

The Redemptorists

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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### PARISH STAFF

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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, February 26 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Waclaw Puzio r/o Marian & Maria Puzio

11:00AM †Antonio Rodrigues r/o family

## Tuesday, February 27 (Wtorek) - Gregory of Narek

8:00AM God's Blessing for Ray Bradley r/o Laura Riccardi

11:00AM †Maria Rodrigues r/o family

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

## Wednesday, February 28 (Środa)

11:00AM †John & David Nagy r/o sister-in-law & niece,  
Bertha

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

## Thursday, February 29 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Jerzy & Ilona Widerynski r/o family

11:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Louise & Antoni Niecikowski

## Friday, March 1 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Aniela, Wladyslaw, Helen & Edward Korzeniowski  
r/o estate

4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English

6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish

7:00PM †Antoni Dmochowski r/o family

## Saturday, March 2 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowski r/o Woznicki Family

11:00AM †Mary Margaret & Patrick Meade r/o Peter & Betty  
Rybski

4:30AM Lenten Lamentations

5:00PM †Cecylja & Andrew Rychlicki r/o family

## 3rd Sunday Lent, March 3 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Adam & Katarzyna Szabot r/o Grabowski Family

8:40AM Lenten Lamentations

9:00AM For the People of the Parish

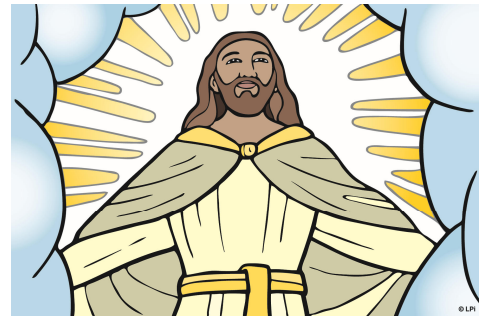
†Dinsmore Family r/o Sandy & Ray Charneski &  
family

11:30AM †Zbigniew Poliszuk r/o daughter, Monika & family

5:00PM Gorzkie Zale

5:45PM †Wojciech Grzeczkwicz r/o grandson

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Ann Marie Solarek** at the request of her friends & family.



*Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.*

- Mk 9:2-3

## 2nd Sunday of Lent

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "**Abraham!**" "**Here I am,**" he replied. **Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."** Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chafes us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy.

— Father John Muir

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Transfiguration left the disciples with more questions than answers. What had they just seen? What had they just heard? They were confused, but they trusted Jesus. Let's follow in their example, trusting in God's care as we journey deeper into Lent.



## 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

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2**

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 2 & 3**

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

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 26 LUTY**

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

**WTOREK, 27 LUTY**

**KATECHEZA** – Christ the King Parish Center – 5:30-6:45PM.

**NIEDZIELA, 3 MARZEC**

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

*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 Barbara Porter will be presenting the reflections and next week Ted Petrock will be the presenter.**

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



**Rekolekcje Wielkopostne**  
**3 marzec - 6 marzec**

**Lenten Retreat in English**  
**March 16 - 19**



**Summer Camp**  
**July 8 - 12**



**Summer Festival**  
**July 24 - July 27**

## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

*In 2024, 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!*

**Blessed Carlo Acutis**

### Short Bio

Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in 1991 and is the first millennial to be beatified. Despite dying of leukemia at age 15, he developed a website that showcases Eucharistic Miracles around the world, demonstrating that holiness knows no age.

## 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.

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Rachel Petrone  
 Monday: John Tardy  
 Tuesday: Julia & Natalia Droszczak,  
 Maryanne Zarbetski, 3rd Grade  
 CCD Class  
 Wednesday: Natalie Day  
 Thursday: Roberta Caswell  
 Friday: Dolores Finlan  
 Saturday: Angelica R.L. Ocaso

### The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 18, 2024

Offertory	\$	6,334.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,555.00
Children's Donations	\$	37.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,082.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,008.00</b>
<b>The Catholic Spirit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>

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

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.” - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

### OUR CHILDREN’S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

loaded the dishwasher.	Adeline
helped others	Isabella
helped my nana & mommy clean.	Brooke-Lynn
was good in school.	Francis
helped my mom make breakfast.	Landon
helped shovel the driveway.	Logan
helped mom with groceries.	Zosia
helped dad make the sausages.	Stella

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

# For Sale

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### February 25, 2024

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10  
**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Next Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:*  
 Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/  
 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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/>.

### 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal STAY WITH US, LORD: Renew our Hearts and Send Us on Mission

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports a number of diocesan ministries dedicated to faith formation. Through *Discipleship Formation for Children* and our *Catholic schools, Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Campus Ministry at Rutgers* and the *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults*, we are reaching out to children, teens, young adults and older adults new to our Catholic Church. These ministries help people of all ages grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.





*We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: 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 Fisne, 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, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, 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 Perina, 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 Slaughter, 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, Veronika 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.*



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*

*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*

*Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic*

*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<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.

**Bible Study:** 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 **March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30AM.**



**Going Shopping? Please consider picking up something for The Caritas Food Pantry. During February we are asking for personal care items, i.e., shampoo, body wash, toothpaste. 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)



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When Sacrifice Becomes Mundane

It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. "We're ready, God!" our hearts cry out. "Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!"

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they've joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It's not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It's the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there's that nagging voice in our minds saying: *go ahead, God doesn't really mind.*

It's a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn't you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried "Ready!" when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, "Ready!" when we hear the call of God?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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

#### Why Hold Hands?

##### Question:

Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

##### Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.



*We welcome the following newly registered member to our Parish Family: Janusz & Wieslawa Zubiel; Anthony & Emily Konysz & their daughters, Cassandra & Madelynn; & Olivos & Katherine Ramirez & their son, Ignacio.*



*We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Antoinette Leotti, Joseph Wass & Edwina Andreyko. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## 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.

