

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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 9 (Poniedziałek) - Peter Claver

8:00AM †Witek Niemiec r/o family
11:00AM †Josephine & Marion Warzybuk r/o daughter,
Bertha

Tuesday, September 10 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Jozef Sowa r/o family
11:00AM †Josef Tardy r/o Tardy Family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, September 11 (Środa)

11:00AM †Deceased Members of the O'Mara Family r/o Gola
Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, September 12 (Czwartek)

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00AM †Pawel Zawadka r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Istvan & Terez r/o John & Terry Tardy

Friday, September 13 (Piątek) - John Chrysostom

11:00AM †Jerry Cebula r/o Rose Kotch
7:00PM †Mieczyslaw Werynski r/o Kris Okulczyk

Saturday, September 14 (Sobota)

The Exultation of the Holy Cross

8:00AM †Damian Herdzik r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Dr. Patrick DiVietri r/o Laura Riccardi
5:00PM †Joseph Wass r/o Rita Wass

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 15 (Niedziela)

Catechetical Sunday

7:00AM †Maria & Mikolaj Woznicki r/o Wieslaw Woznicki
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
‡Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary
Society
‡Michael Smolinski r/o family
‡Irene Jelski r/o daughter
‡Sharon Connors r/o Tom & Dolores Finlan
‡Vince Carrino r/o Rosalie Hebert
‡James Cardellichio r/o Rosalie Hebert
11:30AM Mass of Thanksgiving occasioned by the 54th
Wedding Anniversary of Jozefa & Stanislaw
Kurasinski

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the
repose of the souls of the **Urbaniak & Orlando**
Families at the request of the grandchildren.



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One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "**Ephphata!**" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— 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.

This Week

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
MASS & 9/11 PRAYER SERVICE - 11:00AM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Clothing, textiles, stuffed animals, etc. can be dropped off at the St. John Neumann Center (on Sacred Heart grounds) from 9AM to 12Noon.

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 14 & 15
THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the air-conditioning. Please be generous.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be collecting outside the church after Masses for their Scholarship Fund.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – 9AM MASS. Our Religious Education teachers will be commissioned. Please keep the teachers and students in your prayers. Bring your backpacks for the backpack blessing.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

SOBOTA, 14 WRZEŚNIA

"ZBIÓRKA ODZIEŻY", sponsorowana przez Rycerzy Kolumba. Odzież, tekstylia, zabawki - wypchane zwierzęta, itp. można dostarczać do budynku Św. Jana Neumana (czerwony budynek przy parkingu), przy kościele Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa od 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

NIEDZIELA, 15 WRZESIEŃ

MSZA ŚW. NA ROZPOCZĘCIE NOWEGO ROKU SZKOLNEGO I KATECHETYCZNEGO. o godz. 9:00AM. . Zachęcamy do modlitwy w intencji dzieci i katechetów. Na Mszy Sw odbędzie się błogosławieństwo plecaków i przyborów szkolnych.

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na air-conditioning. Prosimy o ofiarność!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/
Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15,
16-17/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
(9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

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/>.

*Patriot
Day*

*Heavenly Father, Creator of All,
You have created the
human person as good.
You have placed us in the
world as one human family,
as sisters and brothers.
We pray today for all victims
of violence across the world,
for the healing of their mind and body,
for their mourning family members,
for the repose of their souls.
Jesus, You have told us to
love our enemies,
and to pray for those
who persecute us.
Give us the strength and
courage to forgive.
Remove all lingering desire for revenge.
Holy Spirit, reveal to us
the mercy of God.
Give us the gift of Your peace
that surpasses all understanding.
Amen.*



The Our Lady of Fatima Public Square Rosary will be prayed at noon on Saturday, September 14th at the corner of Main Street and Camplain Road. Please come and pray for our country and peace in the world, especially in the Ukraine. All are welcome!!!

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janlonski
Monday: John & Magdalena Daus
Tuesday: Susan Klein
Wednesday: Suzanne Runyon
Thursday: Joanne Krasnansky
Friday: Lisa Limyansky
Saturday: Lachac Family; Ralph & Christine Trksak

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 John Zunski 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

St. Caterina Volpicelli | December 28

Short Bio

St. Caterina Volpicelli (1839-1894) left a life of elegant Neapolitan society to serve the Lord. She adhered to the Apostleship of Prayer, dedicating each day to the Sacred Heart. Her order, the Servants of the Sacred Heart, opened an orphanage, a lending library, and nursed cholera victims.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I love watching replays of great sports highlights. Sometimes you see something so extraordinary that you tell others they have to see it to believe it. The one-handed catch, the in-the-park home run, and the photo finish are all examples of these types of moments. They are amazing feats that boggle the mind.

I wonder how many people in biblical times saw Jesus perform miracles and told others they wouldn't have believed it unless they saw it with their own eyes. Of course, we believe the stories of his miracles, and we didn't see them in person. We do believe them, don't we?

There is no television program that features replays of the actual miracles Jesus performed 2,000 years ago. However, there are miracles every day for the world to see. Many of those come about by allowing God to work through us. People are waiting to be healed and fed, and mountains are waiting to be moved. There might not be a replay for these miracles either. However, people will be amazed by the power of God. Jesus said we could do these things if we had faith. Blessed are those who believe but who have not seen. Furthermore, blessed are those who perform great works with God so that others may see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 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, 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⁺ 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 **October 5th 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. Vacations are over & children are back in school. Over the summer the Food Pantry shelves have begun to empty & your food pantry is in need of a great many items. Please help us help those less fortunate. 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:

Breakfast items: Toaster Pastry, Pancake mix & syrup.
Toothpaste, Body Wash, Shampoo, Bars of Soap.
Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.
Juice (64 oz.), Coffee (Instant & Ground), Boxed Milk (32 oz.)
Toilet paper & paper towels.
Canned fruit and soup.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Exaltation of the Cross

Question:

What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:

Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

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 _____

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Be Opened

There are several moments throughout the calendar year when we are tricked into thinking we can reinvent ourselves.

One of them is New Year's Day. The barista at my coffee shop told me that they sell more decaf coffee in January than in the entirety of the remaining year, because everyone is swearing off caffeine. By February, she said, the trend subsides: folks have realized they're not actually superheroes just because the last digit of the year has increased by one.

The beginning of a new school year is another of those moments. Every pencil is freshly sharpened, and every lesson plan is painstakingly plotted. Our heads are full of what we plan to do this year, how we plan to do it, who we plan to become.

But by May, the wind is out of our sails. We've learned the concepts, we've used up the pencils, yes — but we've remembered that underneath it all we're basically the same people, with the same shortcomings and the same obstacles as we always were. The only difference in September was we had new planners.

The truth is that we cannot reinvent ourselves. We can't change ourselves at all, not on New Year's Day or the first day of school or on our 40th birthday or after quitting a bad habit. We are what we are: blind in some ways, deaf in others, crippled in still more, moving through life with uncertainty, stumbling in the dark.

People don't change. Not without miracles.

But being a Christian means believing in miracles and being ready for them at any moment — in January or in September, in the middle of a hopeless week or at the end of a bad day, when you feel strong and when you don't, when you want to be better and when you feel too tired to try.

No, we can't change ourselves, but we can *be* changed. There is one who can change us if we will let him. He is waiting — now, tomorrow, yesterday, next week. The time is always right for a miracle.

"He put his finger into the man's ears ... and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' — that is, 'Be opened!' — And immediately the man's ears were opened ... " Mark 7:34-35

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Be opened!" said Christ two thousand years ago, as he placed his finger in the ear of the deaf man. "Be opened!" he says to us today, laying his hand upon our hearts. May we always accept Christ's invitation to become a new creation.