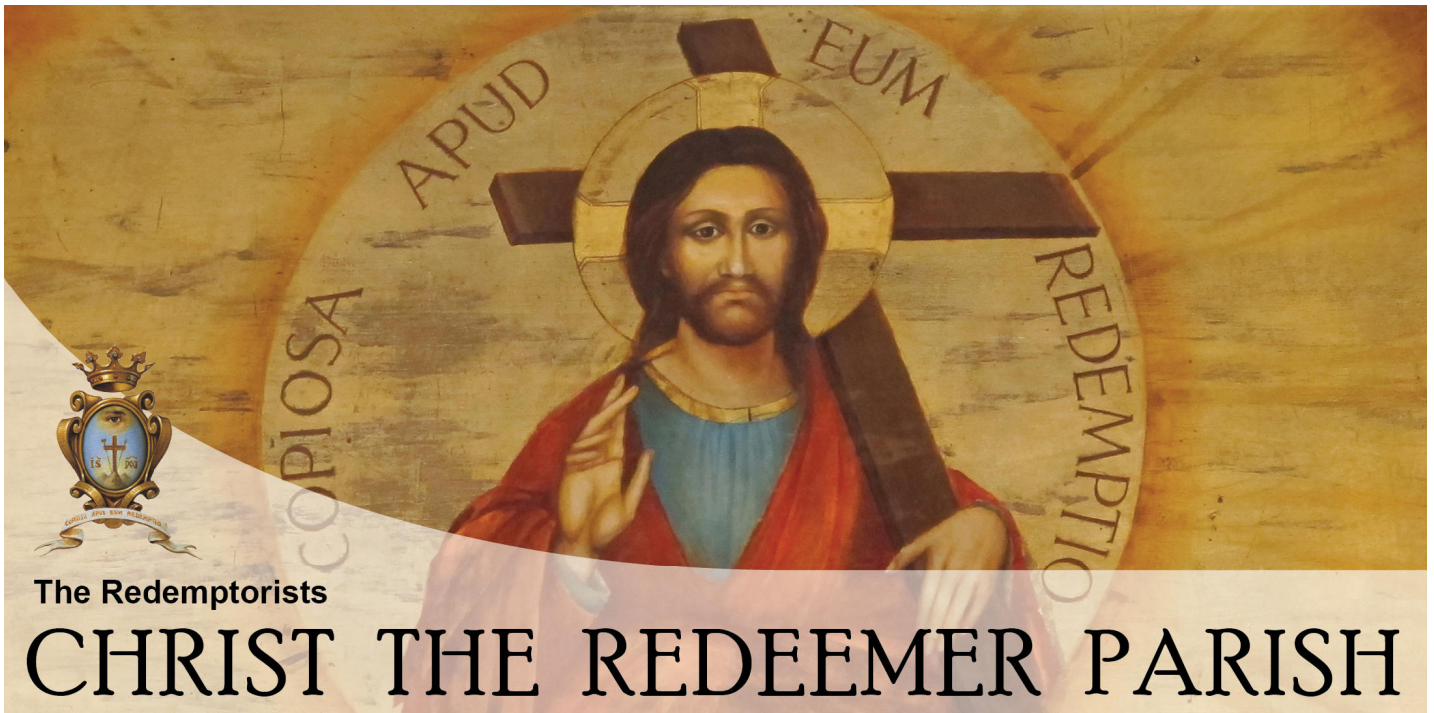


February 23, 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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- Lk 6:38

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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, February 24 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family

Tuesday, February 25 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Janina & Stanislaw Winnicki r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, February 26 (Środa)

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, February 27 (Czwartek) - Gregory of Narek

8:00AM †Karolina & Jozef Ciaputa r/o Anna Kleszcz
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

Friday, February 28 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
7:00PM †Janina Hasiak Czech r/o Rodziny Gnep

Saturday, March 1 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Janina & Stefan Suchy r/o Wieslaw Woznicki
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
5:00PM †Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski r/o daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Kazimierz Wiercinski r/o wife, Stella Wiercinski
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
†Anne Cummings r/o daughter & grandchildren
†Waclaw Puzio r/o Marian & Maria Puzio
†Antoni Niecikowski r/o Dziwak Family
†Hannah Maj r/o children
†Anna Maziarz r/o Wraga Family
†Barbara Aufrichtig r/o Joanne Woler
†Maria Maziarz r/o Kurasinski Family
10:30AM †Jozef Czyrnek r/o Wawszkowicz & Czyrnek Families

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Ann Marie Solarek** at the request of Elisea & Stanley.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in memory of **Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski** at the request of their daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter.



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One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I’m a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled “Stick Season,” he sings of his hope to “cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad.” This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual “inheritance” from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It’s easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we’re not so doomed, thank God. This week’s Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, **“Be merciful just as your Father is merciful”** (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect *that* perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of *God’s* life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It’s time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus’ message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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

NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 1 & 2

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Diocesan Assessment. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 24 LUTY

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

WTOREK, 25 LUTY

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.

NIEDZALA, 2 MARZEC

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Diocesan Assessment. Prosimy o ofiarność!

THE PRIESTLY RETREAT will take place from March 10 to 14, 2025. All Masses in Polish and English are cancelled for that week. The services of the Way of the Cross in both languages will take place as planned.

REKOLEKCJE KAPŁAŃSKIE odbędzie się w dniach od 10-14 marzec. W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim i angielskim są odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwóch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal *PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity*

One of the key ministries supported by the Annual Appeal is **Seminarian Formation**. We are blessed to have 19 men currently studying for the priesthood in the Diocese of Metuchen. It is a blessing that brings with it the responsibility of providing for their education. Quality formation is essential for our future priests who will be the sacramental presence of the Lord in the midst of our parishes, nourishing and healing with Word and sacraments the people they are called to serve. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to defray the costs of forming the future shepherds of our Church.

Ash Wednesday Pierogi Dinner March 5th—4-7 PM

Adults—\$14.00

Children 6 & under—\$7

Tickets can be purchased at the office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172,
174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/
Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/
Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
(see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

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/>.

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 Anna May Wall will be presenting the reflections and next week John Clougher will be the presenter.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 16, 2025

Offertory	\$	5,583.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,691.00
Children's Donations	\$	7.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,437.00
Total	\$	9,718.00

Catholic Spirit \$ 1,321.00

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

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

was nice.

Francis

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



Pierogies are available for sale in the parish office.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Suzanne Runyon
Monday:	Barbara Porter; Dora Perna
Tuesday:	Rachel Petrone; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday:	John Tardy
Thursday:	Julia & Natalie Droszczak; Maryanne Zarbetski
Friday:	Natalie Day
Saturday:	Dolores Finlan

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In Italy, where can you find the painting of the crucifixion that, according to tradition, spoke to St. Thomas Aquinas?

Answer: The Church of San Domenico in Naples.



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, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasiniski, 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, 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, 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 Kemmett, 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 - March 8th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **March 16th 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 **March 1st 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 a new year begins, the Food Pantry needs your help.

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 online giving.

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

Granola/Snack Bars.

Body Wash, Shampoo.

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.

Juice (64 oz.).

Toilet paper & paper towels.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC –
BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

Judgment and Love

“Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?”

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

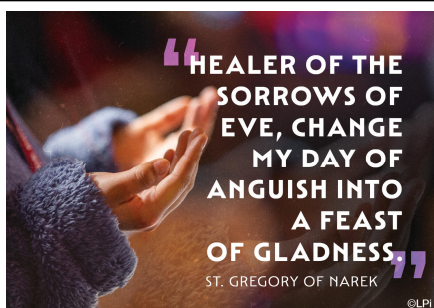
It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churched ones, too) regarding what constitutes “judging.” It is absolutely not “judging” someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it *is* judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the “culture wars.” I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.



**NEW PARISHIONERS
NOWI PARAFIANIE**

If you are new to the parish, and would like to become a parishioner, please take the time to register at the Parish Office. Daily office hours are noted in the parish bulletin. If needed, evening appointments are available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wszystkich uczęszczających regularnie na msze św. do naszego kościoła prosimy o zapisanie się do naszej parafii. Należy przyjść do biura w godz. otwarcia lub umówić się na spotkanie wieczorem. Rejestracja w parafii konieczna jest do wydawania wszelkich dokumentów i zaświadczeń, a także do chrztu, ślubu i pogrzebu. Zapraszamy!

**MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED
AND HOMEBOUND**

Please notify the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill in the hospital or homebound. It is your responsibility to let us know about these parishioners in order for us to provide an adequate spiritual ministry.

DUSZPASTERSTWO LUDZI CHORYCH

Jeśli ktoś z Waszych bliskich jest już dłuższy czas lub ciężko chory w domu lub szpitalu, to kapłan chętnie przyjedzie, aby porozmawiać z nim i udzielić mu sakramentów pojednania, namaszczenia chorych i Komunii Świętej. Kontakt - biuro parafialne.



We welcome the following newly registered members to our Parish Family: Leidy Paola Gutierrez Cifuentes & Mark Walyga



We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioner who has died: Anna Maziarz.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH
TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH**

Fasting

Mini Explanation

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.