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DISCIPLESHIP

LOVE

your enemies,

DO GOOD

to those who hate you,

BLESS

those who curse you,

PRAY

for those who mistreat you.

Lk 6:27-28



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ST. JOHN NEUMANN: A SAINT FRUSTRATED WITH HIS OWN IMPERFECTIONS

Every time St. John Neumann failed in his daily resolutions, he became frustrated with himself, asking God for strength to overcome his imperfections.

St. John Neumann was a holy priest and bishop, always striving for perfection in his life.

For example, while in seminary he wasn't satisfied with the daily schedule of rising at 5:00 a.m. and made a personal resolution to always wake-up at 4:00 a.m. It was a daily sacrifice that he believed would help him on the road to holiness.

However, he wasn't always able to stick to that personal schedule and was frustrated with himself when he failed.

He wrote about it in his journal, which is quoted in the book *The Life of John N. Neumann*:

My soul, what a miserable day! We have displeased our God by our inconstancy in good resolutions. Although awake at four, I failed to rise promptly, owing to sloth and carelessness. The thought of my unfaithfulness haunted me even in prayer and I found no consolation. O my soul! Acknowledge thy sloth and ingratitude!

Even though what he did was not sinful, he still held himself up to a much higher standard, not being satisfied with "average" holiness.

Whenever he failed in his resolutions, he turned to God for grace and strength, recognizing God's merciful gaze:

If the Divine Master should reject so sluggish and disobedient a disciple, thou wouldst surely forfeit eternal happiness. How easily thou mightest have fallen into some great sin, if His grace had not shielded thee! What wilt thou do with this poor soul of mine O Jesus?

His example reminds us that saints weren't perfect and were often frustrated with their weaknesses.

Their weaknesses kept them humble and opened them to God's grace. We too should recognize how we fail, while at the same time relying on God's strength.

STEWARDSHIP

DEC 31

JAN 7

Offering	\$1837.00	\$1713.00
Christmas	125.00	
Latin America	\$25.00	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00	\$340.00
Rainy Day		\$100.00
St. Nick		\$5.00
Total	\$2017.00	\$2208.00

REFLECTION

If our need had been information
 God would have sent us an educator.
 If our need had been technology,
 God would have sent us a scientist.
 If our need had been money,
 God would have sent us an economist.
 If our need had been pleasure,
 God would have sent us an entertainer.

But our greatest need was forgiveness, So God
 sent us a Savior!

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

You're invited to Stillwater Christian Church's
 Women's Conference

*Sister 2 Sister
 All things new*

February 2-3, 2024
 Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

With Worship Leader/Speaker: Julie Nevel
 With Speaker: Love Lockman

For information on how to sign up, please call the church
 at 570-925-2356 or text "LINK" to 570-592-2269 for the
 online link to register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. MARTHA'S CHURCH

260 Bonnierville Rd. Stillwater, PA

every Tuesday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 9:00 p.m.

Looking for Adorers to spend one hour in the afternoon.

Call Rebecca Micca at 570-256-7329

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

Walter Novelli by Kathy & Rich Walker

Sunday, January 14

Joan & Daniel Kozak by Mark Kozak

Monday, January 15

Lee Ann Boiwka (Birthday Blessings) by Mary Everett

Saturday, January 20

Honor Dell by Mary Ellen Neal
 Carol Ann Edwards by Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, January 21

Father Sola (Blessings) by Joe & Lee Ann 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

Jan 14 - Stephen Root
 Jan 21 - Meg Geffken

Extraordinary Minister

Jan 14 - Mark Sullivan
 Jan 21 - Lee Ann Boiwka

Collection Stewards

Jan 14 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan
 Jan 21 - Lee Ann Boiwka & Gloria Galer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Lord invites us to come and stay a
 while with him.**

What are we looking for in Jesus? Are we looking for a
 teacher, as the disciples were? A problem-solver? A
 miracle-worker? Whatever it is that our hearts are
 seeking, the Lord, the Lamb of God, present here in the
 Eucharist, invites us to come and stay a while with him.
 If we dare do so, we, like Andrew, might come to know
 who Jesus truly is and be transformed by his presence.

The Lord calls Samuel for the first time, but Samuel does not
 know him. Eli recognizes what is happening and tells Samuel
 how to answer: Speak, for your servant is listening. Paul
 exhorts the Corinthians to avoid immorality, reminding them
 that they are united to Christ and their bodies are temples of
 the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist directs two of
 his disciples toward Jesus, who invites them to stay with him.
 Andrew, one of the two, seeks his brother Simon and brings
 him to Jesus.



WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING

Aluminum tabs - supporting the Ronald McDonald House in Danville

Fronts of recycled cards - Supporting St. Jude's Ranch for children and young adults - providing them with life and work skills

Used postage stamps - Program called Stamps for the Wounded (they do not accept the flag stamps)

You can put these items in containers on the table at the entrance of the church. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request please call the parish office at 570-925-6969 or e-mail it to ctk@epix.net.

You can also go to Sisters of Charity in CT. They can be reached at www.sistersofcharity.com. Once on their site, scroll to PRAY WITH US, then to PRAYER REQUESTS where you can submit your request.

CYE NEWS

Classes resume January 14, 2024

Parent volunteers needed to sign up for CYE Snacks & Drink on the following dates - January 28th, February 18th and March 3rd.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month
Month of January - Anne Kingsbury

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of January we will be collecting jello due by January 15th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR LATIN AMERICA & AFRICA

This weekend we will take up a Collection for the Church in Latin America. Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sister to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION BE STILL & LISTEN

Annie McHugh's love for Christ and the Catholic faith has led her to work for the Church as a parish youth minister and for the Domestic Church. Annie and her husband Mike work in youth ministry at two parishes, run the Rockville Catholic Summer Program, and give talks about life and love through their family ministry, "Mike and Annie Talk."

Save the date:
Saturday, April 6, 2024
at the Roman Catholic Diocesan Center, Harrisburg, PA.

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:00 am with closing prayer at 2:30 pm.

For more information about the convention visit <https://hdccw.webs.com/hdcccw-convention>

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him..."
Psalm 37:7

WE MUST LEARN TO LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS OR PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS

Martin Luther King Jr.

"BLESS IN A SPECIAL WAY OUR
CELEBRATION OF MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY. OPEN OUR HEARTS
AND MINDS TO YOUR TRUTH AND
RENEW OUR COMMITMENT TO
JUSTICE AND PEACE, PURSUED
THROUGH COOPERATION AND
LOVE. FILL US WITH YOUR HOLY
SPIRIT, THAT WE MIGHT REALIZE
AND ACCEPT THAT WE ARE ALL
MEMBERS OF THE SAME HUMAN
FAMILY, CREATED IN YOUR IMAGE
AND LIKENESS."



IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE
REMEMBER:

INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,

• ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:

- FR. MOWERY
- FR. ST. HILAIRE
- FR. SOLA
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- SUE BERGER
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
- COBERT FAMILY
- RYAN DELL
- CHRIS ERTWINE
- FARWELL FAMILY
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
- BOB KALIE
- MARGARET KALIE
- AUSTIN KELSEY
- JOSEPH LABONTE
- MARY ANN LEVAN
- MARY ELLEN NEAL
- DOROTHY O'HANDLEY
- NANCY OMAN
- RICH SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- JUDY SERRA
- MARK & PATRICIA SULLIVAN
- SHARON TISHLER
- LENA TUNAITIS
- MIKE VERTUCCI
- MARISA & TED WHITENIGHT
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENY