



CHRIST THE KING

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Matthew 21:43

MESSAGE FROM FR. ANDREW

Praise be Jesus Christ. Now and forever.

I hope this greeting finds you well as we reach the conclusion of the Bloomsburg Fair. Words are not enough to express my gratitude for Tom and Monique Heffner, Elaine and Pat DiGirolamo, Bob and Margaret Kalie, Gloria Galer, all the volunteers, and the entire community for their support. This year was another great success.

As we move past “pierogies, haluski, and bean soup” season, I would like to provide you a context and overall vision for this upcoming year.

REPORT ON CCM/DIOCESE

On Wednesday, September 17th, we welcomed Bishop Timothy Senior to the Newman House. It was a wonderful visit, and the Catholic Witness even published an article on it that week. The ministry is growing *fast*.

With all of that being said, we are experiencing a drastically changing landscape for Campus Ministry in our diocese. Due to the bankruptcy proceedings that took place within our diocese, funds for Campus Ministry were cut by more than half. That resulted in significantly fewer staff/employees working in Campus Ministry. On top of that, the demographics of Generation Z (born between 1995-2012) have brought about new modalities of ministry. All of this is to say that the expectations of the priest in these roles have significantly increased. Therefore, more responsibilities, tasks, and therefore time commitment has been expected and required of me.

What this has meant is that I have had to dedicate some weekends throughout the year to serve the Diocese and/or Campus Ministry. That is why there have been some weekends in which I have had varying priests provide coverage to ensure that the sacramental needs of our community are met.

Below are the following weekends through May 2024 that I am needed outside of Benton. Coverage has already been arranged to assure that your sacramental needs are met:

- October 29-30th: Student pilgrimage to DC/MD
- January 27-28: Student Winter Retreat with Deacon Keith Strohm
- February 17-19: New York Encounter
- March 1-3: CLU Lenten Exercises

Be assured that these weekends away will **not** hinder my involvement with our community moving forward (see right column to learn more!). Thank you for your continued support of this ministry for our emerging adults in transition!

REPORT ON CHRIST THE KING

As shared with the Parish Pastoral Council in our September meeting, I am proposing a focus/emphasis on my part on these three aspects at Christ the King:

- Youth/Young Families
- Homebound Ministry
- Intentional Discipleship

In terms of **youth/young families**, I will be teaching 7th/8th grade confirmation class for 15 weeks during the academic year. In addition, I will be leading a presentation/discussion for parents during a monthly meeting (which is open to *all* CTK members). I hope that such involvement will help our families and youth feel welcomed and encouraged to take the next step in their faith journey. Many thanks to Betty Hnylanski for her support and leadership in this endeavor.

In terms of **homebound ministry**, with the wonderful help of some of our extraordinary ministers, we have formed a list of certified EMHCs who have expressed a willingness to visit our homebound and distribute holy communion. We will soon be providing a training session for those EMHCs as well as establish a schedule for regular visits. I have also resumed monthly nursing home Masses in Orangeville (typically the third Thursday at 11am). And of course, we continue to promptly respond to anyone who informs us of a member in our community who is in the hospital. Be sure to contact us if anyone is in need of anointing of the sick!

In terms of **intentional discipleship**, we will continue collaborating with Deacon Keith Strohm. He will facilitate a workshop on Saturday October 14th from 9am - 3pm. Please sign up via the back counter of the Church. Even if you can only come for a little bit, please come! You will not regret hearing Deacon Strohm! We will also explore a weekend event near the middle/end of May for adoration and social festivities as a community. Stay tuned!

So as you see, we are moving forward here at Christ the King. I am eager to see these three aspects of our community grow over the course of this year!

STEWARDSHIP
OCTOBER 1, 2023

Offering	\$1834.00
Rainy Day	\$35.00
St. Nick	\$55.00
Total	\$1924.00

**JOIN US FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA
MARCH FOR LIFE!**

Join St. Joseph Parish, Danville as we travel to Harrisburg on Monday, October 16 to participate in the PA March for Life!

Bus will leave from St. Joseph School at 7:15 a.m. and return around 3:30 p.m. As part of the day, we will participate in morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral, followed by a Prayer & Praise Gathering.

The Rally starts at 11:00 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol and culminates with a peaceful march around the State Capitol grounds.

We'll leave by 2:00 p.m. to return home. Please contact St. Joseph Parish at 570-275-2512 to reserve your spot on the bus now.

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

If you have a question, call Rhonda Dougherty 570-441-3732.

CTK FACEBOOK PAGE

Christ the King now has its own Facebook page. If you would like to follow it, the Link is [Facebook.com/ctkbenton](https://www.facebook.com/ctkbenton)
Just go on it and "Like it and follow it"!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Since we now have our new bulletin with Diocesan, the deadline for submitting announcements for the bulletin is the Friday the week before. I have to submit the bulletin on Monday, the week we receive the bulletin.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 7

Deb Haden by Paul Haden
Anniversary Blessings for Don & Mary Wilce

Sunday, October 8

Living Members of Wisniewski Family by
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wisniewski

Monday, October 9

Mavewski Family
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wisniewski

Saturday, October 14

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

Sunday, October 15

Mary Hubbard & Beatrice Evans by Family

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 8 - Pete Yastishock
Oct 15 - Stephen Root

Extraordinary Minister

Oct 8 - Stephen Root
Oct 15 - Mark Sullivan

Collection Stewards

Oct 8 - Anne Eustice & Gloria Galer
Oct 15 - Mark & Patricia Sullivan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

IF WE REMAIN IN CHRIST, WE WILL BEAR FRUIT.

Both the first reading and the Gospel describe the people of Israel as a vineyard. God has given them everything they need, sending prophets and even his own Son. Yet the vines have yielded wild grapes, and the prophets and the Son have been killed. The kingdom of God will be taken away from those who reject Christ and given instead to believers in Christ, who will produce its fruit.

Isaiah sings of the vineyard that yielded wild grapes. Paul writes to the Philippians that they will have peace from God if they make their requests known to him and think about things that are worthy of praise. Jesus tells a parable about a vineyard whose tenants killed the landowners' servants and son. He tells the chief priests and elders that the kingdom of God will be taken from them and given to a people that will produce its fruit.

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 for more information and to register for our upcoming classes starting Thursday, September 28.

FLEA MARKET - OCTOBER 14TH 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius,
Villa Sacred Heart, Danville

Flea Market will take place in the Auditorium
and Garages

FURNITURE, BOOKS AND CRAFTS

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

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 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 ZEVENY



Pope Saint John XXIII

October 11

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was an ordinary man who achieved extraordinary things in the 20th century. Born into a farming family in northern Italy, he joined the Secular Franciscan order and served in Rome in various capacities following his ordination. During World War II, his diplomacy helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people. He was named a cardinal in 1953, and later elected pope, taking the name John after his father and St. John Lateran. Pope John soon became famous for his wit and he began meeting with world political and religious leaders. His writings include "Mother and Teacher" (1961) and "Peace on Earth" (1963). He enlarged the College of Cardinals, making it more international. He opened the Second Vatican Council and set the tone for it stating "...the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity." He is nicknamed "Good Pope John". May Pope Saint John XXIII encourage us by his teachings and example, to understand the Gospel better and to understand each other better.

—Tami Urcia

*THE vineyard OF THE Lord
IS THE house of Israel.*



SAVE THE DATE

**DEACON KEITH STROHM WILL BE AT CHRIST THE KING FOR ANOTHER WORKSHOP ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 14TH FROM 9:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - PERSONAL ENCOUNTER & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT