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CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

REDEDICATE YOURSELF
TO THE MISSION



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SEPT 17, 2023



BECAUSE WE CAN'T BE HAPPY ON OUR OWN: PRAYER AS COMMUNAL

The Catechism states something we may find surprising: God wills to make human beings holy and to save them, but “not as individuals without any bond or link between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness” (781—emphasis added).

This is the reason, St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, that we say “Our Father” and not “My Father” when praying the Lord’s Prayer. “God’s love for us is not a private affair, but a communal reality.”

Prayer is meant to be an antidote to our alienation. Servant of God Luigi Giussani reflects on a common problem: “The more we discover our needs, the more we become aware that we cannot resolve them on our own.” He says that true solitariness “does not come from being physically alone but from the discovery that a fundamental problem of ours cannot find its solution in us. The discovery of our powerlessness to achieve happiness is also the discovery of what we have most in common with others: This powerlessness is what is most human in each of us.”

Is this, then, a reason to despair? No! It is an occasion of grace:

One who truly discovers and lives the experience of powerlessness and solitude does not remain alone. Only one who has experienced powerlessness to its depths, and hence personal solitude, feels close to others and is easily drawn to them. Prayer is a plea made together, in common.

It is important to make the habit of praying with another or praying as part of a prayer group an integral element of our life of faith.

Prayer is abandoning ourselves to the belonging which is the life of God. When we — together — give ourselves over to this holy belonging — this holy communion — our powerlessness recedes, for “belonging is the ultimate criterion for facing all reality. Belonging to the Mystery means that the Mystery penetrates all our flesh and bones and all we do.” It saves us from the trap of individualism. And it forms our hearts and minds to appreciate with greater thankfulness the blessings that flow from our union with the Sacred Assembly at Mass on Sunday.

Written by Fr. Peter Cameron, OP via Aleita

**STEWARDSHIP
SEPTEMBER 10**

Offering	\$1625.00
Rainy Day	\$100.00
Peter's Pence	\$498.00
St. Nick	\$50.00
Votives	\$48.00

Total \$2321.00

**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, September 16

Lena Tunaitis by Tunaitis & Mueller Families

Sunday, September 17

Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

Monday, September 18

Maric & Russ Castrogiovanni by CTK Family

Saturday, September 23

Ted Farwell by CTK Family

Sunday, September 24

Deb Haden by Paul Haden

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 17 - Paul Haden
Sept 24 - Lee Ann Boiwka

Extraordinary Minister

Sept 17 - Patricia Sullivan
Sept 24 - Meg Geffken

Collection Stewards

Sept 17 - Patricia & Mark Sullivan
Sept 24 - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**We cannot claim forgiveness only for ourselves;
God's mercy is for all.**

We are all the same flesh: fellow sinners, servants, and debtors, and God's mercy is for us all. We cannot seek pardon for ourselves yet refuse mercy to others. We must forgive as we have been forgiven. In the community of God's covenant, mercy is shared, not seven times but seventy-seven times, as Jesus teaches.

The first reading teaches that in order to be forgiven, one must forgive. In the second reading, Paul teaches that none of us lives and dies for oneself, but together for the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the debtor who refuses to share with others the mercy he has been shown by his master.

MARRIAGE HELP

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is

Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The next Retrouvaille weekend is in Mechanicsburg, PA from September 29 to October 1. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact the registration team at 717-356-2185 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

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.

Haluski Making begins Thursday, Sept 21 - Saturday, Sept 30, every morning at 8:00 a.m.
Volunteers Needed!

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 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

And we are off and running. CYE classes begin with 9:00 Mass and dismissal at 11:30. We welcome all our lovely children and their families. This year's journey of faith is just beginning. Many thanks to our catechists who support our families on this journey.

Reminder there are no CYE classes the first Sunday of Fair week, September 24. If you are at the Bloomsburg Fair stop by and visit the Christ the King fair stand. Delicious perogies, haluski, and bean soup as well as a cheerful welcome to all.



The Lord is kind
and merciful,
slow to anger, and
rich in compassion.

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (1887-1968)

SEPTEMBER 23

Did the World War II American flyer really see Padre Pio in midair, preventing the bombing of his village below? Did Pio actually “bilocate” in Italy, the Holy Land, even America, as countless witnesses testified? Or “read hearts” before penitents spoke? What of the stigmata, Christ’s wounds imprinted on Padre Pio’s hands, feet, and side? John Paul II, who as a young man visited Pio, never mentioned these extraordinary elements at the canonization. Instead, the pope spoke of “trials accepted with love,” referring perhaps to sanctions restricting Pio’s faculties for hearing confessions and celebrating public Mass, imposed because of criticism, later discredited, sent to the Vatican; of Pio’s offering his sufferings in union with Jesus’ passion for a suffering world; of his continual availability to sinners seeking direction and absolution; of Padre Pio’s prayer that blossomed in charity, especially through his “House for the Relief of Suffering,” a healthcare facility that anticipated by decades today’s holistic partnering of medical science and spirituality. Finally, how comforting for us “ordinary” Christians, this extraordinary saint’s most frequent advice: “Pray, hope, and don’t worry!”

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 ZEVENEY

“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”

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