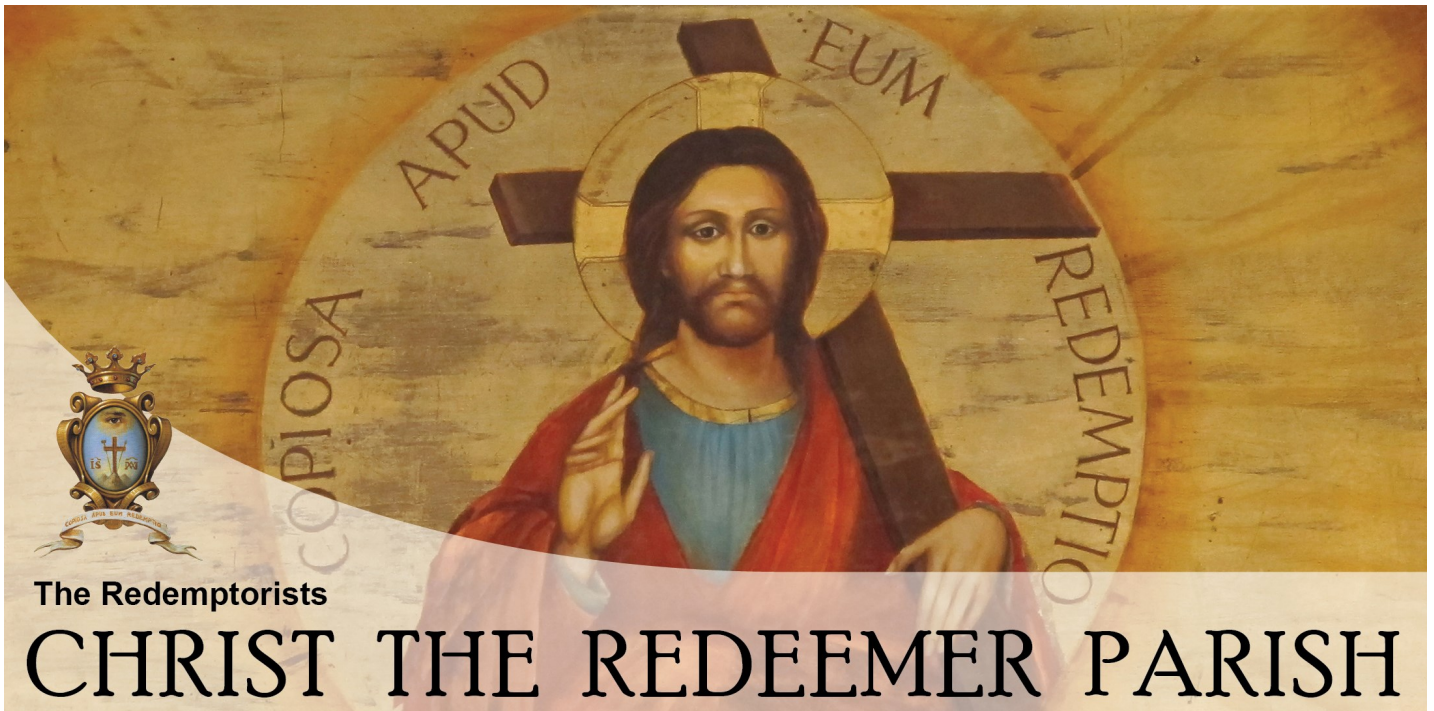


December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Redemptorists

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins." - Mt 1:21

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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 22 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Romuald & Grezegon Bunkowski r/o Family

11:00AM †Bernice & Michael Smolinski
r/o Granddaughter, Donna

Tuesday, December 23 (Wtorek) St. John of Kanty

8:00AM †Irena Dytko r/o Family

11:00AM †Frank & Dolores Serra r/o Family

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 24 (Środa) Christmas Eve

4:00PM (E) For the People of the Parish (Children's Liturgy)

10:00PM (E) For the People of the Parish

12:00AM (P) For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 25 (Czwartek) Christmas Day

7:00AM (P) For the People of the Parish

9:00AM (E) For the People of the Parish

10:30AM (P) For the People of the Parish

Friday, December 26 (Piątek) St. Stephen

11:00AM †Gruszewski Family r/o Tracy & Family

7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o Michniuk Family

Saturday, December 27 (Sobota)

St. John Apostle & Evangelist

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski (Anniversary) r/o Family

11:00AM †Ken & Elsie Foohey r/o Lori Barone

5:00PM †Ned Panfile r/o Wife & Children

December 28 (Niedziela)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00AM †Janina & Stanislaw Choma r/o family

9:00AM †Vincent Kozlowski Jr. r/o Niece, Lori Barone

†Joseph Onka Jr. r/o Daughter, Celeste Onka

†Stanley Jasinski r/o Kris & Bob Vignoli

†Jakub Koscielny r/o Mom, Bozena
& Brother, Wojciech

†Hanna Buhl r/o Son Michael

†Charlotte Snow r/o Betty & Peter Rybski

†Steve Szabo r/o Willis Family

†Stanley Jasinski r/o Willis Family

†Antoni Niecikowski r/o Family

For the People of the Parish

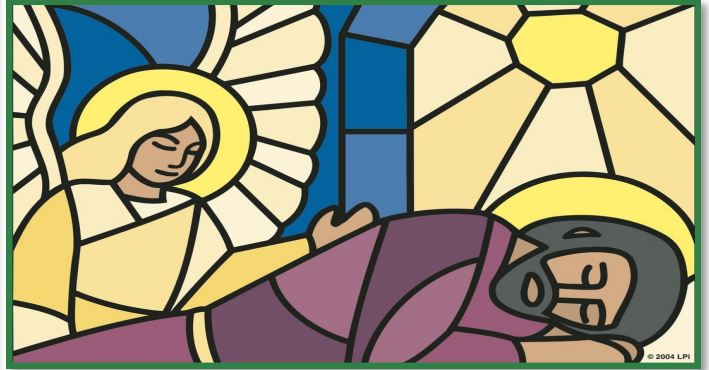
10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Society

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the souls of **Frank & Dolores Serra** at the request of daughter

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in the memory of **Phyllis Baraniecki** at the request of their daughter Maryanne

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

- Mt 1:20-21



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 21, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy.

But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks:

"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts.

He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message.

He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir



2025 ChristmasWishes

Dear Friends in Christ,

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.” (Rz 15, 13)

Throughout the Jubilee Year of 2025, we turned our hearts toward the hope that never disappoints—a hope anchored in the unshakable truth that nothing and no one can separate us from the love of God.

During that time, as “Pilgrims of Hope”, we carried Christ and His message into the world upholding the dignity of every person and the vulnerable.

As we enter this Christmas season, may our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families, and all your loved ones with His peace, joy, and grace.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year 2026!

Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter



Życzenia bożonarodzeniowe 2025

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

„Bóg nadziei niech Was napelni wszelką radością i pokojem w wierze, abyście mocą Ducha Świętego byli bogaci w nadzieję.” (Rz 15,13)

W Roku Jubileuszowym 2025 kierowaliśmy nasze serca ku nadziei, która nigdy nie zawodzi—nadziei zakorzenionej w niezachwianej prawdzie, że nic i nikt nie może nas odłączyć od miłości Boga.

W tym czasie jako „Pielgrzymi Nadziei” nieśliśmy Chrystusa i Jego orędzie światu chroniąc godność każdej osoby i wspierając potrzebujących.

W tym świątecznym czasie Bożego Narodzenia, niech Jezus Chrystus narodzony w Betlejem, obdarzy Was, Wasze rodziny i wszystkich Waszych bliskich swoim pokojem, radością i łaską.

Wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i błogosławionego Nowego Roku 2026!

Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter

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 cut out this form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.

- ☐ New in Parish and would like to register
- ☐ Change of address
- ☐ Request Collection Envelopes
- ☐ Moving out of Parish
- ☐ 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: _____

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Marianne Kenton
Monday	Rosemary Jablonski
	Keily Camacho
Tuesday	Suzanne Runyon
	8th Grade CCD class
Wednesday	Barbara Porter
	Dora Perna
Thursday	Rachel Petrone
Friday	John Tardy
Saturday	Julia Droszczak
	Natalia Droszczak



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:

**Canned Spam, Canned Chicken,
Tuna, Boxed Milk,
Toaster Pastries,
Coffee & Tea,
Pancake mix, Syrup,
Cookies**

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 27 & 28

PROPERTY INSURANCE

JANUARY 3 & 4

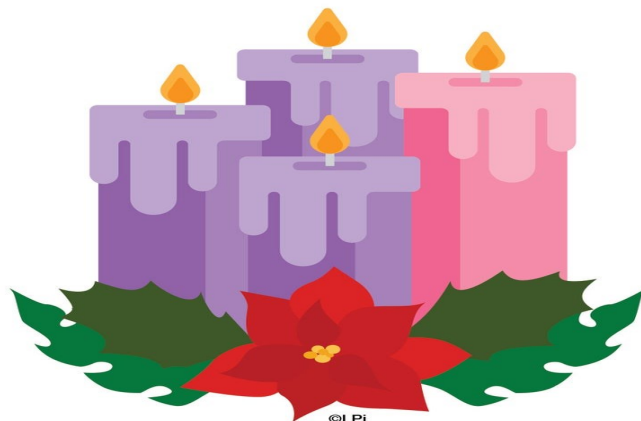
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

JANUARY 10 & 11

TOGETHER IN CHARITY

JANUARY 17 & 18

PROPERTY INSURANCE



UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

December 24th Wednesday

Children's Vigil Mass

December 25th Thursday

Sunday Mass Schedule

December 31st Wednesday

Adoration & Mass

January 1st Thursday

Sunday Mass Schedule

January 3rd Saturday

First Saturday Devotion

January 4th Sunday

Christmas Concert

January 13th Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 1-4)

January 18th Sunday

ARS Mass & Rosary

January 18th Sunday

Radia Maryia

January 20 Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 5-8)

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – ZACHĘTA DO GŁĘBSZEGO ZROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

21 grudnia 2025

IV Niedziela Adwentu

Mt 1, 18–24

Jeden z moich przyjaciół, który jest również kapłanem opowiedział mi ostatnio niezwykłą historię. Jeden z jego kuzynów miał sen, w którym ukazał mu się anioł i powiedział mu, żeby ich rodzina ekshumowała ciało babci z cmentarza w Nowym Jorku i przewiozła je do jej rodzinnej miejscowości w Rumunii. Babcia nie żyła już prawie 10 lat i jak można się spodziewać, rodzina uznała to za szaleństwo. Ale jednak wbrew rozsądkowi dokonano ekshumacji. Okazało się, że ciało tej kobiety było w nienaruszonym stanie, bez najmniejszych oznak rozkładu. To wydarzenie tak mocno wstrząsnęło ich rodziną, że przyczyniło się do uzdrowienia ich relacji i pojednania.

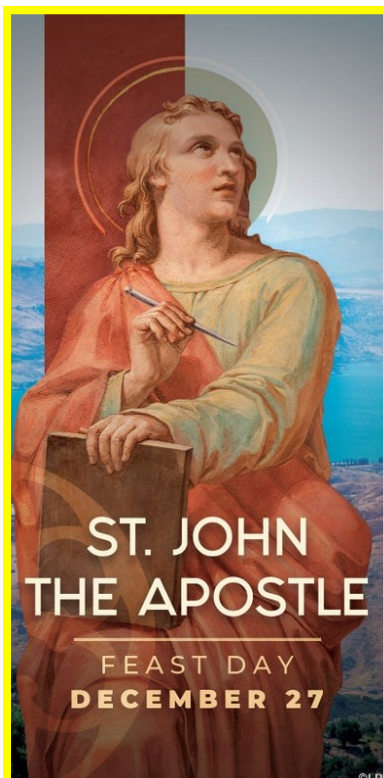
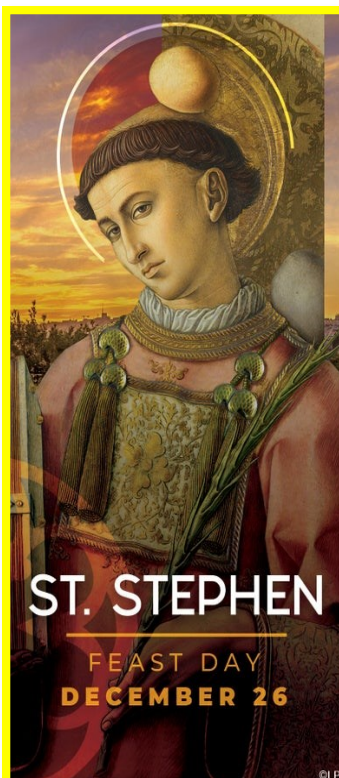
W Ewangelii tej niedzieli Józef również otrzymuje sen. Jest zdezorientowany, przestraszony. Ale w ciszy nocy Bóg przemawia do niego: „Nie bój się wziąć do siebie Maryi, twej Małżonki” (Mt 1,20). Gdy się budzi, Józef czyni tak jak mu polecił anioł. Nie analizuje, nie kalkuluje, ale ufa i działa.

Bóg ciągle mówi do nas— niekoniecznie zawsze przez sny, ale często przez głębokie poruszenia serca. Św. Ignacy Loyola uczył, że Boży głos prowadzi nas ku pokojowi, odwadze i miłości. Ale musimy nauczyć się go słuchać. Advent jest czasem wyciszenia. Przygotowując się na przyjście Chrystusa. Jesteśmy zaproszeni, by wejść w tę przestrzeń ciszy, w której można usłyszeć głos Boga.

A jak Ty odpowiadasz na głos Pana Boga?

Możę w ciszy, na modlitwie, podczas Mszy Świętej Bóg przemówi właśnie do Ciebie. Zatrzymaj się. Słuchaj. I jak Józef, miej odwagę odpowiedzieć TAK na Boże wezwanie.

— O. John Muir





Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

I BROUGHT IN THE GARBAGE CANS FOR MY GRANDMOTHER—MOLLY

I HELPED A CLASSMATE WITH A SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT—ABBY

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

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.

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 Joe Oram will be presenting the reflections.

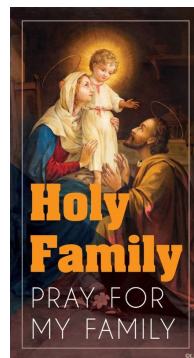
The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 7, 2025

Offertory	\$ 6,217.00
Children's Donations	\$ 10.00
Mail Ins	\$ 2,609.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 2,689.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,480.00
Total	\$ 14,005.00

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

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 28, we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at Masses. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.



UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W niedzielę, 28 grudnia na wszystkich Mszach św. (w języku angielskim oraz w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.



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 Liccadi, 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 Kemmet, 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 **January 18th 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.**

CEMETERY NEWS WIADOMOŚCI DOTYCZĄCE CMĘTARZA PARAFIALNEGO

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON JUST AHEAD OF US, IT'S TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE POLICIES PERTAINING TO GRAVE DECORATIONS. WREATHS ARE THE PREFERRED DECORATION; THEY SHOULD BE TIED TO THE MONUMENT.

IF YOU WISH TO USE A GRAVE SPRAY, BE SURE THAT IT IS PLACED AGAINST THE MONUMENT AND TIED TO IT. **DO NOT USE GRAVE BLANKETS** THAT SPAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE GRAVE. **ABOVE ALL, DO NOT USE METAL STAKES TO FASTEN THE DECORATIONS TO THE GROUND.**

VIGIL LIGHTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. BREAKAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE FREEZE-THAW ACTION. THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VIGIL LIGHTS FOR ANY REASON.

Z RACJI ZBLIŻAJĄCYCH SIĘ ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOSZĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIĘNCZ, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE DO NAGROBKÓW. PROSIMY O NIEPRZYKRYWANIE GROBÓW RÓŻNYMI DEKORACJAMI ŚWIĄTECZNYMI.

PROSIMY O ZABRANIE WSZYSTKICH LAMPEK WIECZNYCH, KTÓRE MOGĄ ULEC ZNISZCZENIU W CZASIE ZIMY. CMĘTARZ NIE JEST ODPOWIEDZIALNY ZA USZKODZONE ŚWIECE WOTYWNE.

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 - March 14, 2026 - 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!