jesus was born "in the fullness of time": at the right time...when God chose. When we think about it, this second idea of time can be a great antidote to us being impatient with God, or of fooling ourselves that we are ultimately in charge of things, that we always choose the time. In the end, it is God's time! It is also why anniversaries and annual memorials (such as feast days or saints' days) are so important in our Christian calendar: we remember and celebrate those special or right times.

A final concept of time was also central to the people in the time of the Bible and also is really important for us as Christians. It was called *telos* and it meant a final time, or a completion of something...a sort of final point or end when a project or plan would be completed. This idea is something we will celebrate during Advent (when we focus on the coming of Jesus not just at Christmas, but also at the end of time) and something we pray about at every Mass when we hear "we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior Jesus Christ." This understanding of time is also really important as we review our own lives and think of when our life's journey is complete: when we reach our "telos" or end point. What was God's plan or project for me? Did I follow it? Did I complete it and reach a good end point? In other words, did I reach the "telos" or purpose or end point that God had in mind for me during my life...? As Saint Ambrose wrote, death should not be feared, because it should be the "flowering of goodness."

As our liturgical year comes to its end and we begin a church new year, let us also reflect upon time as God's gift to us; rather than simply seeing it as a burden, or as a commodity, or something that we just never have enough of. We might also be feeling anxious in these uncertain and new times after the election. Instead, let us be aware of God's action and presence in our time and also be aware of those "right" times when God may call us to a special purpose or project. Finally, let us use the gift of time here and now well, so as to prepare for that "end" time when our journey through life comes to its completion.



Fr. Anthony



# THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, November 26**

- **Sign up for First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

**WEDNESDAY, November 29**

- **Alzheimer's Team Meeting**  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Academy

**THURSDAY, November 30**

- **Bible Study 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Academy**

**FRIDAY, December 1**

- **All day Eucharistic Adoration.** *Please consider spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament praying for our Church, our community, and your personal needs.*

**FROM FATHER ANTHONY'S DESK....**  
*(mentioned in a recent homily)*

Lord, help us to...

Watch our thoughts, for they become our words

Watch our words, for they become our actions

Watch our actions, for they become our habits

Watch our habits, for they become our character

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## Changing of the Missals

At St. Mary's Church and Resurrection, this Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, we would appreciate any and all help in replacing the current missals with new missals.

If some parishioners can stay an extra 15 minutes to handle this project, we will be in great shape for the First Sunday of Advent and a new Church year the following weekend.

## Campaign for Human Development

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## Oplatki

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer, bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so, each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast. The other family members then greet one another in the same way. For there is a universal longing by men to be always with one another, with God. All this brings to mind clearly our charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

Oplatki is available in the Sacristy of St. Mary's and Resurrection Churches for \$1.00 per envelope. If anyone cannot obtain oplatki in Church, please call 828-1334 and we will arrange to get it to you.



## COXSACKIE-ATHENS COMMUNITY BAND

*Presents*

**a Free Christmas Concert**  
**Wednesday, December 6 at**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hudson**



**KEEP THE DATE....**

**YOU ARE ALL INVITED**

to an Open House

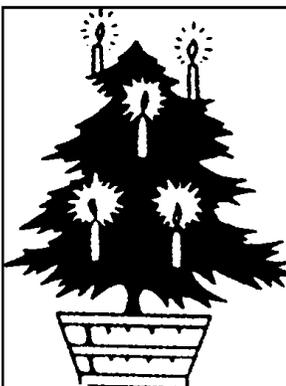
at the Rectory (Hudson)

on Sunday, December 10, 2017

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

Afternoon tea (and coffee, punch, etc.)  
will be served!

*Come and visit for just a few minutes or for  
two hours. It will be great to see you.*

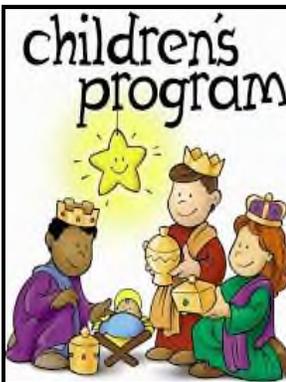


**Advent Giving Tree**

The deadline for bringing in Advent Giving Tree gifts is approaching. If you have not yet brought in your attractively wrapped packages, please do so soon as we will be making plans to bring your gifts to the various facilities. If you have any questions, please call Anne Drew at 518- 828-

3242 or

Arlene Liepshutz at 518- 537-6136.



**children's program**

If you have a child who loves to be the center of attention or who just wants to wear wings, we have a part for him or her. No memorization required - just the ability to look cute!

The pageant will be

after the 9 a.m. Mass on December 17th.

For more information please contact Maura Nedwell at 518 828 - 0843 or e-mail her at [rel.edu.holytrinityhudson@gmail.com](mailto:rel.edu.holytrinityhudson@gmail.com)

**BAKERS NEEDED**

**COOKIES - COOKIES - COOKIES**

Cookies are needed for the Open House at the rectory on December 10. If you are able to contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. Please plan to drop your cookies off at church either at the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday or the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday.



**Christmas  
Cookie Sale**

The time for the Twenty - Seventh Annual Christmas Cookie Sale at St. Mary's Church is quickly approaching. Make plans to bake some of your favorite cookies for this sale to be held on the weekend of December 16 and 17. Cookies, brownies, and cookie bars will be accepted. Whether contacted or not, please get ready to bake a batch of your favorite treats.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

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**HUDSON**

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Nov. 20).....	\$6,677.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 609.00

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Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Nov. 20).....	\$1,424.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 235.00
Heat and Fuel Collection.....	\$ 20.00
Seminarian Support.....	\$ 36.00



# SACRAMENTS

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

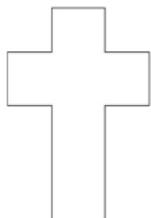
**RCIA:** For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

**RECONCILIATION:** Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.



During November all Mass intentions will be offered for the Holy Souls.

## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 248 Opening Hymn: # 314 Closing: # 309

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY: Weekday (Nov. 27)

7:15 AM John & Helen Halloran - Daughter, Dawn  
Chris Rickborn - Pazera & Himmel Families

### TUESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 28)

7:15 AM Rudy DeLaurentis - Wife & Family  
Phyllis Torchia Brabender - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue

### WEDNESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 29)

7:15 AM John & Anna Conte - Family  
Julia M. Ruotolo - Nettie Shallo

### THURSDAY: St. Andrew, Apostle (Nov. 30)

7:15 AM John & Helen Halloran - Daughter, Dawn  
Julia M. Ruotolo - Sister, Chick Loomis

### FRIDAY: Weekday (Dec. 1)

7:15 AM Harold W. & Anna M. Rowen - Ray & Carol Ann Paul  
Julia M. Ruotolo - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue  
9:00 AM Paul Shambaugh - Pat & Dick Nobes  
(G'TWN) Dec'd members of the Munoz family - Carla Ximenez

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Dec. 2)

4:00 PM D'Onofrio & Derubertis Families- Joseph, Gen  
(HUD) & Tom D'Onofrio

Harold Hallenbeck - Raymond & Carol Ann Paul  
Mr. & Mrs. Reginald Grener - Daughter, Val  
5:30 PM Donald Slattery - Robert Donnelly & Roxana  
(G'TWN)

### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Dec.3)

9:00 AM Max Slominski - Ted & Jackie Filli  
(HUD) Lia de Murcia - Margo  
Mary Jane Fisher - Dee  
Marotta  
11:00 AM Evahelen Egan - Teresa Lane, Dorothy Anthony,

## Readings for the Week of Nov. 26

Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/  
Mt 25:31-46  
Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4  
Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57-61/Lk 21:5-11  
Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19  
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22  
Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-81/Lk 21:29-33  
Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-87/Lk 21:34-36  
Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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