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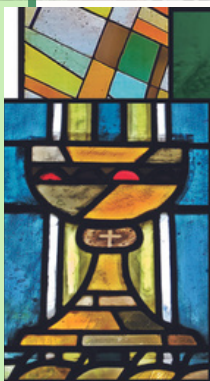
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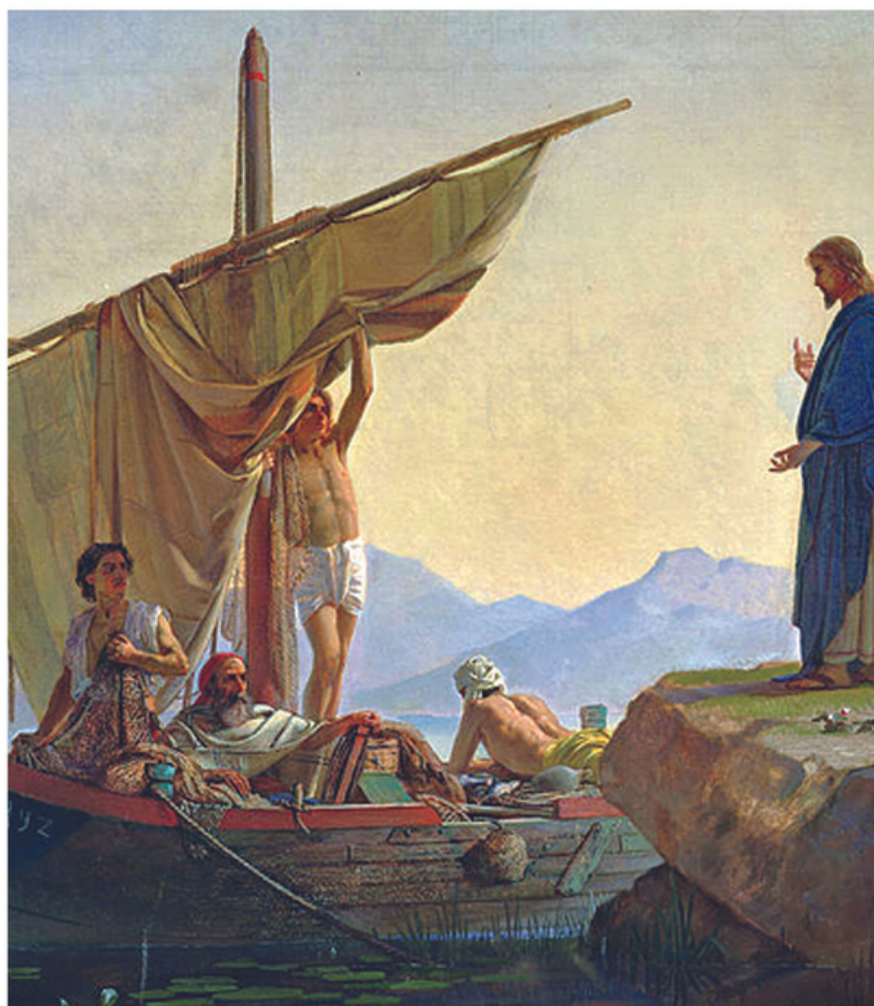
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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James,
the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets.
Then he called them.

Mk 1:19-20



CAN'T SLEEP? PRAY THIS LITANY

(written by Fr. Jean-Miguel Garrigues, O.P.,)

Lord Jesus, You who spent your nights in prayer, interceding with the Father for all men and women; on this night when we watch and pray with You, hear our prayer for all our brothers and sisters.

For your Church, which awaits you as your Spouse in the night of this world,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For your people Israel according to the flesh, who listen to your Word in the night,
hoping for the dawn of your Kingdom,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the nations that do not know you, who grope for you in the night,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the peoples upon whom the night of totalitarian ideology and the oppression of lies have fallen,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for your Name and hide in the night to pray to you,
for those who are torn from their homes in the middle of the night,
for their persecutors who are blinded by hatred and know not what they do,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For all those who don't love us and whom we don't know how to love, for our enemies and for all those who wish us ill,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the sick, for those in hospitals who spend the night suffering, for those who are agonizing and dying in this night,
whose eyes will not see the new day,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the anguished who cannot sleep and whose night is interminable, for those tempted to commit suicide and whom the night subjects to the power of the Prince of Darkness,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For prostitutes, bought in the darkness of night, for those trapped by vice or drugs in the darkness,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For thieves, murderers, and criminals who do evil with the complicity of the night,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For those in prison, for those who are tortured and degraded in the secrecy of the night, for those condemned to death who await the night of their execution,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the poor and homeless, for those who wander alone in the night, amidst the indifference of others,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For those who seek you in the night without finding you,
for the old who suffer and fade away in the night of their solitude,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For little children in the night of their mother's womb,
for those who will never see the light of day because of other people's choices,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the blind whose night has no end, for the mentally ill in the night of their suffering,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For those who labor and toil in the night, for those who travel in the insecurity of the night,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For husbands and wives who love each other, for homes that rest peacefully,
for women who give birth to their children on this night,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For the inhabitants of this city and diocese who sleep this night,
for our brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends whom you protect in their sleep,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
For our deceased brothers and sisters who have not yet entered the light of your Glory,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.
And for us sinners, who in the night advance towards the light of your unfading Day,
Lord Jesus, through the night of your Passion when you suffered for us, we pray to you.

Let us pray: Look, we beg you O Lord, upon your family: it was for their sake that Jesus Christ our Lord did not refuse to be delivered into the hands of the wicked, nor to suffer the torment of the cross. He reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP
JANUARY 14**

Offering	\$1996.00
Latin America	\$336.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
St. Nick	\$115.00
Votives	\$60.00
Total	\$2527.00

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Parish Goal for 2023:	\$8,509.74
Total Paid:	\$12,940.00
Total Committed:	\$12,940.00
Over goal in cash:	\$4,430.26

Average per donor:	\$404.38
Number of Donors:	32
Registered Households:	121
Percentage of Participation:	26.45%

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.

Second Collection for Latin America & Africa

Thank you for your generous support for last week's
Collection for the Church in Latin America. As a
parish, we collected \$436.00 to share the faith with
our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the
Caribbean, so they in turn can share the Good News in
their communities. Your gift makes a difference!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, January 22

Justin Kozak by Mark Kozak

Saturday, January 27

Walter Novelli by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, January 28

Sr. Patricia Boyd, OCD by Third Order Carmelites

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 21 - Meg Geffken
Jan 28 - Barb Treier

Extraordinary Minister

Jan 21 - Lee Ann Boiwka
Jan 28 - Meg Geffken

Collection Stewards

Jan 21 - Lee Ann Boiwka & Gloria Galer
Jan 28 - Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler

LITURGY OF THE WORD

JESUS IS CALLING US TODAY

Jesus is calling us today. Maybe he is calling us to drop
something we have been clinging to. Maybe he is calling us
to lay down our weeping or rejoicing, to move into
something new. Maybe he is calling us to listen. In the
precious time we give to him, he will give us all we need to
answer his call, big or small.

In the first reading, Jonah answers God's call to preach in
Nineveh and the city repents. In the second reading, Saint
Paul urges the Corinthians to act as if time is running out.
The Gospel tells of the beginning of Jesus' ministry, as he
calls the Galileans to repent and believe in the Gospel. We
also hear of the call of James, John, Andrew, and Simon.

THANK YOU FROM BENTON HEAD START

The generosity that you displayed towards our Head Start families in Benton during this holiday season has been outstanding! Thank you so much for the efforts and dedication that you gave to ensure that our children received gifts for Christmas. The families are so grateful and appreciative when they get their gifts. It takes away some of the added stress of the holidays for our families when they know that their child will be receiving a gift from amazing donors like yourselves. We are so thankful to have your support this holiday season as a community partner.

CYE NEWS

Please remember in your prayers our CYE students who are preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Vivian Fisher
Ariana Joga
Ciara Joga

Confirmation

James Hnylanski
Tessa Schumacher

MARDI GRAS is Feb 11th - Our CYE fundraiser and super fun special event. Please help us by creating raffle baskets, preparing food, donating prizes for the children, and lending a helping hand to help the youth create a festive Mardi Gras environment with lots of games to play and prizes to win. PLUS, PLEASE join us for lunch to celebrate the event and socialize with adults and children alike. A win win for ALL!!!!!!!

FEAST OF CANDLEMAS AND FLAME OF LOVE

St. Joseph Church, Danville will be celebrating the beautiful Feast of Candlemas & Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Friday evening, February 2nd at 6:30pm. It will begin with the Blessing of Candles in the church lobby. Then join us for a candlelight procession into the church followed by the Holy Mass and rosary. Please feel free to bring your candles and sacramentals you would like blessed. The highlight of the Flame of Love ceremony will be the Passing and Receiving the Flame of Love! This devotion is a gift to the Church and the world in our troubled times. This is open to all who would like to receive this outpouring of grace from the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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 - February we will be collecting tissues due by February 18th . The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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!

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/hdccw-convention>

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



*Day of Prayer for the
Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN
CHILDREN**

**A GREAT PRAYER FOR LIFE IS
URGENTLY NEEDED, A PRAYER
WHICH WILL RISE UP
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
THROUGH SPECIAL INITIATIVES
AND IN DAILY PRAYER, MAY AN
IMPASSIONED PLEA RISE TO GOD,
THE CREATOR AND LOVER OF LIFE,
FROM EVERY CHRISTIAN
COMMUNITY, FROM EVERY GROUP
AND ASSOCIATION, FROM EVERY
FAMILY AND FROM THE HEART OF
EVERY BELIEVER. – POPE SAINT
JOHN PAUL II, EVANGELIUM
VITAE, NO. 100**

JOIN THOUSANDS AS WE PRAY.

**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**