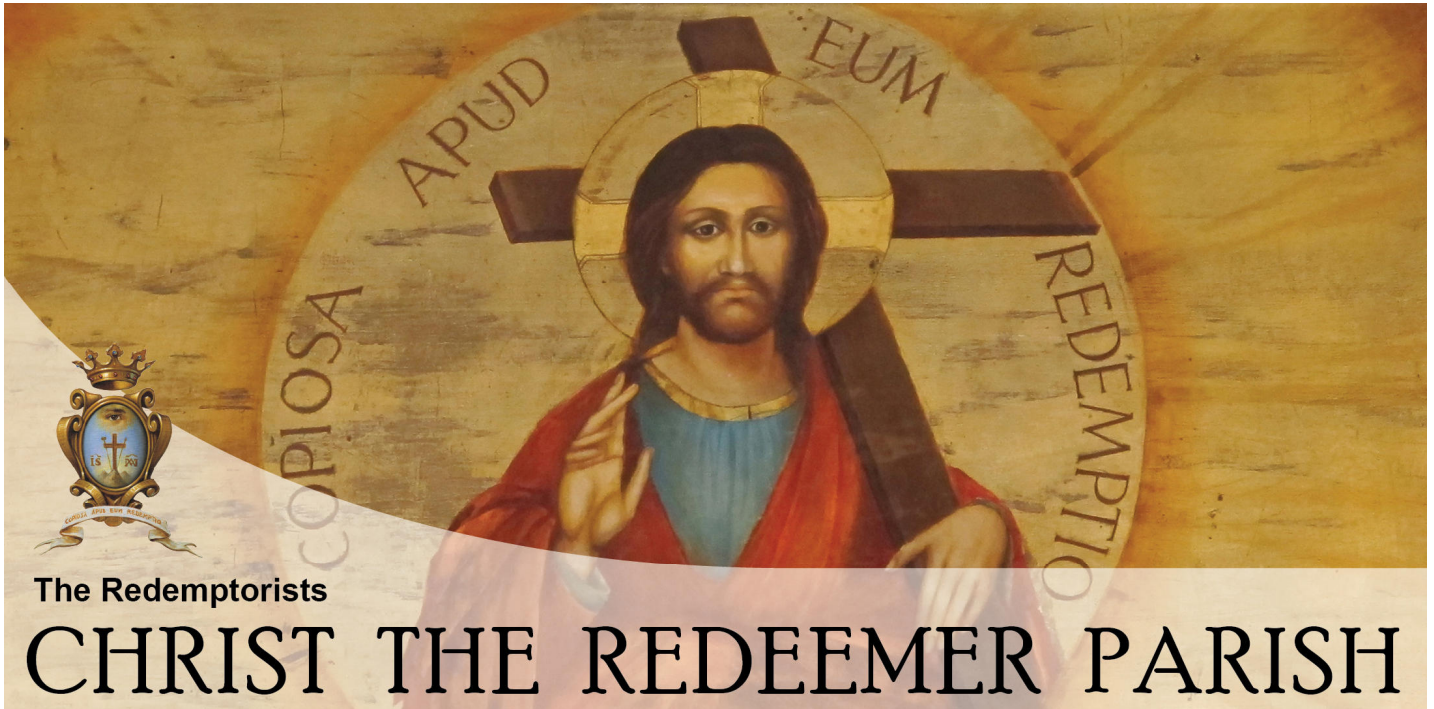


February 26, 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



The Redemptorists

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## 1st SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

**THE PRIESTLY RETREAT** will take place from February 27 to March 3, 2023. All Masses in Polish and English are cancelled for that week. The services of the Way of the Cross in both languages will take place as planned.

**REKOLEKCJE KAPŁAŃSKIE** odbędą się w dniach od 27 lutego do 3 marca. W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim i angielskim są odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwóch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.

### Tuesday, February 28 (Wtorek) Gregory of Narek

7:00PM †Stations of the Cross in English

*This year we will decide if attendance warrants continuation of the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays.*

### Friday, March 3 (Piątek) - Katharine Drexel

4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English

6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish

### Saturday, March 4 (Sobota) - St. Casimir

8:00AM †Maria Garlewski r/o family

11:00AM †Anne Cummings r/o daughter

5:00PM †John Krasnansky r/o family

### 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 5 (Niedziela)

7:00 AM †Jarek Mackiewicz r/o Kolodziej Family

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

†Living & Deceased Members of Christ the King  
Prayer & Praise Group

†Vinny D'Aniello r/o wife & family

†Stanley & Bronia Konczyk r/o Michael & Barbara  
Herrera

†Jerry Reed (Anniv.) r/o wife & children

†Alfreda Szulc r/o Barbara & John Dolan

†Pat Vetachick r/o Pierogi Pals

11:30 AM †Stanislaw Filipowicz r/o syna, Jerzy z rodzina

5:00PM Gorzkie Żale

5:45PM †Adela & Jakub Gumignny r/o family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Ann Marie Solarek** at the request of her family.



*Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!" –Mt. 4:8-10a*

## 1st Sunday of Lent

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry."** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word "fast" means to "hold firmly." We still use it that way when we say, "I held *fast* to my original decision." We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **"Man does not live by bread alone,"** he says, **"But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— 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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** - Christ the King Catholic Center - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2**

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

**NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 4 & 5**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will for the diocesan assessment. Please be generous.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 27 LUTY**

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

**WTOREK, 28 LUTY**

**KATECHEZA** - Christ the King Catholic Center - 5:30-6:45PM.

**NIEDZELA, 5 LUTY**

**DRUGA SKŁADKA** zbierana będzie na diocesan assessment. Prosimy o ofiarność.

*Please visit our parish website:*

**[www.ctrmanville.com](http://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 Laurie Genovese 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.**

## NEW PARISHIONERS NOWI PARAFIANIE

If you are new to the parish, and would like to become a parishioner, please take the time to register at the Parish Office. Daily office hours are noted in the parish bulletin. If needed, evening appointments are available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wszystkich uczęszczających regularnie na msze św. do naszego kościoła prosimy o zapisanie się do naszej parafii. Należy przyjść do biura w godz. otwarcia lub umówić się na spotkanie wieczorem. Rejestracja w parafii konieczna jest do wydawania wszelkich dokumentów i zaświadczeń, a także do chrztu, ślubu i pogrzebu. Zapraszamy!

## MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill in the hospital or homebound. It is your responsibility to let us know about these parishioners in order for us to provide an adequate spiritual ministry.

## DUSZPASTERSTWO LUDZI CHORYCH

Jeśli ktoś z Waszych bliskich jest już dłuższy czas lub ciężko chory w domu lub szpitalu, to kapłan chętnie przyjedzie, aby porozmawiać z nim i udzielić mu sakramentów pojednania, namaszczenia chorych i Komunii Świętej. Kontakt - biuro parafialne.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We worship a God who understands human limitation. A God who has felt the pangs of fasting and the enticements of the tempter. Our God, hungry and tired and weakened, has stared into the face of the devil and said: "I am stronger than you."



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Lectors are needed for the weekly 11AM Mass. If you are interested, please call the parish office.**

SUPPORT LOCAL  
**BUSINESSES**



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**February 26, 2023**

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17  
(see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/  
Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/  
Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/  
Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/  
Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/  
Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22  
(22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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 19, 2023

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 4,914.00</b>
<b>Mail-Ins</b>	<b>\$ 1,650.00</b>
<b>Children's Donations</b>	<b>\$ 31.00</b>
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 2,185.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 8,780.00</b>
<b>The Catholic Spirit</b>	<b>\$ 1,437.00</b>

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

*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.



**We have pierogi for sale (\$12 per dozen) and stuffed cabbage (\$12 per 1/2 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 mom by putting my things away.  
gave Valentine cards to all my classmates.  
cleaned my room.

Ingrid  
Logan  
Nicholas

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

## 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!*

**Ven. William Gagnon**

### Short Bio

Venerable Brother William Gagnon cared for every victim of war who entered his hospital regardless of military affiliation. A missionary to Vietnam between 1952 and 1972, he is remembered as a true servant leader who loved Jesus and his fellow man.

*Prayer for Venerable Brother William Gagnon's intercession*

Lord, Jesus, your mercy inspired the Venerable William Gagnon, O.H., to live hospitality with the ill, the refugees and the poor. Grant that we may always minister to all suffering people with charity, as did this son of St. John of God. Lord, hear the prayer that we address to you [personal intention] by the intercession of the Venerable William Gagnon, in order that we may be affirmed in our faith and that your glory and the joy of the Church be proclaimed. Amen.

## 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal

### *Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist*

The impact and success of the *Catholic Center at Rutgers* is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support.





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 Mleczo, 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, Joan Polak, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Laura Rodaman, Donald Rogusky, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

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



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

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: John Tardy  
Monday: Julia & Natalia Droszczak & Maryanne Zarbetski  
Tuesday: Natalie Day  
Wednesday: Dolores Finlan & Tom Amato  
Thursday: Angelo R. L. Ocasso  
Friday: Cassie Badella  
Saturday: Terry Tardy



**Thank you for your continued support of Caritas. March is COFFEE, TEA & JUICE month** 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.**

## Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

*Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.*

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

*Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.*



## Lenten Retreat in English March 11 - 14

**Rekolekcje Wielkopostne  
26 marzec - 29 marzec**

**Summer Camp  
July 10 - 14**

**Summer Festival  
July 26 - July 29**

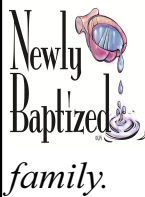
## PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS MINISTRY

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 sign-up 'calendar' is in the foyer with post-it strips, please write your name on one and attach it to the day you like.



*We welcome the following newly registered members to our Parish Family: Teresa Furdal; Mike & Alicia Daniels & their son, Casey and Jerome Bobrowski*



*Our parish community welcomed Alexander Sieczkak, son of Mark & Monica, in the sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate him and his family.*



*We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Tom Lesneski, Maryann Kristopovich, John Smolinski, Genevieve Dacuk & Andre Melo. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Formed and Fallen

There is a version of myself that walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version of myself that walks into church on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear very little resemblance to one another.

Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of *paçzki*, a forehead full of ashes, an oven full of fasting bread and a whole list of Lenten resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed.

Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again).

If Satan offered both versions of myself the same deal he offered Christ — *submit to me, and you will have the whole world* — I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either?

I can't say that the chipper, optimistic woman on Ash Wednesday has more strength than the tired woman on Good Friday. To each of these women Satan offers an easy way out. But to each, too, Christ offers an abundance of grace and the gift of justification.

This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail in many ways. I know that my intentions and my best efforts will not be enough.

But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them there as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.

*"The gift is not like the transgression." — Romans 5:15*