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4rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site

SATURDAY 8:30 - 9:00 AM
(Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel)

SATURDAY 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, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:30AM to 3:00PM.

Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1 (Poniedziałek)

Conversion of St. Paul

SH - 8:00AM †Anna, Jan, Lusia r/o Chris Papuga

SH - 11:00AM †Anna Bush r/o Family

Tuesday, February 2 (Wtorek)

- The Presentation of The Lord

SH - 8:00AM †Mattie, Leo, Walter, Frank & Edward
Korzeniowski r/o Estate

SH - 11:00AM †Francis Fidiuk Sr. (Anniv.) r/o Family

SH - 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

SH - 7:00PM †Mattie, Leo, Walter

Wednesday, February 3 (Środa) - St. Blaise

SH - 11:00AM †Connie pepe r/o Husband Jerry

SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Thursday, February 4 (Czwartek)

SH - 8:00AM †Karolina & Józef Bayer r/o Anna Kleszcz

SH - 11:00AM †Helen Lazas r/o Husband Lenny

Friday, February 5 (Piątek) - St. Agatha

SH - 11:00 AM †Gus Shelcusy r/o wife Irene

SH - 7:00 PM †Julian Gnyk & Grzywacz family

Saturday, February 6 (Sobota)

- St. Paul Miki and Companions

SH - 8:00AM †Ignacy Rogalski r/o wife Krystyna

SH - 11:00AM †Pasquale & Maria Franzoso
r/o Rose Kotch

SH - 5:00PM †Agnes-Marie, Robert, Paul,
Anthony & Shirley Marsicano r/o Family

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 7 (Niedziela)

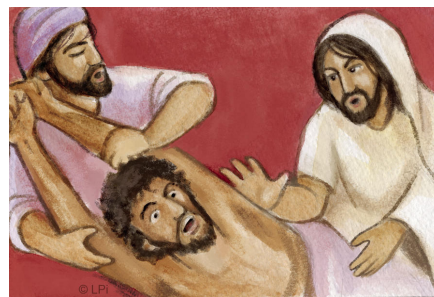
SH - 7:00 AM †Robert Lach r/o Family

SH - 9:00 AM †Mary Mazur r/o Family
†Health of Manuel Andrade r/o Friend
For the People of the Parish

SH - 11:30 AM Agnieszka , Anna, Tadeusz I Jan Nych
r/o Kurasinski Family

The Sanctuary Lamp in Sacred Heart will burn this week for God's Blessing for **Dolores Serra** on the at the request of Maribeth Thomaszfski, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Dolores Vinchur** at the request of Ann Straszewski and family.



All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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This Week

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE.

CANDLES will be blessed at all Masses.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

BLESSING OF THROATS through the intercession of St. Blaise will be imparted at all the masses.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA after the 11:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND PARENTS MEETING will start at 4PM in the Sacred Heart Auditorium.

The following Confirmandi will be presented to our parish community at the 5:00PM Mass.

*Adam Balicki
Victoria Byra
Maximilian Czajka
Emily Czyżycki
Aleksandra Dybas
Michael Gabryszewski
Sebastian Kisiel
Jerry Ricon
Logan Rodriguez
Jospeh Yadamiec*

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

The following First Communicants will be presented to our parish community today at the 9:00AM Mass.

*Matthew Cebula
Brady Glinka
Julia Grzechkowicz
Tymon Hobot
Nicholas Krutz
Maziarz Olivia
Rzeszutek Anthony*

Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

THE SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT. Please consider increasing your contribution for this once a month collection.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

WTOREK, 2 LUTY

ŚWIATOWY DZIEŃ ŻYCIA KONSEKROWANEGO

POŚWIĘCENIE ŚWIEC w tym dniu odbędzie się na wszystkich Msza Św.

ŚRODA, 3 LUTY

BŁOGOSŁAWIENSTWO GARDEŁ przez wstawiennictwo Św. Błażeja odbędzie się na każdej Mszy Św.

SOBOTA, 6 LUTY

NABOŻEŃSTWO PIERWSZEJ SOBOTY MIESIĄCA odbędzie się po Mszy Św. o godz. 11:00 w Sacred Heart Church.

SPOTKANIE MŁODZIEŻY PRZYGOTOWUJĄCEJ SIĘ DO BIERZMOWANIA ORAZ ICH RODZICÓW rozpocznie się o godz. 16:00 w Sacred Heart Auditorium.

Kandydaci do bierzmowania będą przedstawieni wspólnocie parafialnej na Mszy Św. o godz. 17:00.

NIEDZIELA, 7 LUTY

Prezentacja tegorocznych kandydatów do pierwszej komunii odbędzie się na Mszy Św. o godz. 9.00.

DRUGA SKŁADKA zbierana będzie na zapłacenie podatku diecezjalnego. Prosimy o ofiarność.



In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

W święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego, 2 lutego, obchodzony jest Światowy Dzień Życia Konsekrowanego. To dzień, kiedy w sposób szczególnie zwracamy uwagę na świadków obecności Boga w świecie, jakimi są osoby konsekrowane. Został on ustanowiony w 1997 r. przez św. Jana Pawła II i jest poświęcony modlitwie za osoby, które oddały swoje życie na służbę Bogu i ludziom.



You can listen to our broadcast from the church on 93.5 FM (within a 2 mile radius).

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for :
the weekend of January 24, 2021**


Offertory	\$ 3,858.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 3,343.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,826.00
Children's donations	\$ 3.00
Total	\$ 10,030.00
Property insurance	\$ 1,375.00

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

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

Parish Cemetery



Our cemetery crew will begin removing Christmas decorations on February 1st. 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.

Give Online

Consider using ConnectNow Giving during this health crisis. Go to our website and use the "Quick Give" feature to give a one-time gift without creating a login, and you'll see a list of our special funds from which you can choose to contribute. Or you can create a login and set up a recurring donation.

Pomimo kryzysu związanego z koronawirusem prosimy o wsparcie finansowe dla parafii. Zachęcamy do korzystania z zakładki Online Giving na stronie internetowej parafii. Transakcje czynione za pomocą Online Giving są bezpieczne. Dziękujemy za wsparcie i zrozumienie.

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25] Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1] Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

The daily Scripture references are printed here. If you find it helpful and have internet access, you can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

**Catholic Charities
Diocese of Metuchen**

Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete list of drop-off locations, visit <http://www.ccdom.org/how-you-can-help/clothing-donation-drop-boxes>.

If you have an item that is too big to fit in a donation box, call 877-343-3651 to arrange for a free pick up at your home.



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food **every week** at the church. Desperately needed items: Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Cereal, Macaroni and Cheese, Dried Potato Mixes, Rice, Canned Meat-Ham, Tuna, Chicken, Canned Fruit, Peanut Butter and Jelly. The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Caritas is in need of toiletries like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and deodorant and are asking for donations of these items during the month of January.

In addition, for the month of February donations of paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels as well as cleaning products like laundry detergent would be very helpful.

This would be an enormous help as people don't normally think of these items when donating to a Food Bank. These can be dropped off at Sacred Heart Church or the parish office. Thank you for your anticipated support.



The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be said on **February 21st** at 10:00AM.

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **February 6th**.



The Knights of Columbus Saint Jude Council # 6573

Council Meetings and Social Gatherings: Held monthly on 1st and 3rd Tuesday, respectively at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center at Christ the Redeemer Parish, Manville N.J. Catholic men 18+ who are not fellow knights but may have an interest to join are invited to the social events. For more information visit <https://www.kofc.org/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

CLOTHING DRIVE - Cancelled until further notice!

Bible Study: Bible study is every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and is currently covering Galatians. All are welcome to join the discussion.

We always have updates on our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Frank Picciano
Monday:	Thomas Amato
Tuesday:	John Tardy
Wednesday:	Ellen Michta
Thursday:	Laurie Lukacs, Terezia Tardy
Friday:	Brett & John Wood
Saturday:	Josephine Pschar, Marge Larkowski

The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on **February 1st** in the St. John Neumann Center at 6PM.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

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Now is the perfect time to download the parish app to keep abreast of everything that's going on during this crisis. To download:

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Distraction During Prayer

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer: The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

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We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: *Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Jean Batula, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Chester Cejnowski, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Betty Ann Cowen, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Dorothy Dinsmore, Heather Drodz, Mary Evancho, Bernice Fatto, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Dorothy Gluch, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Joseph Jaworsky, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ed Kawalchuk, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Nadine Mack, Jerry Mamola, Helen Michno, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Ned Panfile, Barbara Pankowski, Robert & John Parlier, Barbara Perone, Steven Pirello, Mary Poltarek, Elijah Paul Prater, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Steve Quintana, Chelsea Rivard, Laura Rodaman, Mary Rogalski, Marie Rogusky, Sylvia Rubito, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Michael Sheehan, Irene Shelcusky, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Celia Smith, Charlotte Snow, Victoria Soika, Albert Stanski, Michelle Tranter, David Urban, Frances Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Barbara Wrigil, Rose Zakszewski, Michael Zamorsky, Margaret & Mark Zujkowski, Maria Zurawiecki, Regina Zydalis and Holli Skrapits.*

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

- SPC Christopher Elsen*
- PFC Joshua Hussey*
- Major James A. Jablonski Jr.*
- Master Sergeant Kimberly Kaminski USAF*
- Airman Michael Edward Kassick III*
- 1st Lieutenant John Limyansky USAF*
- First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC*
- SR Jerry Lee Rogalski*
- Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.*
- PFC Steven Ubry*
- Staff Sergeant Lindsay Zaccardi USAF*

Let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Embracing Change in Christ

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



ZOOM on A LENTEN JOURNEY with DEACON TOM

Journey with me every Monday through the 5 weeks of Lent on Zoom. Our journey has two purposes: First, connect your personal life with your faith to bring you to the glory of Easter. Second, enrich your journey by learning how other parishioners are traveling this journey.

Our journey begins at 7 PM each Monday, 22 February; and 01, 08, 15, and 22 March.

You're ready to begin by pasting the URL below into your internet browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3432766120?pwd=dm5tY015c1laV2N0R0J5QkpLQ21Kdz09>

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www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Deacon Tom Giacobbe Caz & Diane Bielen will be presenting the reflections and next week Bonnie Giacobbe will be the presenter. Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.