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BENTON, PENNSYLVANIA

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The Solemnity of **All Saints**

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.” *John 11:25-26*

The Commemoration of **All the Faithful Departed**



SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Vigil Mass Tuesday October 31st at 7pm
Mass Wednesday November 1st at 9am**

ALL SOULS DAY

Mass Thursday November 2nd at 9am

**STEWARDSHIP
OCTOBER 22, 2023**

Offering	\$1941.00
World Mission	\$598.00
St. Nick	\$25.00
Votives	\$73.00

Total **\$2637.00**

**BISHOP SENIOR'S STATEMENT REGARDING THE
TERRORIST ATTACK ON ISRAEL**

Bishop Timothy Senior, Bishop of Harrisburg, released the following statement on the terrorist attack against Israel and the continuing conflict in the Holy Land: Like many, I found myself lost for words when I heard of the horrific violence Hamas unleashed on our Israeli brothers and sisters. My heart is heavy as news reports continue to detail the evil being inflicted, with no regard for the welfare of innocent civilians, no regard for women, children, and the elderly. I join in echoing Pope Francis who said, "May the attacks and weaponry cease. Please! And let it be understood that terrorism and war do not lead to any resolutions, but only to the death and suffering of so many innocent people." I call on all people of our Diocese to pray without ceasing for all those killed, displaced, and impacted by this terrorist attack. We pray God will grant eternal rest to the deceased, console those grieving, comfort those in fear, and guide our world leaders so this conflict may be brought to an end. To the Jewish community in Central Pennsylvania, we stand in solidarity with you, praying that peace will come to the Holy Land



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO
PATRICIA SULLIVAN WHO SO
BEAUTIFULLY PLACES
FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR AND
TO HELEN RASKI WHO
RECENTLY DONATED FLOWERS
FOR THE ALTAR.**

IF YOU HAVE FLOWERS IN YOUR GARDEN AND WANT TO SHARE, OR IF YOU WANT TO HAVE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE OR SEE PATRICIA SULLIVAN.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28

Doreen Dougherty by Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, October 29

Joseph Scheno Sr. by Joseph Scheno Jr.

Monday, October 30

Michelle Kotas (Birthday Blessings) by Justa Sabo

Tuesday, October 31

People of the Parish

Wednesday, Nov 1

Tim Sweeney by Darlene & Robert Kellner

Thursday, November 2

Deceased members of Christ the King

Saturday, November 4

Rollin Neal by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, November 5

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

LITURGICAL ROLES

Lector

Oct 29 - Barb Treier
Nov 5 - Pete Yastishock

Extraordinary Minister

Oct 29 - Meg Geffken
Nov 5 - Judith Scavone

Collection Stewards

Oct 29 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella
Nov 5 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**God gives us all we need to answer his
call to love others.**

If we are to do any good for others, if we are to discern where God is calling us to serve, if we are to have the resources necessary to fulfill such a call, we must begin by seeking God and God's help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

In the first reading, God commands his people not to oppress the weak. In the second reading, Paul commends the Thessalonians for placing their faith in God and becoming a model for others. In the Gospel, Jesus says the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY
AND ALL SOULS DAY**

All Saints Day vigil - Tuesday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m.
All Saints Day - Wednesday, November 1 at 9:00 a.m.

All Souls Day - Thursday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.

There are envelopes in your packets if you would like to remember someone who has passed away.

These intentions will be placed on the altar.

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.

**MISSION GIFT FAIR
"PURCHASE WITH A PURPOSE"**

Stillwater Christian Church, 39 McMichael St, Stillwater
Friday, Nov 3, 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov 4, 10-2 p.m.

Featuring handmade Fair Trade items from around the world. Your purchases will provide support to women, children, and families in impoverished areas around the world.

CYE NEWS

Many thanks to CYE students James Hnylanski and Alexander Kelsey who helped to make rosary rings for the younger CYE students. Service comes in many forms. Their service is appreciated and acknowledged.

Saints projects from students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 are due on Sunday October 29.

Festival of Saints will be celebrated on Sunday November 6. Parishioners are invited and encouraged to visit the Festival of Saints displays in the social hall after the weekend Masses on Saturday November 5 and Sunday November 6.

Regular CYE classes will be held on Sunday November 6.

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
- CHUCK CREVLING
- 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



“Q’s from the Pews”

The role of the Permanent Deacon in the Church. (From Deacon Tom Conlin) The word deacon derives from the Greek diakonia, meaning "service," thereby indicating that a deacon is called, like Christ, to be a servant. The Order of Deacon has three essential functions: the proclamation of the Gospel, the service of the liturgy, and the administration of charitable works. Deacons may baptize, witness the exchange of vows and bless marriages, distribute Holy Communion, impart benediction with the Blessed Sacrament, bring Viaticum to the dying, read Sacred Scripture to the faithful and especially proclaim the Gospel, preach, officiate at funerals and burials, and administer the sacramentals. They should also dedicate themselves to other charitable works, particularly within the parish community. (the Catechism, No. 1569-70, and the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, No 29). Unlike a priest, deacons cannot absolve sins in the Sacrament of Penance, offer the Mass or consecrate the Holy Eucharist, administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. In accord with the spirit of Vatican II, where a shortage of priests existed, permanent deacons are able to preside at worship services where a priest was not present or administer a parish without a resident pastor. Presently, about 23,000 men serve as permanent deacons, with about 15,000 living in the United States. Several similarities and differences exist between transitional and permanent deacons. Transitional deacons make the promise of celibacy at the time of their ordination. The permanent diaconate may be conferred upon married men as well as single. About 90 percent of permanent deacons are married. However, the discipline of celibacy would be retained and taken for a single man when ordained as a permanent deacon or accepted by the married permanent deacon upon the death of his spouse. For liturgical functions, all deacons wear an alb and a stole that crosses the chest from the left shoulder to the waist on the right side. For solemn occasions, they also wear the dalmatic. However, unlike transitional deacons, permanent deacons normally do not wear regular clerical attire. Unlike transitional deacons who are obliged to fulfill the liturgy of the hours daily, permanent deacons in the United States are bound to offer morning and evening prayer only. The Order of Deacon, therefore, is part of the hierarchy of the Church and an integral part of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. The special benefit of the permanent diaconate has been in those areas of the Church where a shortage of priests exists. All deacons should heed the words of St. Polycarp: "Let them be merciful, and zealous, and let them walk according to the truth of the Lord, who became the servant of all" (Letter to the Philippians). For more information on the selection process in our Diocese, contact Deacon Tom through our parish office, or go to [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/)