

August 18, 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.
Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so
also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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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 19 (Poniedziałek) - John Eudes

8:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
11:00AM †Greg Surek r/o Murphy Family

Tuesday, August 20 (Wtorek) - Bernard

8:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
11:00AM †Ewa Beuhl r/o husband, Michael
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, August 21 (Środa) - Pius X

11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, August 22 (Czwartek)

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM †Maria & Wladyslaw Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa

Friday, August 23 (Piątek) - Rose of Lima

11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
7:00PM †Stanislaw Falek r/o Kolodziej Family

Saturday, August 24 (Sobota) - Bartholomew

8:00AM †Wlodzimiera & Jan Hasiak r/o Joli i Irka
11:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
5:00PM †Ned Panfile & Members of the Ctk Prayer & Praise Group r/o wife & children

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 25 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Miroslaw Szewczyk r/o mother, Bronislawa
9:00AM †Albin Grabowski r/o Wraga Family
†John Gubernot r/o wife & family
†John Pluchino r/o Nora Birk
†Irena Jelski r/o daughter
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Mary Mazur** at the request of Elisea & Stanley.



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus warns us that unless we eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, we do not have life within us. The Eucharist is the wellspring of our Christian life, in every place and in every moment. Let us always remember that where there is no Eucharist, there is no life.



Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." - Jn 6:53-55

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A priest I know was asked by a door-to-door evangelist, "Do you believe in Jesus?" He answered, "Yes, I do. But if I may ask you," he continued, "Where do you experience Jesus' body and blood?" His interlocutor responded somewhat confusedly, "I don't. I just believe in him. That's all that is needed." Later my priest friend would relate to me, "The more I thought about it, that response struck me as totally inadequate. As human beings, we need to encounter Jesus' body and blood, not just hear about him and mentally believe. Otherwise, Jesus is just a ghost."

This week we see this central point as we arrive at the climactic moment of Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist. Jesus has established the importance of believing in him as the **"bread of life come down from heaven."** Belief deeply matters because it leads to a real, bodily encounter with Jesus through eating and drinking. That's why Jesus emphasizes to an almost outrageous degree the non-metaphorical necessity to **"eat my flesh and drink my blood"** (John 6:54). The real presence of Jesus' body and blood — he himself, truly, really, substantially — has been the Church's treasure since Holy Thursday. Internal belief in the heart *and* the ritual act of eating and drinking the Eucharist, the Church has stubbornly insisted on *both*, not just one or the other.

This is not meant to criticize non-Catholic Christians who deeply trust and love Jesus, nor is it a triumphal elitist claim about the Catholic Mass. Rather it is a humble, trusting acknowledgement that God in Jesus comes to us in a way most proper to human beings: in our hearts *and* our bodies, faith *and* the Eucharist.

— 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.



NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 24 & 25

END OF THE MONTH ADORATION - there will be a short adoration after each Mass.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZIELA, 25 SIERPIEŃ

W OSTATNIĄ NIEDZIELĘ MIESIĄCA – krótka adoracja na zakończenie każdej Mszy świętej.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE SUMMER FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

First Prize:	Maria Puzio	\$3,109.80
Second Prize:	John & Carol Salegna	\$1,347.58
Third Prize:	Sarah Bijaczyk	\$ 725.62

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAILY 50-50 WINNERS

Wednesday:	Mary Wiltemar	\$387.00
Thursday:	Jess Kolodziej	\$504.00
Friday:	George Daus	\$457.00
Saturday:	Carol Salegna	\$609.00



Festival Fun Facts

With our 56th Annual Parish Festival behind us here are the “fun” facts with regard to some of the products used in preparing the homemade delicacies enjoyed during the week.

216 pounds of butter
700 gallons of cooking oil
180 pounds of noodles
100 pounds of sausage
800 pounds of kielbasa
160 pounds of chicken tenders
180 pounds of french fries
4,600 pounds of potatoes
2,300 pounds of onions
1,600 lbs. of cabbage
840 lbs. of ground beef for stuffed cabbage
750 pounds of sauerkraut
150 dozen eggs
250 pounds of flour
40 gallons of pickles
4 bushels of peppers

Some Additional Fun Facts

Approximately...

960 hard rolls
1,450 dozen or 17,400 individual pierogi
3,100 stuffed cabbage
8,400 potato pancakes
630 individual pizza fritz
300 hamburgers
20 pounds of hot dogs
85 cases of soda
1,000 Polish Platters

... were served

Most importantly, and nearly impossible to measure, are the number of volunteer hours spent in the preparation of the grounds, making batter, peeling onions, cooking food, selling tickets, serving food, cleaning pots, pans, spoons, griddles, and fryers. While many know and recognize those individuals that worked the booths and worked in the various kitchens during the festival, what goes unnoticed except by those directly involved, are the many hours behind the scenes and in the auditorium preparing for and cleaning up after the daily event.

Please consider joining your parish family next year in making this all happen. It's much more than sweat equity, but community spirit and friendly cooperation with the help of the Good Lord who blesses us with good weather and good friends and makes it all happen. You could be a part of it too!

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Lala Llarena
Monday: Mirna Gonzalez
Tuesday: Laura Christie; Leose Calulo;
Donna Puma
Wednesday: Marianne Kenton
Thursday: Rosemary Jablonski; Keily Camacho
Friday: Suzanne Runyon
Saturday: Barbara Porter; Dora Perna

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 Deacon Anthony Scarpantonio will be presenting the reflections and next week John Salegna 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

St. Charbel Makhlouf | July 24

Short Bio St. Charbel Makloutf (1828–1898) was a Maronite monk and priest who lived much of his life as a hermit. He was renowned for healing, casting out demons, and levitating during prayer. Millions have visited his tomb and sought and received his intercession, even those of other faiths.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of August 11, 2024

Offertory	\$ 5,217.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 568.00
Children's Donations	\$ 22.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,094.00
Total	\$ 7,901.00
Property Insurance	\$ 2,170.00

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

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

TIME Talent TREASURE



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 PARAFIALNYM.

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 Llicardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, 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 **September 15th 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 18, 2024

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

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/
Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,
35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3,
16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or
5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

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

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the “fruits of the Holy Spirit.” He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. “By their fruits you will know them” (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will “bear much fruit” (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!