



# CHRIST THE KING

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*“Men of Galilee,  
why are you standing there  
looking up at the sky?  
This Jesus who has been  
taken up from you  
into heaven  
will return in the same way  
as you have seen him  
going into heaven.”*  
*Acts 1:11*



May 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For the last seventy-five years, our nation has recognized Mental Health Awareness Month throughout the month of May. It serves as an important response to the millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. The last several years, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have experienced an increase in anxiety, depression, and other mental health illnesses. We can affirm that there is work yet to be done to assist those who are struggling as well as “to fully overcome the stigma with which mental illness has often been branded and, in general, to ensure that the culture of community prevails over the mentality of rejection, according to which greater care and attention is given to those who bring productive advantages to society, forgetting that those who suffer allow the irrepressible beauty of human dignity to shine forth in their wounded lives,” as Pope Francis has reminded us (Pontifical Message, June 14, 2021).

With the many voices throughout the United States, I hope to raise awareness of the widespread concern about mental health and advocate for additional resources to be directed toward those in need, especially our young people, particularly throughout Central Pennsylvania. Through prayer, advocacy, and action, we can begin to make a difference in the lives of the many who suffer in ways often hidden from the view of others, listening without judgment, and responding with compassion.

Our Diocese has worked many years to advocate and respond to those in need of care. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 480 clients with outpatient counseling services. Later this month, on Wednesday, May 8, we will be taking our mental health services to the streets by opening a walk-in mental health clinic in the City of Harrisburg. This clinic will provide an accessible and compassionate space for those who need a listening ear. The clinic adds to the many ways in which the Church in Harrisburg responds to the Gospel call of mercy and service, bringing us closer to those most in need.

“Sadness, apathy and spiritual tiredness end up dominating the lives of people, who are overloaded due to the rhythm of life today,” as Pope Francis has noted. Like the Lord, who draws close to the brokenhearted, our new clinic responds to the Holy Father’s invitation: “Let us try to be close to those who are exhausted, to those who are desperate, without hope. ... Let us not forget that, along with the indispensable psychological counseling, which is useful and effective, Jesus’ words also help.”

Throughout this month of May, let us entrust those who suffer and the professionals who undertake this work of relief to the Blessed Mother, Health of the Sick and Comfort of the Afflicted. May she, who stood by the Cross of the Lord, help us to stand with those who need healing, consolation, and peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Timothy C. Senior  
Bishop of Harrisburg



**STEWARDSHIP  
MAY 5**

Offering	\$2119.00
Ascension	\$10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$7.00
Memory of John Grendzinski	\$50.00
Rainy Day	\$35.00
St. Nick	\$89.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2310.00</b>

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER MEETING**

THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY  
MINISTERS ON SUNDAY, MAY 19TH, FOLLOWING  
THE 9:00 A.M. MASS.

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!

**THE NEXT KNIGHTS  
BREAKFAST WILL BE FOR  
MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12TH,  
AFTER THE 9:00 A.M. MASS.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE THE MEN  
OF THE PARISH JOIN US IN  
PREPARING & SERVING TO  
HONOR ALL THE MOTHERS  
AND WOMEN OF CTK.**



**RUMMAGE SALE, MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 24TH & 25TH**

**The Knights will be doing a rummage sale  
Memorial Day weekend.  
If you are clearing out sheds, garages, closets, attics,  
etc. (Spring Cleaning), consider donating your  
clean and serviceable items for the sale. We cannot  
take delivery of your donations until the weekend  
before the sale, so hold on to them until then. We  
can help you with larger items.**

**We will need volunteers to help sort and stage items  
for sale within the social hall. We also need  
volunteers to conduct the sale Friday and Saturday.**

**Please let Ken know if you are able to help. You can  
call Ken Houck at 570-951-2608.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 11**

Marilyn LaBonte by Joseph LaBonte

**Sunday, May 12**

Anna Zumchak by Judy & Sonny Womelsdorf  
Deborah Shaffer (Birthday Blessing) by David Strazdus

**Monday, May 13**

Kevin Sabo (Birthday Blessings) by Justa Sabo

**Saturday, May 18**

Michael Bardi by Joan Bardi

**Sunday May 19**

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**

May 12 - Paul Haden  
May 19 - Barb Treier

**Extraordinary Minister**

May 12 - Judie Scavone  
May 19 - Steve Root

**Collection Stewards**

May 12 - Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka  
May 19 - Gloria Hess & Sharon Tishler

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Seek above all else to be in union with God.**

When praying for his disciples, Jesus prayed for their protection from the power of the evil one, and for their union with God. In other words, he prayed for their holiness. This is a good reminder that what matters most is our holiness, and holiness comes through our union with God, the source of all holiness. Let us strive to live in a manner that reflects this purpose.

In the first reading, Matthias is selected by lot to replace Judas and be counted as a witness to the Resurrection. In the second reading, John explains that God has revealed his love by sharing his Spirit with us and by sending his Son for our salvation. In the Gospel, Jesus prays that the Father will preserve his disciples in union with him, protect them from the evil one, and sanctify them in his truth.

**SAINT COLUMBA/CHRIST THE KING IS A  
“NEXT GENERATION PARISH”**

Please pray for the success of our Envisioning Team during this pivotal time in the history of our parish. Over the next four years, we will:

- Assess our greatest opportunities and strengths
- Develop a plan to move into the future
- Cultivate a deeper missionary spirit within the community.

Together, our parish will come together in faith to forge a renewed path that brings hope and Christ's love into our community.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

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**CYE NEWS**

Sunday May 12 - No CYE classes. Mothers Day breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday May 19 - Cake reception for our newly confirmed James and Tessa! CYE field day. Fun and games for all!

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**MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF  
SCRANTON, MAY 10 -16:**

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image “painted” by Heaven on St. Juan Diego’s cloak in 1531. The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy, blessed the Missionary Image for the purpose of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life, and a civilization of love. Please see the Public Visitation Schedule for Veneration at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/events/missionary-imageof-our-lady-of-guadalupe>

**UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS**

\$3.00/ week,  
\$5.00/ 2 weeks or  
\$10.00/ month  
Month of May - Charlotte & Joe Casarella

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**BENTON FOOD BANK**

For the month of May we will be collecting paper towels due by May 19. The Food Bank at the N4C's is the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

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**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE HDCCW 12TH ANNUAL  
WEEKEND RETREAT TO BE HELD AT  
MT. ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY THE WEEKEND OF  
JUNE 14-16, 2024.**

Our Retreat Committee hopes you are all healthy and we are looking forward to spending another spiritually uplifting weekend together!

Our Retreat Master this year is the Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Harrisburg. We are blessed and grateful that Bishop Gainer has agreed to lead our 12th Annual Weekend Retreat and look forward to a spiritually uplifting weekend. Bishop Gainer's theme for the Retreat is:

“Praying the Psalms: Come Reign or Shine”  
(N.B. REIGN is not a misspelling)

Bonnie Onomastico, Retreat Chair, 717-860-0700  
vonomastico@comcast.net

Jeanne Warren, Registration Chair, 717-503-9429  
warrenrjs@aol.com

Forms are on the table at the entrance of the Church

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**8 DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC JOY - JUNE 1-8**

Bishop Senior invites all Catholics in the Diocese to join him for 8 Days of Eucharistic Joy, June 1-8, 2024.

This week is dedicated to worship surrounding the Holy Eucharist with special events throughout the Diocese. Highlights include - Priesthood Ordination on June 1; National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and food fest, Hanover area, on June 4; Consecration of the Diocese to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus by Bishop Senior, 12 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral on June 7; and a Solemn Mass at 9:30 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol, followed by a Eucharistic Procession and food festival, on June 8 in Harrisburg.

# Happy Mother's Day

## Feliz Día de las Madres

### MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER MAY 12, 2024

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Intentions of the Holy Father, All Priests including: Fr. Mowery, Fr. St. Hilaire, Fr. Sola

Maureen Beck, Lorena Bennet  
Sue Berger, Christina Capriola  
Russell Castrogiovanni  
Cobert Family, Ryan Dell  
Anne Eustice, Farwell Family  
Vivian Whitenight Hynick  
Bob & Margaret Kalie, Galen "Rick" Keller  
Joseph LaBonte, Mary Ann Levan  
Mary Ellen Neal, James O'Boyle  
Dorothy O'Handley, Nancy Oman  
Rich Scavone, Jackie Scherer  
Judy Serra, Sadie Schultz,  
Mark & Patricia Sullivan  
Lena Tunaitis, Verbyla Family  
Mike Vertucci, Marisa & Ted Whitenight  
Don Wilce, Josephine Wilson  
Nancy Wisbar, Sonny Womelsdorf  
Mary Ann Zevency



The loveliest  
masterpiece  
of the heart  
of God  
is the heart  
of a mother.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

La obra maestra  
más bella del  
corazón de Dios  
es el corazón  
de una madre.

- Santa Teresa de Lisieux