

CHRIST THE KING

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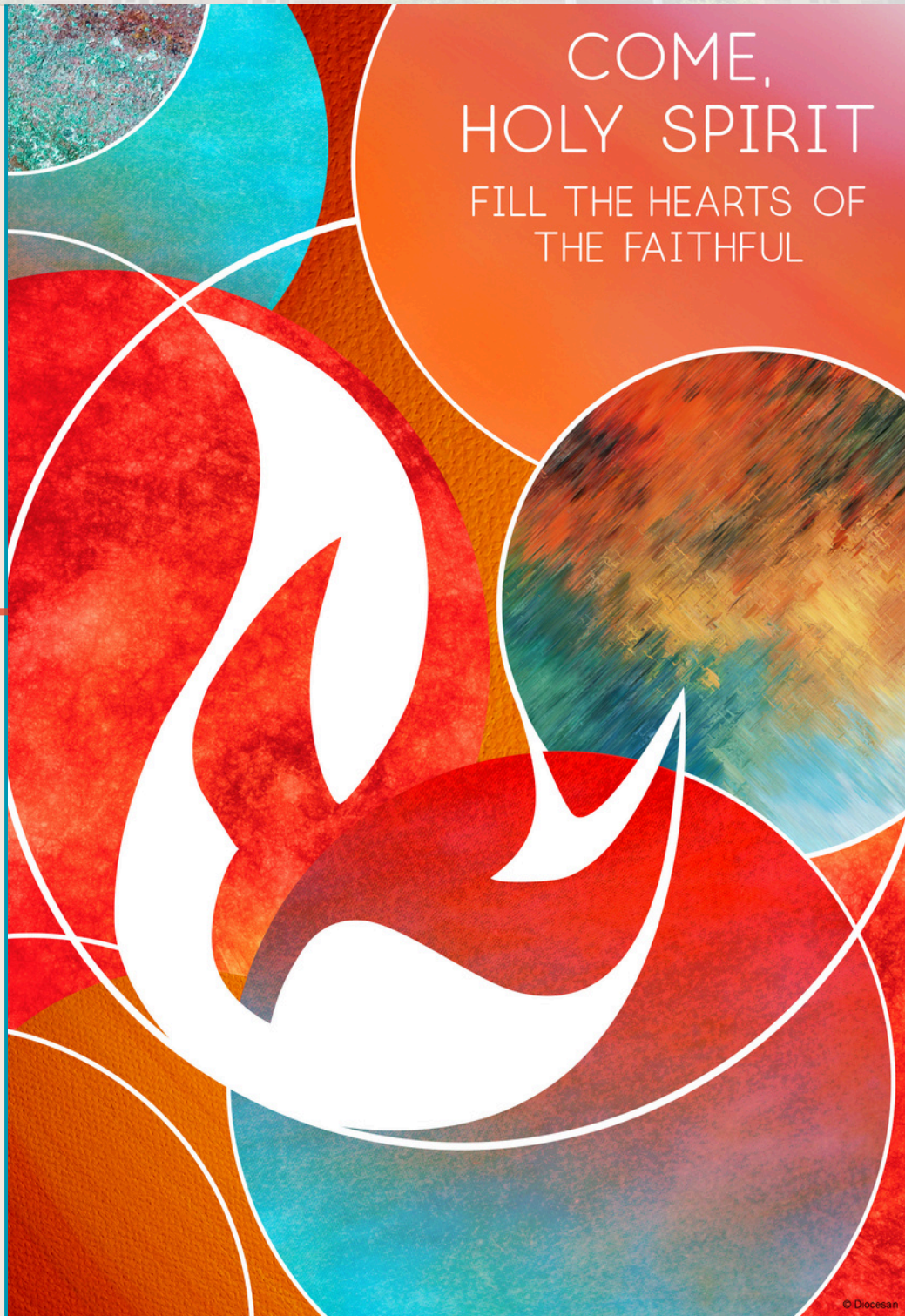
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COME,
HOLY SPIRIT
FILL THE HEARTS OF
THE FAITHFUL



**STEWARDSHIP
MAY 12**

Offering	\$2058.00
Ascension	\$254.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
St. Nick	\$30.00
Votives	\$70.00
Total	\$2432.00

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!

**THANKS TO THE KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS FOR
HONORING OUR MOTHERS
WITH A GREAT MOTHER'S
DAY BREAKFAST**



**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 18
Michael Bardi by Joan Bardi

Sunday May 19
Nicholas Sabo by Justa Sabo

Monday, May 20
Living & Deceased Members of the Iannone Family
by Sal & Elaine Barbuto

Saturday, May 25
Anthony & Rita Gambale by their Children

Sunday, May 26
Dolores Bauman & Lynne Greenly by
Lee Ann & Joe Boiwka

**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	Extraordinary Minister
May 19 - Barb Treier	May 19 - Steve Root
May 26 - Meg Geffken	May 26 - Mark Sullivan

Collection Stewards
May 19 - Gloria Hess & Sharon Tishler
May 26 - Charlotte Casarella & Judic
Scavone

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**The Holy Spirit gives and renews life, to each
of us and to the Church.**

Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit
upon the Apostles, giving birth to the Church. The
Spirit always gives. The Spirit not only gives but
renews life as well. Like the disciples, we are
continuously renewed by the Spirit for service in Jesus'
name.

In the first reading, the Apostles are filled with the
Holy Spirit and able to preach in different tongues of
the mighty acts of God. In the second reading, Paul
teaches that there are many parts and different gifts,
yet one body and one Spirit. In the Gospel, Jesus comes
to the disciples who are hiding out in fear. He offers
peace, breathes the Holy Spirit upon them, and sends
them to forgive sins

**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.

Next CLI Leadership Meeting, May 19, 12-3.

SAVE THE DATES - PIEROGI MAKING

June 21st and 28th
July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th
August 2nd and 9th

Fridays beginning at 8:00 a.m.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ST. COLUMBA
LAST SCHOOL MASS, WITH
BISHOP SENIOR**

Wednesday, May 29 at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to join us as we conclude the school year and celebrate the wonderful legacy of our Saint Columba School. If you can attend, we invite you to be part of the entrance procession into Mass with current students, faculty, and staff to honor 70 years of Catholic School education! If you would like to be a part of the procession, we ask that you call the school office at 570-784-5932 (leave a message) and let us know your name (maiden & married), cell number, final grade, and year you attended SCS. We hope you can join us!
All are invited to a POT LUCK luncheon following Mass.

UNBORN CANDLE DONATIONS

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

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.

**APRIL DAC REPORT
FOR CHRIST THE KING**

Parish Goal for 2024:	\$9,360.71
Gifts Received:	\$12,885.00
Outstanding Pledges:	\$570.00
Over/(under)goal in cash:	\$3,524.29
Average per donor:	\$460.18
Number of Donors:	28
Registered Households:	122
Percentage of Participation:	22.95%

If you haven't made your contribution for the Diocesan Annual Campaign, please pick up a form on the table entering the Church.

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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMES THOMAS DROGO HNYLANSKI AND
TESSA GRACE KATERI TEKAKWITHA SCHUMACHER WHO WERE CONFIRMED
AT ST. COLUMBA ON MAY 11TH BY BISHOP RONALD GAINER**



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

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





SIMONE WEIL AND THE SACRED POWER OF PRACTICING ATTENTION

The French philosopher known for her profound spirituality and commitment to social justice saw attention as nothing less than a gateway to the divine.

Note the linguistic differences in how we express attention: English speakers “pay attention,” as if it were a transaction of sorts; Spanish speakers “lend attention” instead (*prestar atención*), as if emphasizing its temporary, fleeting nature; German speakers “gift attention” (*Aufmerksamkeit schenken*), as it implies a kind of donation of one’s own time — and self.

Simone Weil, the French philosopher known for her profound spiritual writings and commitment to social justice, saw attention as a gateway to the divine — and nothing less. In her posthumous collections of reflections, *First and Last Notebooks* and *Gravity and Grace*, she famously wrote that “attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity.” Not a transaction, nor a loan, but a pure gift.

Weil argued that spiritual transformation cannot be achieved through sheer force of will alone. She writes, “We have to try to cure our faults by attention and not by will.” What does it mean to cure one’s faults by attention? In our attempts to become better, forceful willpower often becomes counterproductive. As Catholics, we recognize the dangers of pride and self-righteousness that can accompany strong-willed efforts. “Pride is a tightening up,” Weil rightly remarks. Our focus misaligns when we become overly preoccupied with changing ourselves. Overexertion of our will can create tension and block the flow of grace. Grace, the essential gift of God’s love, cannot be forced.

Rather than straining our will, Weil tells us to practice attention. True attention is indeed a skill we must consciously cultivate. In a world designed to pull us in a thousand directions, the act of focusing our attention can feel countercultural. Yet, this focused state is a receptive, prayerful one. As Weil puts it, “attention, taken to its highest degree, is the same thing as prayer. It presupposes faith and love.”

This act of receptivity is far from being passive. Attention is a demanding discipline, a turning away from self-centeredness, a devoted orientation towards the other — and, ultimately, towards the sacred. Like prayer, true attention requires both humility and steadfast concentration.

Weil’s philosophy invites us to cultivate attention in every moment. In our studies, our work, and our relationships. When we pay attention with our whole being, we make space. Simone Weil’s powerful insights into attention offer Catholics a deeper understanding of prayer and a pathway towards living a more grace-filled life.

Written by [Daniel Esparza](#) in *Aleteia* - published on 05/12/24