

September 1, 2024

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Redemptorists

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## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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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, September 2 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Tomasz Ochman r/o family  
11:00AM †Louis J. Rider r/o Peter Riccardi

## Tuesday, September 3 (Wtorek) - Gregory the Great

8:00AM †Anna Galant r/o family  
11:00AM †Eugeniusz & Krystyna Skorupa r/o Marian & Maria Puzio  
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

## Wednesday, September 4 (Środa)

11:00AM †Anthony Franzoso r/o Cebula Family  
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary  
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

## Thursday, September 5 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Maria Olearczyk r/o family  
11:00AM †Louis J. Rider r/o Peter Riccardi

## Friday, September 6 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Walter Blazejewski r/o wife, Dolores  
7:00PM †Bronislaw & Stefania Lebedynski r/o sister

## Saturday, September 7 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Anna & Stanislaw Hasiak r/o Joli i Irka  
11:00AM †Mary Evancho r/o Rose Kotch  
5:00PM World Peace & Victims of Terrorism

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 8 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Wladyslaw & Franciszek Lepianka r/o daughter  
9:00AM †Raymond Nipps r/o wife & children  
†Franciszek & Jan Grabowski r/o Wraga Family  
†Lucy Mazareski r/o Adult Choir  
†Joseph & Rose Tabbitt r/o children & grandchildren  
For the People of the Parish  
11:30AM †Wladyslaw & Stefania Lebedynski r/o siostra

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Raymond Nipps** at the request of his wife & children.



***"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."***  
- Mk 7:5b-6

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, **"Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"** (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, **"There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person"** (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us.

— Father John Muir

**If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.**

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## 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, SEPTEMBER 2**



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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima at 11:30AM.

**COMMEMORATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> TERRORIST ATTACK ON AMERICA** - following the 5:00PM Mass. Please join us for the special Prayer Service dedicated to all the victims of terrorism throughout the world.

**NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 7 & 8**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will be for the annual Peter's Pence collection for the holy Father. Please be generous.

**NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**ADORATION FOLLOWING EACH MASS IN HONOR OF THE COMMEMORATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> TERRORIST ATTACK ON AMERICA.**

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 2 WRZEŚNIA**

**BIURO PARAFIALNE BĘDZIE NIECZYNNE.** W razie konieczności prosimy dzwonić pod następujący nr 908-725-0072.

**SOBOTA, 7 WRZESIEŃ**

**ROCZNICA ATAKU TERRORYSTYCZNEGO NA AMERYKĘ.** O godzinie 5:00 pm w kościele Sacred Heart zapraszamy na szczególną modlitwę poświęconą ofiarom ataków terrorystycznych na całym świecie.

**NIEDZIELA, 8 WRZESIEŃ**

**ADORACJA NAJŚWIĘTSZEGO SAKRAMENTU PO KAŻDEJ MSZY ŚW. ZA OFIARY ATAKU TERRORYSTYCZNEGO NA AMERYKĘ Z 11 WRZEŚNIA 2001R.**

**DRUGA SKŁADKA**, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Stolicę Apostolską (tzw. Świętopietrze). Prosimy o ofiarność!

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/  
Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8,  
14-15, 21-23

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101,  
102/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,  
13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/  
Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/  
Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/  
Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/  
Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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/>.



If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- ☐ New in Parish and would like to register
- ☐ Change of address
- ☐ Request Collection Envelopes
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Need Information – Please CALL
- ☐ New Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Family Member (Name: \_\_\_\_\_) is ill:
  - ☐ At Home
  - ☐ In the Hospital: Room #: \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Dolores Finlan  
Monday: Angelica R.L. Ocaso  
Tuesday: Cassie Badella  
Wednesday: Terry Tardy  
Thursday: Lee Rawaich  
Friday: John Tardy  
Saturday: Barbara Faist

*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 Ted Petrock will be presenting the reflections and next week John Zunski 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. Basil the Great | January 2**

### Short Bio

St. Basil the Great (329–379) shares his feast day with his friend St. Gregory of Nazianzen. These accomplished men fought against heresies that threatened the foundations of the early Church, shaping doctrines around Christ's divinity and the nature of the Holy Trinity.

## The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of August 25, 2024

Offertory	\$ 5,626.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 3,088.00
Children's Donations	\$ 4.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,752.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,470.00</b>

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

*"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22*  
It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

## 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. PARISHIONERS OF ST. MARY'S OF BOUND BROOK MAY REGISTER THEIR CHILD HERE WITHOUT CHANGING YOUR PARISH AFFILIATION.**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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, Patrick & 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<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** - September 14<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **September 15<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 **October 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Catholic Teaching on Labor

#### Question:

As we celebrate Labor Day, can you tell me about Catholic teaching regarding labor?

#### Answer:

One of the most important principles of Catholic social teaching is the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Four encyclicals address this foundational social teaching: *Rerum Novarum* (1891) by Leo XIII, *Quadragesimo Anno* (1931) by Pius XI, *Laborem Exercens* (1981), and *Centesimus Annus* (1991) by John Paul II. They address both the theology and dignity of work. In Genesis, God takes the initiative in creating the world, calling forth human beings to be faithful stewards of creation. We are thus formed to share in God's continuing creative activity by partnering with God in finishing the world and helping bring it to completion and fulfillment. From this perspective, work can be spiritually understood in terms of sharing in God's ongoing activity to build, create, and transform the world. Human beings are co-creators with God. This vocation demands self-discipline.

Besides an exercise in self-discipline, work is also the means by which we develop and fulfill ourselves. In work, we shape the world and our environment. Through work, we also shape ourselves. Pope John Paul II summarized this point in *Laborem Exercens* #6, "the value of work is not primarily the kind of work being done, but the fact that the one who is doing it is a person."

Labor Day offers an excellent opportunity to reflect on how we view work in light of our Catholic social teaching.

### 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 worshiping? 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### The Word

On November 28, 1981, Alphonsine Mumureke was in the dining room at her high school in Kibeho, a small village in southwestern Rwanda. She heard a voice. It was a woman, veiled and beautiful. Alphonsine asked her who she was. "I am the Mother of the Word," answered the woman.

It was the first appearance of Our Lady of Kibeho, who would return to visit Alphonsine and two of her schoolmates over the course of the next eight years. She left with them an urgent call for repentance, along with a prophecy of the Rwandan genocide that would come to fruition in the next decade.

I have always found it compelling that Our Lady chose to identify herself in this way at Kibeho. *The Mother of the Word*. A title so simple and so concise, but so heavy with meaning.

"In the beginning was the Word..." says the Gospel of John in its opening lines.

But what is the Word? Is it spoken, or is it felt? Is it seen, written, heard? Is it shouted or whispered? Is it scribbled across pages that will one day dry and disappear? Is it carved into stone tablets, or on the nameplate above a cross? Is it poured over our foreheads? Is it set ablaze in a bush? Is it etched into our hearts?

It is all of these things, yes, but it is more, still. The Word is not something that is merely spoken. It is not merely written. The Word is something that is done. It is something that we must choose to do.

Our Lady of Kibeho lamented that this world "has neither love nor peace." "If you do not convert and heal your hearts, you will all fall into an abyss," she warned.

But how do we convert our hearts? What snatches us back from the brink?

It is the Word, spoken. It is the Word, carried out. Not just one, and not just the other, but both.

*"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls." — James 1:21*

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees did not understand that the law is more than an action to be carried out. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Let the law take root in your heart, and it will bear fruit in your works.