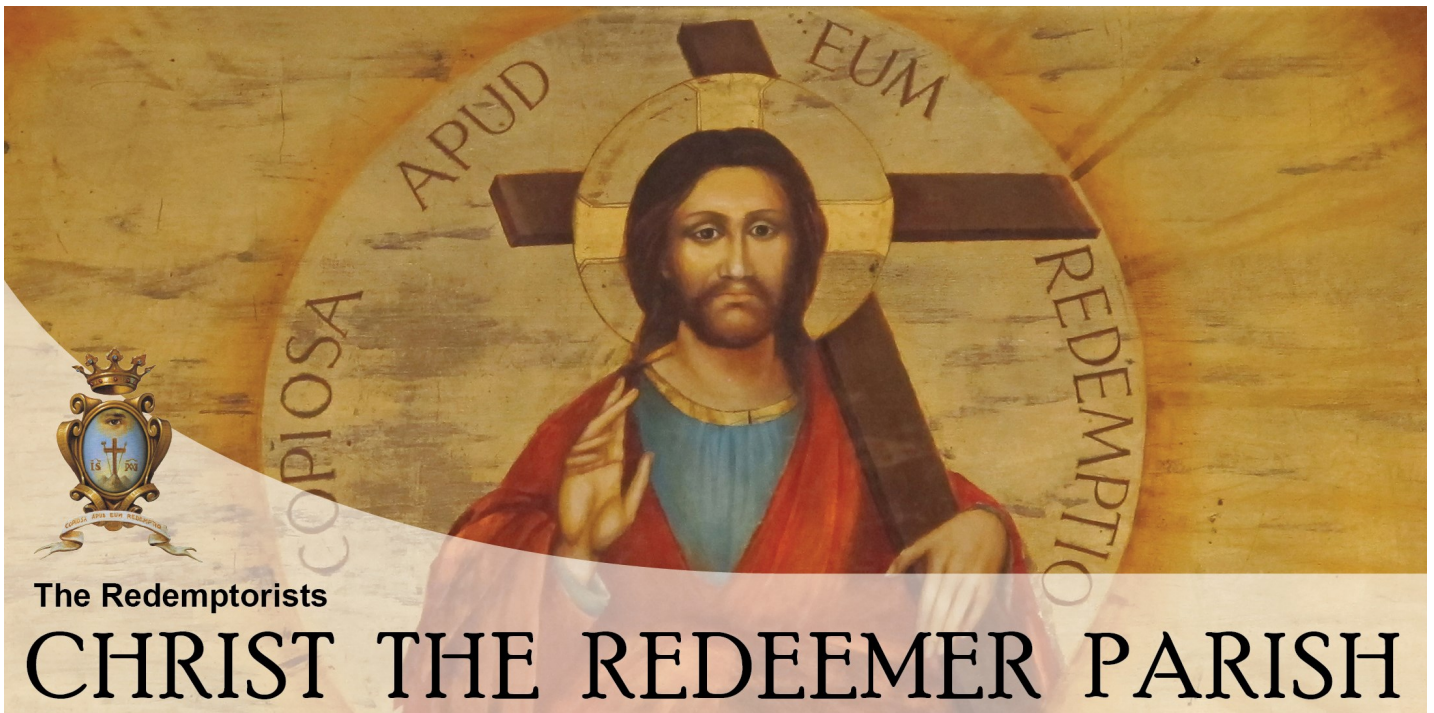


January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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, January 12 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Adam & Danuta Olearczyk r/o Family

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

Tuesday, January 13 (Wtorek) St. Hilary

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

11:00AM †Antonia Petrone r/o Family

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

5:30PM Religious Education Mass (Grades 1-4)

Wednesday, January 14 (Środa)

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

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, January 15 (Czwartek)

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

11:00AM †Maria & Anatol Nalesnik r/o Daughter

Friday, January 16 (Piątek)

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

7:00PM †Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Sienicki
r/o Dziwak Family

Saturday, January 17 (Sobota) St. Anthony

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Pura Family

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

5:00PM †Cecylja & Andrew Rychlicki r/o Mary Marsicano

January 18 (Niedziela) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00AM †Matilda Zwerko r/o Greg & Lois Zwerko

†Maria Zurawiecki r/o Teresa Byra

†Gene Millhouse r/o Mimi Gibraltar

†Stephen Bartkowski r/o Richard Jasinski

†Theresa MacIntosh r/o Juliana Jasinski

Living & Deceased Members

of the Altar Rosary Society

For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Anna & Elizabeth Maziarz r/o Walek Family

†Jozef & Jannina Brozyna

r/o Son Andrzej & Family

†Antoni Poplawski r/o Jan Poplawski

Home Blessing (Kolęda)

Home blessings are continuing 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.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed him. - Mt 3:13-15



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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Matthew 3:13-17

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called "Behind the Mac – Greatness." It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, "There's a certain kind of person who doesn't wait for greatness. They make it." It's a compelling message. There's beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can't anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today's Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn't preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." It's not a reward for success. It's not earned. Before he does anything "great," Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father. And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: "You are my beloved." That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.—
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 17 & 18

PROPERTY INSURANCE

JANUARY 24 & 25

CATHOLIC EDUCATION FUND

JAN 31 & FEBRUARY 1

DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT

FEBRUARY 7 & 8

HEATING

UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

<u>January 13th</u> Tuesday	CCD Mass (Grades 1-4)
<u>January 18th</u> Sunday	ARS Mass & Rosary
<u>January 18th</u> Sunday	Radia Maryja
<u>January 19th</u> Monday	MLK Jr. Day (Office Closed)
<u>January 20th</u> Tuesday	CCD Mass (Grades 5-8)
<u>January 24-26th</u> Saturday-Monday	40 Hour Devotion
<u>January 26</u> Monday	40 Hour Devotion Closing Mass
<u>January 27</u> Tuesday	CCD (No Classes)
<u>January 31</u> Saturday	8th Grade Confirmation Retreat
<u>February 1</u> Sunday	Presentation of First Communicants

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

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

This week [Barbara Madak](#) will be
presenting the reflections.

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – ZACHĘTA DO
GŁĘBSZEGO ROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

11 stycznia 2026

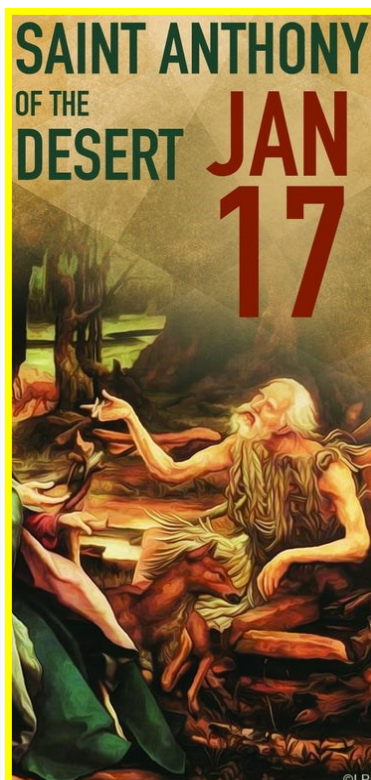
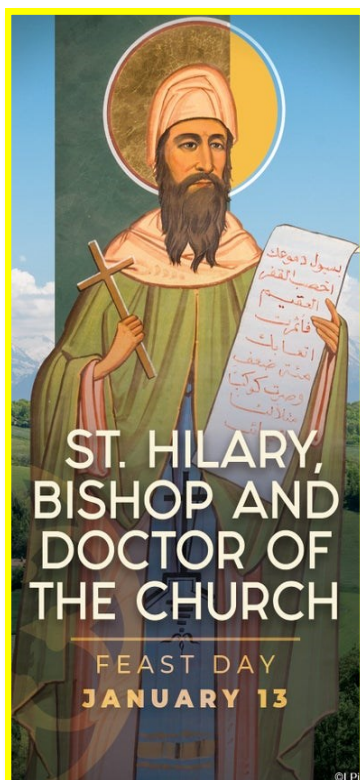
Święto Chrztu Pańskiego Mt 3,13–17

Nie tak dawno temu firma Apple stworzyła reklamę zatytułowaną „Behind the Mac – Greatness”. Widzimy w niej artystów i twórców, takich jak Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish czy Lady Gaga, pracujących przy swoich komputerach. Narrator mówi w tej reklamie: „Jest pewien rodzaj ludzi, którzy nie czekają na wielkość. Oni ją tworzą”. To mocne i inspirujące przesłanie. Zawiera ono piękno wykorzystywania swoich talentów z pasją i jasno określonym celem. Jednak ta myśl kryje w sobie też pewien ciężar. Jeśli nasza wartość zależy od tego, co tworzymy i osiągamy, to co dzieje się z nami, gdy nie jesteśmy w stanie już niczego „wielkiego” dokonać? Gdy nasze plany się nie powiodą, pasja wygaśnie, a światła reflektorów skierują się gdzie indziej – gdzie wtedy szukać wielkości? Dzisiejsza Ewangelia ukazuje zupełnie inną wizję wielkości. Jezus wchodzi do wód Jordanu. Nie wygłosił jeszcze żadnego kazania, nie uzdrowił ani jednej osoby, nie dokonał żadnego cudu. A jednak otwierają się Niebiosa i Ojciec mówi:

„Tyś jest mój Syn umiłowany, w Tobie mam upodobanie”.

Słowa te nie są nagrodą za sukces. Zanim Jezus uczyni cokolwiek „wielkiego”, otrzymuje od Ojca prawdę o swojej tożsamości. Tak samo jest z nami. W chwili naszego Chrztu Bóg wypowiedział nad każdym z nas te same słowa: „Jesteś moim umiowanym dzieckiem”. To jest nasza prawdziwa tożsamość – nie wypracowana, nie zdobyta, ale otrzymana za darmo. Gdy zaczynamy patrzeć na siebie i na innych w ten sposób, wszystko zmienia się na lepsze. Odkrywamy wielkość, której nikt i nic nie może nam odebrać. W nadchodzącym tygodniu warto wrócić myślą do własnego Chrztu: odszukać jego datę, podziękować Bogu za ten dar, pomodlić się za tych, którzy nas do tego sakramentu doprowadzili, albo odwiedzić kościół, w którym to miało miejsce. Niech to nam pozwoli na nowo odkryć naszą tożsamość umiowanych dzieci Boga.

— O. John Muir



**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
Christmas, 2025**

Offertory	\$ 23,521.00
Children's Donations	\$ 5.00
Mail Ins	\$ 3,683.00
Total	\$ 27,209.00

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of December 28, 2025**

Offertory	\$ 4,888.00
Children's Donations	\$ 11.00
Mail Ins	\$ 1,408.00
Property Insurance	\$ 2,419.00
On-line Giving	\$ 7,226.00
Total	\$ 15,952.00

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
New Years, 2026**

Mary Mother of God	\$ 3,486.00
Initial Offering	\$ 2,458.00
Total	\$ 5,944.00

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of January 4, 2026**

Offertory	\$ 6,937.00
Children's Donations	\$ 33.00
Mail Ins	\$ 2,497.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 2,173.00
Together In Charity	\$ 1,312.00
On-line Giving	\$ 4,869.00
Total	\$ 17,821.00

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](https://fundraise.givesmart.com/form/Br1Q0Q?vid=1n5epj)**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

I used to lead an RCIA session on baptism, where I would bring in my Kermit the Frog toy from when I was a child and pretend to baptize it. It was a session I especially made sure I led when we had children preparing for Easter sacraments. You would think Kermit would have become super holy having been baptized so many times, year after year. But, if he had been real, he would not have been any holier due to multiple baptisms than he was after the first baptism. He couldn't be re-baptized. (Not to mention, of course, he is a FROG.)

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Too many of us take that moment for granted. Yes, you may have been baptized as an infant. But much time has passed since then, and you can work to understand the impact that it had on your life. We sometimes look for a good time to begin living a stewardship way of life. However, that time already passed, and God has been waiting. We are called to reflect on our baptism and respond to the call it has placed on our lives. We can respond and be disciples, or we can be like Kermit the Frog, always searching for a new start that never comes.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

**I READ A BOOK TO MY BABY COUSIN.-LAYLA
I HELPED MY BROTHER CLEAN HIS ROOM.
-BROOK LYNN**

**I HELPED MY MOM COOK—ELLIE ROSE
I HELPED DADDY SHOVEL SNOW —LENNOX
I HELPED GRAMMA MAKE DINNER—INGRID
I HELPED MOMMY WASH DISHES —BROOK LYNN
I HELPED MY MOM BRING IN GROCERIES—ABBY
I FILLED UP MY DOG'S FOOD CONTAINER—MOLLY
I HELPED MY DAD CLEAN THE GARAGE—LENNOX
I HLPED CLEAN MY ROOM—LAYLA
I HELPED MY MOM FEED THE CHICKENS—ELLIE
(Don't forget to put your first & last name and
grade on your envelope).**



Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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



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,
Canned Tuna, Boxed Milk,
Toaster Pastries, Cookies,
Coffee, Tea, Juice(62 oz),
Pancake mix, Syrup**

Hospital Privacy

Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals or pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the Parish office.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry. He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Suzanne Runyon
Monday	Joanne Krasnansky
Tuesday	Lisa Limyansky
	8th Grade CCD class
Wednesday	Lachac Family
	Ralph & Christine Trksak
Thursday	Mary Lou Cebula
Friday	Jane Biago
Saturday	Elizabeth Urookiay
	Landon Calulo

Our cemetery crew will begin removing Christmas decorations after January 30th.

Please remove anything you wish to keep before then. (weather permitting)

Obsługa naszego parafialnego cmentarza będzie zbierać świąteczne dekoracje do końca miesiąca. Aby zachować te rzeczy prosimy je wcześniej zabrać.



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 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 **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>.

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⁺ 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!