

# CHRIST THE KING

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY *in Ordinary Time*

**JULY 30, 2023**



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away.

Matthew 13:47-48

# WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

LISBON, PORTUGAL



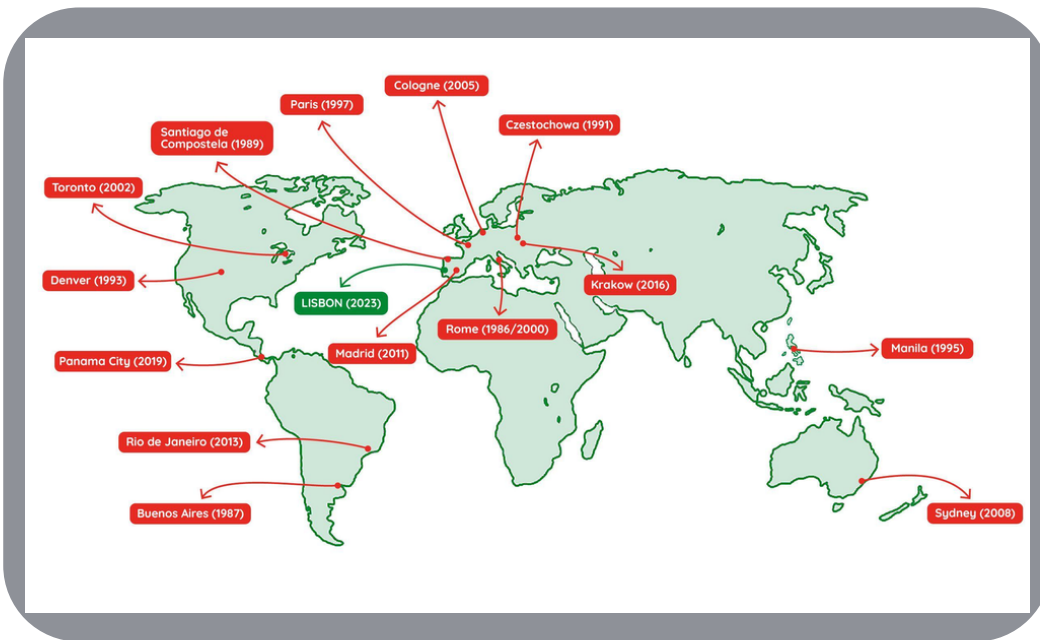
World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are.

It is celebrated every two-four years as an international gathering in a city chosen by the Pope, with the presence of the Holy Father. It brings together millions of young people to celebrate their faith and sense of belonging to the Church.

Since its first edition in Rome in 1986, World Youth Day has proven to be a laboratory of faith, a place of birth for vocations to marriage and consecrated life, and an instrument for the evangelization and transformation of the Church.



WYD aims to provide all participants with a universal Church experience, fostering a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Over the course of a week, young people from all over the world are welcomed, mainly in public (gymnasiums, schools, pavilions ...) and parish facilities or family homes. In addition to the moments of prayer, sharing and leisure, the young people enrolled in this celebration participate in various initiatives organized by the WYD team, in different locations across the host city. The highlights are the celebrations (central features) for which the Pope is present, such as the welcoming and opening ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the vigil and, on the last day, the closing mass.



**Fr. Andrew and Erik Weibel will be praying for your intentions during their pilgrimage to World Youth Day with the Diocese of Harrisburg!**

**STEWARDSHIP  
JULY 23**

Offering	\$1223.00
Mission Coop	\$824.00
Rainy Day	\$85.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2132.00</b>

**FAREWELL TO MARIE & RUSS**

Join us on Sunday, August 6th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass to say Farewell to Marie & Russ Castrogiovanni.

They will be moving to New York to be closer to Family.

Refreshments will be served.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION**

The Benton Council of Churches will be collecting school supplies to be distributed on Saturday, August 26th, at the Benton Community Park at 10:00 a.m.

Supplies needed- Pencils, Pens, Rulers, Lined Paper, Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Erasers, Pencil Sharpeners, Notebooks, Safety Scissors and Folders.

Supplies should be turned in to the Parish Office or Anne Eustice by August 20th.

**PIEROGI MAKING**

Join us on Fridays at 8:00 a.m. through August 11th.

The Bloomsburg Fair is our biggest Fundraiser. Volunteers are needed and welcomed!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, July 29**

Perfetti Family by Elaine & Sal Barbuto

**Sunday, July 30**

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

**Monday & Friday, July 31 & August 4  
NO MASS**

**Saturday, August 5**

Blessed Rev. Stanley Rother by Mary Ellen Neal

**Sunday, August 6**

Deborah Haden by Justa Sabo

**\*\*NO daily Mass Monday July 31st and August 7th. Next Friday daily Mass is August 11th\*\***

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 Schedule**

July 30 - Barb Treier  
August 6 - Pete Yastishock

**Extraordinary Minister**

July 30 - Meg Geffken  
August 6 - Judith Scavone

**Collection Stewards**

July 30 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan  
August 6 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**GOD, WHO LOVES US AND ENTRUSTS US WITH HIS PURPOSE, PROVIDES US WITH WHAT WE NEED TO FULFILL IT.**

Like the new king, Solomon, when God entrusts us with great opportunities and responsibilities, he gives us what we need to succeed. This relationship of trust with God is a treasure of love beyond price and compare; it is the kingdom of heaven.

In the first reading, God gives Solomon a wise and understanding heart to govern God's people. In the second reading, Paul teaches that all things work for good for those in loving relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure; once found, it is all we want and worth all we have.

## LENTEN APPEAL AS OF JUNE 30TH

Parish Goal for 2023: \$8,509.74  
Total Paid: \$11,920.00  
Total Committed: \$12,170.00  
Over/(under)goal in cash: \$3,410.26

Average per donor: \$411.03

Number of Donors: 29

Registered Households: 121

Percentage of Participation: 23.97%

## GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

Find Hope and Healing after the death of a loved one. Join us at a weekly grief support group on Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.

August 8th - October 31st, 2023

Benton Christian Church, Corner of Church & Third street

Contact Kim Keller at 570-204-3888 or Church Office at 570-925-2266 to register

3 Key Parts: video seminar, group discussion and personal workbook

Topics covered: your grief journey sadness & loneliness, fear & anxiety, anger, regrets, grief & your relationships, questions for God, Hope!

## CYE NEWS

Tuesday, August 15 from 6-8 pm is the SPLASH, SWIM, DIVE Christ the King CYE FAMILY POOL PARTY at Bloomsburg Town Pool from 6-8 pm. We have rented the pool for this time so we can all gather and share fun and fellowship together. We sure hope your family can join us!!!!

## ANGELORUM

Angelorum is a choir of the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Siena of Allentown, PA: A group brought together and fueled by a strong faith and love for God and our beautiful gifts of music. We desire to use our talents in order to spread the "message" of God's endless love, presence, and mercy to those who listen.

Find Us On Website: <https://angelorumvoices.com>

Youtube: (55) Angelorum - YouTube

Facebook and Instagram: @angelorumvoices

## UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,  
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or  
\$10.00/ month.

Month of August - Richard & Tamara Lindner

## BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of August we will be collecting foil, wax paper and baggies due to the Food Bank by August 13th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

## BENTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Happy Campers, Spend S'More time with God!

Dates: August 13 -17, Time: 5:45 - 8 p.m.  
at Benton Christian Church

Ages: pre-K (must be toilet trained) - 6th Grade

Looking for Volunteers to help lead "Campers" and activities. If 18 or older will need volunteer clearances. Also looking for junior volunteers ages 14-17 to help.

Any questions or to sign up contact Heather at - [hzimmo2@epix.net](mailto:hzimmo2@epix.net) or text/call 570-594-0514.

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - LENT, 2024

Please join us on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land March 1-10, 2024, with Fr. John Szada, priest of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Join us as we travel to Bethlehem, Jericho, Cana, Nazareth, Galilee, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem and more.

Pricing includes: Basic Tour and Guided Sightseeing, Round-trip International Airfare, Entrance Fees, First Class Hotels, Daily Breakfast and Dinner, Deluxe Motor coaches, Hotel Gratuities and More!

Price from Philadelphia is \$4196, Pittsburgh is \$4246. Other departure cities available. Please call for price.

For more information or to register, please visit [www.QoHtours.com](http://www.QoHtours.com) or call 1-800-213-4295

## IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
  - FR. MOWERY
  - FR. ST. HILAIRE
  - FR. SOLA



- CARL BARCHIK
- MICHAEL BARDI
- DANNY BAUMAN
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- NANCY BOGART
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
- COBERT FAMILY
- HONOR DELL
- RYAN DELL
- CHRIS ERTWINE
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
- BOB KALIE
- MARGARET KALIE
- AUSTIN KELSEY
- JOSEPH LABONTE
- MARY ANN LEVAN
- DOROTHY O'HANDLEY
- NANCY OMAN
- RICHARD SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- MARK SULLIVAN
- BARB TREIER
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENY

## SAINT JOHN MARY VIANNEY (1786-1859)

AUGUST 4

A busy pastor jokingly suggests the secret of John Vianney's holiness: "He died seventeen years before telephones!" Call they didn't, but visit they did, keeping Vianney eighteen hours a day in the confessional. Stories abound of reading hearts and exorcisms, but Vianney's first miracle was getting ordained. Difficulty with studies delayed him, prompting the rector's apology to the bishop, "So far to ordain just one, especially this one!" The bishop, who could not know he was ordaining the future patron saint of parish priests, replied, "No burden to ordain one good priest!" In Ars, only an elderly handful attended Mass, "praying," one told Vianney, "for a priest with brains." But he stayed forty-two years, fulfilling the promise he made the day he arrived. In a sculpture just outside the village Vianney points skyward: "Show me the way to Ars," he tells a boy, "and I'll show you the way to heaven." To someone who feared there was no heaven beyond the grave, Vianney smiled, "My child, it would have been heaven enough to have lived as Jesus' disciple on earth."



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is like a treasure  
buried in a field*