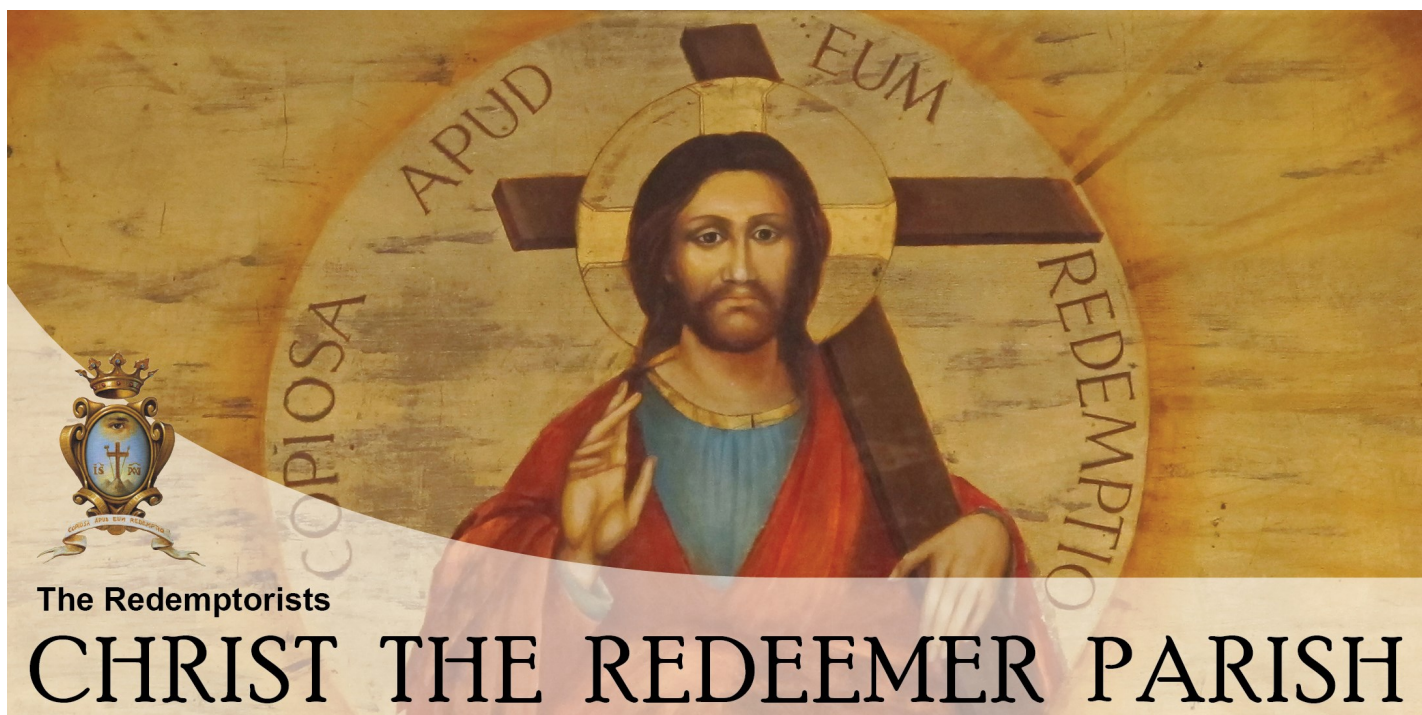


December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. - Mt 3:4

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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

Monday, December 8 (Poniedziałek) The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM †Maria Bujak r/o husband & family
 11:00AM †Franciszek & Leonarda Salamon
 r/o Daughter Tracy
 5:30PM †Rosemarie Charneski r/o Michael Tomasko
 7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o Jaje Family

Tuesday, December 9 (Wtorek) St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski
 r/o Lucjan & Lucyna Wierczynski
 11:00AM †William & Sophie Pilla r/o daughter
 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 10 (Środa) Our Lady of Loreto

11:00AM †Ellen Reviello r/o Cindy Gaughan
 7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 11 (Czwartek) St. Damasus

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o Jan Guskiewicz
 11:00AM God's Blessings for Jane Holl r/o Laura Riccardi

Friday, December 12 (Piątek) Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:00AM †Anthony & Anna Marie Zaleski r/o Zaleski Family
 7:00PM †Alicja Guzik r/o Renata & Adam Galowicz

Saturday, December 13 (Sobota) St. Lucy

8:00AM †Rev. Stanislaw Ziobran r/o Karnas Family
 11:00AM †Laura & Frank Gola r/o Gola Family
 5:00PM †Lucille & Walter Domin r/o Mary Marsicano

December 14 (Niedziela) 3rd Sunday of Advent

6:30AM Godzinski
 7:00AM †Marianna & Mieczyslaw Kowal r/o family
 9:00AM †Stanley Jasinski r/o Kris & Bob Vignoli
 †Jakub Koscielny r/o mom, Bozena & brother,
 Wojciech
 †Beatrice & Peter Heerschap r/o Laura Riccardi
 †Rosalinda Villanueva r/o RWJ Somerset Nurses
 †Ewa Buhl r/o Husband Michael
 †Alma & Danny Osenbach & Danny Meade
 r/o Peter & Betty Rybski
 †John Zunski Sr. r/o Glenn & Donna Domitrowski
 †Maria Zurawiecki r/o Jerry & Dora Perna
 †Pedro Rosario r/o Laura Riccardi
 God's Blessing for Tardy Grandchildren
 r/o Tardy Family
 For the People of the Parish
 10:30AM †Henryk Grzechkowicz r/o brother
 5:00PM Retreat Mass in Polish

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Carmen De Bellas** at the request of the **Schlenker Family**.

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

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. - Mt 3:4-6



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Dec. 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating "locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6). It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts. But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts. But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ. — 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.

SECOND COLLECTION DRUGA SKŁADKA

DECEMBER 13 & 14

RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT

DECEMBER 20 & 21

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

DECEMBER 27 & 28

PROPERTY INSURANCE

JANUARY 3 & 4

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

Christ the Redeemer **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner**

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6pm—9pm

Church Auditorium

Dinner and Koledy

**RSVP to the Parish Office by
December 8th**



UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

<u>December 11th Thursday</u>	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
<u>December 13th Saturday</u>	KofC Clothing Drive
<u>December 13th Saturday</u>	Wreaths Across America
<u>December 14th Sunday</u>	ARS Mass & Rosary
<u>December 14th—17th</u>	Polish Advent Retreat
<u>December 24th Wednesday</u>	Children's Vigil Mass
<u>December 25th Thursday</u>	Sunday Mass Schedule
<u>December 28th Sunday</u>	KofC Rosary & Mass
<u>December 31st Wednesday</u>	Adoration & Mass
<u>January 1st Thursday</u>	Sunday Mass Schedule

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – POGLĘBIONE ROZUMIENIE PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

7 grudnia 2025 Druga Niedziela Adwentu

Mateusz 3,1–12

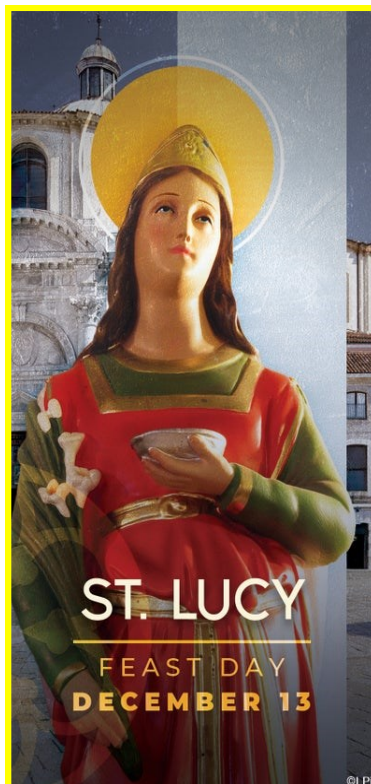
W tym tygodniu słyszymy, że Jan Chrzciciel przebywa na pustyni, żywiąc się „szarańczą i miodem leśnym” (Mk 1,6). To nie tylko dziwny historyczny szczegół. To symboliczny obraz zdrowej duchowej diety. Droga do Chrystusa obejmuje zarówno to, co trudne i wymagające, jak i to, co piękne; to, co szorstkie, i to, co słodkie. Musimy nauczyć się „połykać szarańczę” i „smakować miód”.

Pamiętam, jak pracowałem z młodą parą przygotowującą się do małżeństwa. Byli szczerzy, ale jeszcze niedoświadczeni — dopiero zaczynali odkrywać wiarę. Część mnie chciała ich popchnąć do przodu, wypełnić wszystkie luki, zasypać ich Pismem Świętym i dokumentami Kościoła. Powstrzymałem ten impuls. To było jak jedzenie szarańczy.

Ale pamiętam też, jak ożywiali się, kiedy mówili o sobie nawzajem, o swoim pierwszym dziecku, a potem o drugim. I o tym, jak bardzo pragnęli być blisko Boga. Coś niewinnego i pięknego zaczynało się w nich rozwijać. To był miód. Wiedziałem, że Bóg zaprasza mnie, bym się tym ucieszył.

W tym Adwencie każdy z nas jest zaproszony, by przyjąć zarówno szarańczę, jak i miód. Może nadszedł czas, aby przestać unikać trudnych elementów wiary — modlitwy, która wydaje się sucha, wezwania do nawrócenia, cierpliwości wobec trudnych osób. Czas zjeść trochę szarańczy.

Ale musimy też zauważać drobne dary, które Bóg nam daje: chwilę pokoju, dobrą rozmowę, radość ze służenia komuś, nowe życie, dobre intencje naszych bliskich. To jest miód. Smakujmy go!— O. John Muir





Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-1

You can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

Pierogi \$12 Dozen

Stuffed Cabbage 4 for \$10

Kielbasa \$10

Cabbage & Noodle 32oz \$10

Sauerkraut 32oz \$10

For sale in the parish office.

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

Please watch our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week.

This week Katarzyna Ryba will be presenting the reflections.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

Helped feed the chickens—Ellie Rose

Helped my brother when he was sick—

Brooke-Lynn

Helped clean my room—Layla

Helped Daddy rake the leaves—Lennox

(Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope).

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of November 23, 2025

Offertory	\$ 5,985.00
Children's Donations	\$ 9.00
Mail Ins	\$ 828.00
Works of Mercy	\$ 1,812.00
On-line Giving	\$ 3,169.00
Total	\$ 11,803.00

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

Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.



Oplatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.**



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect). Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture. It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression. The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough. Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

It's time for our
**GIVING
TREE!**



The Christmas Giving Tree is up in the Church vestibule. The tags list gift card suggestions for those in need. Please take a tag and purchase the gift card requested. Cards can be dropped off at the office or in an envelope in the collection basket. Please return cards by December 8th.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Barbara Faist
Monday	Roberta Caswell
	Elizabeth Janlonski
Tuesday	8th Grade CCD class
	John & Magdalena Daus
Wednesday	Susan Klein
Thursday	Suzanne Runyon
Friday	Joanne Krasnansky
Saturday	Lisa Limyansky

REKOLEKCJE ADWENTOWE 2025

NIEDZIELA, 14 GRUDNIA

7:35 Godzinki o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP
7:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym
10:30 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 15 GRUDNIA

7:35 Godzinki o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP
8:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym
19:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym

WTOREK, 16 GRUDNIA

7:35 Godzinki o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP
8:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym
19:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym

ŚRODA, 17 GRUDNIA

7:35 Godzinki o Niepokalanym Poczęciu NMP
8:00 Msza Św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym
19:00 Nowenna do MB Nieustającej Pomocy
19:30 Msza św. z kazaniem rekolekcyjnym
Zakończenie rekolekcji



SAKRAMENT POJEDNANIA -
SPOWIEDŹ ŚWIĘTA

NIEDZIELA: godz. 17:00 – 18:00
PONIEDZIAŁEK, WTOREK,
ŚRODA: godz. 7:30 – 8:00 oraz 18:30
– 19:30

Fr. Wojciech Bieszke



Caritas
MANVILLE

God's Love in Action

The Caritas Food Pantry would like to thank the CTR Altar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council #6573, Canal Walk Italian American Club, Manville-Hillsborough Elks #2119 and Manville PBA #236

For their financial assistance, support and collection efforts which allowed the food pantry to distribute Thanksgiving meals to 50 families in need this year. God Bless you all.





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, 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 Inglot, 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, Veronika Mleczo, 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, Geraldine Pienta, 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, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Rita Wass, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **December 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 **January 3rd at 11:30AM.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school. I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance. Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just. I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough. I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough. I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously. God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE
WHO SERVE AND PROTECT

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. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!