

November 28, 2021

1st Sunday of Advent



The Redemptorists

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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, November 29 (Poniedziałek)

- SH - 8:00AM †Maria Bujak r/o sister & family  
 SH - 11:00AM †Vincent Kozlowski r/o granddaughter, Lori Barone  
 SH - 7:00PM **Retreat Service**

## Tuesday, November 30 (Wtorek) - Andrew

- SH - 8:00AM †Jozef & Katarzyna Ziemiński r/o son & family  
 SH - 11:00AM Thanksgiving r/o Teresa Cordova  
 SH - 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English  
 SH - 5:30PM Religious Education Mass - Grades 5 & 6  
 SH - 7:00PM **Retreat Service**

## Wednesday, December 1 (Środa)

- SH - 11:00AM †Gert Franzoso r/o daughter & family  
 SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary  
 SH - 6:00PM **Closing Retreat Mass**  
 SH - 7:30PM OLPH Novena in Polish & Mass

## Thursday, December 2 (Czwartek)

- SH - 8:00AM †Zofia Kafara r/o Antoni & Louise Niecikowski  
 SH - 11:00AM †Stanisława Pasek r/o daughter, Janina Grzeczkwicz

## Friday, December 3 (Piątek) - Francis Xavier

- SH - 11:00AM †John Day r/o wife, Natalie & family  
 SH - 11:30AM Divine Mercy Devotions  
 SH - 7:00PM †Julia Skwiri r/o family

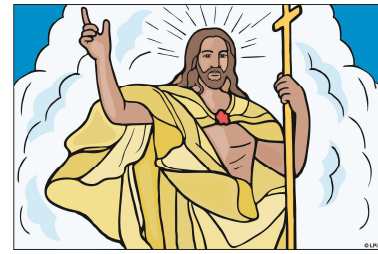
## Saturday, December 4 (Sobota) - John Damascene

- SH - 8:00AM †Maria & Anatol Nalesnik r/o Klara Konopka  
 SH - 11:00AM †Nati Botante r/o Teresa Cordova & family  
 SH - 5:00PM †Lucille & Walter Domin r/o Mary Marsicano

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 5 (Niedziela)

- SH - 6:30AM Godzinski  
 SH - 7:00AM †Maria & Mikolaj Woznicki r/o Wieslaw Woznicki Family  
 SH - 9:00AM For the People of the Parish  
 †James Chernesky r/o wife, Barbara & family.  
 †Dorothy Dinsmore r/o Diane & Bernie Sebes  
 †Serena Marie Saitta r/o Michelle  
 †Victoria Soika r/o Robbie Soika  
 †Ilona Widerynski r/o husband, Jerzy  
 †Walter "Buster" Fregeolle r/o Irene & Bob Porchik  
 †Helen Buchala r/o an old friend  
 SH - 11:30AM †Deceased Members of the Pron & Kania Families r/o family

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Tom Urbaniak** at the request of his mother & family.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

*"Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."  
 - Lk 21:27-28*

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a community of love, a family that joyfully proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, and which serves the poor and one another.*

# This Week

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN** - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE** - 7:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima - 11:30AM.

### NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 4 & 5

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Diocesan Assessment. Please be generous.

### NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

**Breakfast with Santa** 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM - parish auditorium. Come and enjoy! Only \$10 per person; \$5 for children ages 5-12 and children 5 and under FREE with a paying adult.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

### PONIEDZIAŁEK, 29 LISTOPAD

**LEKCJE GITARY** - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

### WTOREK, 30 LISTOPAD

**KATECHEZA** - Christ the King School - 5:30-6:45PM.

### NIEDZALA, 5 GRUDZIEŃ

**DRUGA SKŁADKA**, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Diocesan Assessment. Prosimy o ofiarność!

## PARISH ADVENT RETREAT IN ENGLISH NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1, 2021

An Advent Parish Retreat is an important and a joyful experience which prepares us spiritually for Christmas. It is important because we concentrate on life's purpose and goals and joyful because Jesus is at the heart of every spiritual experience. This three-night Retreat is a more contemplative experience with each night focusing on the Eucharist. Should we be unable to gather due to the pandemic or should you not feel safe enough to attend, the Retreat will be live-streamed.



Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R., is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about ten miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist missionary order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. Ordained in 1991, he has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia, and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the Redemptorist Community in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. He is greatly looking forward to spending this time with us.



Pierogi are on sale at the parish office during regular office hours.

Potato w/chedder cheese—\$10  
Potato w/farmers cheese—\$12



Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.

Opłatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> - grades 5 & 6 will gather at Sacred Heart Church for Mass at 5:30PM.

## FAITH-SHARING GROUP is Forming



The parish survey indicated that some of you would like to participate (or at least learn about) FAITH-SHARING GROUP. Deacon Tom is organizing the first meeting of a faith-sharing group for you.

This meeting will take place on **Sunday, 28 November, at 10 AM** on the second floor of the John Neumann building (the little red schoolhouse next to the rectory).

## NEW PARISHIONERS NOWI PARAFIANIE

If you are new to the parish, and would like to become a parishioner, please take the time to register at the Parish Office. Daily office hours are noted in the parish bulletin. If needed, evening appointments are available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wszystkich uczęszczających regularnie na msze św. do naszego kościoła prosimy o zapisanie się do naszej parafii. Należy przyjść do biura w godz. otwarcia lub umówić się na spotkanie wieczorem. Rejestracja w parafii konieczna jest do wydawania wszelkich dokumentów i zaświadczeń, a także do chrztu, ślubu i pogrzebu. Zapraszamy!

## MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill in the hospital or homebound. It is your responsibility to let us know about these parishioners in order for us to provide an adequate spiritual ministry.

## DUSZPASTERSTWO LUDZI CHORYCH

Jeśli ktoś z Waszych bliskich jest już dłuższy czas lub ciężko chory w domu lub szpitalu, to kapłan chętnie przyjedzie, aby porozmawiać z nim i udzielić mu sakramentów pojednania, namaszczenia chorych i Komunii Świętej. Kontakt - biuro parafialne.



We will be giving out winter coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and sweaters to Manville flood victims and those in need starting Monday November 22nd through Wednesday, November 24th from noon to 4pm each day in the church auditorium. Distribution will also take place from Monday, November 29th through Thursday, December 2nd. All in need of winter clothing are welcome. Please spread the word.

## WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held on Monday, December 6th at 6PM in the parish auditorium. Please call or email the parish to let us know if you will be attending. The deadline for reservations is November 30th.



We welcome the following newly registered members to our Parish Family: Thomas Ambrozy, Aneta Dudinska, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kane, and Mr. & Mrs. Grzegorz Winiarczyk & their daughter, Laura.



Our parish community welcomed Alina Grace and Jayce Tucker Kappus, children of Steven & Kelley, in the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate them and their families.



We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Chester Cejnowski, Rose Seminara, Edward Lair and Helen Buchala. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Brenda DuBois, Mary Evancho, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Ethel Gargiulo, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Dorothy Gluch, Robert Goffredo, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Stanley Jasinski, 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, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Ned Panfile, Barbara Pankowski, Robert & John Parlier, Andrzej & Wanda Paszuda, Barbara Perone, Steven Pirello, Mary Poltarek, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Steve Quintana, Chelsea Rivard, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Irene Shelcusky, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Celia Smith, Charlotte Snow, Joe Sokoloski, Albert Stanski, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Brett Wood, 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*

*Airman Thomas Caswell*

*SPC Christopher Elsen*

*PFC Joshua Hussey*

*Lieutenant Colonel James A. Jablonski Jr.*

*Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF*

*Airman Michael Edward Kassick III*

*Captain*

*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 Meeting:** Held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center.

**Recruiting:** Catholic men 18<sup>+</sup> are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski ([chester.makowski@gmail.com](mailto:chester.makowski@gmail.com)) or approach any of the brother knights.

**Clothing Drive:** December 11<sup>th</sup> - 9AM—12 Noon church grounds.

**Bible Study:** Prayerful study and discussion of the Book of Isaiah will take place on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Saint John Neumann Center. All are welcome to join.

Facebook updates provided at <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>



The Altar Rosary Society Christmas Party will be on **December 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM** in the auditorium. Call the office to r.s.v.p.

The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be said on **December 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM - 8:30AM Rosary.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM.**



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food **every week** at the church. 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.

*A special thank you to the Italian American Club of Somerset for their very generous donation of bags and bags and bags of groceries. Also to the Ladies Club of Canal Walk for their generous monetary donation. Their kindness will help our clients have a happy Thanksgiving.*



*Please visit our parish website:*

**[www.ctrmanville.com](http://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 Anthony Scarpantonio will be presenting the reflections and next week Linda Cavaluzzo will be the presenter.**

**Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.**

## **Readings for the Week of November 28, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/  
Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a  
[26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
[cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Next Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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/>.

## **Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule**

Sunday: John Tardy  
Monday: Dolores Finlan  
Tuesday: John & Magdalena Daus  
Wednesday: Katlyn Hart  
Thursday: Maximilian Czajka  
Friday: John Tardy  
Saturday: Jeff Hart

## **LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

## **WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### **Question:**

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

### **Answer:**

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.