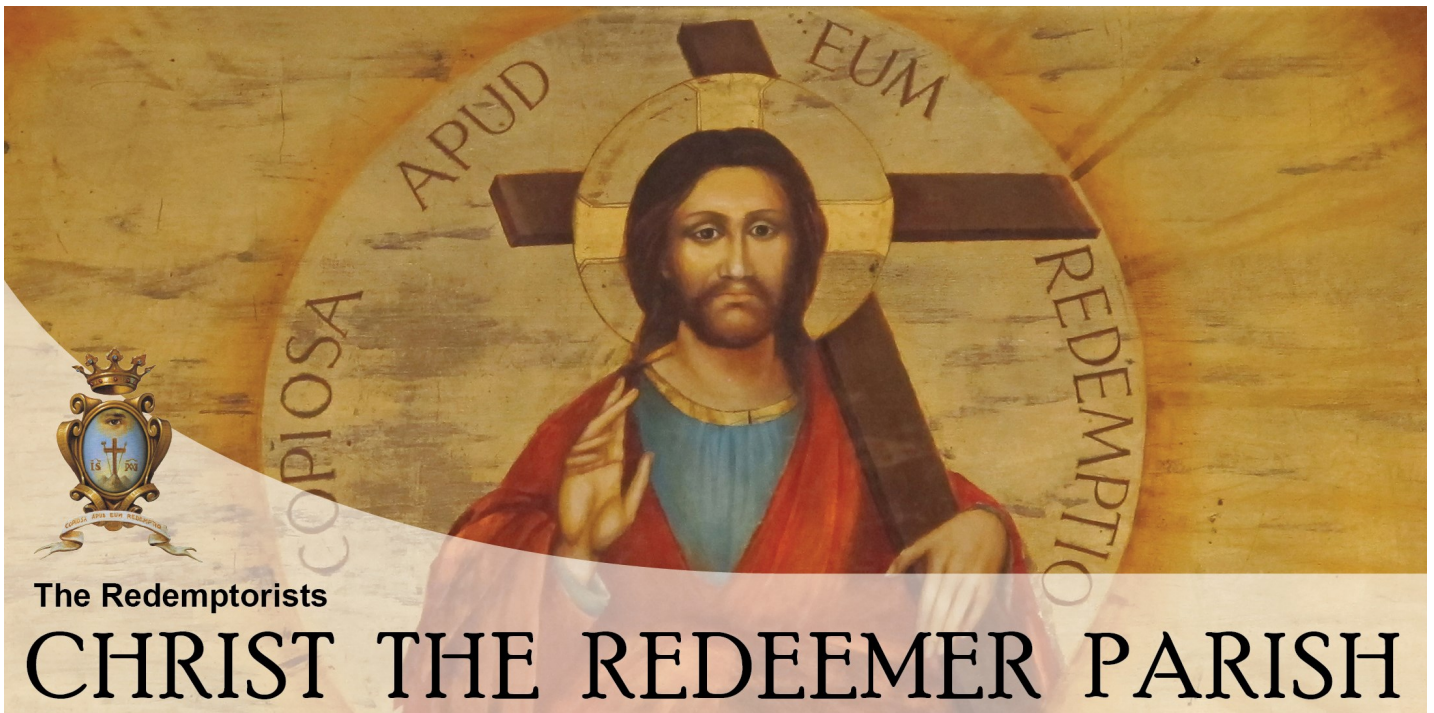


December 28, 2025

Feast of the Holy Family



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THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel,
for those who sought the child's life are dead." - Mt 2:20

PARISH STAFF

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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 29 (Poniedziałek) St Thomas Becket

8:00AM †Jan & Henryka Baranski r/o Siostra, Krystyna
11:00AM †John Tomasko (anniv.)
r/o Daughter Joanne & Family

Tuesday, December 30 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Augustyn Family
11:00AM †Joseph Jaworsky Sr. r/o Daughter, Donna
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 31 (Środa) St. Sylvester I

3:00PM (P) Mass & Adoration
5:00PM (E) Mass & Adoration

Thursday, January 1 (Czwartek) Mary, Mother of God

7:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz
9:00AM †Steve Szabo r/o Knights of Columbus
10:30AM †Mieczyslaw Werynski r/o Wife & Children

Friday, January 2 (Piątek)

Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

11:00AM †Thomas & Charlotte Klimko
r/o Ralph & Christine Trsak
7:00PM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

Saturday, January 3 (Sobota)

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00AM †Agnieszka & Jan Nycz r/o Kurasinski Family
11:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz
5:00PM †Henry Salamon r/o Tracy & Family

Sunday, January 4 (Niedziela)

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz
9:00AM †Charlotte Snow r/o Family
†Hilda Mercado r/o Honkisz Family
†Jerry Seigler r/o Cebula Family
†John Zunski Sr. r/o Roger & Lisa Limyanski
†Joanne Krasnansky
r/o Steve & Nancy Perun & Family
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Jozef & Gregorz Kurek r/o Urszula
†Anna & Elizabeth Maziarz r/o Krzysztof Kurneccc
†Mieczyslaw Werynski
r/o Daughter Renata Brozyna & Family
†Paulina & Czeslaw Poplawski r/o Jan Popalawski
†Wanda Banka r/o Maria & Marian Puzio

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Charles Schlenker** at the request

And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean. - Mt 2:22b-23



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress.

It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence. — Father John Muir

HAPPY New Year

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face
shine upon you, And be gracious to you...



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we welcome the New Year 2026, we look forward with gratitude and hope to a moment of great grace for our nation. In June, as part of the Church's observance of America's 250th anniversary, the United States will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This historic act invites us to renew our trust in Christ's merciful love and to allow His Heart to guide our lives, our families and our nation.

May the Sacred Heart heal our divisions, strengthen our families, and fill our communities with peace. As we begin this special year, we pray that Christ's love will bless you and your loved ones with health, joy, and hope.

Wishing you a blessed New Year 2026,

Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter



SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU 2026!

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry w Chrystusie,

Wraz z nadejściem Nowego Roku 2026 spoglądamy z wdzięcznością i nadzieją na wyjątkowy moment łaski dla naszego narodu. W czerwcu, w ramach obchodów 250. rocznicy powstania Stanów Zjednoczonych, nasza Ojczyzna zostanie poświęcona Najświętszemu Sercu Jezusa. Ten historyczny akt zachęca nas, aby na nowo zaufać miłości i miłosierdziu Chrystusa oraz pozwolić, by Jego Serce prowadziło nasze życie, nasze rodziny i nasz kraj.

Niech Najświętsze Serce Jezusa uzdrowi nasze podziały, umocni rodziny i napelni nasze wspólnoty pokojem. Rozpoczynając ten wyjątkowy rok, modlimy się, aby miłość Chrystusa obdarzała Was oraz Waszych bliskich zdrowiem, radością i nadzieją.

Życząc błogosławionego Nowego Roku 2026,

Fr. Stan i Fr. Piotr

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	Natalie Day
Monday	Roberta Caswell
Tuesday	Neil Christie
	Deacon Bill & Barbara Stefany
	8th Grade CCD class
Wednesday	John Tardy
Thursday	Dolores Finlan
Friday	Angelica R. L. Ocasso
Saturday	Cassie Badella



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

JANUARY 3 & 4

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

JANUARY 10 & 11

TOGETHER IN CHARITY

JANUARY 17 & 18

PROPERTY INSURANCE

JANUARY 24 & 25

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

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

This week Deacon Anthony Scarpantonio
will be presenting the reflections.

UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

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 19th Monday

MLK Jr. Day(Office Closed)

January 20th Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 5-8)

January 24-26th Saturday-Monday

40 Hour Devotion

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – POGLĘBIONE ZROZUMIENIE PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

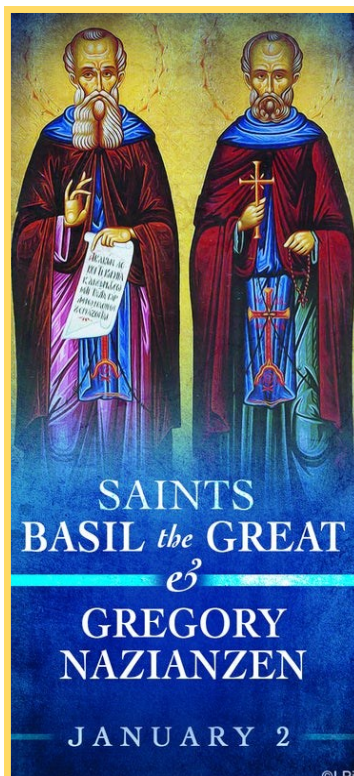
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Święto Świętej Rodziny: Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

Mt 2, 13–15. 19–23

Kiedy miałem dziesięć lat, mój tata zebrał naszą rodzinę przy stole w naszym rodzinnym domu w Vermont i oznajmił, że przeprowadzamy się do wielkiego, pustynnego miasta Phoenix w Arizonie. Musieliśmy zostawić przyjaciół, znajomych i wszystko, co było nam do tej pory znane. Nikt z nas nie wiedział, czego się spodziewać. Ale dokonało się coś pięknego. Kiedy przenosiliśmy się razem, nasza rodzina stała się jeszcze bardziej zjednoczona. Patrząc dzisiaj z perspektywy czasu, wciąż jestem pod wrażeniem odwagi moich rodziców, którzy podjęli tak radykalną decyzję. Nawet jako dziecko dostrzegłem, że w tym trudnym czasie odnaleźliśmy głębszą jedność i wzajemną miłość.

W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Józef słyszy słowa: „Wstań, weź Dziecię i Jego Matkę i uchodź...” (Mt 2,13.20). Najpierw do Egiptu, a później z powrotem do Izraela. Widzimy jak Święta Rodzina nieustannie musi się przemieszczać, zmieniać, dostosowywać do Bożej woli, aby odnaleźć bezpieczeństwo w obliczu zagrożenia. To nie tylko wyjątkowa historia o przetrwaniu. To duchowy wzór również dla każdego z nas. Każda chrześcijańska rodzina jest powołana do tego, by być sanktuarium wiary i jedności — zwłaszcza w świecie pełnym hałasu, pośpiechu i lęku. Pozwólcie, że dodam jedną praktyczną wskazówkę. Niedziela, Dzień Pański, jest chyba najbardziej konkretnym sposobem naśladowania tego, co widzimy u Józefa i Świętej Rodziny. Niedziela nie ma być „kolejnym zwykłym dniem”, przepełnionym zadaniami i stresem. Ma być dniem wyłączonym z codzienności; świętym, przeznaczonym na odpoczynek, modlitwę, radość bycia razem. To ma być dzień, w którym można „wstać, wziąć swoją rodzinę i uciec” – w obecność Boga. — Ojciec John Muir





Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

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

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-1

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

Pierogi \$12 Dozen
Stuffed Cabbage 4 for \$10
Cabbage & Noodle 32oz \$10
For sale in the parish office.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do. Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous. It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get really crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this. I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans. We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 14, 2025

Offertory	\$ 4,716.00
Children's Donations	\$ 1.00
Mail Ins	\$ 1,719.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,568.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,759.00
Total	\$ 10,763.00

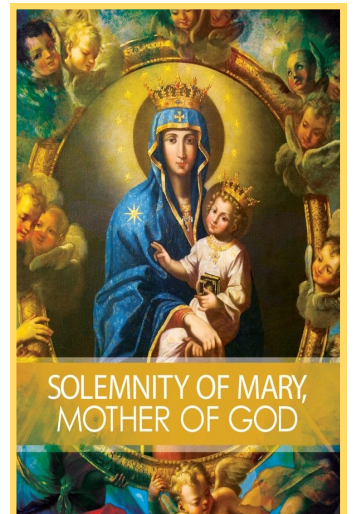
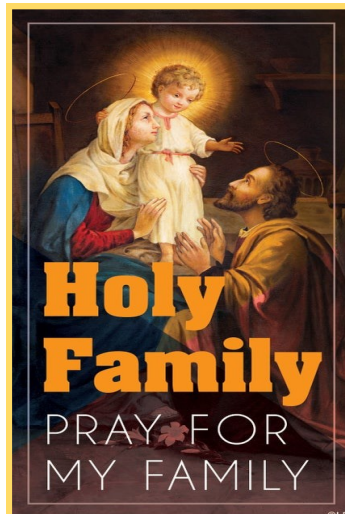
Thank you for your generosity and support.
May God bless you Fr. Stan

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost!" or "Rerouting!"

The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction. And I haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade! Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either. Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity.

Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





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 **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.**

KOLEDA

The Annual Blessing of Homes (Koleda) will begin on Monday, December 29 2025, to January 16, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 4 PM (detailed schedule in the parish calendar and on the website

CTRmanville.com). Should you not be at home when the priest visits, he will leave a message in your door.

If you would like to reschedule or if you prefer to schedule an appointment to have your home blessed, please call the parish office. If you live outside of Manville you must call the parish office to have your home blessed.

KOLEDA

Kolędę rozpoczniemy w poniedziałek 29 grudnia 2025 do 16 stycznia 2026 w godzinach od 9:30 do 16:00 (szczegóły w kalendarzu parafialnym i na stronie CTRmanville.com). Jeśli ktoś z parafian nie może być w domu w tych godzinach prosimy o telefoniczny kontakt z biurem parafialnym i ustalenie dogodnego terminu kolędy. Mieszkający po za Manville proszeni są kontakt telefoniczny z biurem parafialnym by ustalić najbardziej dogodny termin i czas na wizytę duszpasterska w swoim domu.

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!

ADVENT RETREATS & WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



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