

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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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 thru Thursday 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 13 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Piotr Bujwit r/o Klara Konopka
11:00AM †Tom Pietrzyk r/o wife & family

Tuesday, February 14 (Wtorek) - Cyril & Methodius

8:00AM †Regina Misztal r/o son & family
11:00AM †Ewa Pasek r/o great-granddaughter, Janina Grzeczkwicz
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
5:30PM Religious Education Mass - Grades 5 & 8

Wednesday, February 15 (Środa)

11:00AM †Anthony Franzoso r/o Cebula Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Thursday, February 16 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Krystyna Deville r/o friend
11:00AM †Waclaw Puzio r/o family

Friday, February 17 (Piątek)

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

11:00AM †Frank Tomasco r/o Bible Study Group
7:00PM †Anna Grzeczkwicz r/o grandson, Janusz

Saturday, February 18 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Bronislaw Ucen r/o daughter & family
11:00AM †Johnny O'Sullivan r/o Marini Family
5:00PM †Jadwiga & Andrew Terpilowski r/o daughter, granddaughter & great-granddaughter

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19 (Niedziela)

7:00 AM †Julian Maziarz r/o daughter
9:00 AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary Society
†Antoinette & Walter Pacyna r/o Barbara Pacyna
†Frances Guido r/o Anthony & Linda
†Eapen James r/o family
For the People of the Parish
11:30 AM †Ewa Buehl r/o husband, Michal & daughter, Agnieszka

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Jadwiga Karwowski** at the request of her family.

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 Suzanne Runyon will be presenting the reflections and next week Anthony Scarpantonio will be the presenter. Have parish newsletter delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ ”

- Mt 5:33-34a, 37



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It's often said that the Catholic Church lays heavy rules on her members, rules that can almost seem impossible. Mass *every* Sunday? No lying *ever*? Sexual purity *all the time*? I recently said to some non-Catholic friends that more than fifty adults were baptized at my parish at the Easter Vigil. One responded spontaneously with shock, “Why would anyone do *that*?” In other words, why would someone willingly place themselves in a system with such demanding and rigorous rules?

Of course, no one in the history of religions is more demanding and rigorous than Jesus himself. In the Sermon on the Mount, he says you have to be holier than pharisees or you're out. He says if you call someone a fool, you go to fiery Gehenna. He says you can't even look at a woman with lust or you're guilty of adultery (which was punishable by death). To top it all off, he says you can't even get divorced and re-married. Doesn't he know these are basically impossible demands? What world is he living in?

The new one, actually. He is the new world. Jesus' words aren't meant to condemn. They are meant to signal something new, a restored humanity. Jesus doesn't just give external laws; he gives us his Holy Spirit to internalize the law through love. He wants to fill us with his love. That's what the Church exists to do. Love demands extraordinary things. The “demands” of the Church only make sense because she is filled with Jesus' love. That wildly demanding love is why we are Catholic.

— *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.

This Week

TODAY, FEBRUARY 12

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

GUITAR CLASSES FOR CHILDREN - 5:15PM followed by Children's Polish Choir at 6PM.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King Catholic Center - 5:30 - 6:45PM. Grades 5-8 will meet at the church for Mass.

JANUS/GPS BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP'S 7:30pm meeting will feature "Tea Time for Calm". Guest speaker will be Tom Reeder, 4H Community Speaker Coordinator who will discuss the history of tea, exploring tea ceremonies and the culture of tea worldwide, as well as how it can help reduce stress in an individual's life. There will be time for Q and A as well as general sharing. There is no FEE to attend but registration is requested by contacting Dr Ronca at 908-218-9062 weekdays 9-3pm. Anyone who has experienced a loss through death, separation/divorce, loss of job, health, relocation, loss through the pandemic, and loss of contact with grandchildren should plan to attend. The group meets the second Tuesday monthly at 1124 Hwy 202 Suite A2, Raritan and is a community service of Counseling and Therapy Services

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE - 7:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 18 & 19

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Catholic Spirit. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZELA, 12 LUTY

ŚWIATOWY DZIEŃ MAŁŻEŃSTWA jest wezwaniem do odnowy więzi między sobą i z Chrystusem, a dla społeczeństwa podkreśleniem niezastąpionej roli, jaką spełniają mężowie i żony poprzez swoją wierność, miłość, ofiarność i radość.

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 13 LUTY

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.15; próba polskiej scholii dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 14 LUTY

KATECHEZA - Christ the King Catholic Center - 5:30-6:45PM. Msza św. dla klas od 5 do 8. Przerwa w adoracji od 17:00 do 18:30.

NIEDZELA, 12 LUTY

DRUGA SKŁADKA zbierana będzie na Catholic Spirit. Prosimy o ofiarność.

World
Marriage Day

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The heart with which we offer our good deeds matters as much as the deeds themselves. For Christ, the law is more than a code of conduct. It's a mindset.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Will there be a Priest for you when you really need one? Under the heading *Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule* you probably noticed in the parish bulletin the names of those who committed to say a prayer on a specific day of every month for priestly vocations. Since the year 2007, in response to an initiative of Bishop Paul Bootkowski, parishioners in Manville and elsewhere have been participating in a ministry of regularly praying for vocations to the priesthood and other forms of religious life. Being part of this program simply involves to commit to pray on a specific day of each month asking God to grant an increase in the number of faithful to commit to become a priest, deacon, or other religious. Your prayer can be said at home, during work, or in the church if you so incline, and it can be English, Spanish, Polish, or any other language, Heaven will understand.

This list has been maintained since the beginning of 2008 but due to the turmoil of our life, it must be periodically updated. People have moved on to other parishes, or to the Sacred Heart or other cemeteries, i.e., hopefully to Heaven. Again, we need to update the list and we are asking you to consider to be part of this simple program by signing up, adding your name to it. A signup 'calendar' is in the foyer with post-it strips, please write your name on one and attach it to the day you like.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

February 12, 2023

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/
1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a,
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Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b
and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,
12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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/>.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 5, 2022

Offertory	\$	5,211.00
Mail-Ins	\$	2,222.00
Children's Donations	\$	34.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	1,652.00
On-line Giving	\$	1,798.00
Total	\$	10,917.00

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

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern day Pharisee.



We have pierogi for sale (\$12 per dozen) in the parish office during regular business hours.

OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my teacher with class jobs.
got a really good report card.

Ingrid
Logan

Don't forget to put your first & last name and grade on your envelope.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Feelings and Shiny Things

A friend of mine has a tradition on the first birthday of her children. Three items — a coin, a shot glass, and a rosary — are placed in front of the one-year-old, and whatever object he grasps supposedly bears insight into his future. A coin promises wealth, the rosary indicates holiness, and the shot glass...well, I'm sure you can guess.

Of course, the kid just grabs whatever looks coolest. They're not really choosing money or God or a party. Their choice is ruled by impulse.

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is an acceptable way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight.

Before Christ, there was only the law, and the law dealt primarily with actions. *Do this. Do not do this.* All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings.

I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness.

Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.

"If your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away."
— Matthew 5:30

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Our diocese has been blessed in recent years with an increased number of vocations and, thanks be to God, we presently have 21 seminarians studying for the priesthood. A large portion of our seminarians' education is being funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal, for which they are extremely grateful. Your gift also supports a wide array of diocesan programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to both ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully receive the care they deserve in their later years. Please be as generous as your mean allow.



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, Andrew Bartushak, Jean Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Dolores DeFazio, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisne, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Helen Gilmore, Christopher Gregor, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Ann Marie Kotch, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Ann Marie Lazor-Shapiro, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Jerry Mamola, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Josephine, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Laura Rodaman, Donald Rogusky, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Charlotte Snow, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Frances & Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Brett Wood, 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

Airman Thomas Caswell

SPC Christopher Elsen

PFC Joshua Hussey

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

First Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC

Airman Jason Pikula USAF

SR Jerry Lee Rogalski

Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.

PFC Steven Ubry

Technical 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 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: Prayerful study and discussion of the Kings (first and second books) will begin October 27, 2022 and continue on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.. All sessions will take place at the Saint John Neumann Center. The study of the word of God is critical in our modern age. All are welcome to join.

Clothing Drive - March 11th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

Facebook updates provided at <https://www.facebook.com/kofc6573biblestudy/>

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **February 19th 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 **March 4th at 11:30PM.**

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Joanne Krasnansky
Monday: Lisa Limyansky
Tuesday: Lachac Family
Wednesday: Mary Lou Cebula
Thursday: Jane Biago
Friday: Elizabeth Urookiay
Saturday: Lala Llarena



Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. February is PASTA SAUCE MONTH i.e., Ragu, Prego, etc. Please drop off your items in the containers in the vestibule or at the parish office. The Caritas Team also collect monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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Vestment Colors

Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

- **White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.
 - **Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.
 - **Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).
 - **Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.
- Other colors: Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses of the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

Catholic Charities Diocese of Metuchen

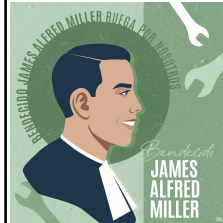
Please consider supporting our local poverty relief services by donating gently used clothing, shoes, household items and small appliances to Catholic Charities-Diocese of Metuchen. Clearly marked donation boxes are available in more than 30 locations throughout our four-county diocese. For a complete 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

In 2023, we will be highlighting holy men and women from the Americas who are canonized or in the process of canonization. We hope their stories inspire your faith!

Bl. James Alfred Miller



Blessed James Miller, the second ever U.S.-born martyr, served as a missionary and educator to the poorest of the poor in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Shot to death in front of his students in 1982, his legacy of love lives on today through the many schools he started.

Prayer

Official Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Brother James Miller, FSC

O Blessed Brother James Miller, you heard God's call to become a Brother of the Christian Schools and so became a sign of faith to youth in the United States and in Central America. You placed your life and your trust in Divine Providence and, for spreading the faith, merited the crown of martyrdom. In a world that denies the dignity of the human person, obtain for us from Divine Providence an ever-increasing love of God and our neighbor, especially the poor and oppressed. Obtain for us also the favor we are now asking for [mention request] and the grace and strength to be a witness to Christ's love to all. Amen.

