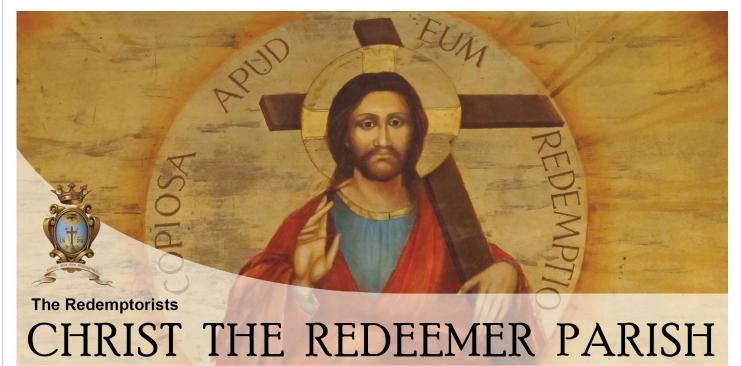
December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 9:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



Monday, December 21 (Poniedziałek) - Peter Canisius

SH - 8:00AM †Marcin S. Wierzba r/o wife & family

SH - 11:00AM †Frank Byra r/o children & grandchildren

Tuesday, December 22 (Wtorek)

SH - 8:00AM †Marcin S. Wierzba r/o wife & family

SH - 11:00AM †Kent & Elsie Foohey r/o Lori Barone

SH - 11:30PM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, December 23 (Środa) - John Katy

SH - 11:00AM †Delores Klimek r/o Cynthia & Kenneth Miceli

SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24 (Czwartek)

SH - 2:00 PM - (E) For the People

SH - 4:00 PM - (E) For the People - live-stream

SH - 9:00 PM - (E) For the People - live-stream

SH - 10:30 PM - (P) For the People

SH - 12:00 AM - (P) For the People – **live-stream**

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 (Piątek)

SH - 7:00 AM - (P) For the People

SH - 8:30 AM - (E) For the People

SH - 10:00 AM - (E) For the People - live-stream

SH - 11:30 AM - (P) For the People - live-stream

SH - 1:00 PM - (P) For the People

Saturday, December 26 (Sobota) - Stephen

SH - 8:00AM †Alex & Elsie Peltack r/o family

SH - 11:00AM †Danny Yurasek r/o Rybski & Kimbrough Families

SH - 5:00PM †John Krasnansky r/o family

Sunday, December 27 (Niedziela) - The Holy Family

SH - 7:00 AM - (P) †Marcin S. Wierzba r/o wife & family

SH - 8:30 AM - (E) †Betty & George Tomko r/o daughter,

Bette Ann & Harry Hoff SH - 10:00 AM - (E) live-stream

†Vincent Kozlowski Jr. r/o niece, Lori

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God's Blessing for Peter Tardy, Jr. r/o

Terry & John Tardy

SH - 11:30 AM - live-stream

(P) †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society

SH - 1:00 PM - (P) For the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Lamp in Sacred Heart will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Elsie Peltack** at the request of her family.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Sacred Heart is consecrated this week in memory of **Catheine Ravaioli** at the request of Tony & Donna Zamarin & family.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday and Friday. In case of emergency please call 908-725-0072.

Biuro parafialne będzie zamknięte w czwartek i piątek. W nagłych wypadkach prosimy dzwonić pod numer 908-725-0072.



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In Blaise Pascal's work, Pensees, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.



"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways. In these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son."

(Hebrews 1:1-2)

While it's hard these days to count on events we had scheduled, we can always count on God and one another. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: "Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!" We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and praise of God in our lives.

We trust that regardless of the difficulty of the Covid 19 pandemic, your family, professional and spiritual life develops an attitude of patience, understanding and forgiveness. We thank you for your cooperation and adherence to the restrictions imposed on us for the benefit of all. We want to thank all of you for your care and love of the Lord and your parish.

May God continue to bless you and watch over all you do. May the Infant Child Jesus and his most Blessed Mother grant you the joy and peace of this holy season and keep you and your loved ones safe. Wishing you a Blessed and healthy Christmas.

In the Peace of Jesus Christ, Fr. Stan & Fr. Marcin



"Wielokrotnie i wieloma sposobami przemawiał Bóg dawnymi czasy do ojców przez proroków; Ostatnio, u kresu tych dni, przemówił do nas przez Syna.". (Hbr 1:1-2)

Chociaż w dzisiejszych czasach trudno jest liczyć, że nasze plany się spełnią, to wierzymy, że zawsze możemy liczyć na Boga i siebie nawzajem. W duchu wiary, nadziei i miłości chcemy śpiewać z aniołami z Betlejem: "Chwała na wysokości Bogu, a na ziemi pokój ludziom dobrej woli!" Głęboko wierzymy, że prawdziwy pokój na ziemi wypływa z naszego uznania i uwielbienia Boga w naszym życiu.

Ufamy, że niezależnie od trudności spowodowanych pandemią Covid 19, w Waszym życiu rodzinnym, zawodowym i duchowym cnoty cierpliwości, zrozumienia i przebaczenia w Was kwitną. Dziękujemy za współpracę i przestrzeganie ograniczeń sanitarnych. Jednocześnie z całego serca pragniemy Wam podziękować za troskę i miłość do Boga i parafii Chrystusa Odkupiciela.

Niech Bóg Was błogosławi i czuwa nad wszystkim co czynicie. Niech Dzieciątko Jezus i Jego Najświętsza Matka da Wam radość i pokój w tym świętym czasie. Życząc wam błogosławionych i zdrowych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

z serca błogosławią, o. Stanisław & o. Marcin

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 December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/

Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21

[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: I Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56 **Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14

[cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,

27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-

17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25.

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/

Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14.

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20.

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/

Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and

17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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.



The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on January 4th in the St. John

Neumann Center at 6PM.

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 27, 2020 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc... with a special blessing at all the Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCZYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W niedzielę, 27 grudnia 2020 roku będziemy obchodzić rocznice ślubu (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, itd.). W czasie Mszy Św. będzie miało miejsce odnowienie przyrzeczeń ślubnych dla małżonków. Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym i poinformowanie nas, jeśli chcesz wziąć udział.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Josephine Pschar Monday: Roger & Diana Sieberg

Tuesday: K.K.

Wednesday: Theresa Evans & John Strollo

Thursday: Gerald Pepe Friday: Betty Rybski

Saturday: Sharon Liszczak & John Tardy

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.



Oplatek (Christmas wafers) are available at the parish office for \$3 per package during regular business hours.

Opłatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.



The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be said on **December 20th** at 10:00AM

The next **First Saturday Devotions** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **January 2**nd.



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.

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/

New Jersey Reproductive Freedom Act: On October 8, 2020, The Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) S3030 was introduced in the New Jersey State Senate and was referred to the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee. If passed, the RFA would codify into New Jersey law the findings of Roe v. Wade, meaning that abortion would remain legal in New Jersey even if the case were overturned by the Supreme Court. The RFA would also strip safeguards and regulations on the abortion procedure, making New Jersey a more dangerous place for women and their unborn babies. The Assembly companion bill is A4848.

The Diocesan Office of Human Life & Dignity has been working closely with the New Jersey Catholic Conference (NJCC) on this issue to develop resources and monitor the bill. Here is the link to NJ Catholic Conference's updated Reproductive Freedom Act resource page: https://njcatholic.org/reproductive-freedom-act. Please check this website frequently for updates. Also, please make sure to sign up on the above website to receive action alerts.

A webinar has been recorded which focuses on providing an overview of the legislation, an update on the bill's legislative status, and suggestions on action steps people can take at this time. This is something you can use to help educate family, friends and fellow parishioners. You are encouraged to watch it so you can understand the radical nature of this measure. The link is here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=kshuo78QZdA&feature=youtu.be

For more information contact:

human.life.and.dignity@diometuchen.org.

Thank you!

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, Nancv 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 Sr., 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, and Regina Zydalis.

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!

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 Bonnie Giacobbe will be presenting the reflections and next presenter will be Ted Petrock.

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



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who participated in our Giving Trees and the Holy Name Society Toy Drive. The response and your generosity were overwhelming. A special thank you to our Angel Helpers, who sorted and delivered the gifts and gift certificates to our less fortunate parishioners and friends. I know that many had a much better Christmas and were touched by your generosity and love. May our Lord God and Loving Father bless you all! Thank you again!!!

Fr. Stan

Due to the pandemic we will not be doing the usual Home Blessing this year. If you would like your home blessed, please call the parish office to schedule it for the date your street would have been normally blessed (see the schedule on the following page). Moreover, every day during Home Blessing/Kolęda at 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart church an additional Mass will be said and live-streamed for the people scheduled to be visited on that day.

Ze względu na pandemię w tym roku błogosławieństwo domu/kolęda będzie tylko na zaproszenie parafian. Prosimy skontaktować się z biurem parafialnym, ab ustalić dzień i czas odwiedzin duszpasterskich/kolędy. Ksiądz przybędzie do waszego domu z zachowaniem wszelkich zasad bezpieczeństwa zgodnie z harmonogramem tegorocznej kolędy dołączonym na następnej stronie. Ponadto, każdego dnia podczas odwiedzin duszpasterskich/kolędy o godzinie 18.00 w kościele Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa będzie odprawiona dodatkowa Msza św. za mieszkańców danej części Manville, do której w danym dniu miał przybyć ksiądz.

DEC 28 MONDAY

Lost Valley:

Huff Ave. Angle Ave. Kyle St. John Pl. S. Orchard St. S. Arlington St. S. Welss St.

S. Reading St. S. Park St. Lee PL Koscluszko St.

Liberty St.

Cooper St.

DEC 29 TUESDAY

Lost Valley:

Boesel Ave. Lincoln Ave.

North Side:

Louis St. Bleecher St. Knopf St. Green St. St. John St.

DEC 30 WEDNSDAY

North Side:

Marlon PL. Gress St. Clinton Ave. Dalley Pl. St. Marks Pl. Dukes Pkwy. N. 14th Ave. N. 15th Ave. N. 16th Ave. N. 17th Ave. N. 18th Ave. N. 19th Ave.

N. 20th Ave.

N. 21st Ave.

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES KOLEDA

Home blessings take place from 9:30AM until 4:00PM.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO RESECHEDULE: Phone: 908-725-0072

OUT OF TOWN PARISHIONERS. Please call the parish office to request a home blessing. Out of town blessings will take place from Jan 18th through Jan 22nd.

JAN 4 MONDAY

North Side:

N. 8th Ave. N. 9th Ave. N. 10th Ave. N. 11th Ave. N. 12th Ave. N. 13th Ave.

JAN 5 TUESDAY

North Side:

North St. Brooks Blvd. N. 1st Ave. N. 2nd Ave. N. 3rd Ave. N. 4th Ave. N. 5th Ave. N. 6th Ave. N. 7th Ave.

JAN 6 WEDNSDAY

South Side:

S. 14th Ave. S. 15th Ave. S. 16th Ave. S. 17th Ave. S. 18th Ave. S. 19th Ave. S. 20th Ave. S. 21st Ave.

JAN 13

Weston:

WEDNSDAY

JAN 7 THURSDAY

South Side:

S. 3rd Ave. S. 4th Ave. S. 5th Ave. S. 6th Ave. S. 7th Ave. S. 8th Ave. S. 9th Ave. S. 10th Ave.

S. 11th Ave. S. 12th Ave. S. 13th Ave.

JAN 8 FRIDAY

South Side:

Fliak St. Pope St. S. Main St. W. Camplain Rd. Rallroad Pl. Roosevelt Ave. Colorado Ave. Dakota St. Washington Ave.

JAN 11 MONDAY

Central:

Gladys Ave. Rosalle St. N. Orchard St. N. Arlington St. N. Welss St. N. Bank St. Louise Dr. Clare Ct. Florence Ct. E. Camplain Rd. Valerle Dr. N. Reading St. N. Bridge St.

Weston:

Sidorske Ave. Fucillo St. Evans Dr.

JAN 12 TUESDAY

Weston:

E. Frech Ave.

W. Frech Ave.

Raritan Ave.

Dominic St.

Persinko St. White Ave. Harrison Ave. Alice St. Mazur St. Richard Ave. Stonewall Ave. Sydney Pl. Ruth Pl. Brook PI. Jackson Ave.

JAN 14 THURSDAY

Weston:

Kennedy Blvd. N. Greashelmer St. Onka St. Whalen St. Somerville Ave. Jasinski Ave. Newark Ave. Bound Brook Ave. Czaplicki St.

JAN 15 FRIDAY

Little Weston:

Haran Ave. Rabens Ave. Fable Ave. Driscoll St. S. Greashelmer St. Garry St.

