

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday of Lent



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- Lk 9:34-35

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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, March 17 (Poniedziałek) - Patrick

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

Tuesday, March 18 (Wtorek) - Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00AM †Jozef Malinowski r/o Janina Woznicki & family
11:00AM †Jozef Florek r/o Beata & George Krawczyk
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
5:30AM †Mattie, Leo, Walter, Frank & Edward Korzeniowski
r/o estate

Wednesday, March 19 (Środa) - Joseph, Spouse of Mary

8:00AM †Stanley & Constance Czochanski r/o estate
11:00AM †Mary Sue Schlenker r/o family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
5:30AM †John, Anna & Henry Krynski r/o estate
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, March 20 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr & Helena Karnas r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Clara Kelco r/o family

Friday, March 21 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Chester Jablonski Jr. (Anniv.) r/o Rosemary
Jablonski
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Marcin Ciechan r/o rodziny Gnap

Saturday, March 22 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Wladyslaw Malinowski r/o Janina Woznicki z
rodzina
11:00AM †Elzbieta Mazurek r/o Teresa & Konrad Puzio
4:30AM Lenten Lamentations
5:00PM †Wiktorija Pikul r/o Marianna Antos

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 23 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Waclawa Marciniak r/o Stella Wiercinski
8:40AM Lenten Lamentations
9:00AM †Zofia Malinowska r/o Marian & Maria Puzio
†Edward Jr. & Catherine J. Zamorski r/o family
†Joseph Manhart r/o family
God's Blessing for the Tardy Family r/o family
†Anna Maziarz r/o Elizabeth & Krzysztof Korneccy
†Angeline Machado r/o CTR Parish
†Melecio Panaligan r/o Lily Panaligan
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Society
5:00PM Gorzkie Zale
5:45PM †Jozef & Helena Siuta r/o syn z rodzina
7:00PM Retreat Service

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the re-
pose of the soul of **Mary Sue Schlenker** at the re-
quest of her family.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in
memory of **Czeslawa Matysewicz** at the request of
her daughter, Ewa Malkin & family.



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St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "**This is my chosen Son, listen to him**" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "**they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone.**" Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus — perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

— 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.



MONDAY, MARCH 17

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 22 & 23

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for property insurance. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 17 MARZEC

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

WTOREK, 18 MARZEC

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

NIEDZALA, 23 MARZEC

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na property insurance. Prosimy o ofiarność!

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Apostles do not realize what is happening during the transfiguration. They are confused and afraid, and then they hear a voice from the cloud: "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." Sometimes in life, all we have is the voice of God. Listen to it.

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

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do so next weekend, March 22/23, which has been designated as *Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend*. Please prayerfully consider a gift to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching 100% participation. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Devotions, Explained!

Taizé

Taizé, Explained

Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger's vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries.

Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year.

Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

Minister Schedule for March 22 & 23

| | 5:00PM | 7:00AM | 9:00AM | 10:30AM |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Lectors | Suzanne Runyon | Kazimierz Dziwak | Mary Lou Cebula | Agnieszka Miga |
| Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic | Anna May Wall Carol Borysewicz | | Anthony Tartaglione Juan Villagra | |

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 Mary Lou Cebula will be presenting the reflections and next week Pete Rybski will be the presenter.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1
Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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/>.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2025**. A signed Parish Verification Form is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of March 9, 2025

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| Offertory | \$ | 5,722.00 |
| Mail-Ins | \$ | 2,124.00 |
| Children's Donations | \$ | 20.00 |
| On-line Giving | \$ | 2,557.00 |
| Total | \$ | 10,423.00 |

Spring Cemetery Donation \$ 2,010.00

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

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - GENESIS 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my substitute teacher cause she did not know what to do. **Landon**
asked my friend if he was ok when he fell. **Logan**
helped my sister with her homework and when she fell off her bike. **Brooke-Lynn**
helped a classmate at school. **Alexander**
cooked with grandma. **Isabella**
helped my mom do the dishwasher. **Suzanne**

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Jane Biago
Monday: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo
Tuesday: Lala Llarena; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday: Mirna Gonzalez
Thursday: Laura Christie; Leose Calulo; Donna Puma
Friday: Marianne Kenton
Saturday: Rosemary Jablonski; Keily Camacho

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the definition of the word "bible"?

Answer: A collection of books.



Pierogies are available for sale in the parish office.



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, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, 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, Chris Levash, Cheyenne Liccardi, 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, Rachel & Vince Petront, 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 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, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski and Maria Zurawiecki.

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 - April 12th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **April 20th 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 **April 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.

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 on-line 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.

PARISH RETREAT IN ENGLISH

March 22-25

**Saturday—5:00PM
Mass**

**Monday—5:30PM
Retreat Service**

**Sunday 9:00AM Mass
7:00PM Retreat Service**

**Tuesday—5:30PM
Retreat Closing Mass**

Rev. Rick Potts, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Rick Potts was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in the Fall of 1961. He is the third of five children born to Marge and Robert Potts, Sr. He was baptized a child of God as an infant and grew in faith guided by devoted parents. He was confirmed in the fullness of the Spirit at his home parish of St. David on the 3rd of November 1972. He attended Fox Elementary, Junior and Senior High School in Arnold, Missouri, where he spent his youth. In the Fall of 1979 he entered the Archdiocesan Seminary of St. Louis. After three years of study, he transferred to the Redemptorist college in Waterford, Wisconsin, where he attained a B.A. in Philosophy in 1985. After completing his novitiate Rick attained his M.Div. from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, Illinois. In 2004, Rick would earn a Master of Theology from the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Rick made his first religious vows to the Redemptorist way of life in the summer of 1986. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 at St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Rick's first assignment was to Holy Name Church in Omaha, Nebraska, where he worked in the parish and with the H.N. Housing Corp. Rick was then assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Kansas City, Missouri, for three years, when Fr. Maurice J. Nutt asked him to consider transferring to the Rock. Rick then spent 8 years as the associate pastor of St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church in St. Louis, Missouri. In 2002, Rick was installed as the 33rd pastor of "The Rock" Church and served God's people in that position for 3 years. In 2005, Rick accepted an invitation to be one of the founding members of the first Redemptorist foundation in Tennessee, at the parish of The Holy Names of Jesus and Mary in Memphis, where he did parish missions. In 2007 Rick became the editor-in-chief of Liguorian, a magazine published by the Redemptorists at Liguori Publications. In November of 2010 he returned to his beloved St. Alphonsus Church to once again pastor the flock of "The Rock," as the 36th pastor. In 2019 Rick was transferred to Grand Rapids, MI, where he became pastor of St. Alphonsus parish. After the Denver Province decided to turn the parish over to the diocese, Rick was assigned to

St. Gerard parish in Baton Rouge, LA, as associate pastor. He was asked to use his experience of ministering in the Black community to try and grow the parish by evangelizing the local community.

Throughout his life Rick has been heavily involved in working in areas of peace and justice. This has included work in Northern Ireland, work with Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace movement, work with Holy Name Housing Corporation, and being an advocate for community development. Rick is also an avid fine-art nature photographer.

PARISH RETREAT PRAYER

God, Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, Your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our Parish Retreat.

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, That we may be open to the gift of your truth.

Grant that our Retreat may be:

A time of Grace of all, A time of growth for the young,

A time of refreshment for the old, A time of renewal for families,

A time of healing for the broken, A time of joy for the sorrowing,

A time of challenge for the complacent, A time of forgiveness for the sinner, A time of strength for the holy, A time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, most loving God that our Retreat may bring down your richest blessings on each and every member of our parish community.

We pray through the intercession of Mary, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, in the name of Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.