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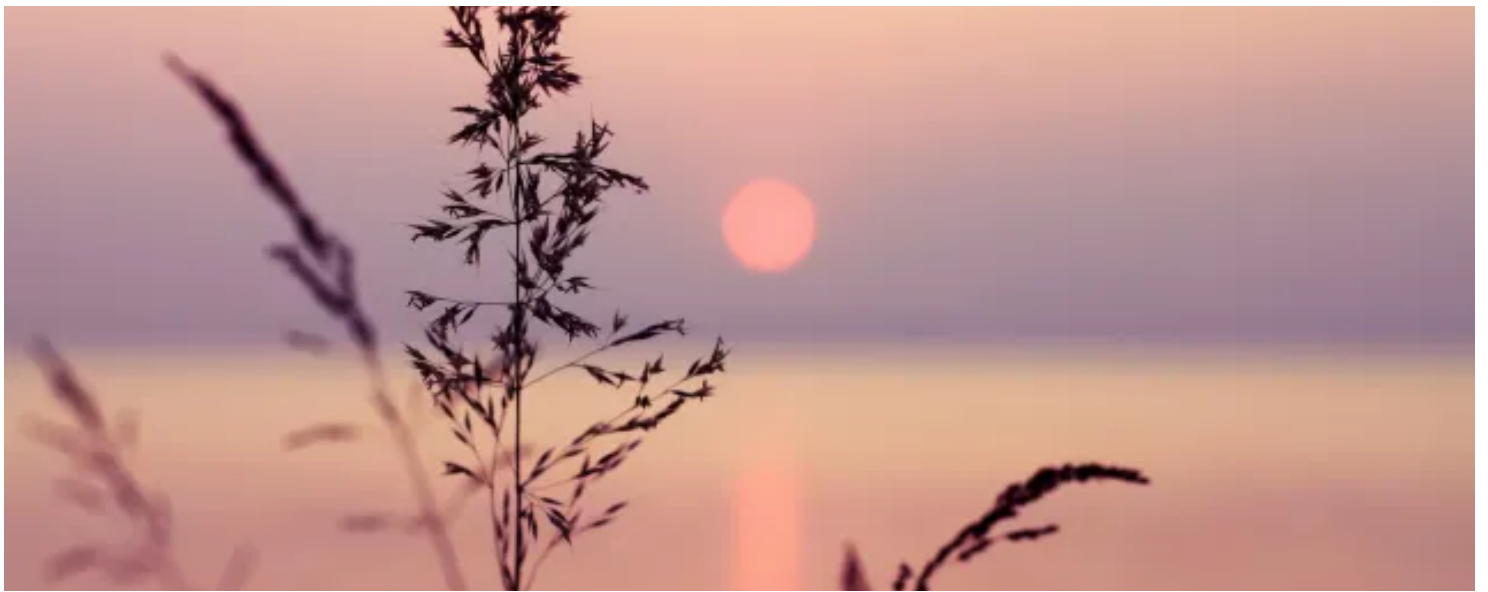
## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

*in Ordinary Time*



Jesus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come.

Matthew 22:1-3



## **PRAYER IS STILLNESS: TO LET GOD'S HEALING HAVE ITS WAY IN US**

A beautiful line from the Psalms – an invitation, really: Be still and know that I am God ([Psalm 46:10](#)). Why stillness?

Interior stillness is the testimony of a person living by faith who knows that they are loved. To be still is to dwell in that love. Dedication to stillness in prayer furthers our growth in faith, hope, and love.

Our ability to turn toward God in loving stillness is a gift that “comes forth direct from the deepest heart of God himself,” says Dominican mystic John Tauler (+1361). Stillness increases our knowledge of God in faith.

Into the divine obscurity the soul enters, to be there joined to God in a divine stillness. And now all sense of what is pleasant or unpleasant in life is quite lost, and the soul's knowledge of God is so elevated that it seems as if it were not knowledge, but just a perfect union.

It comes as no surprise that to achieve this stillness requires asceticism – the holy work of self-discipline. Fr. Tauler counsels us that the believer “must behave very virtuously, be fond of a hidden life, never complain, never seek outward comfort – very different from those who have made little progress in virtue, who know little of God in their interior souls. Really good people fly from all the multiplicity of external human existence, are ever removing hindrances to virtue, offer up everything to God, and by this manner of life are brought to the Blessed Trinity.”

A challenge worth the effort!

Stillness also shapes the way we face the future, heartening our expectations with holy hope. As Fr. Gerald Vann, O.P., reflects:

“If we refused to live on the surface of life, if we freed ourselves, at whatever cost, from the frenzied tempo of modern life and taught ourselves to be still, to pray, then, in that prayer-stillness, we would begin to be aware of the distant horizons which give this world its meaning. And so we would begin to do the work of every day in God and with God and for God; and his companionship would vitalize our wills and liberate us from our sloth.”

And through our stillness we experience the love of God to a degree not felt before. In the words of the heroic [Fr. Alfred Delp, S.J.](#):

“When all else fails we remember God and appeal for help. And in the stillness of this holy contact help assuredly comes. Sooner or later our fruitless efforts to escape from our entanglements must cease; we must realize their futility. We must grow quiet enough to realize God's omnipresence, to feel his comforting hand and open our hearts from within, silently, letting his healing have its way. Then the waters will flow over the arid soil and things will start to grow again. If only we keep still. God permits many wounds – but there are also miracles.”

*Written by Fr. Peter Cameron, O.P. in Aleteia*

**STEWARDSHIP  
OCTOBER 8, 2023**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$2393.00</b>
<b>Rainy Day</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>St. Nick</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2548.00</b>

**2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

We are more than halfway through the DAC year and are making tremendous progress! 24 parishes have met their goal and an additional 25 parishes are at 80% or greater toward their goal. The overall average gift is up to \$340 which is nearing the national average of \$350.

We have exceeded the average in the last two years.

If you haven't given to this year's campaign yet, now is the time. As a reminder, 100% of the dollars over goal are returned to the parish to use as unrestricted funds.

There are envelopes on the back counter at the entrance of the Church. You can drop your donation in the collection or bring it to the parish office.

Please visit the DAC website ([Together in Faith - 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign - Diocese of Harrisburg \(hbgdiocesc.org\)](http://Together in Faith - 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign - Diocese of Harrisburg (hbgdiocesc.org))) to learn more about how DAC dollars support the mission of the Diocese.

Please continue to pray for vocations, our clergy and our Diocese.

**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.

**PRAY THE ROSARY ON YOUTUBE WITH  
MONSIGNOR ROBERT LAWRENCE:**

Go to St Columba Parish YouTube channel, go to "Playlists" and choose our Rosary Videos Playlist. There are 4 videos, one for each of the 4 Mysteries of the Rosary. Each has beautiful artwork and music incorporated.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 14**

Walck Family by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wisniewski  
Edward Connell by Mary Connell

**Sunday, October 15**

Mary Hubbard & Beatrice Evans by Family

**Monday, October 16**

Anne Eustice by Renee Hansen

**Saturday, October 21**

Ben Capriola (Birthday Blessings)  
by Mark & Patricia Sullivan

**Sunday, October 22**

Sharon & Grant Little (Special Blessings)  
by Nora & Rich Folkers

**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**

Oct 15 - Stephen Root  
Oct 22 - Meg Geffken

**Extraordinary Minister**

Oct 15 - Mark Sullivan  
Oct 22 - Patricia Sullivan

**Collection Stewards**

Oct 15 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan  
Oct 22 - Lee Ann Boiwka & Judith Scavone

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Let us always rejoice in the abundance the Lord provides.**

As followers of Jesus, we cannot allow the challenges of everyday life to take our attention from the sumptuous abundance of our lives in God's family. Each day we return our focus to rejoicing, provided for by God in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

From Isaiah's rich description of the abundance God intends to provide us for all time, to Paul's reminder that God constantly provides for our good, to Jesus' parable encouraging us in dramatic terms to accept God's feast rather than relying on ourselves alone, all of our readings lead us to celebrate being gracious receivers of God's generous love.

## OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Heavenly Father, the beauty and dignity of human life was the crowning of your creation. You further ennobled that life when your Son became one with us in his incarnation. Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect it from the moment of conception until the last moment at death. Give us courage to speak with truth and love and with conviction in defense of life. Help us to extend the gentle hand of mercy and forgiveness to those who do not reverence your gift of life. To all, grant pardon for the times we have failed to be grateful for your precious gift of life or to respect it in others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

Make a lasting difference in a child's life. If you can provide a loving home, we will provide the support that you need. Please contact Catholic Charities Specialized Foster Care at (717) 564-7115 or [gpfeifer@cchbg.org](mailto:gpfeifer@cchbg.org) for more information and to register for our upcoming classes starting Thursday, September 28.

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

We will have a second collection the weekend of October 22. As Bishop Senior has shared, Pope Francis, in his world Mission Sunday message, urges every Christian to ignite the fire of Christ's love in their hearts and actively share this warmth with the world around us. This is a call to participate in a mission of universal evangelization and see guidance from the Holy Spirit. This year's theme is "**Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move**". It is a reminder that we are called to carry the flame of Christ's love and put our faith into action, serving as His witnesses.

Please be generous!

## UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

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

## BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of October we will be collecting assorted cereals due to the Food Bank by October 15th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

## CYE NEWS

**Sunday October 15** - Parent meeting after 9 am Mass with Father Andrew and Deacon Strohm.

**October 29** - Festival of Saints posters due for grades K-8

**Greeter Family and Presentation of the Gifts at Mass**

October 15. Hnylanski family  
October 29. Amanda McHenry family

## CYE Snack Schedule

October 15. Ms Betty  
October 22. Haden family  
October 29. Hnylanski family.

## 2023 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

The Diocese of Harrisburg will host its annual Women's Conference, Close to His Sacred Heart, at the Diocesan Center in Harrisburg. Speakers include Lindy Wynne, Sister GERALYN Schmidt, SCC, and Melissa Maleski. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mass celebrated by Bishop Senior, opportunities for Confession throughout the day, and fellowship are all part of this annual event. Walk-in registration is available. Please visit [www.hbgdiocese.org/women](http://www.hbgdiocese.org/women) for more details.



**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
- 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
- MARK SULLIVAN
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENEY



**“Q’S FROM THE PEWS”**

(From Deacon Tom Conlin on becoming a Deacon)

To become a Deacon, you first must be called by God. All of us are called to holiness, rejecting sin and loving God with our entire heart, body, and soul. Within this universal call to holiness, God creates each person for a specific purpose, reason, or mission. This is our vocation; a vocation is a gift from God, a plan or “calling” from our heavenly Father. A vocation is God’s invitation to every one to love and serve Him and His Church in a particular state or way of life. Remember, God loves you better than you love yourself. He created you and formed you with your unique gifts, talents, and abilities. God knows what will make you happy. In embracing and generously responding to your vocation, you will find greater happiness, peace, and joy than you can find on your own. Your happiness depends on answering His call. There are two paths one can take with the Ordination of a Deacon. The first path is one that all priests receive in their vocation process during the last year of their studies in a seminary. They are ordained as Transitional Deacons. This means that hopefully in one year the young man will be ordained to the Priesthood. The second path is for a man who does not have a call to the priesthood but is called to be disciple in a special way. The man’s vocation is to be a Permanent Deacon who will live his life Ordained as a Deacon and be a servant to God’s Church. Anyone who is considering the Permanent Diaconate should look at the National Directory of Formation, Ministry, and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States of America at:

[https://usccb.cld.bz/National\\_Directory](https://usccb.cld.bz/National_Directory). The Diocese has information on the Permanent Deacon at the following: [https://www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations/deacons/faq-on-the-permanent-diaconate-formation\\_class/](https://www.hbgdiocese.org/vocations/deacons/faq-on-the-permanent-diaconate-formation_class/)

**We are so blessed to have our own parishioner, Mark Sullivan, who has had the call to become a Deacon.**

