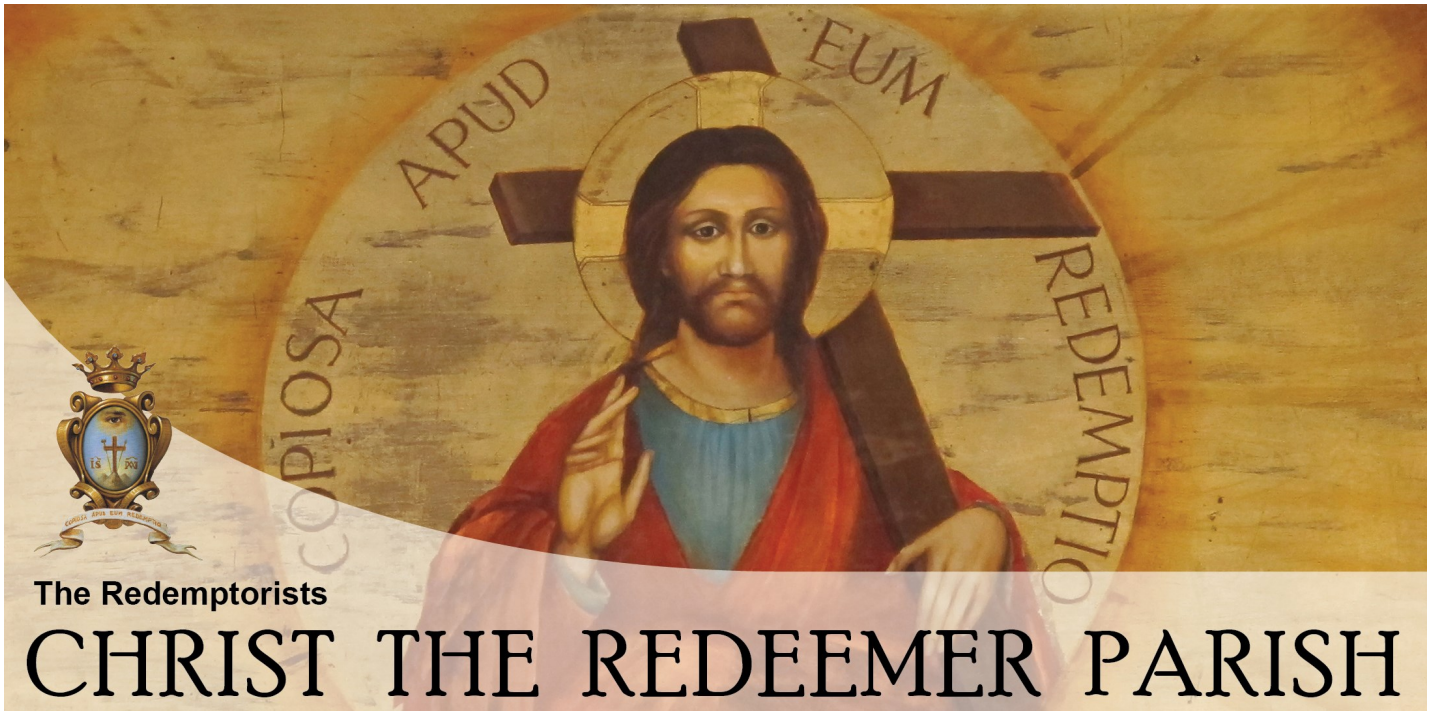


August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 11:30AM - 9PM  
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 1 (Poniedziałek) - Labor Day

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
11:00AM †Maria Pasek r/o grandniece

## Tuesday, September 2 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Leokadia & Roman Konopka r/o Klara Konopka  
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

## Wednesday, September 3 (Środa) - Gregory the Great

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

## Thursday, September 4 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
11:00AM †Jadwiga Pasek r/o grand-niece

## Friday, September 5 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
7:00PM †Wladyslaw & Franciszek Lepianka r/o family

## Saturday, September 6 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o M/M Jarek Misztal  
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
2:00PM Wedding: Mark Walyga and Meagan Murphy  
5:00PM †World Peace & Victims of Terrorism

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family  
9:00AM †Raymond Nipps r/o son  
†Adela & Dymitri Demianiuk r/o Woznicki Family  
†Terez & Estvan Keglovich r/o Tardy Family  
†John, Anna & Henry Krynski r/o estate  
†Stanley & Valerie Rusowicz r/o son  
†Basia Jelski r/o cousin  
†Henryk Jelski r/o niece  
†George Hodulik r/o family friend  
†David Hodulik r/o family friend  
†Pasqualina Vardaro r/o Dora & Gerard Perna  
†Stanley Jasinski r/o Eleanor Pisowacki  
For the People of the Parish  
10:30AM Children, Teachers & Parents of the Polish School



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Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope’s fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat farthest from what I wanted. Hiding my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but gleefully strode across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two hours of amazingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus says this week to us: **“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table” (Luke 14:10).** This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seat-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seats. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat. We’ll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

*Father John Muir*



*III. Mark Walyga and Meagan Murphy*

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

**“When you hold a banquet, invite the poor,” Jesus instructs. “Blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” Each of us has our own banquet to offer, our own gifts to share. Who will we invite?**

## 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, SEPTEMBER 1**



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY.** In case of an emergency, please call 908-725-0072.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 6 & 7**

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

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 1 WRZEŚNIA**

**BIURO PARAFIALNE BĘDZIE NIECZYNNE.** W razie konieczności prosimy dzwonić pod następujący nr 908-725-0072.

**NIEDZIELA, 7 WRZESIEŃ**

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

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

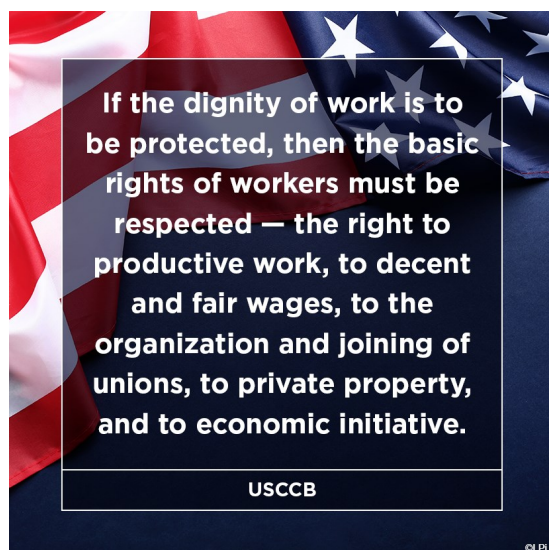
### Give Graciously


I love the verse in Sirach where it says, "My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts." This is an interesting concept for those of us who think a stewardship way of life is all about the giving of gifts. When we start to think that all we are called to do is give for the sake of giving, we have missed the point.

We are called to be gracious givers. We are called to allow the Jesus in us to encounter the Jesus in others. Humility does not mean that we hide away after we give, but we give in a way that has less to do with us and more to do with the one in whose name we give. Our world needs philanthropy and generosity, but it needs Jesus even more. We want to be good examples to others of how to be generous, not because we want them to be like us but like Jesus.

Give all things with a gracious heart and disposition. Do not take any credit for that generosity but instead let it point to Jesus. After all, it is Jesus who calls us to a mature faith where we answer the call every day regardless of the cost. Without that maturity and answering the call, would we really be driven to be generous givers? Knowing that left to our own devices we would probably not be very successful as a giver of gifts should make us very humble anyway.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



 **Pierogies, cabbage & noodles and stuffed cabbage are available for sale in the parish office.**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/  
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/  
Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17  
(1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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:***

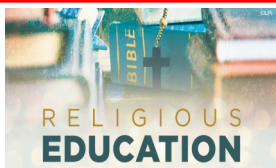
**[www.ctrmanville.com](http://www.ctrmanville.com)**

*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 Carol Salegna will be presenting the reflections and next week David Ramirez will be the presenter.**

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: John Tardy  
Monday: Dolores Finlan  
Tuesday: Angelica R.L. Ocaso  
Wednesday: Cassie Badella  
Thursday: Terry Tardy  
Friday: Lee Rawaich  
Saturday: John Tardy



## Registration is now open for the 2025-26 Religious Education School Year

See the Religious Education page on the parish website for more details. A child is not considered enrolled until tuition is paid.

Rejestracja na Program Katechetyczny 2025-26 jest już otwarta. Szczegóły można znaleźć na stronie internetowej parafii w zakładce „Katecheza”. Dziecko nie będzie uznane za zapisane, dopóki czesne nie zostanie opłacone.

## The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of August 24, 2025

Offertory	\$ 7,643.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 1,785.00
Children's Donations	\$ 2.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,590.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,020.00</b>

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

*“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” LUKE 14:13-14*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

## OUR CHILDREN’S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

washed dishes and put them away.

Brooke-Lynn

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

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

### Imago Divina, Explained!

*Imago divina* (Latin for “divine image”) is an extension of the ancient practice of *lectio divina* (“divine reading”). *Imago divina* is, in a sense, praying with one’s eyes, or using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Believers have always connected with the divine through visual representations of faith. This can be seen in the frescoes that adorn the walls of the catacombs, in the glory of Rococo architecture, and in the stained glass windows of a simple country church. “Art is capable of making visible our need to go beyond what we see and it reveals our thirst for infinite beauty, for God,” said Pope Benedict in 2011.

In practicing *imago divina*, just like with *lectio divina*, the faithful “read” (or view), reflect, respond and rest with the image, inviting the Holy Spirit to move them accordingly.



*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, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marie Callahan, 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, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Joann Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Lincoln & Chris Levash, Cheyenne Liccardi, Vitoria Marricino, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Dolores O'Bara, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rachel & Vince Petrone, Rosemary Phillips, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Jon Severson, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Rita Wass, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamosky, 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*

*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  
Master 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<sup>+</sup> are invited to reach out to Chester Makowski

([chester.makowski@gmail.com](mailto: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 13<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY** MASS will be said on **September 14<sup>th</sup> 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 **September 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra.*

*Food items can be dropped off in our donation bins in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.*

**The Pantry is most in need of the following items:**

<b>Instant Oatmeal,</b>	<b>Rice,</b>
<b>Applesauce,</b>	<b>Tuna,</b>
<b>Mac &amp; Cheese,</b>	<b>Boxed Milk,</b>
<b>Toaster Pastries,</b>	<b>Tooth Paste,</b>
<b>Tomato Sauce,</b>	<b>Canned Chicken,</b>
<b>Chef-Boy-Ardee,</b>	<b>Body Wash</b>

## Please Note...

For families and individuals who are registered at Christ the Redeemer Parish to be in good standing, they must attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church on a regular basis and use the church envelopes.

- Regular basis is not less than 75% of the time.
- The use of church envelopes is the only way we can determine attendance.

The amount of the donation in the envelopes is never a determining factor. The use of your envelope each week will tell us that you are attending regularly. This will avoid problems or embarrassments in the future.

## WAŻNE!

Drodzy Parafianie.

Prosimy, aby każda rodzina oraz osoba indywidualna zarejestrowana w parafii Christ the Redeemer używała kopert które otrzymujecie od parafii. Jest to podstawa do wydawania jakichkolwiek zaświadczeń (np.: że dana osoba może być ojcem chrzestnym itp.)

- Minimum 75% obecności w niedziele i święta w ciągu roku
- Często jedynym sposobem na poświadczenie wymaganej obecności, jest rejestr na podstawie kopert.

Wielkość ofiary (lub jej brak) nie jest brana pod uwagę!

Używanie przez was kopert w każdym tygodniu potwierdza wasze regularne uczestnictwo w niedzielnej Mszy Św. i pomaga w bezproblemowym załatwieniu jakichkolwiek formalności związanych z życiem w Kościele (ślub, bierzmowanie, pogrzeb...)

Dear Friends,

*As you read this I will be starting a new chapter in my life....retirement. As I look back on my 39+ years of working for our parish and with the many pastors, associates, staff and parishioners, I marvel as to how fast time flies. It's hard to imagine that this temporary, part-time job (which was only supposed to last until my children went to school) has lasted all these years. It has been my pleasure to be our parish secretary and I hope that I have been of help to you and made your interactions at the office pleasant. I wish you all the very best. May God bless you all.*

Ann

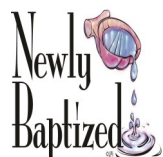
Drodzy Przyjaciele

*Gdy będziecie czytać ten list, ja rozpoczynać będę nowy rozdział mojego życia... emeryturę. Patrząc wstecz na ponad 39 lat posługi w naszej parafii, we współpracy z tyloma proboszczami, wikariuszami, pracownikami i parafianami, wciąż nie mogę się nadziwić, jak szybko minął ten czas. Trudno uwierzyć, że praca, która miała być tylko tymczasowa i trwać do chwili, gdy moje dzieci pójdą do szkoły, stała się częścią mojego życia na tak długie lata. Było dla mnie wielkim zaszczytem i radością służyć Wam jako sekretarka parafialna. Mam nadzieję, że moja obecność była dla Was pomocą i że nasze spotkania w kancelarii pozostawiły w Was dobre wspomnienia. Z całego serca życzę Wam wszystkiego co najlepsze. Niech dobry Bóg obdarza Was nieustannie swoim błogosławieństwem.*

Anna



*We welcome the following newly registered member to our Parish Family: Alex & Beena Jaison; Dominik & Ewelina Dziwak & their children, Joanna & Julian; Kale deWet; Rose McCoy; and Thomas & Justyna Rock & their son, Grayson.*



*Our parish community welcomed Aleksander Jan Herdzik, son of Pawel & Sylwia, in the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate them and their family.*



*We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Mary deWet & Lottie Yourkowski. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ 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 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again 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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 10, 2025. 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.