

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family



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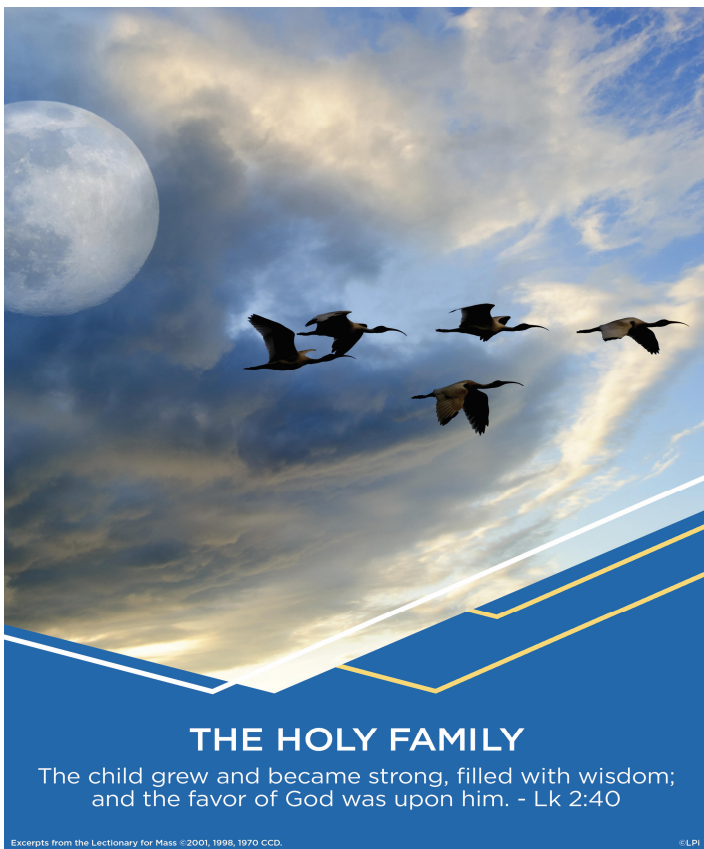
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THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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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 thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 1 (Poniedziałek)

Mary, Mother of God

7:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
9:00AM †Kay (she) Occhipinti r/o Lois & Greg Zwerko
11:30AM †Weronika (she) Pachla r/o Grabowski Family

Tuesday, January 2 (Wtorek)

Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
11:00AM †Henry (he) & Danuta (she) Salamon r/o Tracy & family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, January 3 (Środa)

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, January 4 (Czwartek) - Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society

Friday, January 5 (Piątek) - John Neumann

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
7:00PM †Antoni Domochoowski r/o family

Saturday, January 6 (Sobota) - Andre Bessette

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
11:00AM †Piotr (he) Kleszcz r/o Louise & Antoni Niecikowski
5:00PM †Jerry (he) Seigler r/o Cebula Family

January 7 (Niedziela) - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
†Leonard (he) Lazas r/o June Sladek
†Josephine (she) Pschar r/o Gombeda Family
†Fr. Joseph (he) Radomski r/o Stan & Dottie Radomski
11:30AM †Antoni (he) Dmochoowski r/o family

Three parishes will be running buses to the March for Life in Washington DC on January 19, 2024.

St. Francis Cathedral - Metuchen

Contact: Kara Kwiatkowski 732-548-0100 ext. 210

St. John Vianney - Colonia

Contact: Carolyn Glodek 973-394-4626

St. Philip & St. James - Phillipsburg

Contact: Colleen Wolters 908-454-9880



When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. - Lk 2:17-19

The Holy Family

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024!

Dear Friend in Christ,
New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown.

At the beginning of the New Year may Christ, the Prince of Peace, bring us His PEACE in our hearts and in the world helping us to build our lives. We wish you ALL a blessed, happy, peaceful, and healthy New Year in 2024. May God bless you and your loved ones!
Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,
Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter

KOLEDA

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES (KOLEDA) CONTINUES from 9:30 AM to Noon and from 1 PM to 4 PM. Should you not be at home when the priest visits, he will leave a message in your door. If you would like to reschedule or if you prefer to schedule an appointment to have your home blessed, please call the parish office. If you live outside of Manville you must call the parish office to have your home blessed.

SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU 2024!

Drogi Przyjaciele,
Początki mogą być zarówno ekscytujące, jak i onieśmielające. Stanowią szansę na rozpoczęcie od nowa i dokonanie pozytywnych zmian w naszym życiu, ale wymagają również od nas porzucenia tego, co znane, i wkroczenia w nieznanne.

Na początku nowego roku niech Chrystus, Księżę Pokoju, przyniesie POKÓJ w sercach i w świecie pomagając budować nasze życie. Życzymy WSZYSTKIM błogosławionego, szczęśliwego, spokojnego i zdrowego Nowego Roku w 2024 roku. Niech Bóg Was błogosławi i Waszych bliskich!

Z poważaniem w Chrystusie Odkupicielu,
Fr. Stan i Fr. Piotr

KOLEDA

Kolędę rozpoczniemy we środę 27 grudnia w godzinach od 9:30 – 12:00 i od 13:00 do 16:00. Jeśli ktoś z parafian nie może być w domu w tych godzinach prosimy o telefoniczny kontakt z biurem parafialnym i ustalenie dogodnego terminu kolędy. Mieszkający po za Manville proszeni są kontakt telefoniczny z biurem parafialnym by ustalić najbardziej dogodny termin i czas na wizytę duszpasterską w swoim domu.

This Week

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TODAY. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL THE MAIN PARISH NUMBER.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION—11:30AM in the church.

NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 6 & JANUARY 7

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:00PM - Sacred Heart Church. Admission is FREE.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 1 STYCZEŃ

BIURO PARAFIALNE JEST ZAMKNIĘTE. W RAZIE POTRZEBY PROSZĘ DZWONIĆ NA NUMER PARAFIALNY 908-725-0072

WTOREK, 2 STYCZEŃ

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

NIEDZIELA, 7 STYCZEŃ

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

KONCERT KOLED - 5:00pm. Wstęp wolny.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Frank Picciano
Monday:	Dolores Finlan
Tuesday:	Angelica R. L. Ocaso
Wednesday:	Cassie Badella
Thursday:	Terry Tardy
Friday:	Lee Rawaich
Saturday:	John Tardy

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Sword and the Family

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely, and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you have much to lose.

How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."
— Colossians 3:12

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION
ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION
PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 31, 2023

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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/>.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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, Andrew Bartushak, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Jerry, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisme, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Helen, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ann Marie Kotch, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, Robert Oliver, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Stephen Stadler, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Maryanne Zarbetski, 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.



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
Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF
Captain John Limyansky USAF
First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC
Airman Jason Pikula USAF
SR Jerry Lee Rogalski
PFC Steven Ubry
Technical 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: Council Meetings are held monthly on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center

Recruiting: Catholic men 18⁺ are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski (chester.makowski@gmail.com) or approach any of the brother knights.

Bible Study: We will begin Joshua on October 26th, 2023. All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

Clothing Drive - March 9th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **January 21st at 9:00AM. Please join us for the PARISH ROSARY OF THE MONTH AT 8:30AM.**

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **January 6th at 11:30AM.**



Going Shopping? Please consider picking up something for The Caritas Food Pantry. During December we are asking for personal care items such as shampoo and body wash. Items can be dropped off in the red containers in the vestibule or at the parish office. The Caritas Team also collects monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Holy Chow!

Feeding the body and nourishing the soul!
 St. Joseph Church, Hillsborough
 is serving up a free dinner to go at the
 Christ the Redeemer Church parking lot.
 98 S. 2nd Ave.
 Every Tuesday—promptly 5:30—6:30 PM
 Bring your own bag (Please)

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of December 10, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 6,074.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 3,819.00
Children's Donations	\$ 13.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 4,406.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,965.00
Total	\$ 16,270.00

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

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."

- Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

put my mom's clothes away.	Stella
helped my friend put on a tablecloth.	Landon
helped my mom when she was sick.	Francis
helped my friend when he was hurt in soccer.	Logan
helped my dad decorate the outside Christmas decorations.	Molly
helped clean my room.	Alexander

Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.

For Sale Pierogi and stuffed cabbage are on sale in the parish office during regular business hours.

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 Deacon Bill will be presenting the reflections and next week Caz & Diane Bielen will be the presenter.

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

**SAINT OF THE WEEK
EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

Venerable Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange

Short Bio

Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange was a trailblazing black Catholic who founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence, the first congregation of black religious sisters in the USA. Her faith and perseverance helped break down barriers and create new opportunities for black Catholics.

Prayer

Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endow her with humility, courage, holiness, and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to fund the Oblate Sisters of Providence and provided educational, social, and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange's love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision.

Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (*state your request*) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://nolacatholic.org/news/black-catholic-history-month-mother-mary-lange#:~:text=Prayer,the%20poor%20and%20the%20sick.>)



**LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.



We welcome the following newly registered member to our Parish Family: Kristina Muller