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WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

“I have made you a light to the Gentiles,
that you may be an instrument of salvation
to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 13:47





“FUNDAMENTAL” AND “ONLY APPROPRIATE” ATTITUDE: DO WE HAVE IT?

The Psalmist prays in Psalm 8:

*When I see the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man you that you should keep him in mind?*

It is a prayer of wonder.

In one of his writings, Pope St. John Paul II says that “faced with the sacredness of life and of the human person, and before the marvels of the universe, wonder is the only appropriate attitude.” Which is why “wonder is the strongest expression of one’s self” (Msgr. Lorenzo Albacete). We suffer without wonder. “If we are devoid of wonder then we remain deaf to the sublime.” (Abraham Heschel) Unlike ideas “that lead to idols,” comments St. Gregory of Nyssa, “only wonder leads to knowing.”

Sofia Cavalletti, a biblical scholar who dedicated her life to the catechesis of children, reflected extensively on the importance of wonder in the life of faith. Wonder is proper to anyone who “has known how to live by beholding and contemplating the world surrounding them in such a way that reality has revealed ever widening horizons to them.” And this leads naturally to prayer.

When wonder becomes a fundamental attitude of our spirit it will confer a religious character to our whole life, because it makes us live with the consciousness of being plunged into an unfathomable and incommensurable reality.

What if we have lost our wonder? How can we get our wonder back? In the experience of Cavalletti, “the surest – and quickest – way for us to wonder is to fix your gaze undauntedly on the same object. One fine moment this object will seem to us – miraculously – as if we have never seen it before.” We can fix our gaze on a tabernacle, on a crucifix, on a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on an icon, on an image of a saint, etc. We do so with the assurance that “the nature of wonder is situated ahead of us and attracts us with irresistible force toward the object of our astonishment; it makes us advance toward it, filled with enchantment.” Which erupts into prayer.

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

**STEWARDSHIP
OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Offering	\$1653.00
World Mission	\$50.00
Rainy Day	\$71.00
St. Nick	\$5.00

Total **\$1779.00**

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 \(hbgdiocese.org\)](http://Together in Faith - 2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign - Diocese of Harrisburg (hbgdiocese.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.

**2023 Diocesan Annual Campaign
as of September 30th**

Parish Goal for 2023:	\$8,509.74
Total Paid:	\$12,020.00
Outstanding Pledges:	\$150.00
Total Committed:	\$12,170.00
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$3,510.26

Average per donor:	\$414.48
Number of Donors:	29
Registered Households:	121
Percentage of Participation:	23.97%

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 21

Ben Capriola (Birthday Blessings)
by Mark & Patricia Sullivan
Alberta McHenry by William McHenry

Sunday, October 22

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

Monday, October 23

Cindy Samuels by Lee Ann Boiwka

Saturday, October 28

Doreen Dougherty by Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, October 29

Joseph Scheno Sr. by Joseph Scheno Jr.

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

Oct 22 - Meg Geffken
Oct 29 - Barb Treier

Extraordinary Minister

Oct 22 - Judith Scavone
Oct 29 - Meg Geffken

Collection Stewards

Oct 22 - Lee Ann Boiwka & Judith Scavone
Oct 29 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**LET US BUILD COMMUNITIES OF
PEACE AND JUSTICE.**

Christ came to restore our relationship with God and one another: There is no God besides [him]. Christians cannot be content to lead prayerful lives in private. We have a right and a responsibility to build communities of peace and justice in our homes and nations.

Isaiah reveals to King Cyrus of Persia that the Lord has called him by name so all may know there is no other God. Paul gives thanks for the Thessalonians' work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope. Jesus tells the Pharisees they should repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

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.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 22

We will have a second collection this weekend. 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 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.

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.

CYE NEWS

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

Many thanks to James Gregory, Deacon Tom Colin, Father Mowery, and Hannah Konkolics for providing a faith filled fun retreat for our seventh and eighth graders. Sophie Haden, James Hnylanski, and Tessa Schumacher participated in the retreat as part of their Confirmation preparation. They were accompanied by seventh and eighth grades from St Columba Bloomsburg and Immaculate Conception, Berwick Parishes.

Greeter Family and Presentation of the Gifts at Mass
October 29. Amanda McHenry family

CYE Snack Schedule

October 22. Haden family, October 29. Hnylanski family.

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
- 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 SULLIVAN
- LENA TUNAITIS
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENEY



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**HEARTS ON FIRE,
FEET ON THE MOVE**

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October 22, 2023

The Church, therefore, is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. As teachers and pastors we are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant Catholic missionary spirit in the United States.