

May 2, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter



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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site

SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM
(*Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel*)

SATURDAY 4:00 - 4:45 PM

CONFESSION

(*English & Polish*)

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY
6:30 - 7:00 PM

SATURDAY
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 - 4:50 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 3 (Poniedziałek) - Philip & James

- SH - 8:00AM †Zofia Kafara r/o syn, Antoni
- SH - 11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family
- SH - 11:30PM May Devotions in English

Tuesday, May 4 (Wtorek)

- SH - 8:00AM God's Blessing for Helen Buchala r/o family
- SH - 11:00AM †Benedict Pankowski Jr. r/o mother
- SH - 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, May 5 (Środa)

- SH - 11:00AM †Antonina Gruszewski r/o family
- SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
- SH - 6:40PM May Devotions in Polish
- SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish & Mass

Thursday, May 6 (Czwartek)

- SH - 8:00AM †Adolphe Buchala r/o wife
- SH - 11:00AM †Helen & Lenny Lazas
- SH - 11:30PM May Devotions in English

Friday, May 7 (Piątek)

- SH - 11:00AM †Frank Serra (Anniv.) r/o daughter & family
- SH - 11:30AM Divine Mercy Devotions
- SH - 6:40PM May Devotions in Polish
- SH - 7:00PM †Anna Grzeczkwicz r/o grandson, Janusz

Saturday, May 8 (Sobota)

- SH - 8:00AM †Jacek Nowak r/o family
- SH - 11:00AM †Joseph & Dorothy Salvatore r/o family
- SH - 5:00PM †Joseph Tabbitt r/o children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

6th Sunday of Easter, May 9 (Niedziela) - Mother's Day

- SH - 7:00AM All the Mothers of our Parish
- SH - 9:00AM All the Mother's of our Parish
- SH - 11:30AM All the Mother's of our Parish
- SH - 7:00PM May Devotions in Polish

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Charles Bentzinger** at the request of the Mazur Family.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Mark Salko** at the request of his wife, Ania.

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"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



This Week

MONDAY, MAY 3

GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN – Sacred Heart auditorium – 3:30 – 6PM.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING - Conference Room at 6:30PM.

NEXT WEEKEND, MAY 8 & 9

THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR MOTHER'S DAY. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 3 MAJ

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.30; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

NIEDZIELA, 9 MAJ

DRUGA SKŁADKA przeznaczona będzie na Mother's Day. Prosimy o ofiarność.



PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER/PASTOR MEETING & EVALUATION OF STUDENT'S PROGRESS AND COMPETENCE FOR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT GRADE WILL TAKE PLACE BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 3RD AT CHRIST THE KING SCHOOL AT 5:00PM.

Spotkania RODZIC/UCZEŃ/ NAUCZYCIEL/PROBOSZCZ mające na celu ocenienie postępu w nauce religii w minionym roku katechetycznym oraz promocję do następnej klasy odbędą się w szkole Christ the King o godz. 17:00 w następujących dniach:

**1ST GRADE—MAY 3
2ND GRADE—MAY 4
3RD GRADE—MAY 5
4TH GRADE—MAY 6**

**5TH GRADE—MAY 7
6TH GRADE—MAY 10
7TH GRADE—MAY 11**

IMPORTANT

The State announced that FEMA has established a fund to reimburse financially struggling families with funeral costs for relatives that have passed away due to COVID-19. Information regarding the fund and eligibility requirements can be found at the following web-site: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>. At this time, FEMA is accepting only applications for financial assistance submitted via telephone. To apply, individuals should call the following telephone number: 1844-684-6333



From the Pastor

If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- New in Parish and would like to register
- Change of address
- Request Collection Envelopes
- Moving out of Parish
- Need Information – Please CALL
- New Telephone Number: _____
- Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - At Home
 - In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Cemetery Maintenance Worker - Piscataway, NJ

Presently, the Diocese of Metuchen is seeking a Cemetery Maintenance Worker. The individual will perform general maintenance, landscaping and excavation duties. The ideal candidate will be reliable and dependable, able to perform manual labor, be able to work some weekend/overtime shifts, and have a familiarity with operating heavy machinery and equipment. Must have a valid driver's license. Interested candidates should email their resume to hr@diometuchen.org.

Or mail to: Human Resources Director
Diocese of Metuchen
PO Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191



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 iPhone Users Text: ParishApp1 to 555888
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 To learn more visit our website.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of April 25, 2021

Offertory	\$	4,280.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,231.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,336.00
Total	\$	7,847.00

Catholic Relief Service \$ 961.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. Fr. Stan

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” - 1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk?” Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Give Online

Consider using ConnectNow Giving during this health crisis. Go to our website and use the “Quick Give” feature to give a one-time gift without creating a login, and you’ll see a list of our special funds from which you can choose to contribute. Or you can create a login and set up a recurring donation.

Pomimo kryzysu związanego z koronawirusem prosimy o wsparcie finansowe dla parafii. Zachęcamy do korzystania z zakładki Online Giving na stronie internetowej parafii. Transakcje czynione za pomocą Online Giving są bezpieczne. Dziękujemy za wsparcie i zrozumienie.

Readings for the Week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Bonnie Giacobbe will be presenting the reflections and next week Angelo Corradino will be the presenter. Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Jean Batula, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Chester Cejnowski, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Allison Collins, Lynn Cotty, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Bernice Fatto, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Dorothy Gluch, Robert Goffredo, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ed Kawalchuk, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Helen Michno, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Maria Oram, Ned Panfile, Barbara Pankowski, Robert & John Parlier, Wanda Paszuda, Barbara Perone, Steven Pirello, Mary Poltarek, Elijah Paul Prater, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Steve Quintana, Chelsea Rivard, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Sylvia Rubito, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Michael Sheehan, Irene Shelcusk, Pat Sherwood, Holli Skrapits, Eric Slaughter, Celia Smith, Charlotte Snow, Victoria Soika, Albert Stanski, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Brett Wood, Barbara Wrigil, Rose Zakszewski, Michael Zamorsky, Margaret & Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

SPC Christopher Elsen

PFC Joshua Hussey

Major James A. Jablonski Jr.

Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF

Airman Michael Edward Kassick III

1st Lieutenant John Limyansky USAF

First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC

SR Jerry Lee Rogalski

Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

PFC Steven Ubry

Staff Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573



Council Meetings and Social Gatherings: Held monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesday, respectively at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center at Christ the Redeemer Parish, Manville N.J. Catholic men 18+ who are not fellow knights but may have an interest to join are invited to the social events. For more information visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

CLOTHING DRIVE - Postponed until further notice!

Bible Study: Bible study is every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the discussion.

We always have updates on our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>



The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be said on **May 16th** at 10:00AM.

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **June 5th** at 4PM.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on **May 5th** in the St. John Neumann Center at 6PM.



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food **every week** at the church. Desperately needed items: Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Cereal, Macaroni and

Cheese, Dried Potato Mixes, Rice, Canned Meat-Ham, Tuna, Chicken, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly. The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

For the month of May, donations of paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels as well as cleaning products like laundry detergent would be very helpful.

This would be an enormous help as people don't normally think of these items when donating to a Food Bank. These can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church or the parish office.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.”

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn’t Always What It’s Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	John Tardy
Monday:	Ellen Michta
Tuesday:	Laurie Lukacs & Terezia Tardy
Wednesday:	Brett & John Wood
Thursday:	Josephine Pschar & Marge Iarkowski
Friday:	John Tardy
Saturday:	Dolores Finlan

Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit <http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes>.