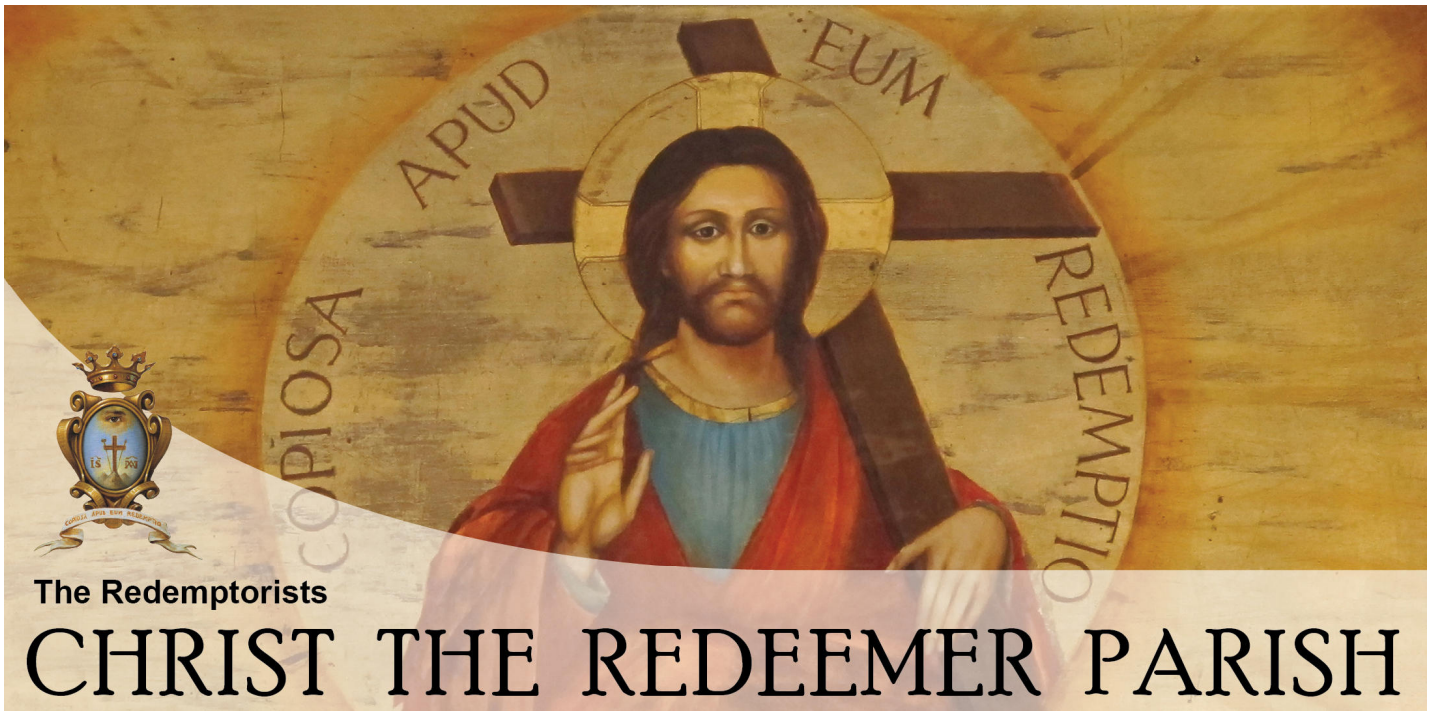


March 23, 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent



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- Lk 13:2-3

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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 24 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o colleagues from work
11:00AM †Pam Maida r/o Laura Riccardi
5:30AM Retreat Service

Tuesday, March 25 (Wtorek)

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o colleagues from work
11:00AM †Ewa Buehl r/o husband, Michael
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
5:30AM Retreat Closing Mass

Wednesday, March 26 (Środa)

11:00AM God's Blessing for Jane Irwin r/o John Schulte
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, March 27 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Maria & Wladyslaw Karnas r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Chester & Rose Jablonski r/o Rosemary Jablonski

Friday, March 28 (Piątek)

11:00AM God's Blessing for John Schulte r/o Laura Riccardi
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Mieczyslaw Wicinski r/o daughter & family

Saturday, March 29 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Stanislaw & Stanislaw Wojciechowski r/o Wieslaw Woznicki
11:00AM †Jozef Florek r/o Renata Grzeczkwicz
4:30AM Lenten Lamentations
5:00PM †Sophie Pilla r/o daughter

4th Sunday of Lent, March 30 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Henryk Florek r/o dzieci i wnuki
8:40AM Lenten Lamentations
9:00AM †Rosemarie Charneski r/o Maribeth Thomaszfski
†Deceased Members of the Tardy Family r/o family
†Anna Maziarz r/o Elizabeth & Krzysztof Korneccy
†Josephine Riley r/o Maria Ragucci
†Jozef Wyka r/o Wladyslawa Malczewska
†Brett Wood r/o CTR Parish Staff & Clergy
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Ela Niedbala
5:00PM Gorzkie Zale
5:45PM †Helena & Kazimierz Skrzekowski r/o Wieslaw Woznicki

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Wass** at the request of his sons, Christopher & Edward Jr.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in memory of **Jan Benesz** at the request of his daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter.



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3rd Sunday of Lent

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— 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

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - ALL STUDENTS ARE TO ATTEND THE RETREAT CLOSING MASS @ 5:30PM IN THE CHURCH.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 24 MARZEC

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

WTOREK, 25 MARZEC

KATECHEZA – wszyscy uczniowie uczestniczą we Mszy Św. na zakończenie rekolekcji o godz. 17:30. Obecność obowiązkowa.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

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

This weekend, parishes throughout the Diocese of Metuchen are celebrating **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Our goal is for every family to participate. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Together, we are keeping Christ's presence alive in the world today. Thank you for actively participating in this mission by your financial support.

Devotions, Explained! **Anima Christi**

The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: *Soul of Christ — "Anima Christi"* in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from "the malicious enemy" and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises*. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.



Minister Schedule for March 29 & 30

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Matt Menkowski	Bogdan Nowak	Barbara Stefany Maria Scarpantonio	Tomasz Jaje
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Linda Cavaluzzo Anna May Wall		Laurie Genovese Juanita 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 Pete Rybski will be presenting the reflections and next week Mary Lou Cebula 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: 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
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/
Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/
2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32. *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7,
10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1,
6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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 16, 2025

Offertory	\$	6,149.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,437.00
Children's Donations	\$	30.00
Easter Flowers	\$	2,688.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,160.00
Total	\$	12,464.00

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

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

let my friend keep my squishy when she was sad. Molly
helped my friend carry her schoolwork. Abby
helped my nonna bring in the groceries. Brooke-Lynn
was good. Francis
helped my sister read a book. Alexander
cleaned my room. Zofia

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

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

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the commemorative, prayerful "walk" that Catholics take part in to retrace Christ's journey to Calvary?

Answer: The Stations of the Cross.



**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, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McChure, 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, 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.

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Mortal versus Venial Sin

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Perhaps this Lent you are working hard to stick with your devotions, avoid hamburgers on Fridays, and fight your temptations for soda since you gave it up for Jesus. You are planting seeds in your spiritual life in hopes of growing them into something beautiful and meaningful. However, you have been trying this approach now for many years, and it is hard to say that much has grown during all that time. You could deduce that what you are doing is not as worthwhile as you once believed. There is no fruit because these things don't matter. Or you could take a real hard look at your life, see where you are planting those seeds, and finally notice what the problem has been all along. WEEDS!

Too often, we plant seeds over and over again in soil that is not rich in nutrients and is filled with weeds. The weeds choke the life out of any growth that comes to the seeds planted. We think that adding good things to our life will change it, and removal of sin will not be necessary. It is like eating two large hamburgers and a large fries and believing you won't gain weight because you drank a Diet Coke.

As good stewards who are called to discern how we respond to the call of Jesus Christ, we must be about ripping those weeds out of our lives so the good seeds we plant can grow. For each of us, the weeds are different: money, ego, sex, greed, etc. If we don't take a good honest look at our lives and make some tough choices, no amount of devotion or good works will make us better disciples. We will simply wait for the next Lent to do the same things all over again.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS