

CHRIST THE KING

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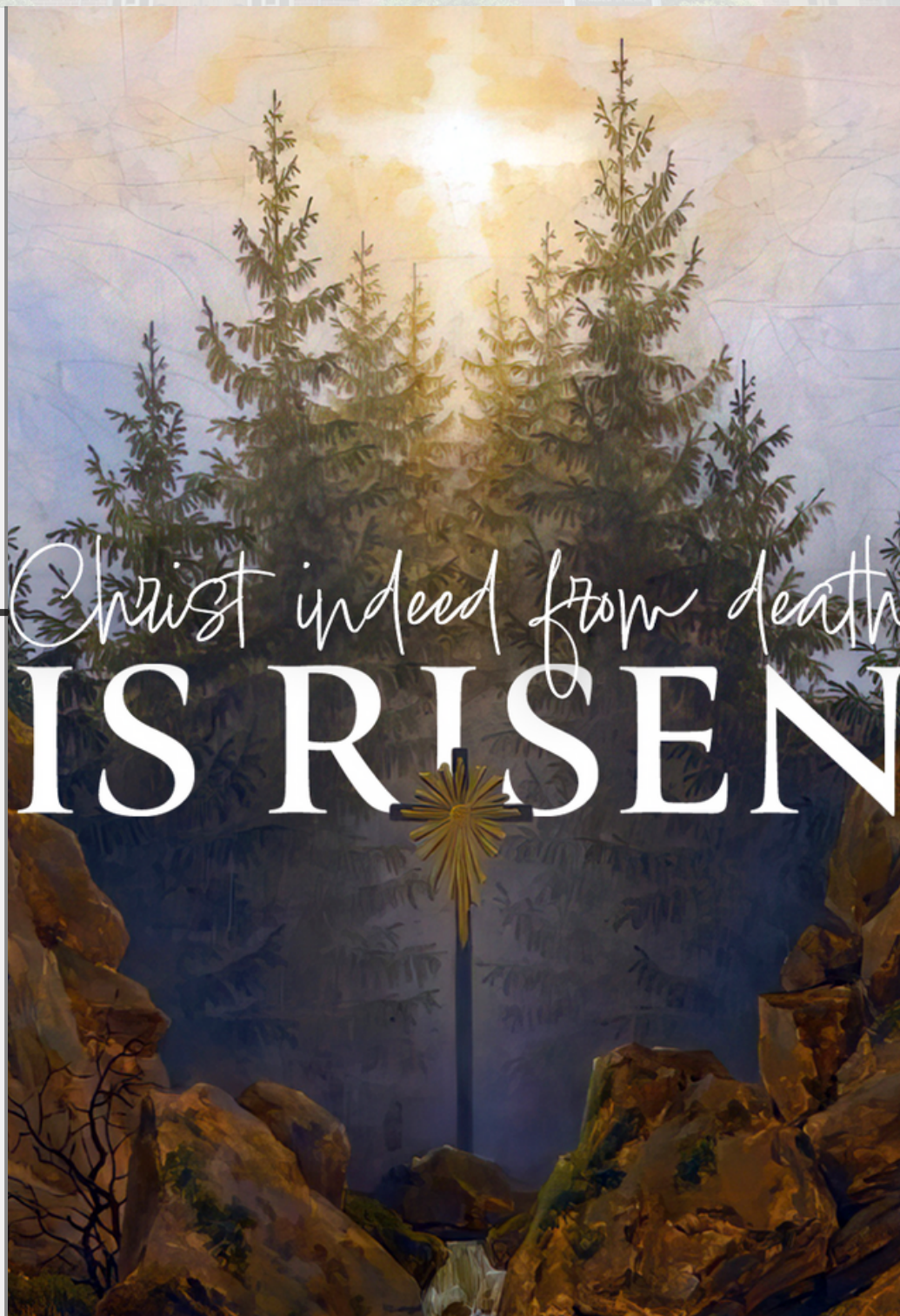
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have come to the end of our long Lenten retreat and the joyful song of “Alleluia!” returns to our lips. The journey of these last forty days has come to its end, yet our journey continues, not only into the feasting of these next fifty days of Easter, but for the rest of our earthly life as we see how Jesus’ Death and Resurrection have opened for all of humanity a new and definitive horizon. Last year, our Holy Father Francis reminded us, “Today is Easter, the Pasch, a word that means “passage”, for in Jesus the decisive passage of humanity has been made: the passage from death to life, from sin to grace, from fear to confidence, from desolation to communion (*Urbi et orbi*, 2023).” Truly, through our Lenten fast, we sought to grow in our relationship with Jesus and be renewed in our communion with one another, finding in Him the grace to be brothers and sisters in the family of the Church.

At the beginning of Lent, I prayed that as “we go together into the desert of Lent ... [we might] leave behind whatever enslaves us and open our hearts to renewed freedom in Jesus Christ (Lenten Message 2024).” For some of us, the journey was fruitful, and we have grown more into the “*glorious freedom of the children of God* (Romans 8:21).” Others of us have struggled in our path toward liberty. Wherever we find ourselves, the Risen Lord continues to strengthen us, and the Church continues to encourage us. Like the ancient Israelites fleeing the slavery of Egypt, we can expect that our journey will have its tests and trials. And, with them, we can sing the song of freedom knowing that such a gift comes not from what we conspire to do, but by the mighty hand of God, “*I will sing to the Lord, for he is gloriously triumphant! ... My strength and my courage is the Lord, and he has been my savior* (Exodus 15:1-2).”

Rereading the story of the Exodus in these past holy days, we see the providential hand of God guiding the Church in its earliest form as a pilgrim people, providing food for the journey and grace to continue on. When they finally entered the Promised Land, they were not at the end but at the beginning, the inauguration of their new life with God and with one another. So it is with us on this glorious Easter day! With gratitude for all that the Lord has accomplished for us and in us through Christ Jesus, we begin to fashion our new life in Him and to do the work of the redeemed now.

While the Solemnity of Pentecost culminates our Easter celebrations, the Church invites us to embrace the truth that the Holy Spirit has already been “*poured out into our hearts* (Romans 5:5)” Because of this, we are called to get to work in spreading not only the news of Christ Risen from the dead, but the fruits of so great a victory. We do this by bringing light to those who are suffering because of the indignities of war and civil unrest, bringing liberty to those held captive by addictions, bringing consolation to those whose grief weighs them down, and bringing joy to those saddened by the heaviness of daily life. When the Easter victory of Christ sets us free, we are compelled to bring that gift to everyone we meet. In this way, as we continue our journey, every person we encounter will be able to see Christ alive in us and in all that we do.

Let us continue to pray for each other as we celebrate these joyful Easter days.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior
Bishop of Harrisburg

**STEWARDSHIP
MARCH 24**

Offering	\$2660.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$100.00
Easter	\$70.00
Easter Flowers	\$140.00
Holy Thursday	\$5.00
Good Friday	\$5.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$268.00
Rainy Day	\$30.00

Total \$3278.00

**WERE YOU MARRIED IN 1974
(50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)**

Celebrate your Golden Jubilee with the Holy sacrifice of the Mass

Sunday, July 7th 2:00 P.M.
Good Shepherd Church, Camp Hill

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior, Celebrant

Contact the Parish Office if interested.

**THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS
FOR A GREAT ST. PATTY'S
DAY BREAKFAST**

**THE NEXT K OF C 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 TO HONOR ALL THE
MOTHERS AND WOMEN OF
CTK.**



**RUMMAGE SALE, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**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 March 30

No Mass - Holy Saturday at St. Columba

Sunday, March 31

Ariana & Ciara Joga & Vivian Fisher
by Christ the King Family

Monday, April 1

No Mass

Saturday, April 6

Angelo & Emma Stevens by Charlotte (Stevens) &
Joe Casarella

Sunday, April 7

John B. Eustice by Anne Eustice
Luke Verbyla by Barchik Family

**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

Mar 31 - Paul Haden
Apr 7 - Pete Yastishock

Extraordinary Minister

Mar 31 - Mark Sullivan
Apr 7 - Stephen Root

Collection Stewards

Mar 31 - Lee Ann & Joe Boiwna
Apr 7 - Judie Scavone & Sharon Tishler

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he
goes before you.**

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Not even death could keep him from us. So mighty is his love that he transformed the evil of the cross into a blessing through which he can eternally unite us to God. He is here. He is risen, alleluia!

In the first reading, Peter tells the story of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection. In the second reading, Paul tells the Colossians that since they were raised with Christ, they must seek what is above. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb and runs to tell Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved. The other disciple arrived at the tomb first; he saw and believed.

THE 2024 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN
"Nourished by Faith"

This campaign provides resources, expertise, guidance and support for more than 90 ministries and programs throughout the 15 counties of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Gifts from donors like you sustain, expand and support our ongoing evangelization efforts, provide continuing education programs for our Catholic schools and Religious Education programs, seminarians, clergy and permanent deacons, and investments in pro-life activities. Now, more than ever, the programs and ministries that received funding from the Diocesan Annual Campaign need your prayers and steadfast support.

Your gift, no matter the size, truly makes a difference. On behalf of those who benefit from our ministries, please accept our heartfelt appreciation and deep gratitude.

Christ the King goal for 2024 is \$9,361.00

GREAT BENTON SOUP COOKOFF

Saturday, April 13 from 12-3 PM
Waller Memorial Hall, Waller, PA
Area churches vs. Area Restaurants

Fundraiser to support the UMW Christian Scholarship Fund which presents annually 1-3 Benton HS seniors who have modeled a Christian attitude and a commitment to service to family, school, and community.

Any Church or individual member who would like to participate by making a pot of soup contact
Laurie Wurster @ 603-731-5154

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A
MINISTER AT CHRIST THE KING?**

Looking for Collection Stewards,
Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office
at 570-925-6969 or see Lee Ann Boiwka.

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 April we will be collecting cans of tuna due by April 14. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

THANK YOU

**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR THE
MANY PRAYERS, CALLS, CARDS, ETC. DURING THE
ILLNESS AND PASSING OF MY HUSBAND
MICHAEL BARDI**

**SINCERELY,
JOAN BARDI**

SAINT PAUL STREET EVANGELIZATION

Do you want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like? Then make sure to attend one (or both) of our upcoming St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) Workshops. This non-profit, grassroots organization has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out on the streets and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with confidence.

**Workshop 1: Saturday, April 27, St. Columba Church,
Bloomsburg, 8:30am-4:00pm**

**Workshop 2: Saturday, May 4, St. Joseph Church,
Danville, 8:30am-4:00pm**

These "Basic Evangelization Training" workshops include lunch, and they are open to all parishioners FREE OF CHARGE, but still require registration. You can register online at <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/spse>.

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Risen Lord, your merciful love took you to the cross for our sake, and even in the midst of that terrible suffering, you forgave. Now you live forever in glory and invite us, sinners though we are, to share eternal glory with you. As we strive to embrace your gift of mercy, grant us hearts full of forgiveness for our brothers and sisters. May we rejoice with all people in your victory over sin and death, a victory that has set us free to love as you have loved. Amen.



FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING:

In Memory of Anna Bahr and Rosalie Burk by The Pochatko Family

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Bauman & Boiwka Family by Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Capriola & Sullivan Families by Mark & Patricia Sullivan

In Memory of Deceased Family Members by Charlotte & Joe Casarella

In Memory of Leona Chikotas & Bertha Heffner by the Chikotas Family

In Memory of Doreen Dougherty & Williams Family by Don & Mary Wilce

In Memory of Ray & Ann Lindner by Richard & Tamara Lindner

In Memory of Deceased Family Members by Judie & Rich Scavone

In Memory of Tom & Tommy Tishler by Sharon Tishler

In Memory of Deceased Members of the Walker & Pointon Families by Kathy & Rich Walker

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**



**CELEBRATE
EASTER**