

# *The Lamplighter*

November, 2011

Heart of Jesus PNCC

Bayonne, NJ

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## **AUTUMN IN THE SCRIPTURES**

What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord,  
who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.  
When they walk through the Valley of Weeping,  
it will become a place of refreshing springs.  
The autumn rains will clothe it with blessings.  
They will continue to grow stronger,  
and each of them will appear before God in Jerusalem.

Psalm 84:5-7

Rejoice, you people of Jerusalem!  
Rejoice in the Lord your God!  
For the rain he sends demonstrates his faithfulness.  
Once more the autumn rains will come,  
as well as the rains of spring.  
The threshing floors will again be piled high with grain,  
and the presses will overflow with new wine and olive oil.

Joel 2:23-24

You take care of the earth and water it,  
making it rich and fertile.

The river of God has plenty of water;  
it provides a bountiful harvest of grain,  
for you have ordered it so.

You drench the plowed ground with rain,  
melting the clods and leveling the ridges.

You soften the earth with showers  
and bless its abundant crops.

**You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;  
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.**

Psalm 65:9-11

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

Matthew 9:36-38**Sunday, October 23**

9:30 AM Holy Mass with intention for Barbara Kosik offered by  
Barbara Nowicki

11:00 AM Parish Committee monthly meeting

**Sunday, October 30**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

**Feast of All Saints****Tuesday, November 1**

7:30 PM Holy Mass marking this festal day

**Feast of All Souls****Wednesday, November 2**

7:30 PM Holy Mass of the Feast Day with reading of the memorial listing of our departed loved ones.

The envelopes for the memorial listings  
(*wypominki*) are provided with this Lamplighter.

Please submit your memorial listings either by

- mail to 290 Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ 07002, or
- e-mail to [schneebe@aol.com](mailto:schneebe@aol.com), or by
- phone / answer machine, or through the
- offering plate or
- before the Mass that evening.

**Sunday, November 6**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

*Daylight Savings Time ends today at 2:00 AM*

**Sunday, November 13**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

**Feast of Christ the King****Sunday, November 20**

9:30 AM     Holy Mass

**ADVENT TREE UP A WEEK EARLY BEGINNING TODAY**

You will be able to begin taking the ornaments for the Advent Tree this Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup>, a week before the season of Advent opens on the 27<sup>th</sup>. This will give us all some extra time to purchase items as described on the ornaments for our annual Advent Tree Giving effort.

**IT'S A BOY!**

God bless Steve and Christina (Grodkiewicz) Smith on being blessed last month with a healthy, hale and hearty baby boy.

On September 19, 2011 at 4:24 PM, weighing in at 9 lbs. 7 oz., Elias Xavier Smith made his entrance into our world and is now the joy of Steve and Christina's lives and as well as the delight of two sets of grandparents including Babcia and Dziadzia Grodkiewicz of Glen Gardner, NJ.

May God richly bless Christina and Steve and Elias in their new life together in love in the Lord!

**Sincere thanks to.....**

.....*Tom Grodkiewicz* for the floral adornments at the high in mid-September which were offered to the glory of God and in loving memory his mother, Helen Grodkiewicz.

.....*Tom Grodkiewicz and Ray Grodkiewicz* for their successful landscaping efforts expended for us in beautifying the grounds around our church building with new grass, wooden borders, pillar bushes and designer-colored wood chips.

....*Gerry Ward and Stan Kaminski* for setting our new flags to wave proudly from our flagpole beside the church. We are grateful to Stan Kaminski for donated the American flag and the black MIA flag that he and Gerry raised for all to see.

## **Bayonne 9/11 Observance**

Fr. Bernie participated in the in the Bayonne 9/11 observance conducted that Sunday by the Bayonne Clergy Association at the Tear Drop 9/11 Memorial located on the Peninsula, the location of Bayonne's Harbor View Park. Fr. Bernie presented memorial considerations along with ten other local clergy who had the opportunity to address the estimated 400 citizens including friends and relatives of those lost in that national tragedy, 13 of whom were Bayonne residents.

For worship that day, our celebration of Mass included opening and closing hymns which were written especially for the first anniversary and this the tenth anniversary of that fateful day. Prayers were offered for the various realities of that day and for this anniversary, and graphics of the twin towers were placed in the sanctuary and in church; and two special photographic renderings of them were displayed in the narthex for our recollection.

Thanks for to Tom Grodkiewicz for his contribution to the graphic remembrances which was displayed all day and all night under the spotlight in the narthex before the glass wall to the entrance of our church. Our thanks also to Dr. Justine Pawlukiewicz for loaning the artistic rendering in her possession which was placed along side the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue on her table with candles flickering before it.

As it turned out, the lectionary readings for that particular Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of September focused on the spiritual work of forgiveness. The sermon preached in church for that day and the texts of the special hymns sung before and after Mass along with the special prayers for the day will be placed on the parish website for everyone's perusal.

Also, enclosed in this Lamplighter is information about the memorial paver stones that can be inscribed and fixed in the walkways around the Tear Drop Memorial. Consider the possibility of being a paver donor for \$50.

## ***LOOKING AHEAD !***

### **Our Parish Advent Tree**

This year during the season of Advent, the Advent tree will be set in the narthex as we prepare for the season of sharing and giving. Through the Advent Tree, each of us will have the opportunity to share with others in our community who have basic needs to address.

The object of our donating will be the Bayonne Economic Opportunity Foundation which distributes needed items to the people they serve in Bayonne. Details will be provided in the coming Lamplighter.

We need helpers to create the ornaments we'll place on the tree indicating the gift that's needed to be provided for the collection. Please let Fr. Bernie know you can be helpful in this way.

### **Lamplighter Christmas Greetings**

Please begin submitting your holiday greetings to parishioners and readers of our Lamplighter. As before, the page size per greeting is quarter-page - \$5, half-page - \$10, and full page - \$20.

As before, you can submit a greeting text and illustration if you like.

### **Christmas Floral Memorials**

Poinsettias can be donated for this Christmas season as memorial offerings. Please contact any Parish Committee member with your memorial floral designation; or contact the rectory by mail, phone (201.858.4320) or e-mail (schneebe@aol.com); or leave your memorial designation request in the offering plate.

The poinsettias are \$20 per pot.