February 11, 2024

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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ne said to min, 'see that you ten no one anything, but go, show yoursen to the prest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The nan went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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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 12 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Maria & Mikolaj Woznicki r/o Wieslaw Woznicki 11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

Tuesday, February 13 (Wtorek)

8:00AM **†**Jerzy Widerynski r/o family 11:00AM **†**Helena & Stanislaw Kleszcz r/o Anna Kleszcz 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, February 14 (Środa) - Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinance

7:00AM (E) **†**Antoinetta Antonio r/o Nemia 8:00AM (P) **†**Kazimiera Michalowska r/o Stefania 11:00AM (E) **†**Pasquale & Maria Franzoso r/o daughter 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary 5:30PM (E) Health of Mikey Verkon r/o sister, Carolyn 7:00PM (P) **†**John, Anna & Henry Krysinski r/o estate OLPH Novena

Thursday, February 15 (Czwartek)

8:00AM God's Blessing for Cynthia Zack r/o Laura Riccardi 11:00AM †Daniela Kadlubowska r/o estate

Friday, February 16 (Piątek)

11:00AM **†**Jerzy Kleszcz, Jr. r/o wife, Anna 4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English 6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish 7:00PM Stanley & Constance Czochanski r/o estate

Saturday, February 17 (Sobota) Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order 8:00AM † Jozef Malinowski r/o Marian & Maria Puzio

- 11:00AM **†**Piotr Kleszcz r/o mother, Anna ...4:30AM Lenten Lamentations
- 5:00PM **†**Michael & Florine Limyanski r/o family
- 1st Sunday Lent, February 18 (Niedziela)
 7:00AM †Jacek Nowak r/o family
 8:40AM Lenten Lamentations
 9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society
 †Raymond Nipps r/o family
 †Joan Mathis r/o Lukacs Family
 †Michaline Fedorczyk r/o Dave & Marie Fedorczyk
 †Thomas Pietrzyk r/o wife
 †Ann Marie Kotch r/o mother & brother For the People of the Parish
 11:30AM †Bronislaw & Stefania Lebedynski r/o sister
- 5:00PM Gorzkie Zale 5:45PM **†**Adela Grzeczkowicz r/o son & family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Ann Marie Kotch** at the request of her mother & brother.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in memory of **Ann Marie Kotch** at the request of the Cebula Family.



A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

- 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.



TODAY, FEBRUARY 11 WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT THE MASSES.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

Monday, February 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

MOTHERS' CIRCLE - We Love Moms - 5:30PM -Christ the King Parish Center cafeteria. Come to recharge and connect with other mothers. For more information, call Mary de Wet at 347-463-1812.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

PIEROGI DINNER - parish auditorium - 4-7PM.

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 17 & 18

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Catholic Spirit. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZIELA, 11 LUTY

Światowy Dzień Chorego - Podczas każdej Mszy możliwość przyjęcia Sakramentu Namaszczen-IA CHORYCH.

Światowy dzień małżeństwa jest wezwaniem do odnowy więzi między sobą i z Chrystusem, a dla społeczeństwa podkreśleniem niezastąpionej roli, jaką spełniają mężowie i żony poprzez swoją wierność, miłość, ofiarność i radość.

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 12 LUTY

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

WTOREK, 13 LUTY

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

NIEDZIELA, 18 LUTY

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Catholic Spirit. Prosimy o ofiarność!

THE PRIESTLY RETREAT will take place from February 19 to 23, 2024. 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 odbęda sie w dniach od 19-23 luty . W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim I angielskim sa odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwóch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.



Ashes will be distributed at the follo-

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

> 7:00AM 11:00AM

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 Mark Honkisz 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.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 4, 2024

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Offertory	\$	6,427.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,342.00
Children's Donations	\$	35.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,293.00
Total	\$	10,097.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	1,815.00
Thank you for your generosity and supr	oort. May	God bless

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

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "I'm I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped put away dishes.	Alexander		
put my clothes away.	Hania		
did multiple chores around the house.	Jacob		
helped my dad put the trash can out.	Logan		
helped my dad with chores around the hous	se. Sawyer		
helped mom prepare dinner.	Francis		
helped my teacher get headphones for the class. Abby			
wrote a card for my bus driver when his mother-in-law			
passed away.	Landon		
went to the book fair and bought my friend a book be-			
cause she forgot her money.	Molly		
cooked.	Isabella		

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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- **Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/ 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
- **Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/ Mk 8:11-13
- **Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/ Mk 8:14-21
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/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 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is *Seminarian Formation*. We are blessed to have 21 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

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 Imelda Lambertini

Short Bio

Blessed Imelda Lambertini was only 11 when she passed away. Despite this, her profound devotion to the Lord and the miraculous events surrounding her life have inspired generations to embrace the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist with childlike faith.

We ask you for your prayers for the Pray For ... 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 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, Chevenne 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 Slaight, 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 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 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 (<u>chester.makowski@gmail.com</u>) 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 9th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY SOCIETY 18th 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 2nd 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)

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.