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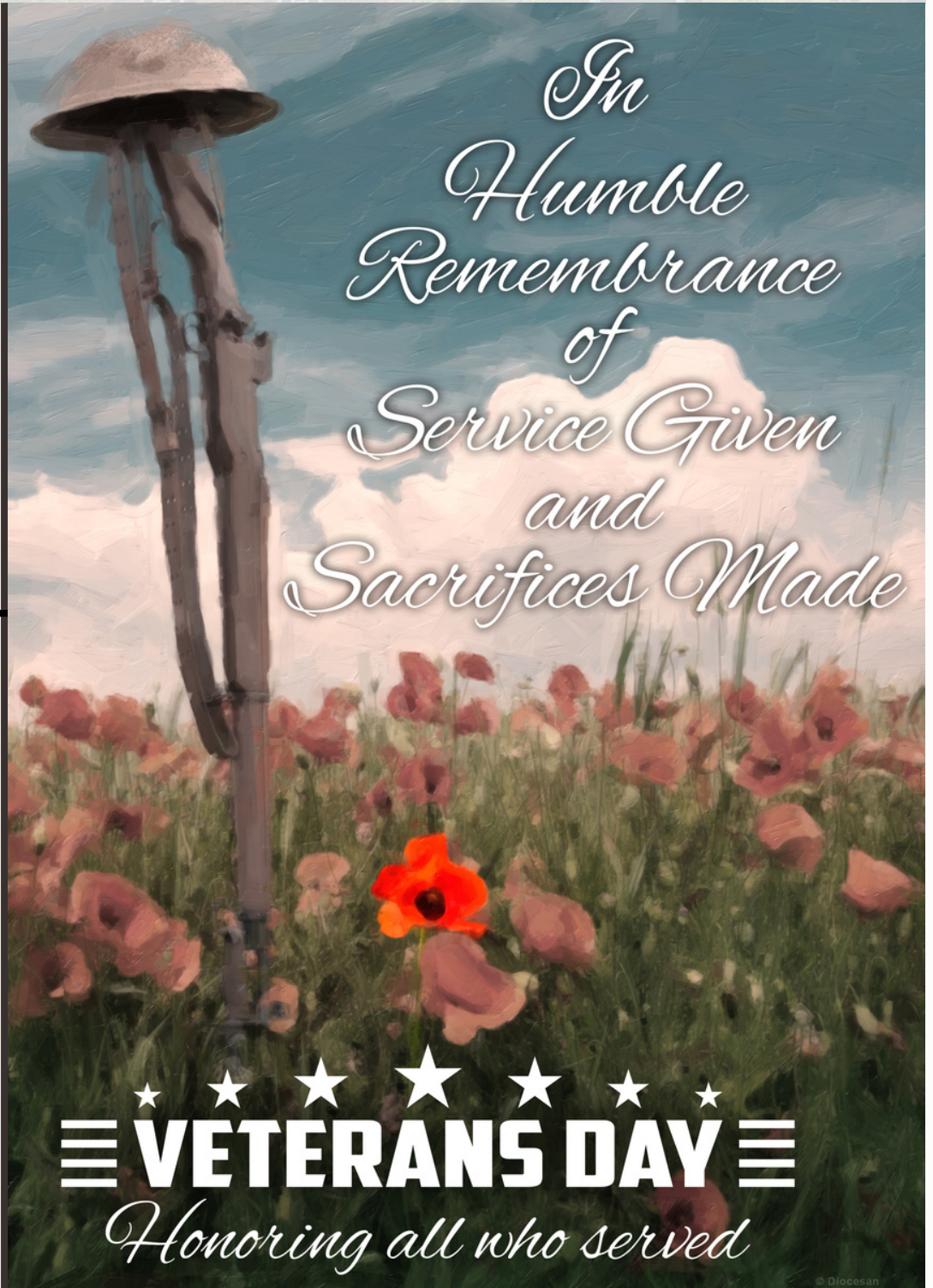
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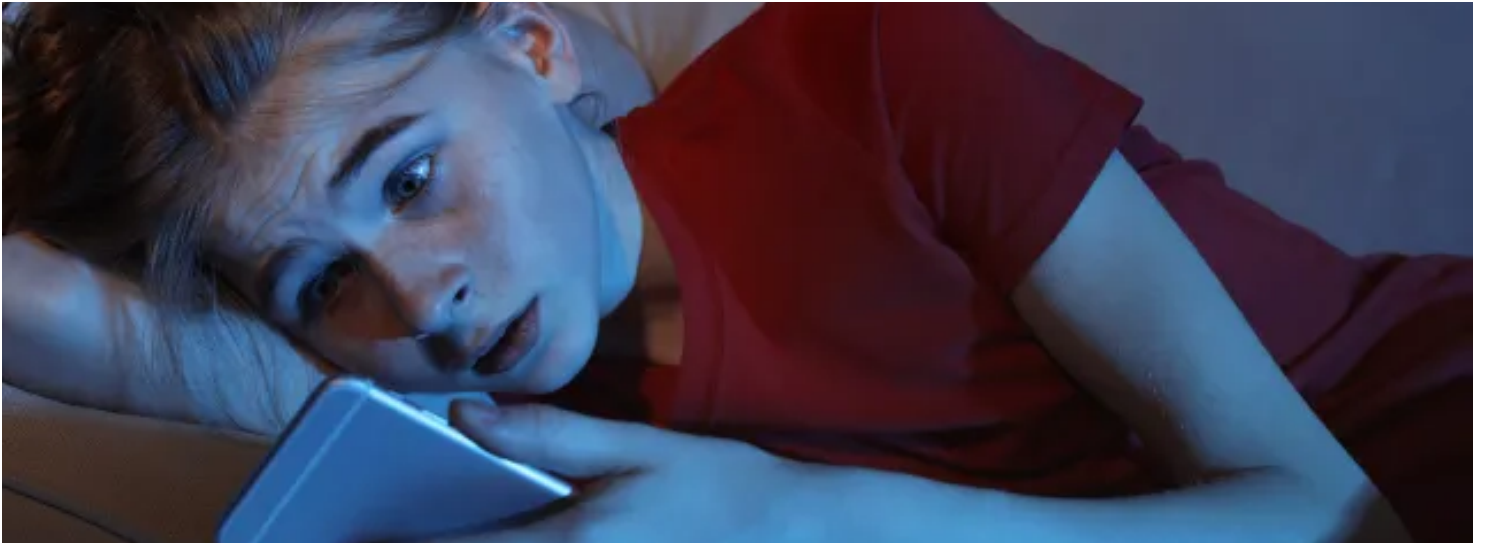
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WHY TOO MUCH INFORMATION CAN BE BAD FOR YOUR SOUL

In an age of instant communication, with a wealth of information at our fingertips, our souls can easily be led astray.

Information is in general a good thing, especially if it concerns current events and helps us stay up-to-speed with the world around us.

However, it is possible to overdose on information and general knowledge, just as with food. We simply don't need to know everything, and sometimes too much information can harm our soul.

Thomas à Kempis in his *Imitation of Christ*, reflects on this notion of too much information:

Rest from inordinate desire of knowledge, for therein is found much distraction and deceit. Those who have knowledge desire to appear learned, and to be called wise. Many things there are to know which profits little or nothing to the soul.

Knowing many things can often make us seem like we know everything. This can lead to a certain pride and we may dive into social media comments with a pompous attitude, thinking that we are the wisest of all.

Furthermore, while it may be good to know what is going on in the world, there are other types of knowledge that could benefit us and our soul, as Kempis explains:

And foolish out of measure is he who attends upon other things rather than those which serve to his soul's health. Many words satisfy not the soul, but a good life refreshes the mind, and a pure conscience gives great confidence towards God.

If we are suffering from information glut, it might be time to reorder our priorities and seek information that will lift us up and benefit our soul.

Written by Philip Kosloski in Aleteia

STEWARDSHIP
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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| Offering | \$1864.55 |
| All Saint | \$476.00 |
| All Souls | \$120.00 |
| World Mission | \$20.00 |
| St. Nick | \$100.00 |
| Total | \$2580.55 |

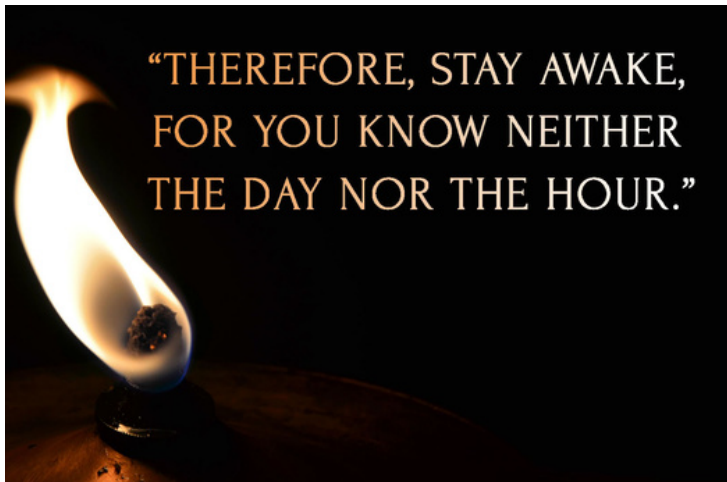
PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

“May all who love the Holy Land seek to bring about among all the parties engaged in the fighting a cessation of violence, respect for civilian populations and the release of hostages. As we pray urgently for peace, we recall especially all the families and individuals suffering from these events. We call on the faithful, and all people of good will to not grow weary and to continue to pray for peace in the land Our Lord, the Prince of Peace, called home.”

(United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Effective Monday, November 6th, the Parish Office Hours will be 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Monday and Thursday



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 11

Kimberly Besel (Birthday Blessings) by Justa Sabo

Sunday, November 12

Michael Bardi by Mary Ellen Neal
Joseph Tapsak by Florence Tapsak

Monday, November 13

Allen Ackley by Michael & Rebecca Micca

Saturday, November 18

Katherine Theresa Sullivan by Steve & Sue Root

Sunday, November 19

Tommy Tishler by Sharon Tishler

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

Nov 12 - Paul Haden
Nov 19 - Barb Treier

Extraordinary Minister

Nov 12 - Stephen Root
November 19 - Lee Ann Boiwka

Collection Stewards

Nov 12 - Gloria Galer & Judith Scavone
Nov 19 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Always be prepared to welcome Christ, for we know neither the day nor the hour of his arrival.

The Gospel parable reminds us to keep vigil for Jesus. It is easy to get distracted by the details of work, family life, and other responsibilities so that we forget the real purpose and mission of our lives. Let's each take a moment to contemplate how we can live out our vocation in life, readying ourselves for the Lord's coming.

The first reading speaks of the attributes of wisdom, and the importance of the love of wisdom, as it is the perfection of prudence. In the second reading, Paul encourages people of faith to hold on to hope in the Resurrection. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable where five virgins were ready for the bridegroom and five were not. Those who were not ready missed out on the wedding feast.

MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

The Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Providence, with the Diocesan Secretariat of Catholic Life and Evangelization, are in search of tradesmen and tradeswomen willing to assist in improving their convent facilities. Projects include concrete work, carpentry and painting. The location is the Convento Franciscano Tlalixtaquilla, Guerrero, Mexico, January 16-27, 2024. Text Mary Reid Graci at 717-756-9689 for info.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR INTERFAITH SHELTER FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families (a Catholic Charities residential program in suburban Harrisburg) is in need of: dish detergent, laundry detergent, ketchup, bed pillows, and single air mattresses with pumps. Donations can be taken to the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg) or to the shelter (120 Willow Road in Harrisburg). If delivering to the shelter, please call 717-652-8740 in advance. Thank you!

ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

Are you lonely or overwhelmed? The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton has a prayer line available with staff who will speak with and pray with you. Your prayer intentions can be placed on the tomb of Mother Seton. Call us toll free at 1-866-202-4934, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. We are here for you.

WINTERFEST 2023

ST. COLUMBA PARISH AND SCHOOL IN BLOOMSBURG

will take place on Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. A variety of soups, Father Mowery's lasagna, porketta, haluski, chili, barbecue, pizza, hoagies, perogies, etc., and mouthwatering homemade baked goods will be served. You can dine in or take out.

Also, a wonderful array of raffles will be featured along with the famous "Dollar Tree" and many talented craft vendors for your holiday shopping. Something for everybody!

Benefits St. Columba School.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month
Month of November - Judy & Sonny Wormelsdorf

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of November we will be collecting Chicken & Turkey Stuffing due to the Food Bank by November 19th. 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!

CYE NEWS

Sunday November 12 - Father Andrew will meet with parents, catechists, and interested parishioners in the social hall after the 9:00 Mass. the children will have a group CYE class in the education building.

November 12 - Presentation of the Gifts - Chikotas Family

November 19 - CYE Snacks - TJ Hnylanski

APPLE DUMPLING SALE

The Benton Council of Churches is having their annual Apple Dumpling Sale. There is a sign up sheet on the back counter. Orders are due by November 12th and delivery will be November 21st. Price is \$5.00.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE
 - FR. SOLA
- LISA BAHRE
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- CANDICE BERGER
- CHRISTINA CAPRIOLA
- RUSSELL CASTROGIOVANNI
- COBERT FAMILY
- HONOR DELL
- RYAN DELL
- CHRIS ERTWINE
- FARWELL FAMILY
- VIVIAN WHITENIGHT HYNICK
- BOB KALIE
- MARGARET KALIE
- AUSTIN KELSEY
- JOSEPH LABONTE
- MARY ANN LEVAN
- DOROTHY O'HANDLEY
- NANCY OMAN
- JACKIE SCHERER
- JUDY SERRA
- MARK & PATRICIA SULLIVAN
- LENA TUNAITIS
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENEY



“Q’S FROM THE PEWS” WHAT IS / ARE SACRAMENTALS?

There is a tendency to confuse Sacraments with Sacramentals. This can occur because Sacramentals include some of the same elements that sacraments do. They often will contain the elements of both Matter and a particular Form. “They always include a prayer (Form) often accompanied by a specific sign (Matter) such as the laying on of hands, the sign of the cross or the ...Holy water (which recalls baptism).” CCC 1668. Sacramentals “are sacred signs (therefore) which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church.” CCC 1667. One way to think of Sacramentals is as a special request for the Grace of the Holy Spirit to bless or strengthen a particular activity or situation. “They are instituted for the sanctification of certain ministries...and a great variety of circumstances in Christian life.”

CCC 1668. Sacraments are instituted by Jesus to confer Sanctifying Grace, while Sacramentals flow from the yearnings of His Body the Church. Blessings are an example of Sacramentals. Unlike sacraments that are directed toward imparting Sanctifying Grace to Individuals in order to bring about salvation.

Sacramentals are meant to impart individual graces to strengthen one in a particular situation. So we may Bless a person embarking on a journey or new mission. On October 15th, Father Mowery imparted a Sacramental on all those involved in teaching the faith, both Catechists and Parents. The Form he used was a formal prayer, and he raised his hands and blessed with the Sign of the Cross as the Matter. Another example would be the blessing of a home or the blessing of the throats on the feast of Saint Blaise. So Sacramentals are a blessing involving Form and Matter. There is a popular belief that blessed objects like a rosary or crucifix are Sacramentals. They ARE NOT, because they do not confer grace.

Rather, they are sacred objects which help focus the person on piety. Looking at these objects as Sacramentals would be a form of ‘magic’ like the belief in good luck from a rabbit’s foot. This is specifically rejected by the Catholic Church. One can value a blessed object but should never think of it as conferring special blessings.

SEND QUESTIONS TO:

DRE@saintcolumbachurch.org and place “Q’s Pews” in the subject line. All questions are answered and kept confidential. If your question is used in the column, it will remain anonymous.
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