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& Grandchildren*

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to each
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PRAYER IS RISING UP

The saints speak of prayer as “the raising of one’s mind and heart to God” (St. John Damascene; [CCC 2590](#)). St. Thomas Aquinas understands prayer as “a raising of the soul to God” in four ways: the elevation of faith by adoring God’s greatness; the elevation of hope by our endeavoring for holiness; the elevation of charity through intimate encounter with God; and the elevation of justice by imitating God’s justice in our own actions.

We might reflect on the hope part. Dominican Fr. Jean-Pierre Torrell, commenting on the teaching of St. Thomas, notes how Aquinas refers to prayer as “the interpreter of hope” or “the interpreter of desire.” Hope itself “presupposes desire.” We live expecting something ... awaiting something in life that exceeds our capacity either to understand or to bring about. But we know that Something is real and meant for us.

St. Paul outlines a dilemma we all face:

Hoping for what we cannot see means awaiting it with patient endurance. The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself makes intercession for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in speech (Rom 8:25-26).

The Holy Spirit, the author of prayer, interprets our hopes, our desires in moving us to pray in a way worthy of God. We bring to God our longings, our aspirations, our yearning, whatever weighs us down so that, in prayer, it can be lifted up. We’re convinced we need something that goes beyond what the world and all things finite can provide. And prayer is the most reasonable way to come face to face with that mystery, and to be ready for an answer. As Simone Weil says, “If we look to heaven long-term, God descends and lifts us up.”

St. Thomas Aquinas encourages us: “When we pray to God, the very prayer we send forth makes us intimate with him, inasmuch as our soul is raised up to God, converses with him in spiritual affection, and adores him in spirit and truth.”

Written by Fr. Peter Cameron, OP via Aleita

**STEWARDSHIP
SEPTEMBER 3**

Offering	\$2618.00
Rainy Day	\$100.00
Peter's Pence	\$25.00
St. Nick	\$85.00

Total \$2828.00

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER: "IN THE
BEGINNING"**

A Creation Series, presented by the Diocese of Harrisburg. In this 8-part series of educational and theological talks, all are invited to learn more about our very beginnings and our role as stewards of God's Creation. To view the complete schedule and register, visit <https://www.hbgdiocese.org/creation/>.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
SEPTEMBER 9 & 10**

**SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER - BE A
SIGN OF MERCY**

This week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/es.html.

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!

Mass for Hope & Healing

A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, Harrisburg. During this Mass, we will pray for and with survivors of clerical sexual abuse. All are encouraged to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

Dale Kingsbury by Anne Kingsbury
Blessed Rev. Stanley Rother by Mary Ellen Neal

Sunday, September 10

Father Sola (Birthday Blessings) by Justa Sabo

Monday, September 11

Katlyn McHenry (Birthday Blessings) by Joe & Lee Ann Boiwka

Saturday, September 16

Lena Tunaitis by Tunaitis & Mueller Families

Sunday, September 17

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

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

Sept 10 -Barb Treier
Sept 17 - Paul Haden

Extraordinary Minister

Sept 10 - Judith Scavone
Sept 17 - Patricia Sullivan

Collection Stewards

Sept 10 - Judie Scavone & Gloria Galer
Sept 17 - Patricia & Mark Sullivan

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jesus is present when we gather together and love one another.

The liturgical gathering makes Christ present in numerous ways, such as through the proclamation of the word of God and in the Eucharist. Perhaps the most overlooked reality of Christ's presence comes through the physical gathering of God's people, who are instructed to owe nothing to anyone except love. This love between us makes God presence visible on earth.

Ezekiel, in today's first reading, is appointed watchman to guide his people in the ways of the Lord. In the second reading, Paul describes to the Roman Church how love fulfills the entire law and satisfies every commandment.

The Gospel includes Jesus' instructions for navigating conflict and correcting those who sin. He concludes by saying that he is present when people gather in his name for prayer.

WOMEN'S FALL MINI RETREAT

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to our Fall Mini Retreat, "A renewed encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist" on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Saint Katharine Drexel Church, 1 Peter Drive, Mechanicsburg. Keynote speaker, Betsy Schaedler, will speak on Stay with me, Lord: The Eucharist and Adoration. The day includes Mass and will end with adoration and benediction. Cost is \$10 and includes brunch. Register by September 5th by contacting Terri Gelles at 717-398-9023 or email: tgelles@comcast.net. The flyer is available on the HDCCW website - [Home \(webs.com\)](http://Home.webs.com).

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

\$3.00/ week,
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or
\$10.00/ month.
Month of September - Steve & Sue Root

BENTON FOOD BANK

For the month of September we will be collecting toothpaste due to the Food Bank by September 17th. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

BLOOMSBURG FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPT 23RD - SATURDAY, SEPT 30TH

Volunteers are needed to work the Christ the King Bloomsburg Fair Stand. Sign up sheet is on the back counter of the church.

Sept 11th & 12th for preparing onions for Haluski at 8:00 a.m. (Bring your food processor)

CYE NEWS

CYE classes begin this Sunday September 10 with 9:00 am Mass. A meeting for all parents will be held in the social after Mass. It is crucial that at least one parent attend this meeting. CYE classes will be held for students in Kindergarten through high school. We welcome our new students and new catechists and helpers. Changes, updates, and important parent information will be shared by Father Andrew at the parent meeting. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



Q'S FROM THE PEWS

How/When does the host become the Body of Christ? The center of the Mass is the Eucharist. Common Bread and wine through the Mystery of Transubstantiation become the Body Blood Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It can be confusing to many on when and how this change occurs. First a few NOTs. The Priest does NOT magically change the host and wine into the Body of Christ. The host and wine do NOT become actual flesh and blood. The change was NOT invented by the Catholic Church. Jesus at the Last Supper instituted this Mystery by His Word. When God speaks nothing becomes something. "Let there be light and there was light" When the Son of God said "This is my Body," the nothing that the bread and wine were made from was Transubstantiated by the power of God into HIS Body. During the Mass the Priest who through Apostolic succession by the Laying of Hands in Ordination acts "in-persona Christi" (Christ acting through him) as the Apostles did on Jesus command to "do this in memory of me." The Eucharistic Prayers include an anaphora & epiclesis (a set of distinct phrases & actions) that consecrate the host. Note this sequence: The Priest acting in-persona Christi asks the Father (he extends his hands up to heaven) to send down the Holy Spirit (his hands float over the bread and wine to symbolize the spirit) and then the Priest (lowers his head in reverence) and speaks the Words of the Son: "This is my body" "This is my Blood." The change in the substance of the bread and wine are an act of the TRINITY! This is the same sequence Christ used at the Last supper: He "said the blessing" likely God King of the Universe we thank you for giving us the bread we have. Then he declared it changed in substance. So it is God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) who change the bread and wine into the Holy Eucharist and Blessed Blood! This is a re-presentation of Jesus the Christ and creation. The Father through the Word created the Universe, and the Holy Spirit gave us LIFE. The Incarnation occurred by the Will of the Father through the life giving action of the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist is God's gift of HIS essence and being to us in a form we can understand through our senses. God in the form of bread and wine invites us to join ourselves to HIM body and soul.

IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

- INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER,
- ALL PRIESTS INCLUDING:
 - FR. MOWERY
 - FR. ST. HILAIRE
 - FR. SOLA
- MICHAEL BARDI
- MAUREEN BECK
- LORENA BENNET
- BUTCH BOGART
- NANCY BOGART
- 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
- RICHARD SCAVONE
- JACKIE SCHERER
- MARK SULLIVAN
- MARISA WHITENIGHT
- JOSEPHINE WILSON
- NANCY WISBAR
- SONNY WOMELSDORF
- MARY ANN ZEVENY



"CATHOLIC" CHALLENGE FOR SEPTEMBER"

Each day Pray one more time than you usually do. Perhaps add a short prayer when you wake up thanking God for today, or a Midday prayer asking him strength as you accomplish the day's tasks. It doesn't have to be long! "Jesus be with me as I go about my day"