



CHRIST THE KING

BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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A Thanksgiving Prayer

May our home be full of joy,
May our hearts be knit with love,
As we give our grateful thanks
For Thy blessings from above.

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Give thanks to the LORD, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.

Ps 106:1



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2023

This year, Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday. This means that Catholics must go to two distinct Masses on the weekend: one Mass for the 4th Sunday in Advent, and one Mass for Christmas.

At Christ the King, we want to ensure that your pastoral needs are met with the Mass schedule. We will happily provide as many Masses as needed, but in a manner that does not unnecessarily fragment our community during this celebration (especially with smaller attendance due to many traveling for the holidays).

To determine the best way we could serve you all during the Christmas celebration, we conducted a pew survey this weekend. Here are the results.

We had 46 surveys completed (18 completed at the Saturday Vigil, 28 completed Sunday morning).

For the 4th Sunday of Advent:

- **28** said they are going to the Saturday 4pm Mass on December 23rd
- **18** said they are going to the Sunday 9am Mass on December 24th

For Christmas

- **43** said they are going to the Sunday 4pm Mass on December 24th for Christmas Eve
- **3** said that they would like a Mass on Christmas morning at Christ the King

Based on these results, we will have the following Mass schedule:

For the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 23rd at 4pm

Sunday December 24th at 9am

For the Solemnity of the Nativity (Christmas)

Sunday December 24th at 4pm

A reminder that 9am Mass on Sunday December 24th *does not count for the Christmas obligation*. It counts for the obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent. *This means that you have to go to an additional Mass* (at Christ the King Sunday evening, at St. Columba during one of their Mass times, or elsewhere).

We will also share St. Columba's Mass schedule with you (as St. Columba Parish will be sharing our Mass schedule).

Thank you for your cooperation!

Fr. Andrew

**STEWARDSHIP
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

Offering	\$1362.00
All Saint	\$20.00
St. Nick	\$70.00
Votives	\$77.00
Total	\$1529.00



JESSE TREE



We will be doing the Jesse Tree again this year. The stars will be available the first weekend of Advent - December 2nd & 3rd. We will be buying gifts for the Benton Head start and the Veterans that live at the Orangeville Manor.

Gifts are due back the weekend of December 16th & 17th. Please record your name and star number when you take a star. Thank you!

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

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

Parish Goal for 2023:	\$8,509.74
Total Paid:	\$12,070.00
Outstanding Pledges:	\$150.00
Total Committed:	\$12,220.00
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$3,560.26
Average per donor:	\$402.33
Number of Donors:	30
Registered Households:	121
Percentage of Participation:	24.79%

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 18

Katherine Theresa Sullivan by Steve & Sue Root

Sunday, November 19

Tommy Tishler by Sharon Tishler

Monday, November 20

Mary Everett (Birthday Blessings) by Lee Ann Boiwka

Saturday, November 25

Marilyn LaBonte by Joe LaBonte

Sunday, November 26

People of the Parish

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 19 - Barb Treier
Nov 26 - Stephen Root

Extraordinary Minister

Nov 19 - Lee Ann Boiwka
Nov 26 - Meg Geffken

Collection Stewards

Nov 19 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella
Nov 26 - Anne Eustice & Sharon Tishler

LITURGY OF THE WORD

WE ARE GIVEN TALENTS TO SHARE.

The Lord has told us that he will come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead. Though the timing is unpredictable, this end is inevitable and inescapable. Let us be prepared to give an account of the ways in which we have used our gifts for the benefit of others.

The reading from Proverbs says that a worthy wife is a prize valued far beyond pearls. Paul tells the Thessalonians that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night or like labor pains, but that they are children of the light. Jesus tells a parable about three servants who were given talents. The first two servants multiplied their talents and were rewarded. The third servant buried his talent and was punished.

MONASTERY PANTRY ORDERS

Order forms are on the back counter
Forms are due by November 26th
Delivery at CTK December 16th

Contact Meg Geffken with Questions
570-441-6935

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, December 9th - workshop with
Deacon Strohm, 9-3 (Sign up sheet on back counter)

Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. - Decorating
the Church for Christmas

Sunday, Decembr 17th - CYE Children's
Christmas Program
and
Parish Covered Dish Brunch
(Sign up sheet on back counter)

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.

ARE YOU ABLE TO SPEND AN HOUR A WEEK WITH JESUS?

The Adoration Chapel at
the Basilica of St. Cyril and Methodius in Danville
IS NOW OPEN with adoration hours from Wednesdays at
7:00 a.m. through Thursdays at 8:00 p.m

We urgently need one Adoration person for 3-4
p.m. Thursdays at the chapel! Perhaps four
friends could share an hour per month!

Contact Judy Dobson for more information at
570-594-7175 or
go to our website, [https://
adoration24hours.wordpress.com/](https://adoration24hours.wordpress.com/)

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

November 19 - CYE Snacks - TJ Hnylanski

Blessed Reconciliation lessons 1, 2, and 3 are due today for children receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this year.

There are no CYE classes on Sunday November 26.
Masses will be as scheduled Saturday 4:00 pm and
Sunday 9:00 am

I pray each of you have a Blessed Thanksgiving. Many blessings to you and your family.

MATTHEW 25 COLLECTION NOVEMBER 18TH & 19TH

Together we can make a difference in our families and communities. Please donate prayerfully and generously!



**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 ZEVENY



**THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 23, 2023**

**AND NOW, BLESS THE GOD OF ALL,
WHO HAS DONE WONDROUS THINGS ON EARTH;
WHO FOSTERS PEOPLE'S GROWTH FROM THEIR
MOTHER'S WOMB,
AND FASHIONS THEM ACCORDING TO HIS WILL!
MAY HE GRANT YOU JOY OF HEART
AND MAY PEACE ABIDE AMONG YOU;
MAY HIS GOODNESS TOWARD US ENDURE IN ISRAEL
TO DELIVER US IN OUR DAYS.**