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BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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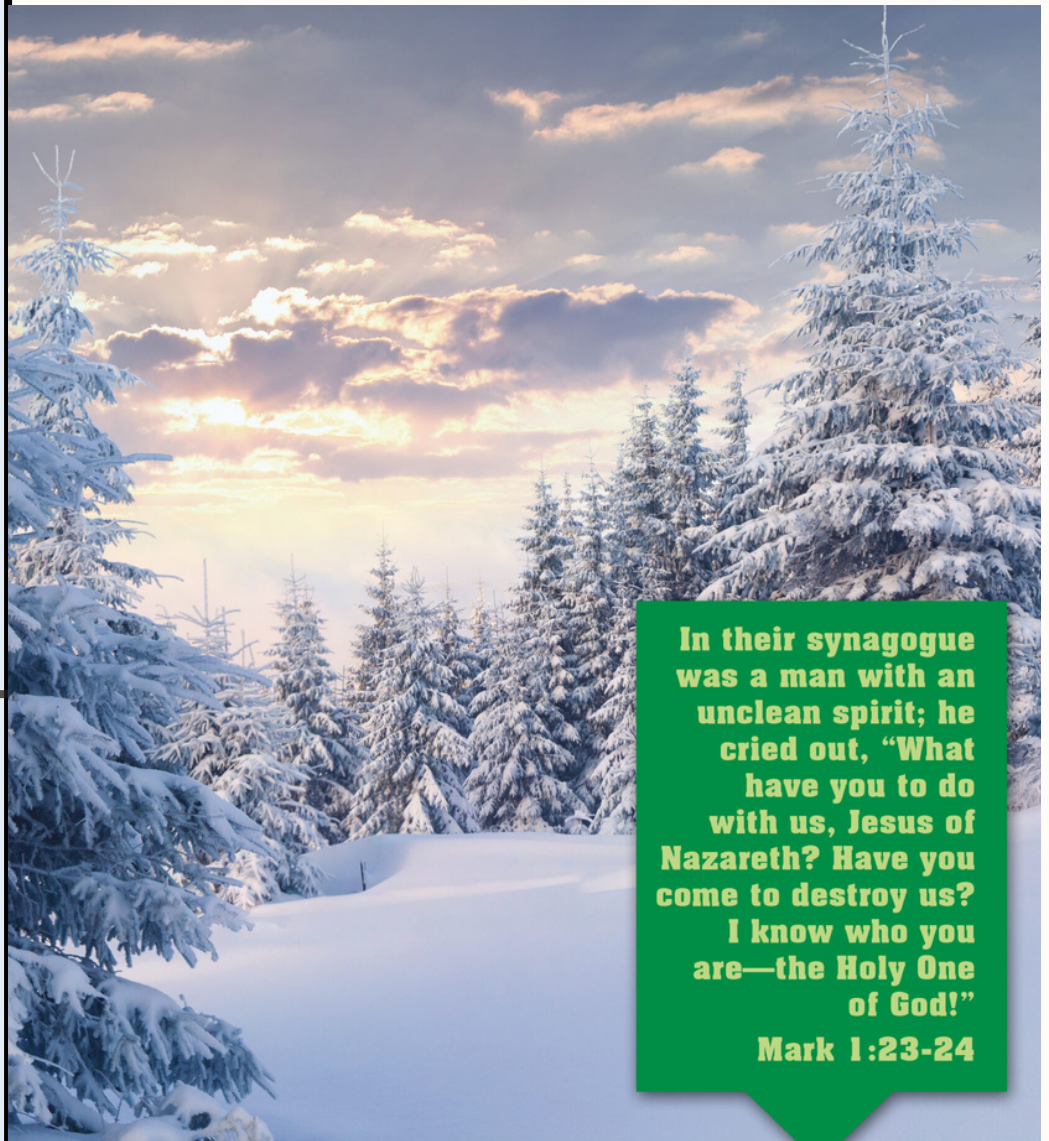
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**In their synagogue
was a man with an
unclean spirit; he
cried out, "What
have you to do
with us, Jesus of
Nazareth? Have you
come to destroy us?
I know who you
are—the Holy One
of God!"
Mark 1:23-24**

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**ORDINARY
TIME**



CYE 'MARDIS GRAS'
PARTY
SUNDAY 02/11
AFTER 9AM MASS

Sign up on the back counter to
help us celebrate!

**STEWARDSHIP
JANUARY 21**

Offering \$1103.00
Rainy Day \$100.00

Total \$1203.00

SECOND COLLECTION FEBRUARY 4TH

Next Sunday, we are invited to make a special commitment as missionaries. We are invited to join in the worldwide mission of Jesus by joining the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, reaching out to the people of the work in more than 1,150 mission dioceses.

In making this commitment, we pledge to Pray daily for the missionary work of the Church, offering our personal crosses for missionaries and those they serve. And please offer financial help in support of those who bring the "Good News" of Jesus to our brothers and sisters in the missions.

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.

PENNIES FOR LIFE

Pennies for Life raises money for Pregnancy Resource Centers in the Diocese of Harrisburg which give direct support to at-risk mothers and their children. Your contributions also support post-abortion healing retreats for men and women in both English and Spanish.

Donate online at www.hbgdiocese.org/pennies
Questions call 717-657-4804 ext. 322

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27
Walter Novelli by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, January 28
Sr. Patricia Boyd, OCD by Third Order Carmelites

Monday, December 29
Alaia Rae Dufrense by Mark & Kathy Kozak

Saturday, February 3
Kenneth Bond (Healing) by Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, February 4
Deb Haden by Sue & Steve Root
Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

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
Jan 28 - Barb Treier	Jan 28 - Meg Geffken
Feb 4 - Peter Yastishock	Feb 4 - Patricia Sullivan

Collection Stewards
Jan 28 - Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler
Feb 4 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Jesus taught as one having authority -
having power of his own.**

When Jesus speaks or teaches, his words have power - for example in today's Gospel by driving out demons. In our lives, Jesus can free us from anxiety and bring us into union with the Father in the kingdom to come. Unlike all the preceding prophets, Jesus does not simply convey God's word and commands, he is God's word in the flesh. His power derives from the Father, for he and the Father are one.

In the first reading, Moses says God will raise up a new prophet who will speak the words of God. In the second reading, Paul contrasts the divided loyalties of married people with those who are unmarried and have only the desire to please the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus commands an unclean spirit to be quiet and come out of a man in the synagogue.

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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FEBRUARY 2, 2024

JESUS OUR LIGHT AND SALVATION IS HERE. HE BRINGS WITH HIM CLEANSING, CONSOLING, AND COMMUNING. HE ALSO COMPELS A CHOICE. CHOOSE HIM NOW, RUN TO HIM, HE IS HERE AND HE IS CALLING!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - PRAYER

**GOD OF ALL CREATION, WE KNOW YOU CARE FOR ALL OF US AND DESIRE ONLY WHAT IS GOOD FOR US. PLEASE GUIDE THOSE WHO MAKE POLICY DECISIONS AND LAWS THAT AFFECT ALL OF US, THAT THESE DECISIONS WILL WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR SOCIETY. HELP US TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO SPEAK OUT FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WE PRAY THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.
AMEN**

**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 ZEVENEY