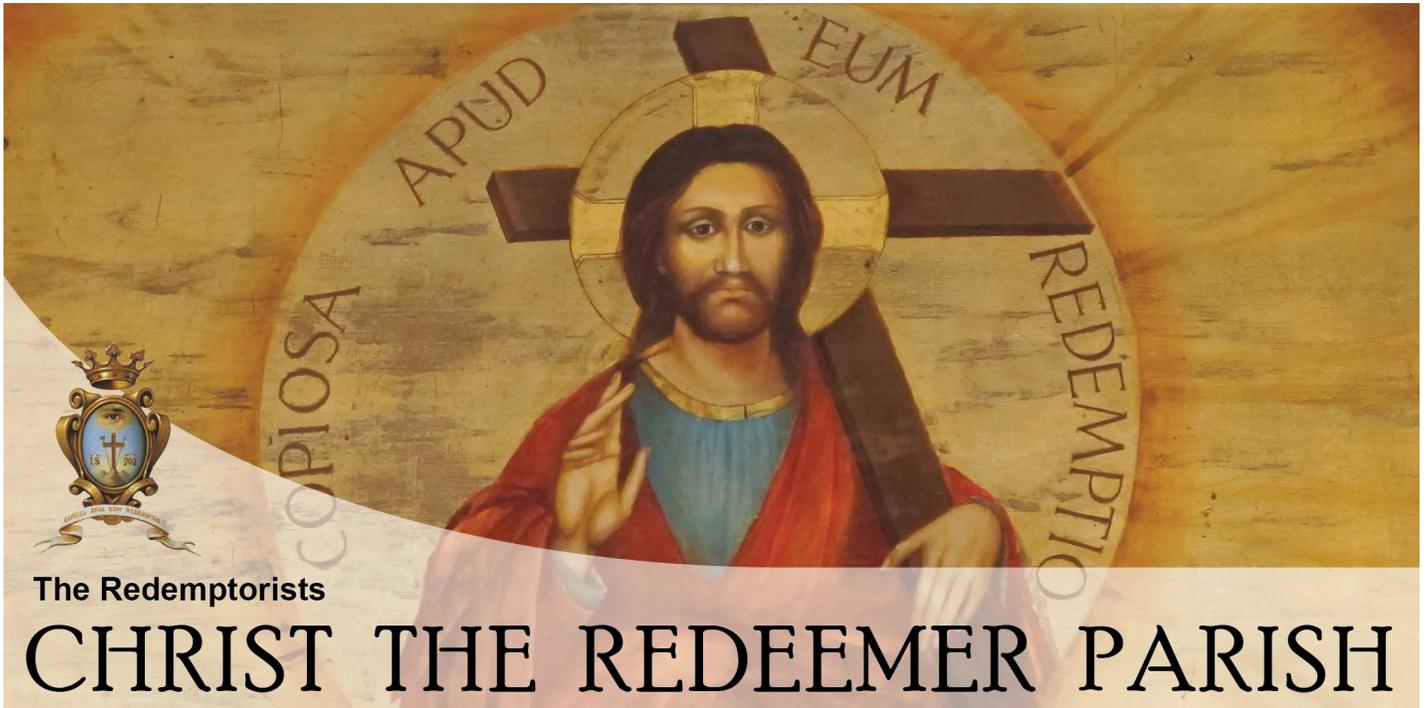


March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent



The Redemptorists

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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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, March 9 (Poniedziałek) St Frances of Rome

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o Woznicki Family
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
5:30PM Retreat Mass in English

Tuesday, March 10 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o Family
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
5:30PM Retreat Mass in English

Wednesday, March 11 (Środa)

11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, March 12 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Wladyslawa & Stanislaw Sienicki
r/o Daughter & Family
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family

Friday, March 13 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o Family

Saturday, March 14 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Jozef Karpinski r/o Gnap Family
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
4:30PM Lenten Lamintations
5:00PM †Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski
r/o Daughter, Granddaughter & Great Granddaughter

March 15 (Niedziela) 4th Sunday of Lent

7:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
8:40AM Lenten Lamintations
9:00AM †Living & Deceased Member of the
Altar Rosary Society
†Theresa Fiduk r/o Family
†Kevin Deitrich r/o Gina & Todd Kraska
†Deceased Member of the Rylek Family
r/o Friend, Michael
†Joann Kelco r/o Family
†John Gubernot r/o Wife & Family
†Veronica Waugh
r/o Deacon Bill & Barbara Stefany
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Anna & Elizabeth Maziarz r/o Stefania Walek
†Kazimierz Wiercinski r/o Stella Wiercinski
†Maria, Franciszek, Emilia Furman r/o Family
†Stanislaw Olszanski r/o Jan Poplawski
5:00PM Gorkie Zale
5:45PM †Stanley Jasinski r/o Ella & Ewa Jasinski

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
for the repose of the soul of **Stanley Antos** at the request of
wife Marianna and daughter Darlene.

**“God is Spirit, and those who worship
him must worship in Spirit and truth.”**

**The woman said to him,
“I know that the Messiah is coming,
the one called the Christ; when he comes,
he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to
her, “I am he, the one who is speaking
with you.” - Jn 4:24-26**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 8, 2026 3rd Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

Recently I received a note from a teenager I met years ago. He wrote, “Dear Father Muir, you probably do not remember me, but I wanted to thank you for your inspiring and humorous homilies at the parish. They helped me appreciate the beauty of Catholicism, which I have now embraced in a personal way.” That small note moved me more than he probably imagined. I had no idea my words had taken root in him. I was simply sowing seeds — week by week, Mass by Mass. Someone else — his parents, a youth minister, or God Himself — was doing the deeper work. Now this young man is joyfully reaping a harvest of faith.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: “One sows and another reaps” (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit. This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

Lenten challenge: Thank someone who once sowed faith into your life. And keep sowing, even when the harvest is unseen.

— 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

MARCH 14 & 15 EASTER FLOWERS
MARCH 21 & 22 PROPERTY INSURANCE
& SNOW REMOVAL
MARCH 28 & 29 RETIREMENT FOR PRIESTS

Please visit our parish website:
www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

Please watch our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week **Laurie Genovese** will be presenting the reflections.

UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

March 8-10 Sunday-Tuesday Lenten Retreat English
March 9 Monday Confirmation Confession/Rehearsal
March 10 Tuesday Retreat Closing Mass (All CCD)
March 12 Thursday Confirmation
March 14 Saturday First Reconciliation
March 14 Saturday K of C Clothing Drive
March 15 Sunday ARS Mass & Rosary
March 24 Tuesday Outdoor Stations of the Cross
March 28 & 29 Saturday & Sunday ARS Bake Sale
March 29 Sunday Palm Sunday

On March 22nd there will be a special 2nd collection for **Snow Removal**. This has been an extremely snowy winter and your assistance in covering the cost of the snow removal from the parish grounds is much appreciated.

MEDYTACJA EWANGELICZNA – ZACHĘTA DO
GŁĘBSZEGO ROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

8 marca 2026

III Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

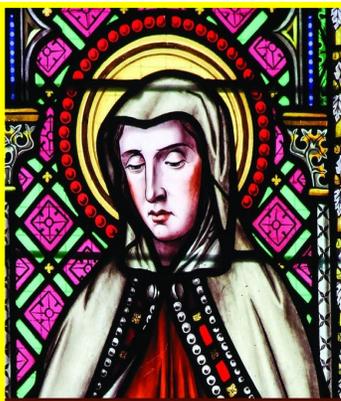
J 4,5–42

Niedawno otrzymałem wiadomość od młodego człowieka, którego poznałem kilka lat temu. Napisał: „Drogi Ojciec, zapewne mnie Ojciec nie pamięta, ale chciałem podziękować za inspirujące i pełne humoru homilie głoszone w parafii. Pomogły mi odkryć piękno katolicyzmu, który przyjąłem bardzo osobiście.” Ta krótka wiadomość poruszyła mnie bardziej, niż on sam mógłby przypuszczać. Nie miałem pojęcia, że moje słowa zapuściły w nim korzenie. Po prostu siałem ziarno — tydzień po tygodniu, Msza po Mszy. Ktoś inny — jego rodzice, duszpasterze, a przede wszystkim sam Bóg — wykonywał głębszą pracę. Dziś ten młody człowiek z radością zbiera owoce wiary.

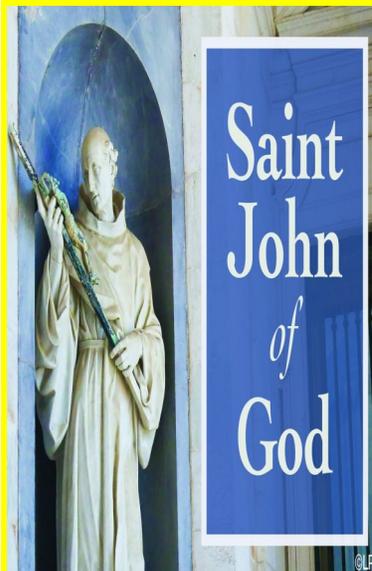
W dzisiejszej Ewangelii Jezus ofiaruje wodę żywą Samaritanie, której życie było pełne poszukiwań i rozczarowań. Pod koniec ich spotkania staje się ona odważną i radosną głosicielką Dobrej Nowiny. Następnie Jezus zwraca się do swoich uczniów i mówi coś, co łatwo przeoczyć: „Jeden siew, a drugi zbiera” (J 4,37). Pomaga im — i nam — zrozumieć, jak działa ewangelizacja. Często ten, kto siew ziarna wiary, nie jest tym, który ogląda jej owoce. W tym Wielkim Poście zapytaj siebie: czy jestem w czasie siania, czy zbierania? Jeśli siewiesz — wychowując dzieci, modląc się za kogoś, towarzysząc komuś w wierze — bądź cierpliwy. Twoja praca ma sens. Jeśli zbierasz plon — widząc, jak ktoś wzrasta w wierze — bądź wdzięczny. Stoisz na świętej ziemi, uprawianej i nawadnianej przez innych.

Wielkopostne wyzwanie są następujące: podziękuj komuś, kto kiedyś zasiał w Twoim życiu ziarno wiary. I nie przestawaj siał, nawet wtedy gdy nie widzisz owoców.

— Ojciec John Muir



St. Frances
OF ROME



Saint
John
of
God

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

WAY OF THE CROSS / DROGA KRZYŻOWA

Each Friday during Lent
in the church
Fridays 4:30 pm
Piątek 6:30 pm

LENTEN LAMENTATION
Saturdays 4:30 pm Sundays 8:40 am

GORZKIE ŻALE
- Niedziela 5:00 pm

Lenten Retreat 2026
March 8—10

Sunday March 8 9am Mass & Preaching
 7pm Retreat Service

Monday March 9 11am Mass & Preaching
 5:30pm Retreat Service
 Confessions after service

Tuesday March 10 11am Mass & Preaching
 5:30pm Closing Mass & Preaching

Fr. John Olenik, C.Ss.R., was born in Winston-Salem, NC. Father Olenik was ordained a Priest in 2003 and has served in parishes in the Bronx, Philadelphia, St. Lucia, Baltimore and Washington DC. He has ministered to Spanish and English speaking communities.

Father Olenik currently serves as the provincial vicar of the Baltimore Province of the Redemptorists. He enjoys reading, walking and playing the guitar.



**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!



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:

**Coffee, Tea, Juice(64 ounce),
Pancake mix, Syrup, Chef Boyardee,
Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken,
Canned Spam, Boxed Milk,**

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



Readings for the week of March 8, 2026

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 22, 2026

Offertory	\$	5,721.00
Children's Donations	\$	9.00
Mail Ins	\$	1,844.00
Property Insurance	\$	3,487.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,205.00
Total	\$	13,266.00

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

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of March 1, 2026

Offertory	\$	5,083.00
Children's Donations	\$	21.00
Mail Ins	\$	1,097.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	1,031.00
Snow Removal	\$	690.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,742.00
Total	\$	10,664.00

Thank you for your generosity and support.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS:

- I HELPED DAD CLEAN THE CAR—LENNOX
 - I HELPED MY BROTHER FEEL BRAVE GOING TO SCHOOL—PAISLEY
 - I HELPED MY NONNA PUT THE GROCERIES AWAY—BROOKE-LYNN
 - I HELPED MY DADDY WITH THE SNOW BLOWER -LENNOX
 - I HELPED MY SISTER WITH HER HOMEWORK -LAYLA
 - I GOT A BIRTHDAY GIFT WITH MY OWN MONEY FOR MY UNCLE—PAISLEY
 - I HELPED MY MOMMY MAKE A CAKE —ELLIE ROSE
- (Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope).

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Roberta Caswell Elizabeth Janlonski
Monday	John & Magdalena Daus
Tuesday	8th grade CCD class Susan Klein
Wednesday	Suzanne Runyon
Thursday	Lisa Limyanski
Friday	Lachac Family
Saturday	Ralph & Christine Trksak

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit one-self to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.
4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.

Please Note...

For families and individuals who are registered at Christ the Redeemer Parish to be in good standing, they must attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church on a regular basis and use the church envelopes.

- Regular basis is not less than 75% of the time.
- The use of church envelopes is the only way we can determine attendance.

The amount of the donation in the envelopes is never a determining factor. The use of your envelope each week will tell us that you are attending regularly. This will avoid problems or embarrassments in the future.



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, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, 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 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, Michelle Petrie, 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 **March 15th 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 **May 2nd at 4PM.**

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.

2026 Choices Matter Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "The 2026 Choices Matter Conference— A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 21, 2026. An Opening Mass will be held at 9:00 AM. The conference will begin at 10:15 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's theme is "Safeguarding Human Dignity ... Shining a Light on Human Trafficking."

The topics/expert speakers are:

- The Role of the Church in Combating Human Trafficking: Maria Celina Márquez
- Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Lens of a Subject Matter Expert: Gina Cavallo
- Survivor Informed Human Trafficking Prevention: David M. Ryan

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

One of my earliest memories is of my mother weeping. The last few months of her pregnancy with my little brother were tremendously painful for her, and more than once the pain brought her to tears. I have a hazy image of her in my mind, belly swollen with a 12-pound baby lying transverse in the womb, sitting on the edge of her bed, dabbing at her face with toilet paper. I had brought her the toilet paper. I would do that when I saw her crying, to wipe away her tears. I have a hazy memory of that, too — of the way my heart was wrenched by the sight of her suffering, of my desperation to do something to help, and of my immense satisfaction when she would take the toilet paper, smile and say, "Oh, thank you, sweetheart!" as if I had just airlifted her out of a war zone. What a powerful gift to give to a child still learning the meaning of compassion and selflessness — the gift of being able to feel that she has, even in some small way, "rescued" a person she worships. Her smile of gratitude lives, immortal, in my mind, along with the swell of satisfaction it produced in the deepest corner of my heart. This was when I learned that it feels good to help people, and this memory is a perpetually replenished well of living water for me. I draw from it daily, three decades later. This is a gift that Christ gives, over and over again, in the Gospels. He allows us to encounter him tired, afraid, sad and hungry. Omnipotent power subjected to the utter vulnerability of human form. Before the Incarnation, God looked down from Heaven and said, "You are thirsty. Here is something to drink." After the Incarnation, God sits down beside us and says, "I'm thirsty. Give me something to drink."