

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:48-50

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site

SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 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, August 12 (Poniedziałek)

Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

11:00AM †Leonarda & Franciszek Salamon r/o Tracy & family

Tuesday, August 13 (Wtorek) - Pontian & Hippolytus

8:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

11:00AM †John Stefany r/o Pauline Stefany

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, August 14 (Środa) - Maximillian Kolbe

11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

5:30PM (E) For the Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, August 15 (Czwartek)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM †Zdzislaw Raczkowski r/o family

11:00AM †John Stefany r/o Pauline Stefany

5:30PM (E) †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

7:00PM (P) †Jan & Teresa Puzio r/o Marian & Maria Puzio

Friday, August 16 (Piątek) - Stephen of Hungary

11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

7:00PM †Piotr & Helena Karnas r/o family

Saturday, August 17 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Janina & Zygmunt Czech r/o Joli i Irka

11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

5:00PM †Zamielski Parents & Family r/o daughter-in-law, Donna

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 18 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Jan Kolodziej r/o Kolodziej Family

9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society

†Buster Fregeolle r/o Fregeolle Family

†Dolores DeFazio r/o family

†John Pluchino r/o Carmela Salerno & Mark Rudnicki

†Lenny & Helen Lazas

For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa



"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." - Jn 6:51

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This week we hear Jesus say, **"He that believes in me, has eternal life"** (John 6:47). These straightforward words, uttered by human lips, sound — how to put this? — insane. Who could possibly say such a thing? Jesus says things that are so high, so demanding, so beyond our capacity to fathom, we hardly know what to do with them and (if you're like me), they usually go in one ear and out the other. So, let us ask: how can believing in him lead to eternal life?

To believe in something means not just to acknowledge its existence, but also to orient yourself entirely to it. If a football player believes in his team, it means he puts his life totally at the service of that goal. If a student believes in her dream to become a doctor, she gives everything she has to her studies and preparation for her MCAT test. Belief means to move boldly toward something we love, and trust is possible to attain.

What is the highest possible good at which we can aim? It is God himself, the gift of eternal life without end. Jesus has made this "good" possible in and through his human nature. To believe in him means to have him as our ultimate goal. This week let's believe the truth of these words and make practical decisions to orient ourselves toward what we see available in him: eternal life.

— Father John Muir



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he is the living bread that came down from heaven. His actions, his example, his teachings — they are not just words on a page, stories from a moth-eaten history book. They are life. They are food for our journey, and they are forever.

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.



THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - blessing of fruits & herbs after each Mass.

NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 17 & 18

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Youth & New Evangelization. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

CZWARTEK, 15 SIERPIEŃ

UROCZYSTOŚĆ WNEBOWZIĘCIA NAJSWIĘTSZEJ MARYI PANNY - po każdej Mszy świętej błogosławieństwo ziół, kwitów i plonów ziemi.

NIEDZIELA, 18 SIERPIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Youth & New Evangelization. Prosimy o ofiarność!



For Sale

Cabbage & Noodles and Sausage & Peppers (32 oz. containers) are on sale for \$8 in the parish office during regular business hours.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who baptized Jesus?

Answer: His cousin, John the Baptist.

INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM?

Often, spouses or friends have worshiped with us for some time, even years, yet they are not Catholic. Does this describe you? Would you like to learn more about the faith that forms this community where you have been worshipping? Do you have questions about Catholicism that have not been satisfactorily answered? Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please see or call Deacon Bill Stefany (908-725-7236) or complete and clip the form below and drop it into the collection basket at Mass.

Clip and drop in collection basket

I'm interested in learning more about Catholicism.

Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Faith as a Theological Virtue

Question:

I've heard that faith is a theological virtue. What does that mean?

Answer:

To say a virtue is theological means that it comes as a gift from God. St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican monk who crafted the famous arguments for the existence of God, wrote: "This alone is the true knowledge of God: to know that God is beyond knowing." God is transcendent. This word comes from the Latin "transcendere," meaning "to climb beyond." When something is transcendent, it exists beyond our normal range of experience. Philosopher Peter Kreeft put it simply: "God is always more."

While God created us in His image and likeness, too often we re-create Him in ours. We project our deepest hopes, our subliminal fears, and our hidden dreams, and conjure up our own image of what God could be. Yet God can never be limited to our own perception of Him.

That's where faith comes in. We read in the Catechism that "faith is the theological virtue by which we believe in God and believe all that He has said and revealed to us and all that the Holy Church proposes for our belief" (CCC 1814). We can know God through reason, to a point. As human beings, we want to know and understand the world around us, but God isn't in the world around us. He's beyond it. The best way to come to know God is not through our own clever mental maneuvering, but through trusting in God's revelation of Himself. We might think we know who God is, but the only way we can have any idea is if we trust, through the virtue of faith, who He has revealed Himself to be.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Suzanne Runyon
Monday: Joanne Krasnansky
Tuesday: Lisa Limyansky
Wednesday: Lachac Family; Ralph & Christine Trksak
Thursday: Marylou Cebula
Friday: Jane Biago
Saturday: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo

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 Rob Zolandz will be presenting the reflections and next week Deacon Anthony Scarpantonio will be the presenter.

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Servant of God Darwin Ramos

Short Bio

Servant of God Darwin Ramos, a poor Filipino boy, died from muscular dystrophy at the age of 17. Never brought low by the disease, he spoke of his illness as his "mission for Jesus." Many were blessed by his smile and compassionate friendship. He was known as the Master of Joy.

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

Offertory	\$ 6,621.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,508.00
Children's Donations	\$ 4.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,513.00
Total	\$ 10,646.00

Diocesan Assessment \$ 1,880.00

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

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my friend clean up after her graduation party.

Logan

organized my bed without being asked.

Landon

helped my mom in the kitchen

Francis

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



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN. GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE AND CLICK THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TAB. WE HAVE A NEW PROGRAM THIS YEAR SO THE TAB WILL LOOK DIFFERENT. PAYMENT IS DUE AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. IF THERE IS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

RUSZYŁY JUŻ ZAPISY UCZNIÓW NA NOWY ROK SZKOLNY 2024/25. MOŻNA TEGO DOKONAĆ PRZEZ STRONĘ PARAFII KLIKAJĄC ZAKŁADKE RELIGIA. W TYM ROKU MAMY NOWY PROGRAM, WIĘC ZAKŁADKA WYGLĄDA TROCHE INACZEJ. PŁATNOŚĆ NALEŻY UREGULOWAĆ W MOMENCIE REJESTRACJI. W PRZYPADKU KŁOPOTÓW FINANSOWYCH PROSIMY O KONTAKT TELEFONICZNY Z BIUREM PARAFIAL-

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 3:00 PM. **This year the Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage.** Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 11, 2024. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



Pray For...

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, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Sharon Connors, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Barbara Forbes, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, 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, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Liccadi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, 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 Ravaoli, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmet, Celia Zelinski, 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) 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 - September 14th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **August 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 **September 7th at 11:30AM.**



Caritas
MANVILLE

God's Love in Action

The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked. Summer has arrived & our attention turns to the outdoors. However those less fortunate still are in need of your help. 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:

Canned Fruit, Canned Corn, Instant Potatoes, Juice(64 oz.), Coffee (Instant & Ground), Boxed Milk(32 oz.), Pancake Mix

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

August 11, 2024

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/
Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,
131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/
Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/
Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13,
14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

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/>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What else is there to give when one has already given away their body and their life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all they have has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship. Then, you must ask the question of yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Murmurings

When people whisper, what they whisper usually is not flattering. It's also usually not accurate. If it was either of these things, it probably wouldn't have to be whispered.

"Stop murmuring among yourselves," Jesus tells the community in today's Gospel, and I think I detect a hint of impatience in his voice — or is that just my own bias? Maybe, maybe not. But it's true that what they were whispering about wasn't particularly flattering, and it also wasn't very accurate: *Did you hear what he said? That he's the bread of life?*

Do they disbelieve, or are they simply confused? Resentful? Afraid? Overwhelmed? We don't know, but we do know that they're not bringing their questions into the open. They're whispering them, trading them secretly, like contraband candy.

We know this guy. Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...

And then we get to what is usually the true purpose of a whispered opinion: the desire to make oneself out as the correct and unchallenged judge of the matter at hand.

In many ways, we have become a Church of murmurers. *Did you see what Bishop So-and-So said to Such-and-Such newspaper? Did you hear what Fr. Whatshisname said in his homily? Who does he think he is? Well, if you ask me...*

Perhaps it was always this way, even before modern times. Perhaps this Gospel shows us that this is no new thing.

Today, we see Jesus respond to his sulking critics by drawing their attention back to the truth at the heart of his teaching. *Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me.* And that is the end of their murmuring.

The truth is like a brick wall, and it knocks them over — or rather they, hurling themselves against it, knock themselves over.

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." — John 6:51

PRAYER FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Prayer of Memory

Dear Lord,

Don't let me forget the ways You've fought for me throughout history. You have been in my life in endless ways and words. May these memories comfort and encourage me now and always. Amen.

10th National Eucharist Congress,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage covered an estimated 6,500 miles with the intention of renewing our faith in Jesus and the awareness of his being to the United States and the world.

The Eucharistic Pilgrimage encompassed four routes, the Marian Route which started in the Mississippi Headwater, Lake Itasca, MN, the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route starting in New Haven Ct, the St Juan Diego Route starting from Brownsville, TX, the St. Junipero Serra starting in San Francisco, CA. The pilgrimage ended with a procession into the Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, Indiana greeted by a emotional outburst of upwards of over 50,000 believers in Jesus Christ.

It is so very hard to describe the atmosphere of that moment, but, I can tell you that is was a very powerful experience, one that I will never forget. I wish you were there with me.

I truly feel the the revival vision, is to help us to renew our Eucharistic faith in Jesus Christ where he is truly present. For me the emotional experience changed my whole being and thoughts of what it means to be a good Catholic. The experience definitely opened the door which allowed me to see many things that I did not see or feel before. It helped me to see that there are many who are in need of our Lord Jesus Christ and that it is our responsibility as disciples of Jesus Christ to not only renew our faith but also to help those who have fallen renew their faith.

Brothers and Sisters: Be a reflection of Jesus Christ.

Ted Petrock III

Our universal church is about community, and this can be seen in big and small ways. The National Eucharistic Congress was definitely the biggest way I have seen our church come together. It was powerful and I felt so good to see, and be among, so many in love with Jesus. The love was palpable and contagious, felt from that first moment while standing in line for 2 hrs to get our event badge. People were smiling, so patient yet excited, telling me their stories of how far or why they came. The very next stop was to see Jesus himself, at the church of St John the Evangelist, directly across the street from the convention center where perpetual adoration was held for the entire 5 day event. It was crowded already, yet peaceful as we all needed to first anchor ourselves in Him for this Eucharistic Congress to be successful and fruitful in our lives. And I do believe many lives were changed.

That evening, the stadium was filling up with thousands of people and the energy was building with eager "fans". We clapped, danced, and raised our voices with pride and joy for the gift of our wonderful faith. But then we did something different, something very catholic. We all got down on our knees, fell completely silent, as we reverently welcomed our Lord in the monstrance with tears in our eyes and love bursting from our hearts. We were consumed with awe and wonder in the presence of our King and Savior. If we would only understand and believe it is truly this big in our small humble church every week at mass and adoration. A sea of many became one body, totally united in Christ. You may hear this phrasing referenced during homilies, but maybe not until you really experience something like this do you understand the reality of its meaning.

Attend events and programs our priests, religious or laity organize to help us grow in our faith. I was blessed to have attended in person, and you can find much of it still on the internet. Our faith is so rich and rewarding. There are many wonderful spiritual opportunities far and near, if you only open yourself to receive and act on them. But most importantly, open yourself now, to receive Jesus Christ. He is truly there in the Eucharist. Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. Only He can satisfy.

Barbara Porter





