

March 17, 2024

5th Sunday of Lent



The Redemptorists

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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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, March 18 (Poniedziałek)

### Cyril of Jerusalem

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

11:00AM †Arthur Zaleski r/o Domasica Family

5:30PM Retreat Service

## Tuesday, March 19 (Wtorek)

### Joseph, Spouse of Mary

8:00AM †Jozef & Jozefa Kobus r/o son-in-law

11:00AM †Len Riccardi r/o wife, Laura

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

5:30PM Retreat Closing Mass

## Wednesday, March 20 (Środa)

11:00AM †Clara Kelco r/o family

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

## Thursday, March 21 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Wladyslaw Malinowski r/o Maria & Maria Puzio

11:00AM †Melecio Panaligan r/o Lily Panaligan

## Friday, March 22 (Piątek)

11:00AM God's Blessing for Jane Irwin r/o Laura Riccardi

4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English

6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish

7:00PM †Stefan & Henryka Poplawski r/o syna

## Saturday, March 23 (Sobota)

### Turibius of Mongrovejo

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

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

4:30PM Lenten Lamentations

5:00PM †Lenny Lazas r/o Roger & Lisa Limyanski

## Palm Sunday, March 24 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Waclawa Marciniak r/o family

8:40AM Lenten Lamentations

9:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Louise & Anthony Niecikowski  
†Ray Charneski Sr. r/o Sandy & Ray Charneski & family

†Ann Marie Kotch r/o Cebula Family

†Grazyna Kolondra r/o Stark Family

†Anne Kasas r/o family

†Mini V. Mathew r/o family

For the People of the Parish

11:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society

5:00PM Gorzkie Zale

5:45PM †Janina Wardak r/o grandson

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Mary Sue Schlenker** at the request of her family.



*“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:24, 31-32*

## 5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. “Please forgive me,” I asked, “but you seem to be smiling as you share this.” She said, “Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I’m smiling because I just can’t wait to see what good things God does with this mess.” She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus’ earthly ministry. It’s at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, **“Father, glorify your name!”** John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

**Lenten challenge:** This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: “Father, glorify Your name in all these things!” Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— 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.*

### This Week

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** - ALL STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND THE RETREAT CLOSING MASS @ 5:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

**NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 23 & 24**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will benefit the **DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND**. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our retired priests, as well as our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

**PALM SUNDAY** – palms will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses.

**EASTER BAKE SALE** – sponsored by the Altar Rosary Society. The bake sale will be set up at the vestibule of the church.

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION** - Children from grades 2 and up – Please join Father Stan in a procession to celebrate Palm Sunday – no practices are required. Come to the cry room at 8:30AM to be fitted into a costume and you will be given a Palm to carry in procession.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 18 MARZEC**

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

**WTOREK, 19 MARZEC**

**KATECHEZA** – wszyscy uczniowie uczestniczą we Mszy Św. na zakończenie rekolekcji o godz. 17:30. Obecność obowiązkowa.

**NIEDZIELA, 24 MARZEC**

**ZAPRASZAMY DO UDZIAŁU W PROCESJI Z PALMAMI** w Niedzielę Palmową. Chętnych zapraszamy do przyjęcia na godz. 8.30 AM do zakrystii.

**DRUGA SKŁADKA** przeznaczona będzie na rzecz diecezjalnego funduszu na rzecz księży emerytów. Bog zapłać za złożone ofiary.



**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!*

#### St. Alphonsus Liguori

##### Short Bio

St. Alphonsus Liguori, (1696-1787) was a prolific theologian and founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (The Redemptorists). Renowned for his profound devotion to the Eucharist and insightful theological teachings, he is the patron saint of moral theologians.

### 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: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo  
 Monday: Lala Llarena  
 Tuesday: Mirna Gonzalez, 3rd Grade CCD Class  
 Wednesday: Leose Calulo; Laura Christie; Donna Puma  
 Thursday: Marianne Kenton  
 Friday: Rosemary Jablonski; Keily Camacho  
 Saturday: Suzanne Runyon

### The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of March 10, 2024

Offertory	\$	5,972.00
Mail-Ins	\$	9,608.00
Children's Donations	\$	20.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,509.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,109.00</b>
Spring Cemetery Collection	\$	1,836.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. r. tan

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people."*

*- Jeremiah 31:33*

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

### OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

#### My Good Deed was when I:

helped my mom with the recycling cans. Stella  
 took care of my cat. Jacob  
 helped my sister bake a cake for daddy's birthday. Brooke-Lynn

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

# For Sale

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

# FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### March 17, 2024

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/  
 Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33. *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:  
 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,  
 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/  
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/  
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
 Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/  
 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/  
 Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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**

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Christ the Redeemer Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Stan, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

*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 Deacon Bill Stefany 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.



*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, Bill Corson, 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-McChure, 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 Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Lee Ravaioli, 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.*



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+ 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** - April 13<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 **April 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM.**



**Caritas**  
**MANVILLE**

**God's Love in Action**

*The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Panty depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked. At this time of year, when we reflect on our many blessings, we remember those less fortunate than us within our own community. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.*

**The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:**

- **Breakfast items: Toaster Pastry, Instant Oatmeal.**
- **Toothpaste, Body Wash, Shampoo, Bars of Soap.**
- **Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.**
- **Juice(64 oz.), Coffee (Instant & Ground), Boxed Milk(32 oz.)**
- **Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken.**

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Lost in the Crowd

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into large crowds at summer festivals, in case we get separated. If you think this makes me sound like a neurotic person with an overactive imagination who watches too many true crime documentaries, you would be correct. I am all of those things.

However, I am also practical, and I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child who has wandered off or lagged behind. The phone number, scrawled across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me get here."

When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human being ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our heartbroken parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names.

Baptism, the etching of God's law onto our heart and soul, is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better — it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.

*"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."* — Jeremiah 31:33

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Location of Blessed Sacrament

#### Question:

Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

#### Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus reminds us that the grain of wheat can never realize its potential without sacrifice. God has a plan for each one of us. May He give you strength to become who you were born to be.

**Recent national polls show that only 31% of Catholics believe that Jesus is present – body, soul & divinity in Holy Communion. The pastoral council led by Fr. Stan is addressing this issue with a 7-part program that will begin shortly after Easter.**