

December 8, 2024

2nd Sunday of Advent



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"Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."
- Lk 3:5-6

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PARISH STAFF

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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, December 9 (Poniedziałek)

Immaculate Conception

- 8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †William & Sophie Pilla r/o daughter
5:00PM †Mattie, Leo, Walter, Frank & Edward Korzeniowski
r/o estte
7:00PM †John, Anna & Henry Krynski r/o estate

Tuesday, December 10 (Wtorek) - Our Lady of Lareto

- 8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Ania Salko
11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Buehl Family r/o
Michael
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 11 (Środa) - Damasus I

- 11:00AM †Laura & Frank Gola r/o Gola Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 12 (Czwartek)

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00AM †Ignacy Rogalski r/o zona, Krysia
11:00AM God's Blessing for Jane Holl r/o daughter, Laura

Friday, December 13 (Piątek) - Lucy

- 11:00AM †Stanislaw Pasek r/o daughter
7:00PM †Henryk Grzeczkwicz r/o brother

Saturday, December 14 (Sobota) - John of the Cross

- 8:00AM †Czeslawa Gnapp (Anniv.) r/o dzieci i wnukow
11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Kielczinski Family r/o
Michael
5:00PM †Lucille & Walter Domin r/o Mary Marsicano

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15 (Niedziela)

- 6:30AM Godzinski
7:00AM †Alicja Woznicki r/o Woznicki Family
9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary
Society
†Michael Smolinski r/o family
†Thad Mastalski r/o Beverly & Frank Kloepping
†Andrew Wargin (Anniv.) r/o wife
†Jean Elguicze r/o Stella Wiercinski
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Helena & Stanislaw Puzio r/o Konrad & Teresa
Puzio
5:00PM (P) Retreat Service

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



*A voice of one crying out in the desert:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths."
- Lk 3:4*

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In the year 1995, in the seventeenth year of my life, when Fife Symington was governor of Arizona, Bill Clinton was president of the United States, Chuck Keiffer was pastor of St. Theresa parish in Phoenix, Arizona, and Ron and Mary were my parents, the word of God came to my youth minister Eric and through him I started to see the salvation of God. Soon, Christ came into my life never to leave. I'm thankful beyond words.

Why am I being so specific, you ask? Because in the Gospel this week we hear the specific names of people holding civic and religious authority in first century Palestine when **"the word of God came to John the Baptist:"** Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate, Herod, Philip, Lysanias, Annas, Caiaphas, and Zechariah. All this is meant to help us see that God breaks into our *history*, into real human events. Jesus is no mere myth. He is the Word-which-breaks-in, in concrete moments, you might say. And now we anticipate his coming once again in our specific situations.

Advent challenge: Name as many civic and religious leaders who are in authority currently in your life. Now, name who the potential John the Baptists may be. A spouse? A friend? A podcaster? A work colleague who brings God's word to you? Spend a moment considering that this comprises the concrete, historical setting into which Christ wishes to come. Then, with these specifics in mind, pray: "Come, Lord Jesus. Come."

— Father John Muir



Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.

Oplątki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

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, DECEMBER 9

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE HOLYDAY. 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, DECEMBER 10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ADVENT FUN DAY - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 14 & 15

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Christmas Flowers. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 9 GRUDZIEŃ

BIURO PARAFIALNE BĘDZIE ZAMKNIĘTE w związku ze Świętem. W nagłych wypadkach proszę dzwonić pod numer: 908-725-0072.

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 10 GRUDZIEŃ

ADWENTOWY DZIEŃ RELIGIJNEJ ZABAWY - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

SOBOTA, 14 GRUDZIEŃ

"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.

NIEDZALA, 15 GRUDZIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Christmas Flowers. Prosimy o ofiarność!

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWETNU

Rozpoczynamy rekolekcje w języku polskim. Rekolekcje w tym Adwencie wygłosi O. Valery Mazur, C.Ss.R. – Zachęcamy wszystkich do udziału w tym szczególnym czasie łaski.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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/>.

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY



On Sunday, December 29, 2024 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at Masses. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W niedzielę, 29 grudnia na wszystkich Mszach św. (w języku angielskim oraz w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

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 Katarzyna Ryba will be presenting the reflections and next week Linda Cavaluzzo will be the presenter.

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janloski
Monday: John & Magdalena Daus
Tuesday: Susan Klein; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday: Suzanne Runyon
Thursday: Joanne Krasnansky
Friday: Lisa Limyansky
Saturday: Lachac Family; Ralph & Christine Trksak



Pierogi, Kielbasa & Cooked Onions are available for sale in the parish office.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.



CEMETERY NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI DOTYCZĄCE CMĘTARZA PARAFIALNEGO

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON JUST AHEAD OF US, IT'S TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE POLICIES PERTAINING TO GRAVE DECORATIONS. WREATHS ARE THE PREFERRED DECORATION; THEY SHOULD BE TIED TO THE MONUMENT. IF YOU WISH TO USE A GRAVE SPRAY, BE SURE THAT IT IS PLACED AGAINST THE MONUMENT AND TIED TO IT. **DO NOT USE GRAVE BLANKETS** THAT SPAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE GRAVE. **ABOVE ALL, DO NOT USE METAL STAKES TO FASTEN THE DECORATIONS TO THE GROUND.**

VIGIL LIGHTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. BREAKAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE FREEZE-THAW ACTION. THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VIGIL LIGHTS FOR ANY REASON.

Z RACJI ZBLIŻAJĄCYCH SIĘ ŚWIAT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOSZĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIĘNCZ, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE DO NAGROBKÓW. PROSIMY O NIEPRZYKRYWANIE GROBÓW RÓŻNYMI DEKORACJAMI ŚWIĄTECZNYMI.

PROSIMY O ZABRANIE WSZYSTKICH LAMPEK WIECZNYCH, KTÓRE MOGĄ ULEC ZNISZCZENIU W CZASIE ZIMY. CMĘTARZ NIE JEST ODPOWIEDZIALNY ZA USZKODZONE ŚWIECE WOTYWNE.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity | November 8

Short Bio

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was a French mystic, a member of the Discalced Carmelites. In her writing, her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved are her powerful legacy.

Track Your Giving in 2025



Have you considered using online giving? By creating a login and contributing online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contributions. You can find the online giving link on www.ctrmanville.com.



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, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, 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 Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Wacław & Stanley Jasinski, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Liccardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Antoni Niecikowski, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, 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 Slaughter, 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, Anthony Zalewski, 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 - December 14th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **December 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 **January 4th 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.

As the holidays approach 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:

Rice.

Body Wash, Shampoo.

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.

Juice (64 oz.).

Toilet paper & paper towels.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of November 24, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,805.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 926.00
Children's Donations	\$ 15.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,397.00
Total	\$ 10,143.00

Works of Mercy Campaign \$ 1,536.00

the weekend of December 1, 2024

Offertory	\$ 6,780.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,885.00
Children's Donations	\$ 13.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,738.00
Total	\$ 10,416.00

Religious Retirement \$ 2,158.00

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

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

held the door for my classmates in school & helped make mashed potatoes. Logan

cheered on my friend when I watched him play a game & helped my dad take out the recycling. Landon

helped my brother clean his room & helped my friend when she fell off her bike. Brooke-Lynn

helped my friend build her gingerbread house. Stella

made breakfast for my family. Abby

shared my gift with my sister. Molly

cleaned my room & emptied the dishwasher. Alexander

cleaned up the leaves outside. Brian

helped clean the deck off. Ingrid

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



November Parish financial Update July 2024 - November 2024

		Monthly Budget/Actual			Year-to-Date Budget/Actual		
		Nov. Budg	Nov. Act.	Over/(Shortfall)	July-Nov Bu	Actual	Over/(Shortfall)
Offertory		\$ 44,118	\$ 36,727	\$ (7,390)	\$ 220,588	\$ 206,886	\$ (13,701)
Other Collections		\$ 18,908	\$ 6,114	\$ (12,793)	\$ 94,538	\$ 31,918	\$ (62,620)
Property Insurance		\$ 9,742	\$ 3,226	\$ (6,516)	\$ 48,708	\$ 11,154	\$ (37,554)
Diocesan Assessm		\$ 9,317	\$ 2,207	\$ (7,110)	\$ 46,583	\$ 11,214	\$ (35,369)
Take-A-Step		\$ 1,667	\$ 698	\$ (969)	\$ 8,333	\$ 4,765	\$ (3,568)
Total Sept. Budget		\$ 83,750	\$ 48,972	\$ (34,778)	\$ 418,750	\$ 265,938	\$ (152,812)

Minister Schedule for December 14 & 15

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Barbara Porter	Jarek Misztal	John Zunski	Dzieci
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Suzanne Runyon Laurie Lukacs		Jaun Villagra Justina Villagra	