

February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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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 20 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Marian Radwanski r/o Misztal Family
11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

Tuesday, February 21 (Wtorek) - Peter Damian

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o Wieslawa & Henry Brandt
11:00AM †Henry Petrone r/o family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, February 22 (Środa) - Ash Wednesday

Day of Fast & Abstinence

7:00AM (E) †Emilia Slaby r/o Bridgewater Funeral Home
8:00AM (P) †Paulina & Czeslaw Poplawski r/o family
11:00AM (E) †Wojciech Puzio r/o great-granddaughter,
Janina Grzeczkwicz
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
5:30PM (E) †Pasquale & Maria Franzoso r/o family
7:00PM (P) OLPH Novena
†Jozef Malinowski r/o family

Thursday, February 23 (Czwartek) - Polycarp

8:00AM †Roman Andruszko r/o Klara Konopka
11:00AM Health of Eileen Conaty & son r/o Peg Reilly

Friday, February 24 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Teodora & Bazyli Gruszewski r/o Tracy & family
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Henry Grzeczkwicz r/o brother, Janusz

Saturday, February 25 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Helen & Wladyslaw Penar r/o daughter & family
11:00AM †Carmen Del Torres r/o Finlan Family
5:00PM †Stanley & Catherine Makowski r/o Chet &
Nialetta

1st Sunday of Lent, February 26 (Niedziela)

7:00 AM †Kazimierz Wiercinski r/o wife
9:00 AM †Michele Hayes r/o Sharon & Tom
†Living & Deceased People of Ukraine r/o Carol
Behory
†Alfreda Szulc r/o Kitty Dolan
†Jean Meddleton r/o Tom & Dolores Finlan
God's Blessing for Thelma Amendolare
For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed
Virgin Mary Society
5:00PM Gorzkie Żale
5:45PM †Stanislaw Lonczak r/o Donna & Gene Stark

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week
in memory of **Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski** at
the request of daughter, granddaughter & great-
granddaughter.



“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.”

- Mt 5:43-45a

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Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— Father John Muir



***God's Blessing and a
very happy 100th birthday to our
parishioner Thelma
Amendolare who will celebrate
this milestone on
February 22nd.***

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, FEBRUARY 20

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY. In case of an emergency, please call 908-725-0072.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

PIEROGI DINNER - parish auditorium - 4-7PM.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 25 & 26

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will for property insurance. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 20 LUTY

BIURO PARAFIALNE będzie zamknięte z racji na Święto Państwowe: Presidents' Day. W razie nagłego wypadku prosimy dzwonić na parafialny numer.

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

WTOREK, 21 LUTY

KATECHEZA - Christ the King Catholic Center - 5:30-6:45PM.

NIEDZELA, 26 LUTY

DRUGA SKŁADKA zbierana będzie na property insurance. Prosimy o ofiarność.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Want to be a real revolutionary? Defy the fallen impulses of human nature. Love your enemy. Pray for your persecutor. Give to those who would take. We can do hard things, Christians. We aren't perfect, but our God is.

THE PRIESTLY RETREAT will take place from February 27 to March 3, 2023. All Masses in Polish and English are cancelled for that week. The services of the Way of the Cross in both languages will take place as planned.

REKOLEKCJE KAPŁAŃSKIE odbędą się w dniach od 27 lutego do 3 marca. W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim i angielskim są odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwojch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.



Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses.

Posypanie głów popiołem będzie podczas każdej Mszy św. w Środę Popielcową.

ENGLISH

7:00AM

11:00AM

5:30PM

POLISH

8:00AM

7:00PM

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 Suzanne Runyon will be presenting the reflections and next week Anthony Scarpantonio will be the presenter. Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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/>.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 12, 2022

Offertory	\$	4,918.00
Mail-Ins	\$	9,608.00
Children's Donations	\$	10.00
Heat	\$	2,122.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,027.00
Total	\$	18,685.00

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

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.



We have pierogi for sale (\$12 per dozen) and stuffed cabbage (\$12 per 1/2 dozen) in the parish office during regular business hours.

OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

My Good Deed was when I:

played with my little sister.

Alex

picked up trash outside with my dad.

Logan

baked a small cake for me and my grandma.

Ingrid

prayed for sick people.

Zuzanna & Cecilia

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

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!

Ven. Félix Varela Morales

Short Bio — *Great for social media or in your bulletin*
Venerable Félix Varela was a thought leader, professor, scholar, political leader, and cultural champion for immigrant families. Originally from Cuba, he served in Spain and in the United States as a pastoral luminary in every community he engaged.

Prayer for Venerable Félix Varela y Morales's intercession

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and make no peace with oppression.

Help us, like your servant Venerable Felix Varela, to work for justice among people and nations, to the glory of your name,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Christ the Redeemer. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from 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/BAA>.



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, Jean Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, 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, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Christopher Gregor, 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, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccadi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Josephine, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Laura Rodaman, Donald Rogusky, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Charlotte Snow, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, 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

Master Sergeant Michael John Lamonica USAF

Captain John Limyansky USAF

First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC

Airman Jason Pikula USAF

SR Jerry Lee Rogalski

Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

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: Prayerful study and discussion of the Kings (first and second books) will begin October 27, 2022 and continue on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.. All sessions will take place at the Saint John Neumann Center. The study of the word of God is critical in our modern age. All are welcome to join.

Clothing Drive - March 11th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

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



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **February 19th 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 4th at 11:30PM.**

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Mirna Gonzalez
Monday:	Laura Christie
Tuesday:	Marianne Kenton
Wednesday:	Rosemary Jablonski & Keily Comacho
Thursday:	John Tardy
Friday:	Barbara Porter & Dora Perna
Saturday:	Rachel Petrone



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. February is PASTA SAUCE MONTH i.e., Ragu, Prego, etc. Please drop off your items in the containers in the vestibule or at the parish office. The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

HOW TO OBSERVE LENT

Lent is a time to prepare for the joy and the promise of the Easter celebration. Today, as in the past, the message of Lent is one of joyous hope. Lent offers a new beginning. Through inner change and penance, true freedom and a new life are made possible.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL is based on

True sorrow for sins. You must acknowledge your sins and resolve to turn back to God. Recall how Christ suffered for your sins. Seek forgiveness for your sins and take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for help to amend your life.

Spiritual growth. Strive to advance toward holiness. Acknowledge your total reliance on God. Cultivate Christian virtues. Reflect on the real meaning of the baptismal commitment. Fulfill this pledge of faith in your everyday life. Try to be a reflection of God's goodness.

Penance. Penance encourages spiritual growth. It is really a return to God, a conversion of mind and heart. Do penance to renew your life as a Christian. Follow or adapt traditional Lenten practices such as fasting and self-denial.

Develop a joyful approach to Lent. Devotions will be more successful if you are:

Positive – Lent teaches us that there is joy in the darkest moments.

Responsible – Decide on your own plan for Lent in accordance with Church practices.

Open – Be willing to admit sinfulness and the need for change.

Loving – Fill your life with love for God and other people.

Choose Lenten practices that are best suited to your needs and hopes, and that unite you with your parish's observances.

TRADITIONAL LENTEN PRACTICES

Penitential practices help people turn to God. Many have evolved through the Church's history. Some are still part of Church law; but most are now left to personal choice. Plan your Lent. Use or adapt some of the following suggestions to meet your own spiritual needs.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

encourage spiritual maturity

Meaning – Fasting means limiting the number of daily meals (unless impractical for medical reasons). Abstinence means not eating certain foods. **Purpose** – These penances will help you to develop self-discipline, to achieve spiritual purification and to find forgiveness for sins. Sacrifice cheerfully, in the right spirit – not to

show off will power or personal accomplishment.

Church Law – Fasting and abstinence are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Some suggestions –

Fast an extra day or 2 each week and donate the money

saved to a food relief organization.

Try to make simpler and more healthful meals.

Examine your life for wasteful habits; start to change them.

Abstain from material excesses in any way you can.

SELF-DENIAL

Should benefit others in some way

Forms – Self-denial may take many forms; for example, foregoing an important pleasure or limiting personal desires. Self-denial should be done for a good cause, not for its own sake. **Purpose** – This penance will help to make us more Christ-like. It will teach self-control (needed to meet goals) and dependence on God rather than on self.

Some suggestions –

Devote time to help your parish or people in your community.

Make time for reading the Bible or for increasing your knowledge of Church history or customs.

Teach children to be less materialistic – show them how to use time and money for the greatest good.

GOOD DEEDS AND ALMSGIVING

Involve giving of the self to serve others' needs

Forms – Good works and charity can be: comforting or counseling someone; giving gifts of money, food, etc.; lending time and help. **Purpose** – These actions help to develop and perfect the love that Jesus asks of His followers. Generosity can be an expression of your gratitude to Jesus for all He has given.

Some suggestions –

Give to one of the many charities that aid the needy throughout the world.

Volunteer to teach a religious education class. Serve on parish councils or on special Church committees.

Help out your neighbors. Give food and clothes to people in need. Visit the sick, the elderly, the lonely.

Brighten others' lives by bringing love to your daily work and obligations. Try to be kinder, more cooperative and cheerful.