

CHRIST THE KING

BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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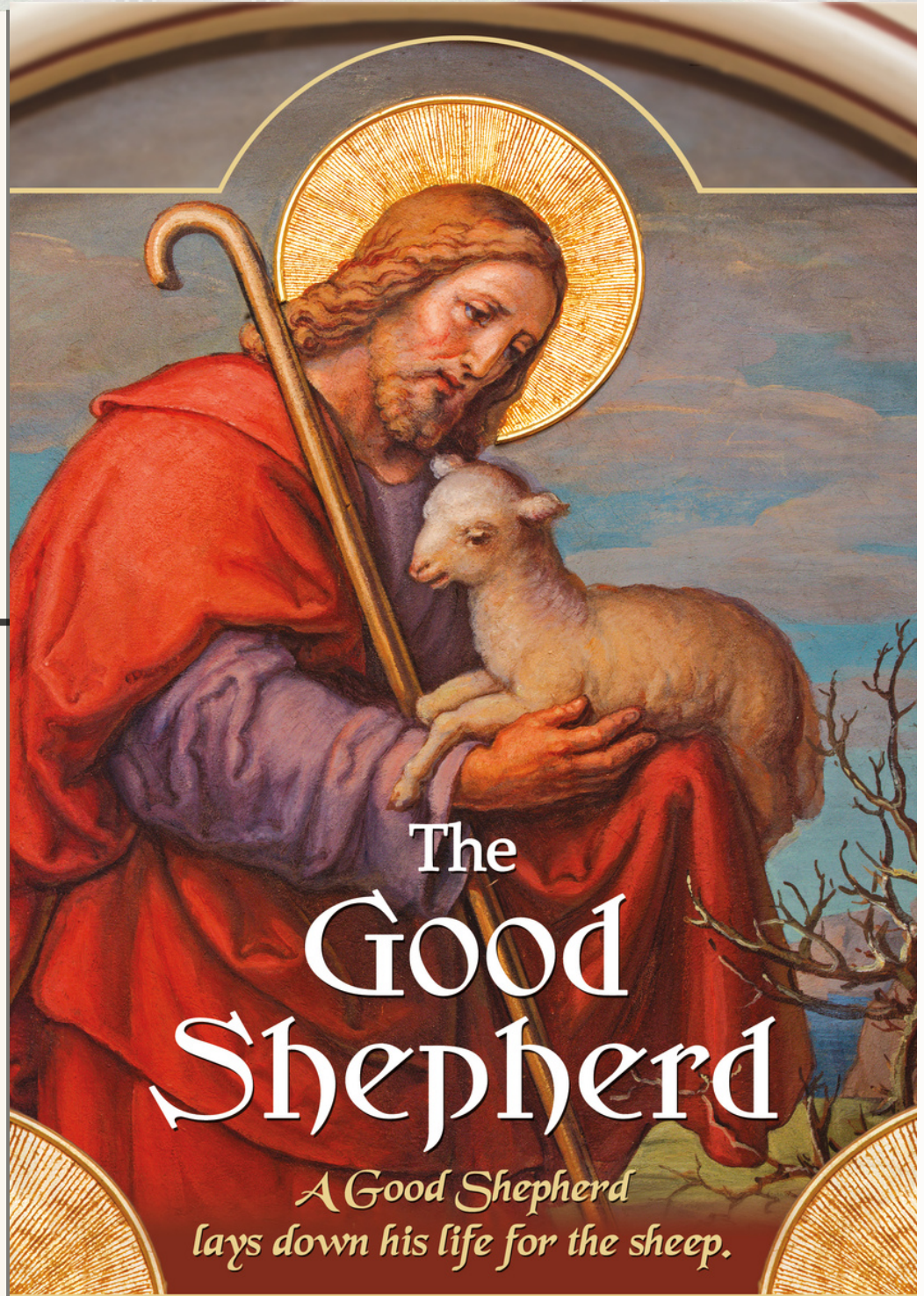
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The Good Shepherd

*A Good Shepherd
lays down his life for the sheep.*



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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**STEWARDSHIP
APRIL 14**

Offering **\$1393.00**

Total **\$1393.00**

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.**

Any questions call Ken Houck at 570-951-2608.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20

Anna Casarella by Charlotte & Joe Casarella

Sunday, April 21

Luke Verbyla by Bob & Deb Brewington

Monday, April 22

Mary Ellen English by Ginny & Joe English

Saturday, April 27

Kathy & Rich Walker by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, April 28

Dolores Bauman & Lynne Greenly by Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

**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

Lector	Extraordinary Minister
Apr 21 - Meg Geffken	Apr 21 - Judith Scavone
Apr 28 - Barb Treier	Apr 28 - Meg Geffken

Collection Stewards

Apr 21 - Gloria Hess & Sharon Tishler
Apr 28 - Charlotte Casarella & Judie
Scavone

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Respond to the Lord's sacrificial love with gratitude,
trust, and love.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.

In the first reading, Peter testifies that a disabled man has been healed in the name of Jesus Christ, the One through whom salvation comes. In the second reading, John reflects on the Father's love for us, through which he has made us his children. In the Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and freely lays down his life for them.

DANVILLE PARISH MISSION

On April 21, 22, and 23, St. Joseph's, Danville (68 Center St.) will be hosting a parish mission! A parish mission is a three-night inspirational event. Each evening will include a service in the church with music and a dynamic message. Our preacher for this mission will be Rev. Michael Rothan, who will be preaching on the "Unfinished Miracles of Jesus."

Some might remember Father Rothan from his time locally at Bucknell University. He's an amazing preacher.

Also, to conclude the evening gatherings, there will be a great time for fun and socialization. You really don't want to miss this special event. Each evening will run from 6 to 8 pm.

Childcare will be available (please call the parish office at (570) 275-2512 for more information). All are welcome!

SAINT COLUMBA/CHRIST THE KING IS A "NEXT GENERATION PARISH":

Please pray for the success of our Envisioning Team, which will meet for the first time on Sunday, April 21 to discuss the results of our Disciple Maker Index. The results of the survey and the progress of the Envisioning Team to determine the priorities of the parish will be shared in the upcoming weeks on St. Columba website and in our bulletin.

Catholic Leadership Institute Meeting on April 21st from 12-3 at St. Columba.

CYE News - May Crowning will be on May 4th during the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Please pray for our candidates for Confirmation as they enter the final phase of preparation.

James Thomas DROGO Hnylanski
Tessa Grace KATERI TEKAKWITHA Schumacher

They will be confirmed on Saturday May 11 at 10:00 at St Columba Church.

Parish Council - Next meeting will be Thursday, April 25th, with Mass at 6 p.m. and meeting to follow.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month
Month of April - Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

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
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Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, 717-503-9429
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Forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church

2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF MARCH 31ST

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

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

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



It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is beyond our vision. . . This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capacities.

We cannot do everything,

And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete.

But it is a beginning, a step along the way,

An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,

But that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

**We are the workers, not the master builder,
Ministers, not messiahs.**

We are prophets of a future not our own."

Amen -

Bishop Ken Untener (deceased)