

February 18, 2024

1st Sunday of Lent



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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.

**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** odbędą się w dniach od 19-23 lutego. W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim i angielskim są odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwóch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Friday, February 23 (Piątek) - Polycarp

4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English

6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish

### Saturday, February 24 (Sobota)

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

11:00AM †Bazyli & Teodora Gruszewski r/o Tracy & family

..4:30AM Lenten Lamentations

5:00PM †Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski r/o daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter

### 2nd Sunday Lent, February 25 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Kazimierz Wiercinski r/o wife

8:40AM Lenten Lamentations

9:00AM †William, Billy & Dave Tomaszfski r/o family

†Michelle Coscolluela r/o Nemia

†Ann Marie Kotch r/o cousins

†Antoinette Leotti r/o Mary Nehrings

†Elizabeth Kacher r/o Donna Zalewski

†Donald Rogusky & God's Blessing for Douglas & Marie Rogusky 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 †Franciszek Grzechkowicz r/o son & family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Buster Fregeolle** at the request of his wife & family.

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

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When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous "Double Rainbow" video on YouTube to feel better. It's hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. "Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!" he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, "What does it *mean*?" Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante's medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God's promise of peace. For Dante, it's even more: nature's encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

**Lenten challenge:** This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, "Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory." This Lent let's embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— 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.*



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

**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 20**

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 24 & 25**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will be for Property Insurance. Please be generous.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 19 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, 20 LUTY**

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

**NIEDZIELA, 25 LUTY**

**DRUGA SKŁADKA**, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Property Insurance. 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 Anthony Scarpantonio will be presenting the reflections and next week Barbara Porter 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!*

**St. Pius X**

### Short Bio

St. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist was truly inspiring! He lowered the age of First Communion to seven years old, encouraging young hearts to encounter Christ early-on. He also advocated that everyone, regardless of their social class, should have access to the Eucharist.

## 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.factsmgmt.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:	Lala Llarena
Monday:	Mirna Gonzalez
Tuesday:	Laura Christie, Leose Calulo, Donna Puma; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday:	Marianne Kenton
Thursday:	Rosemary Jablonski & Keily Camacho
Friday:	Suzanne Runyon
Saturday:	Barbara Porter & Dora Perna

### The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 11, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,038.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,900.00
Children's Donations	\$ 20.00
Heat	\$ 2,712.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,961.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,631.00</b>

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

*"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God...." - Mark 1:14*

Have you ever thought about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to go to Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that He was proclaiming. It took great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, living a stewardship lifestyle takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that He will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

### OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

#### My Good Deed was when I:

helped my mom with the pancakes.	Stella
shared my candy.	Hania
cheered on my team mates in basketball.	Landon
took out the recycling for my dad.	Logan
helped mommy clean	Brooke-Lynn

*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 18, 2024**

**Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/  
1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

**Next 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

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**

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)* Just as the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus "set out at once" to share their experience of the Risen Lord with others, we too are inspired to go out into the world and tell everyone we meet of His love and grace. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication**. Responsible for our website, social media platforms, videos, podcasts and written content about our Catholic faith, the Evangelization & Communication ministry is essential to how we expand our effort to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all. More and more, we have come to understand that these tools are necessary for reaching people where they live and work. A gift of any amount is important and greatly appreciated.





*Pray For...*

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 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 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 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, 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<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 **February 18<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 I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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#### Vestment Colors

##### Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

##### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

**White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

**Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

**Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

**Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

**Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Lent and the Flood

I would bet money that somewhere in your church this Lent, there's a bare tree branch draped in purple fabric and an empty bowl filled with rocks.

I'm not poking fun, the desert imagery that surrounds the season of Lent isn't a cliché — or if it is, it's only because clichés are essentially true. Lent is the desert. Lent is the wilderness. Lent is the time of less.

But what if Lent was also the flood?

It seems counterintuitive, floods are excessive, and we don't think of Lent as a time for superabundance. Lent is when we limit experiences outside of ourselves in order to limit proclivities within ourselves. Lent is not a time for anything to be washing over us, consuming us, carrying us away on a tide.

Unless...it is.

Consider the flood of the Old Testament. An act of destruction, yes, but also an act of purification. An endurance test for the soul, an epic trust fall exercise between God and Noah in which Noah had to ride the literal waves, clinging to life as God wiped away everything familiar. Everything sinful.

In Lent, we relinquish our weaknesses and our infirmities to the flood. It's frightening, certainly. But it's also exciting. Because just as the flood destroys everything, it also makes everything possible. It is a baptism.

Lent, like the flood, makes the world new.

*"Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit."* — 1 Peter 3:18