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*5th Sunday of Easter*



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April 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of April has been designated as *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*. During this month, we call particular attention to the responsibility that we all share to protect children, and all who are vulnerable among us, from any abuse. At the same time, we renew our commitment to do all that we can to accompany and to assist survivors of abuse as they seek healing and peace.

While the sexual abuse of even just one child is an unspeakable evil, the *National Children's Alliance* reports that more than 600,000 children are sexually abused each year in the United States, with 28 percent of the victims under the age of two. In most cases, the perpetrators of sexual abuse of children are trusted adults known to the family, and sometimes, even family members.

Once again, I acknowledge that within the Catholic Church, the "trusted adults" who were guilty of these unspeakable sins were members of the clergy, or others working in the Church. From the time that the sexual abuse scandal came to light, the Catholic Church has worked diligently to ensure that children and young people will be protected while in our care. Assuring that our parishes and institutions are truly safe environments for children has been, and must *always* be, a major priority for our Diocese. So, not only during the month of April, but throughout the year, we renew our resolve to do all that we can to prevent child abuse.

This past year in the Diocese of Harrisburg, more than 10,700 clergy, educators, administrators, and volunteers completed extensive background checks and training to work with our youth. Training adults is just one piece of our youth protection efforts. Over 12,700 students in our various youth programs and Catholic schools received Safe Environment training, teaching them the warning signs of safe and unsafe situations. Our offices of Youth Protection, Safe Environment and Victim Assistance continue to work with parish, school, and youth related ministry staff to ensure training and prevention procedures are followed. All dioceses in the United States are required to undergo an annual audit of its compliance with child protection measures, and the appropriate handling of any allegation of abuse. I am deeply grateful for these dedicated members of our faith community, who work in partnership with me to ensure that we provide a safe environment for the children, youth, and vulnerable adults who worship in our parishes and are active in our various programs and ministries.

Please join me in prayer for the protection of all children and the most vulnerable. May God bless our work to do all we can to protect every child, and to prevent child abuse, especially those in our care. Pray also that all those who have been abused or affected by abuse may find healing and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior  
Bishop of Harrisburg

*The Diocese of Harrisburg encourages anyone aware of misconduct or abuse by any person affiliated with the Diocese to report it to Child Line at 1-800-932-0313, to contact local law enforcement and the Diocese by calling 1-800-626-1608.*

**STEWARDSHIP  
APRIL 21**

**Offering**                                 **\$1460.00**  
**Rainy Day**                               **\$85.00**  
**St. Nick**                                   **\$90.00**

**Total**                                       **\$1635.00**

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER MEETING**

THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, FOLLOWING  
THE 9:00 A.M. MASS.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS  
BREAKFAST WILL BE FOR  
MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12TH,  
AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. MASS.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE THE MEN  
OF THE PARISH JOIN US IN  
PREPARING & SERVING TO  
HONOR ALL THE MOTHERS  
AND WOMEN OF CTK.**



**RUMMAGE SALE, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 24TH & 25TH**

**The Knights will be doing a rummage sale  
Memorial Day weekend.  
If you are clearing out sheds, garages, closets, attics,  
etc. (Spring Cleaning), consider donating your  
clean and serviceable items for the sale. We cannot  
take delivery of your donations until the weekend  
before the sale, so hold on to them until then. We  
can help you with larger items.**

**We will need volunteers to help sort and stage items  
for sale within the social hall. We also need  
volunteers to conduct the sale Friday and Saturday.**

**Please let Ken know if you are able to help. You can  
call Ken Houck at 570-951-2608.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, April 27**  
Kathy & Rich Walker by Mary Ellen Neal

**Sunday, April 28**  
Dolores Bauman & Lynne Greenly by Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

**Monday, April 29**  
People of the Parish

**Saturday, May 4**  
Jean Ritter by Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

**Sunday, May 5**  
Jack Eustice by Ann Eustice

**Mass intentions are available in memory of, or in honor  
of a loved one. The donation for having a  
Mass said for a personal request is \$10.00. You  
can drop your request in the collection or contact  
the parish office.**

**LITURGICAL ROLES**

<b>Lector</b>	<b>Extraordinary Minister</b>
Apr 28 - Barb Treier	Apr 28 - Meg Geffken
May 5 - Pete Yastishock	May 5 - Patricia Sullivan

**Collection Stewards**  
Apr 28 - Charlotte Casarella & Judie  
Scavone  
May 5 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Remain in Jesus as the Father tends and  
cares for us.**

When we remain in Jesus, his word remains in us, and we bear the fruit of love for one another. The Father prunes us, knowing what we need and do not need to grow and flourish. No other vine is as life-giving as that of Jesus.

In the first reading, Barnabas introduces Saul to the Apostles in Jerusalem. In the second reading, John teaches that we remain in Jesus by keeping his commandment to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to describe our relationship with him and his nurturing Father. Jesus is the true vine, we remain in him as his branches, and his Father is the vine grower pruning us to bear much fruit.

**VBS WILL BE HELD AT  
ST. COLUMBA FROM MONDAY, JULY 29 TO  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00**

The theme is "SCUBA - diving into  
friendship with God".

VBS is open to children  
from K to grade 6 as of the fall of 2024. Registration  
will be available online beginning May 1 (Pre  
registration is HIGHLY encouraged). Payment will be  
collected on day one of VBS or can be dropped off at  
the church office. Cost is \$20/child.  
Walk-ins are \$25/ child.

Looking for volunteers to run a few of the  
stations and to help with crews. Youth volunteers can be  
anyone 7th grade or older. You must have your  
clearances if you are 18 and over.

Please contact  
kekonkolics@gmail.com or 570-441-3459 if you are  
interested in helping. questions. We look forward to  
seeing YOU!

**CYE NEWS**

Sunday May 5 - May crowning during 9:00  
Mass

Sunday May 5 - Rite of Sending during  
9:00 am Mass for

**James Thomas DROGO Hnylanski and  
Tessa Grace KATERI TEKAKWITHA  
Schumacher.**

They are being presented by their parents to  
be sent to St Columba to be confirmed on  
Saturday, May 11 at 10:00 by Bishop Ronald  
Gainer.

Monday May 6 - Confirmation rehearsal at  
7:00 pm at St Columba Church.

Sunday May 12 - No CYE classes. Mothers  
Day breakfast provided by the Knights of  
Columbus

Sunday May 19 - Cake reception for our  
newly confirmed James and Tessa! CYE field  
day. Fun and games for all!

**UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS**

\$3.00/ week,  
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or  
\$10.00/ month  
Month of May - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

**BENTON FOOD BANK**

For the month of May we will be collecting paper towels  
due by May 19. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd  
Tuesday of every month.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE HDCCW 12TH ANNUAL  
WEEKEND RETREAT TO BE HELD AT  
MT. ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY THE WEEKEND OF  
JUNE 14-16, 2024.**

Our Retreat Committee hopes you are all healthy and we  
are looking forward to spending another spiritually  
uplifting weekend together!

Our Retreat Master this year is the Most Reverend Ronald  
W. Gainer, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Harrisburg. We are  
blessed and grateful that Bishop Gainer has agreed to lead  
our 12th Annual Weekend Retreat and look forward to a  
spiritually uplifting weekend. Bishop Gainer's theme for  
the Retreat is:

"Praying the Psalms: Come Reign or Shine"  
(N.B. REIGN is not a misspelling)

Bonnie Onomastico, Retreat Chair, 717-860-0700  
vonomastico@comcast.net

Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, 717-503-9429  
warrenrjs@aol.com

Forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church

**2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF MARCH 31ST**

<b>Parish Goal for 2024:</b>	<b>\$9,360.71</b>
<b>Gifts Received:</b>	<b>\$12,635.00</b>
<b>Outstanding Pledges:</b>	<b>\$370.00</b>
<b>Over/(under)goal in cash:</b>	<b>\$3,274.29</b>
<b>Total Committed:</b>	<b>\$13,005.00</b>

<b>Average per donor:</b>	<b>\$505.40</b>
<b>Number of Donors:</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Registered Households:</b>	<b>121</b>
<b>Percentage of Participation:</b>	<b>20.66%</b>

If you have not made your pledge for 2024, there are  
envelopes available at the entrance of the Church.

## SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

APRIL 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!"

Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ.

Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my "Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women "doctors of the Church."

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Intentions of the Holy Father, All Priests including: Fr. Mowery, Fr. St. Hilaire, Fr. Sola

Maureen Beck, Lorena Bennet  
Sue Berger, Christina Capriola  
Russell Castrogiovanni  
Cobert Family, Ryan Dell  
Anne Eustice, Farwell Family  
Vivian Whitenight Hynick  
Bob & Margaret Kalie, Galen "Rick" Keller  
Joseph LaBonte, Mary Ann Levan  
Mary Ellen Neal, James O'Boyle  
Dorothy O'Handley, Nancy Oman  
Rich Scavone, Jackie Scherer  
Judy Serra, Mark & Patricia Sullivan  
Lena Tunaitis, Verbyla Family  
Mike Vertucci, Marisa & Ted Whitenight  
Don Wilce, Josephine Wilson  
Nancy Wisbar, Sonny Womelsdorf  
Mary Ann Zevency



April 7, 2024

To the Parishioners of Christ the King Church,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Christ the King Church who have so generously donated to my Eagle Scout Project.

Through your generous donations I have raised an additional \$653.00, which has allowed me to reach my goal of \$4,560.00 and beyond for a total of \$4,923.00. This will now allow me to move forward into the purchasing of materials. I am hopeful that this will occur in the month of April and construction of the Lean-To will begin in the month of May. I will keep everyone informed on the progress of the Lean-To Addition to the Greenwood Township Food pantry and on its completion as well.

Once again thank you for all of your monetary support, as well as your encouragement in completing my Eagle Scout Project. I am very appreciative of both.

Yours in Scouting

*Taylor Chikotas*

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