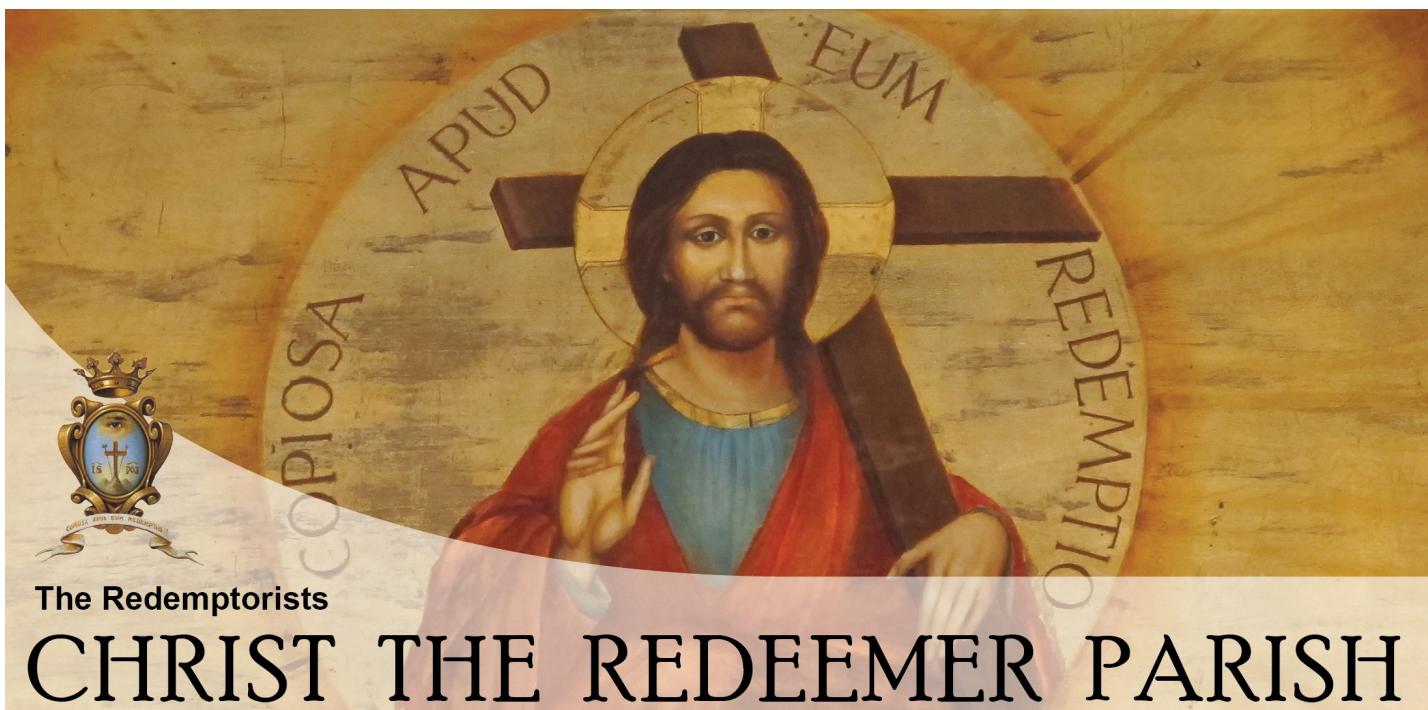


January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord



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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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## 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

## CONFESION

*(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, January 5 (Poniedziałek) St John Neumann

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Pura Family

11:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

### Tuesday, January 6 (Wtorek) St. Andrew Bessette

8:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:00AM God's Blessing for Ryan McKee  
r/o Christine Trksak

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

### Wednesday, January 7 (Środa) St. Raymond of Penafort

11:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

### Thursday, January 8 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Genowefa & Stefan Dzwiaik r/o Son & Family

11:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

### Friday, January 9 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Walter Blazejewski r/o Wife Dolores

7:00PM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

### Saturday, January 10 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:00AM †Mary De Wett r/o Suzanne Runyon

5:00PM †Maria Janik r/o Donna Walentek

### Sunday, January 11 (Niedziela)

#### The Baptism of the Lord

7:00AM †Marianna Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz

9:00AM †Margaret Krick r/o Family

†Nati Rosalie Botante r/o Cordova Family

†John Zunski Sr r/o James & Sarina Urban

†Annmarie Rumley r/o Scarpantonio Family

†Gene Millhouse r/o Norma Antonio

†Kevin Dietrich r/o Cebula Family

†Stanley Jasinski r/o Kris & Bob Vignoli

†Nuzie Terzino (anniv.) r/o Fregeolle Family

For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Maria Janik r/o Donna Walentek

†Mary & Piotr Oldak r/o Jan Poplawski

### Home Blessing (Koleda)

Home blessings have begun in town.

Please see the schedule in the 2026 Parish Calendar.

Home blessings will take place from 9:30am to 4pm.

Out of town parishioners please contact the parish office  
to schedule a visit.

**We ask you to remember in your prayers the  
following parishioner who has died:**

**Antoni Kafara.**

**May his soul and the souls of all the faithful  
departed rest in peace.**

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house they saw the  
child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves  
and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and  
offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,  
and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11



### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

January 4, 2026

#### The Epiphany of the Lord

Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift.

We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— 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

JANUARY 10 & 11

TOGETHER IN CHARITY

JANUARY 17 & 18

PROPERTY INSURANCE

JANUARY 24 & 25

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

JAN 31 & FEBRUARY 1

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

### UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIE WYDARZENIA

January 6th Tuesday

CCD (All grades)

January 13th Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 1-4)

January 18th Sunday

ARS Mass & Rosary

January 18th Sunday

Radia Maryja

January 19th Monday

MLK Jr. Day (Office Closed)

January 20th Tuesday

CCD Mass (Grades 5-8)

January 24-26th Saturday-Monday

40 Hour Devotion

January 26 Monday

40 Hour Devotion Closing Mass

January 27 Tuesday

CCD (No Classes)

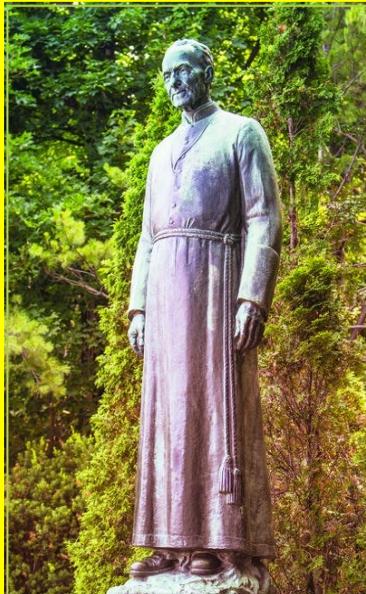
January 31 Saturday

8th Grade Confirmation Retreat



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BESSETTE**

Please visit our parish website:  
[www.ctrmanville.com](http://www.ctrmanville.com)

### Gospel Reflection Videos

Please watch our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week.  
This week Roberta Caswell will be presenting the reflections.

**2026 Parish Calendars**  
have been distributed to in-town parishioners. Extra calendars are available in the church vestibule for out of town parishioners.

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – ZACHĘTA DO GŁĘBSZEGO ZROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO  
4 stycznia 2026  
Uroczystość Objawienia Pańskiego  
Mt 2,1–12

Gdy miałem 22 lata, wyruszyłem na pielgrzymkę do Rzymu z okazji Roku Jubileuszowego 2000. Podróżowałem bardzo skromnie: tylko z plecakiem, jedną niebieską koszulą i czarnymi spodniami, z niewielką ilością pieniędzy i bez znajomości języka włoskiego. Miałem ze sobą kilku bliskich przyjaciół i jeden cel: dotrzeć do Wiecznego Miasta. Pomimo trudności i wyrzeczeń czulem się szczęśliwy i spełniony w sposób, jakiego nigdy wcześniej nie doświadczyłem.

Kiedy Ty czujesz się najbardziej szczęśliwy? Założę się, że nie wtedy, gdy jest Ci najwygodniej albo gdy otacza Cię mnóstwo rzeczy materialnych. Ale raczej wtedy, gdy Twoje życie jest ukierunkowane na coś wielkiego; gdy jesteś w drodze — wymagającej wysiłku ale i nadającej życiu sens — razem z dobrymi przyjaciółmi. Taki właśnie obraz dają nam Mędrzy z dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Wyruszają ze Wschodu nie z pewnością, lecz z nadzieją. Odczytują znaki, wędrują razem, a gdy odnajdują nowo narodzonego Króla, ofiarują Mu to, co mają najlepszego.

Kościół daje nam ich historię na początku roku, aby na nowo coś w nas obudzić. Nie jesteśmy stworzeni do dryfowania.

Jesteśmy powołani do tego, by pielgrzymować. Rok Jubileuszowy 2025 już się zakończył, ale nasza pielgrzymka nie. Podobnie jak Mędrzy, im bliżej jesteśmy Chrystusa, tym bardziej jesteśmy szczęśliwi. — O. John Muir

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Penances and Prayers

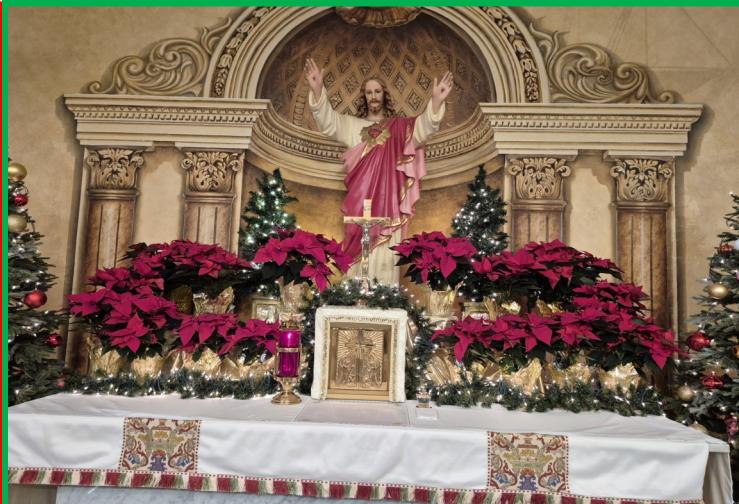
*God's glory, now, is kindled gentler than candlelight  
under the rafters of a barn:*

*Eternal Peace is sleeping in the hay,  
And Wisdom's born in secret in a straw-roofed stable.\**

When I was younger, I wrote music to and recorded Thomas Merton's poem, "Epiphany Carol." If you have never read it, search it out on the internet. Merton's words are profound and paint a picture of the awesomeness of Jesus, the newborn King of Kings, lying in a simple straw bed. The shepherds and Wise Men are drawn to pay homage to the One who has been born above all others and brings with him hope for a broken world. As Merton correctly points out, the gifts we are called to bring to this baby and lay at his feet are our prayers and penances, next to those gifts of worldly wealth. What is it that you have to bring to the stable on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord? Unless those prayers and penances lead to a new way of living, our gifts will be void of meaning. What we lay before him speaks to the change in us that he has given to us by his birth. Our daily stewardship is resembled in those gifts. If we are to truly echo the kingdom of God in our lives and actions, what we ultimately offer to him is no less than our entire selves. This baby will give his entire self for us, and his work must continue through our hands and feet.

*While we unnumbered children of the wicked centuries  
Come after with our penances and prayers,  
And lay them down in the sweet-smelling hay  
Beside the wise men's golden jars.\**

\*Excerpts from "Epiphany Carol" by Thomas Merton  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



## ATTENDING MASS WHEN SICK

It is not imperative you attend Mass if you are not feeling well, in fact, you should stay home and rest which will enable you to restore your good health more quickly.

If you should begin to feel ill during Mass or know you may be "coming down" with a cold, etc., please refrain from physical contact during the "Sign of Peace". This eliminates the unnecessary spreading of germs throughout the congregation. In the event you should become gravely ill or want to request the "Anointing of the Sick"; please call the parish office.

### Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Terry Tardy
Monday	Lee Rawaich
Tuesday	John Tardy
Wednesday	8th Grade CCD class
Thursday	Barbara Faist
Friday	Roberta Caswell
Saturday	Elizabeth Janlonski
	John & Magdalena Daus
	Susan Klein



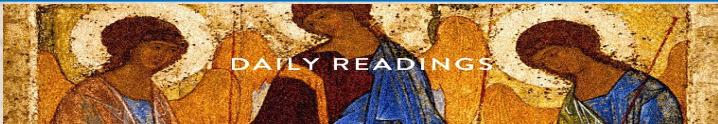
The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked.

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, Juice(62 oz)  
Pancake mix, Syrup,  
Cookies



DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

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



### The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 21, 2025

Offertory	\$ 6,283.00
Children's Donations	\$ 3.00
Mail Ins	\$ 2,972.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,511.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,415.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,184.00</b>

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

### 2026 Diocesan Youth Day

Saturday, January 31st, 2026

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison, NJ.

8th-12th grade teens will meet for a Holy Spirit filled day of Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions, Live Music, Talks from speaker Monét Souza, Food, Games and more!

For more information & Sign up : <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Br1Q0Q?vid=1n5epj>

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Stars We Follow, Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful. We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, “I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough.” Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking “the newborn king of the Jews,” yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don’t see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don’t know how many of them there were. We don’t know their religion. We don’t know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth. And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.





**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 Bookoski, 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 Marrcino, 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, 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 18<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 **February 7th at 11:30AM.**

### 2026-2027 Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid Application Process

Parish families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now.

Financial aid will be available through the Diocese of Metuchen School Financial Aid program for families seeking tuition assistance for the 2026-2027 school year.

The application process opened on January 1, 2026. Applicants can apply online by going to

[https://online.factsmgt.com/aid.](https://online.factsmgt.com/aid)

Applications are available in Spanish and English. Applications and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS Financial Aid Management (FFAM) by March 31, 2026. The application fee is \$40 and must be paid online at the time the family submits their application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards, or an electronic check.

### **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 - 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!