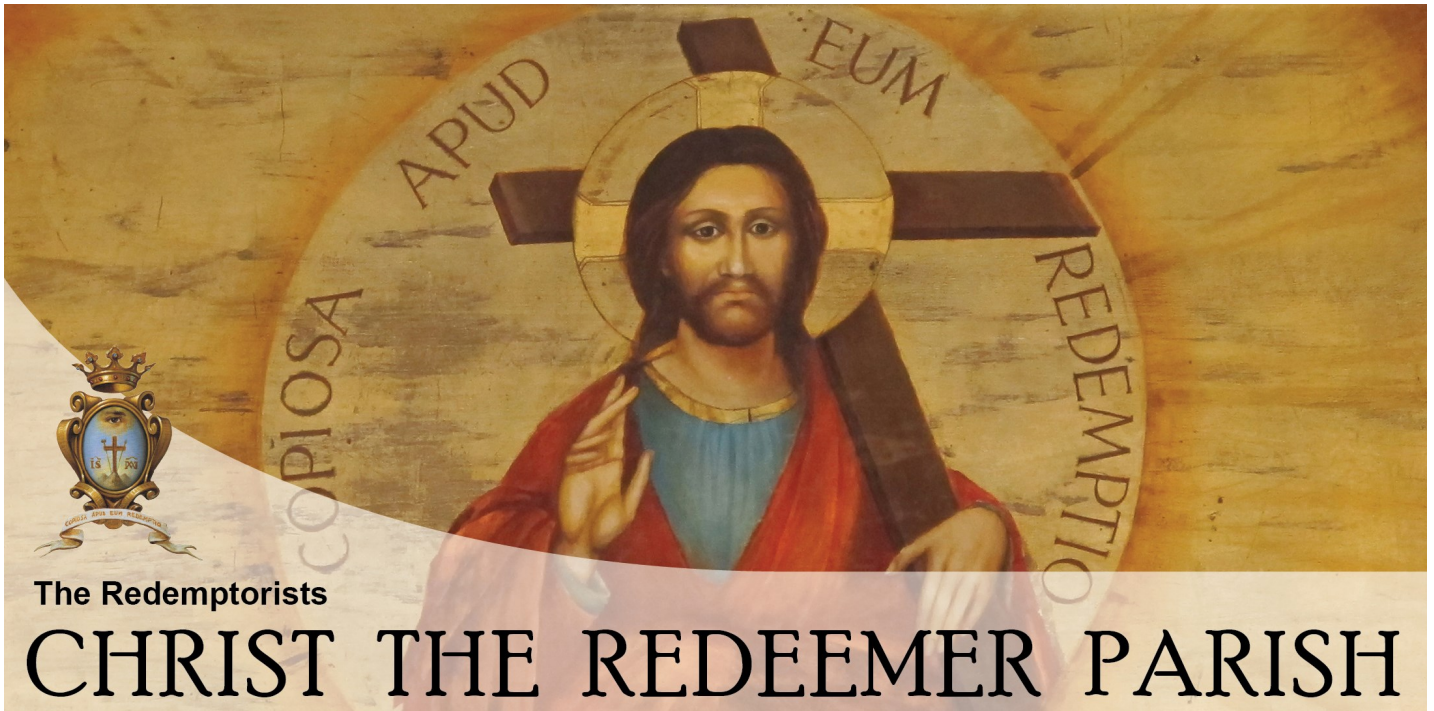


September 7, 2025

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



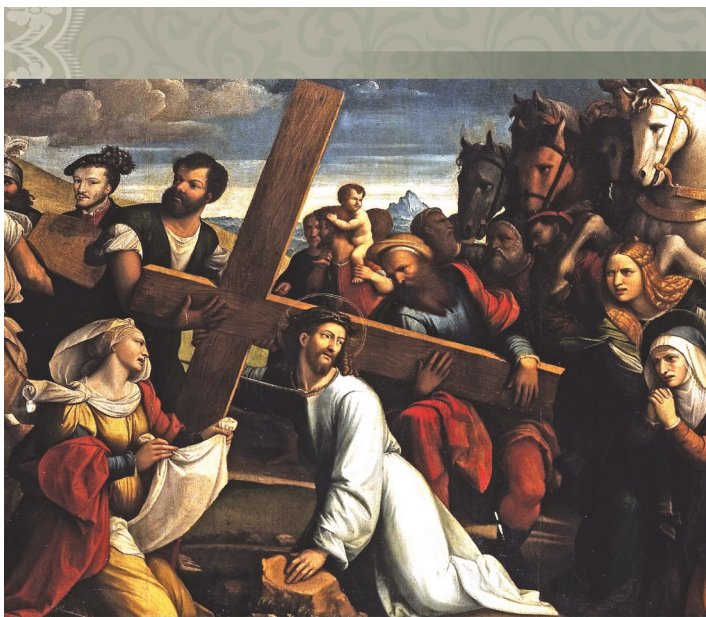
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23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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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 9:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Fridays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 8 (Poniedziałek)

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM †Franciszek & Katarzyna Lebedynski r/o daughter
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

Tuesday, September 9 (Wtorek) - Peter Claver

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †Jadwiga Ozga r/o niece
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, September 10 (Środa)

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

Thursday, September 11 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †Jozef Ozga r/o niece

Friday, September 12 (Piątek)

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
7:00PM †Jan Kolodziej r/o Kolodziej Family

Saturday, September 13 (Sobota) - John Chrysostom

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o M/M Pawel Musielak
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
5:00PM †Anthony Franzoso r/o Cebula Family

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Sept. 14 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
9:00AM †Jan Chorzepa r/o R. Brozyna
†Michael Smolinski r/o family
†Deceased Franzoso Brothers and Spouses r/o sister, Rose Kotch
†Jozef Malinowski r/o Maria & Marian Puzio
†Anna & James Tardy r/o Tardy Family
†Joseph & Margaret Kraycirik r/o granddaughter, Lori Barone
†Lucy Mazareski r/o Adult Choir
†Stanley Jasinski r/o Janine Wargrun
†Rosalinda Villanueva r/o RWJ Somerses Nurses Health of Urszula Staczyk r/o Stefania
†Jakub Koscielny r/o mom, Bozena & brother, Wojciech
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Tadeusz & Leokadia Warzecha r/o son & family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Raymond Nipps** at the request of his son.



"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

One hot Arizona summer afternoon my car ran out of gas. I phoned the parish office and begged for help. My secretary came and helped me fill the gas tank. She chided me, "If you can't manage getting your car from A to B, how can we expect you to guide the parish where it needs to go?" Point taken, Julie. I vowed to always make sure I have plenty of gas in my car.

The Lord Jesus chides us in this week's Gospel, too. He uses the two images of a man building a tower and a king marching soldiers into war to make this single point: acquire what is needed to follow him or look ridiculous. We rightly mock the builder who lacks money for his tower and the king with a short-handed army. But our mocking boomerangs back on us. How do we expect to follow Jesus to the end with insufficient detachment from our possessions and divided hearts?

The good news is, there is still time. Jesus is building a great tower to heaven—his own body. So we renounce all and give ourselves to him as his precious stones. Jesus is waging a battle against our enemy. So we forsake all and swear allegiance and march under his banner. In this way, we will finish what has begun in our discipleship. Or better put, our Lord will have the stones and soldiers required to see his great work through.

Father John Muir

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Today, Jesus tells us the cost of true discipleship — and it turns out, it's everything. We must reject the world in order to love God. What attachments are holding us back from the relationship we could have — we should have — with our Lord?

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.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
MASS & 9/11 PRAYER SERVICE - 11:00AM.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY will be prayed at noon on Saturday, September 14th at the corner of Main Street and Camplain Road. Please come and pray for our country and peace in the world, especially in the Ukraine. All are welcome!!!

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 13 & 14
THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Property Insurance. Please be generous.

NEXT WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 13 & 14
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS . Will be collecting after masses for their Shining Armor scholarship award for Manville High School. Please be generous..

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

SOBOTA, 13 WRZEŚNIA

"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.

NIEDZIELA, 14 WRZESIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Property Insurance. Prosimy o ofiarność!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Reach Out in Love

We are all called to be accountable to one another. As brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, we have a responsibility to reach out in love when we see someone lost and to offer support when the need is the greatest. In that same regard, we must never stand between a loved one and him. Our goal when it comes to those we love is to lead them toward heaven and eternal life with the source of all love, Jesus Christ.

This is the "why" of our stewardship. Our generosity and our giving of very selves back to God need to bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus. It is easy to fall into the trap of loving someone so much that we place them before God. We make our human relationships the main thing and ultimately make decisions that keep our loved ones away from that which they need the most. If we truly love another, we will offer them the example of how we love God even more than them.

We live in a world where romantic and parental love are seen as the highest forms of affection. Stories are often told in books and on the screen of how nothing will keep someone from his or her beloved. Although we are called to love one another, we must never be trapped into the portrayal of love that comes from the world. We are gifts from God to one another, and like all other gifts given to us, we are accountable to God for that which He has given. If you can give a loved one back to God completely, then you are worthy of their love in the first place.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Barbara Faist
Monday:	Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janlonski
Tuesday:	John & Magdalena Daus
Wednesday:	Susan Klein
Thursday:	Suzanne Runyon
Friday:	Joanne Krasnansky
Saturday:	Lisa Limyansky

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DAILY
READINGS



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/
Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

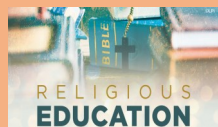
The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at [http://](http://www.ctrmanville.com)

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

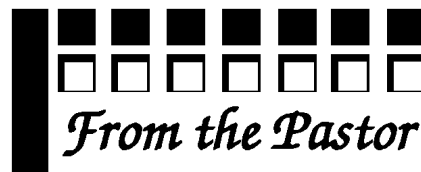
**Pierogi \$12/Dozen
Stuffed Cabbage 4 for \$10
Cabbage & Noodle 12oz \$5
For sale in the parish office.**



The 2025-26 Religious Education School Year Begins Sept 30th

See the Religious Education page on the parish website for more details. A child is not considered enrolled until tuition is paid. Parents please pay your child's tuition as soon as possible; Before classes resume.

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.



From the Pastor

If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- ☐ New in Parish and would like to register
- ☐ Change of address
- ☐ Request Collection Envelopes
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ Need Information – Please CALL
- ☐ New Telephone Number: _____
- ☐ Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - ☐ At Home
 - ☐ In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - ☐ Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Lectio Divina, Explained!

Lectio divina (“divine reading”) is a practice of praying through the reading of Scripture, opening oneself to the inspiration and communication of the Holy Spirit.

The practice of *Lectio divina* dates to ancient monastic communities, but it has gained popularity in modern times as a way to meaningfully engage with the word of God.

The formula for *Lectio divina* is simple and follows four steps. The text of the Scripture is read (*lectio*) multiple times, and the reader takes note of any words or phrases that resonate with him in a particular way. The reader then reflects deeply on the passage (*meditatio*) and the words that he noticed, turning them over in his mind. Following this, the reader prays with the passage (*oratio*), and dialogues with God, inviting him to illuminate the reader's understanding of the text. Finally, there is rest and contemplation (*contemplatio*).



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 Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmet, 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 next ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS will be said on September 14th 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 October 4th at 11:30AM.

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 - September 13th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



Caritas
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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:

**Canned Spam, Canned Chicken,
Applesauce Cups, Tuna,
Mac & Cheese, Boxed Milk,
Toaster Pastries, Instant Potatoes,
Tomato Sauce, Ramen Noodles,
Chef-Boy-Ardee, Body Wash**

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

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

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 ammarshall@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.

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