

March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent



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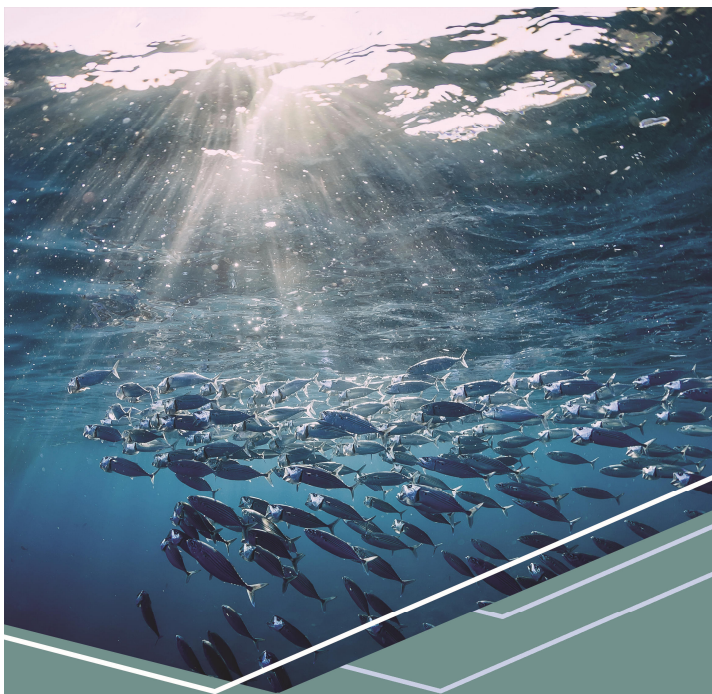
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For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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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, March 15 (Poniedziałek)

- SH - 8:00AM †Wladyslaw, Aniela, Edward & Helen
Korzeniowski r/o estate
SH - 11:00AM †Theresa Fiduk (Anniv.) r/o family

Tuesday, March 16 (Wtorek)

- SH - 8:00AM †Aniela & Franciszek Pociągiewil r/o Anna
Kleszcz
SH - 11:00AM †Wojciech Puzio r/o great-granddaughter,
Janina Grzeczkwicz
SH - 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
SH - 7:00PM Stations of the Cross in English

Wednesday, March 17 (Środa) - Patrick

- SH - 11:00AM †Zbigniew Ziemiński r/o family
SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Thursday, March 18 (Czwartek) - Cyril of Jerusalem

- SH - 8:00AM †Teresa & Jan Puzio r/o friend
SH - 11:00AM †Gerald Reed r/o Lucash Family

Friday, March 19 (Piątek) - Joseph, Spouse of Mary

- SH - 11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Patero Family
r/o Maryanne & Monica
SH - 11:30AM Divine Mercy Devotions
SH - 4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
SH - 6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
SH - 7:00PM †Stanislaw Zdeb r/o family

Saturday, March 20 (Sobota)

- SH - 8:00AM †Ilona Widerynski r/o Ann Latreille
SH - 11:00AM †Benedict Pankowski Sr. r/o wife & children
SH - 5:00PM †Maria Dowsett r/o Maria & Rino Ragucci

5th Sunday of Lent, March 21 (Niedziela)

- SH - 7:00 AM †Antoni Kloskowski r/o M/M Ryszard
Kloskowski
SH - 9:00 AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar
Rosary Society
†Melecio Panaligan r/o wife, Lily
†Sophie Jaworski r/o family
†Andrew Wargin r/o wife
†Linda Capoocia r/o mother
For the People of the Parish
SH - 11:30 AM †Aniela, Marcin & Jozef Kolodziej r/o
Kurasinski Family
SH - 5:00PM Gorzkie Żale
SH - 5:45PM †Stefan & Janina Walukiewicz r/o siostra,
Krysia

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

- Jn 3:19-20

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.



This Week

MONDAY, MARCH 15

GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN – Sacred Heart auditorium – 3:30 – 6PM. A small fee will be due.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 6:00PM. Beginning at Christ the King Worship Site and walking to Sacred Heart Worship Site.

NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 20 & 21

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for **EASTER FLOWERS**. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 15 MARZEC

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.30; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 10 MARZEC

W tym tygodniu nie będzie lekcji religii. Wszystkie dzieci uczestniczą w Drodze Krzyżowej ulicami miasta we wtorek o godz. 18.00 (początek pod kościołem Christ The King). Katecheza będzie kontynuowana w następnym tygodniu.

NIEDZIELA, 21 MARZEC

DRUGA TACA PRZEZNACZONA jest na Easter Flowers. Bóg zapłać za złożone ofiary.

*Marriage
& Banns*

III. Ryan Sarria & Karen Ribordy

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 John Zunski will be the presenter. Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of March 7, 2021

Offertory	\$	4,930.00
Mail-Ins	\$	2,428.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,384.00
Children's Donations	\$	2.00
Total	\$	9,744.00

Diocesan Assessment \$ 929.00

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

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..."

- JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

My Good Deed was when I:

was good to my brother.

Gabriella

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



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

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

To learn more visit our website.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Transformed by Christ Body and Blood – Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the **Vicariate for Evangelization and Communication** as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

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 March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/ Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/ Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/ Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/ Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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/>.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Edwina Andreyko & Helen Michno
 Monday: Helen Tomko
 Tuesday: The Drury's
 Wednesday: Becky Dinsmore
 Thursday: Maximilian Czajka
 Friday: Kelly Baccarini
 Saturday: Josephine Pschar





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, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, 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, Robert Goffredo, Christopher Gregor, Dolores Hart, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ed Kawalchuk, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Lenny Lazas, 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, Marie Rogusky, Sylvia Rubito, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Michael Sheehan, Irene Shelcusky, Pat Sherwood, Holli Skrapits, Eric Slaight, Celia Smith, Charlotte Snow, Victoria Soika, Albert Stanski, Michelle Tranter, David Urban, Frances & Barry 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!

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 - Postponed 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/>



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

The next **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** to Our Lady of Fatima will take place on **May 1st**.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on **May 5th** in the St. John Neumann Center at 6PM.



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.

For the month of March 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear. The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

Diocesan Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph for the Year of St. Joseph

In this Year of St. Joseph, Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate a Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Seating is limited so registration is required. Please visit www.diometuchen.org/evangelization to register. Face coverings and social distancing are required. The Mass will be livestreamed here: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org>

Diocesan Mass Honoring our Seniors

You are invited to join Bishop James F. Checchio as he celebrates a Mass to Honor our Seniors on March 25, 2021 at 5 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. Seating is limited so registration is required. To register, visit: www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation. The Mass will also be livestreamed.