# **September 20, 2020**

# 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ the King Worship Site Saturday 3:30 - 4:20 PM Sacred Heart Worship Site Saturday 8:30 - 9:00 AM - Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel

#### CONFESSION

(English & Polish) Christ the King Worship Site Monday - Friday 6:30 AM Sacred Heart Worship Site Wednesday & First Friday 6:30 - 7:00 PM Saturdays 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 3:45 - 4:45 PM

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.

# PARISH STAFF



Monday, September 21 (Poniedziałek) Matthew, Apostle SH - 8:00AM + Bogdan Dolzycki r/o Misztal Family SH - 11:00AM +Gerald Reed r/o nephew, Daniel and Daniel & Astrid Tuesday, September 22 (Wtorek) SH - 8:00AM †Maria Wyka r/o Janina Grzeczkowicz SH - 11:00AM †Dorothy Tomasko r/o son SH - 11:30PM OLPH Novena in English Wednesday, September 23 (Środa) - Pius of Pietrelcina SH - 11:00AM + Charles Zwerko r/o Lois & Greg Zwerko SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish Thursday, September 24 (Czwartek) SH - 8:00AM God's Blessing for Edward Kawalchuk SH - 11:00AM †Michael & Bernice Smolinski r/o granddaughter, Donna McKee Friday, September 25 (Piatek) SH - 11:00AM + Joseph Jr. & Sophie Jaworsky r/o granddaughter, Donna McKee SH - 7:00PM †Jan Sienicki r/o sister & family Saturday, September 26 (Sobota) - Cosmas & Damian; Bl. Kaspar Stanggassinger, C.Ss.R. SH - 8:00AM † Jan Sienicki r/o Ania, Tomek & Marek Dziwak SH - 11:00AM +Paul & Stella Menkowski r/o Matthew Menkowski SH - 5:00PM +Dorothy Fedorczyk r/o daughter, Violet & grandson, Keith 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept. 27 (Niedziela) **SH** - 7:00AM **†**Jan Sienicki r/o Jan & Bozena Dziwak SH - 9:00AM †Joseph J. Ketusky r/o son, Joe & family +Rose & Joseph Tabbit r/o children & grandchildren +John Sudul r/o sister, Anne Kasas For the People of the Parish SH - 11:30AM +Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society The Sanctuary Lamp in Sacred Heart will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Frank Fiduk at the request of the Christ the Redeemer Choir.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Robert Marsicano** at the request of his wife, daughter & granddaughter.





"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

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If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

#### Choices Matter – A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series

During October, which is Respect Life month, the diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity will present its annual Choices Matter - A Virtual Critical Life Issues Conference Series. The theme this year is "Living the Gospel of Life!". Please join us virtually on the following dates to hear these dynamic speakers:

- October 10 10:00 AM Pam Stenzel Parents Matter: Raising Kids with Integrity
- October 15 7:00 PM Evan Lemoine Amor sin Barreras (in Spanish only)

October 24 - 10:00 AM - Christina Bennett - Defending Life in the

Black Community

October 29 - 7:00 PM - Kristen Hanson - Warriors of Hope: Fighting Assisted Suicide in America

October 31 - 10:00 AM - Stephanie Connors, formerly Gray -Abortion: The Great Debate

There is no fee, however, registration is required for this Virtual Conference Series. Donations are appreciated. To register please visit: https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter. You can attend

### Download the Parish App...

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

iPhone UsersText: ParishApp1 to 555888 Android Users Text: ParishApp2 to 555888

To learn more visit our website.

#### Care of God's Creation Beauty Contest

At the beginning of the summer we celebrated the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si: On Care of Our Common Home, in which our Holy Father calls us to join with others to address environmental challenges that face our planet and the people who live in it. The encyclical also reminds us that nature is a constant source of wonder and awe. During the Season of Creation which spans 5 weeks starting September 1 (World Day of Prayer for Creation) and ending on October 4 (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) we are encouraging parishioners and students to take time to experience the awe and wonder all around us with the "Season of Creation Challenge." Parishioners and students are asked to survey their parish and/or school campuses and photograph the most beautiful outdoor area and then submit photos with parish/school name and a brief description to: communications@diometuchen.org. The photos will then be displayed on the diocesan website and on social media.

### Immediate Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are vital to the ministry of Catholic Charites, Diocese of Metuchen as they continue to offer assistance and create hope for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Social Service Center, 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg is seeking volunteers to be salespersons in the Thrift Store. The main components of the job description include service to customers and sorting and arranging donated items for sale. Help is needed Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day and time you are able to serve as a Thrift Store Volunteer are flexible. Safety precautions recommended by New Jersey and the CDC for retail businesses have been implemented for the Thrift Store. Please call 908-859-5447, if you require more information or wish an application.

# **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 Ζ prosimy o wsparcie fikoronawirusem nansowe dla parafii. Zachecamy do korzystania z zakładki Online Giving na stronie internetowej parafii. Transakcje czynione za pomoca Online Giving sa bezpieczne. Dziękujemy za wsparcie i zrozumienie.



This Sunday, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate "Catechetical Sunday"— a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people.

This year's theme is "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

- **Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
- **Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/ Lk 9:18-22
- **Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

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/.



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. The Caritas Team collects food **every week** at the church. Desperately needed items: Spaghetti Sauce, Soup, Ce-

real, 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.

### The Knights of Columbus (KofC) Saint Jude Council # 6573



**Council Meetings and Social Gatherings:** Held monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, respectively at 7:00 pm; Saint John Neumann Center at Christ the Redeemer Parish, Manville N.J. Cath-

olic men 18+ who are not fellow knights but may have an interest to join are invited to the social events.

**CLOTHING DRIVE** - October  $10^{\text{th}}$  (weather permitting). Clothing, textiles, stuffed animals, etc. can be dropped off at the St. John Neumann Center from 9AM to 12Noon.

**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 - <u>https://</u> www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/





The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **October 3**<sup>rd</sup>.



Neumann Center at 6PM.

### Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:Josephine PscharMonday:Roger & Diana SiebergTuesday:K.K.Wednesday:Theresa Evans & John StrolloThursday:Gerald PepeFriday:Betty RybskiSaturday:John Tardy & Sharon Liszczak



Pierogi can now be purchased on our website. Just order, pay and let us know when you will be picking them up.

Potato/cheese—\$8.00 per dozen Sauerkraut—\$10.00 per dozen Farmer's cheese—\$10.00 per dozen You can also order by calling the parish office.

MEGA RAFFLE ORDER FORM Return by 10/02/2020			
Tickets can also be ordered On-Line at <u>www.ctrmanville.com</u>			
First Name:			
Last Name:			
Address:			
City/State/Zip:			
Phone #:			
Email Address:			
# of Tickets @ \$25.00 ea			
Make check payable/send to or deposit your order form/payment in the weekly collection basket.	Christ The Redeemer Parish PO Box 924, Manville, NJ 08835		



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Edwina Andreyko, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, 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, Kathryn, Lou Fischer, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Dorothy Gluch, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, 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, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Chevenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Joe Matisak, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Ned Panfile, Benedict & Barbara Pankowski, Robert & John Parlier, Steven Pirello, Mary Poltarek, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Steve Quintana, Kathy Ravaioli, 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, Bonnie Tietjen, Michelle Tranter, David Urban, Frances Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Barbara Wrigil, Rose Zakszewski, Michael

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

Zamorsky, Maria Zurawiecki, and Regina Zydalis.

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

Please 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!

### Please visit our parish website:

## 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 Bill will be presenting the reflections and next week Ted Petrock will be the presenter.

Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.



**Report of Sunday Offerings in Support of our Parish** The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of September 6, 2020

Offertory	\$ 4,017.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 833.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 3,190.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,733.00
Children's donations	\$ 6.00
Total	\$ 10,779.00

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of September 13, 2020

Offertory	\$ 3,893.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 867.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 5,275.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,787.00
Children's donations	\$ 12.00
Total	\$ 11,834.00

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

"So the last will be first and the first last." (Matthew 20:16) You've heard the saying "It's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "selfcentered" lives.

#### OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

#### My Good Deed was when I:

Tymon
Jayden
Amelia
Alex

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORÓNAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

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