

December 3, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent



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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

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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, December 4 (Poniedziałek) - John Damascene

8:00AM †Aniela (she), Wladyslaw (he) Edward (he) & Helen (she) Korzeniowski r/o estate
11:00AM †Leelamma (she) Job r/o family
5:30PM Retreat Service

Tuesday, December 5 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Mattie (he), Leo (he), Walter (he), Frank (he) & Edward (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate
11:00AM †James (he) Chernesky r/o wife & family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
5:30PM Retreat Closing Mass

Wednesday, December 6 (Środa) - Nicholas

11:00AM †Andrew R. (he) Vinchur r/o family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 7 (Czwartek) - Ambrose

8:00AM †John (he), Anna (she) & Henry (he) Krysinski r/o estate
11:00AM †Leelamma (she) Job r/o family
5:30PM (E) †Robert (he) Post r/o Lois & Greg Zwerko
7:00PM (P) †Stanley (he) & Constance (she) Czochanski r/o estate

Friday, December 8 (Piątek)

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM †John (he), Anna (she) & Henry (he) Krysinski r/o estate
11:00AM God's Blessing for the Tardy grandchildren r/o grandparents
5:30PM (E) †John (he) & Julia (she) Urbaniak r/o grandchildren
7:00PM (P) †Maria (she) Bujak r/o husband & family

Saturday, December 9 (Sobota)

Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00AM †Josef (he) Kloskowski r/o Kloskowski Family
11:00AM †Buster (he) Fregeolle r/o family
5:00PM †William (he) & Sophie (she) Pilla r/o daughter

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10 (Niedziela)

6:30AM Godzinski
7:00AM †Genowefa (she) Grabowski r/o Grabowski Family
9:00AM †Andrew (he) Wargin r/o wife
†Stanley (he) Rusowicz r/o son
†Gloria (she) & Edward (he) Gwizdz r/o Peg Reilly For the People of the Parish
11:30AM †Richard (he) Gruszewski r/o wife & daughters

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the souls of the **Carmen De-Bellas Family** at the request of the Schlenker Family



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”
- Mk 13:35-36

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Lately I've been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I'm trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it's helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ's advice this week? **“Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.”** Isn't sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it's not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we'll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— 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, DECEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

ADVENT RETREAT CLOSING MASS - Sacred Heart - 5:30. All Religious Education Students are to attend.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE HOLYDAY. In case of an emergency, please call 908-725-0072.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

CLOTHING DRIVE sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. New & gently used clothing can be dropped off at the St. John Neumann Center (on Sacred Heart grounds) from 9AM to 12Noon.

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 9 & 10

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Religious Retirement. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 4 GRUDZIEŃ

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

WTOREK, 5 GRUDZIEŃ

PLAN REKOLEKCJI ADWENTOWYCH KATECHEZA – Sacred Heart Church – 5:30PM.

NIEDZALA, 10 GRUDZIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Religious Retirement. Prosimy o ofiarność!

PARISH ADVENT RETREAT IN ENGLISH DECEMBER 2 - 5, 2023

An Advent Parish Retreat is an important and a joyful experience which prepares us spiritually for Christmas. It is important because we concentrate on life's purpose and goals and joyful because Jesus is at the heart of every spiritual experience.

Parish Retreat Prayer

God, Our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, Your son. We thank you especially for the gift of our parish retreat.

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of your truth. Grant that our Retreat may be:

- a Time of Grace for all,
- a Time of growth for the young,
- a Time of refreshment for the old
- a Time of renewal for families,
- a Time of healing for the broken,
- a Time of joy for the sorrowing,
- a Time of challenge for the complacent,
- a Time of forgiveness for the sinner,
- a Time of strength for the holy,
- a Time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, most Loving God, that our Retreat may bring down your richest blessings on each and every member of our Parish community. We pray through the intercession of Mary, our perpetual help in the name of Jesus Christ who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen

Fr. Demetrius Thomas, O.S.B. Retreat Preacher

Fr. Demetrius was born and raised in rural Pennsylvania. He has an undergraduate degree as a social studies teacher, and prior to joining St. Mary's Abbey, he worked for a Catholic Non-Profit in Pittsburgh which provided housing and supportive services to single-parent homeless families. He entered the Abbey in 2010, attended Seton Hall University for seminary, and also received a master's in special education from there. He was ordained a priest in 2017 and has worked as a weekend parish assistant and teacher ever since. His main hobby outside of the faith is martial arts and he holds a purple belt in Brazilian Jui Jitsu, a brown belt in Judo, a brown belt in Karate, and also trained in SAMBO.



**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of November 19, 2023**

Offertory	\$ 5,766.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 2,373.00
Children's Donations	\$ 23.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,880.00
Total	\$ 10,042.00
Works of Mercy	\$ 1,651.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you. r. tan

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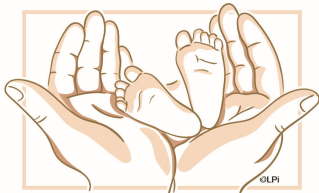
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

played with my sister.	Stella
cleaned a classroom while my teacher was out.	Ingrid
helped clean up Legos.	Alexander
helped dad rake leaves.	Lucas
helped my teacher at school.	Landon
did my chores.	Francis
helped my brother learn a game.	Logan
helped with dishes.	Landon
cleaned the house & ran the dishwasher.	Megan
took out the recycling.	Benjamin

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



Pregnancy Aid Center (59 Thompson Street, Raritan; 908 526-8121) is in serious need of toddler coats and winter clothing, diapers, wipes, shampoo, toys and baby

equipment to help local needy moms and children. It is a great way to give new life to your children's outgrown items. Drop off is Wednesday from 12 pm to 2 pm: the center is open from 11am to 2 pm on Mondays; 10am to 12:30 pm on Tuesdays, and 10am to 12 pm and 4 pm to 5:30pm on Thursdays.



If any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please check the appropriate box in front of the listed item. This information will be a great help to us. You may tear off the form and deposit in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Fr. Stan

- New in Parish and would like to register
- Change of address
- Request Collection Envelopes
- Moving out of Parish
- Need Information – Please CALL
- New Telephone Number: _____
- Family Member (Name: _____) is ill:
 - At Home
 - In the Hospital: Room #: _____
 - Would like to receive Holy Communion

Your name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/ Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

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/>.



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, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Claire Biagini, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Jerry, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill and Denise Davidson, Marge Demski, Mary Evancho, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Lou Fischer, Kathryn, Debbie, Madison & Michael Fisme, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Helen, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, 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, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Hunter Norz, Robert Oliver, James O'Reilly Jr., Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perina, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Frank Piccano, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Charlotte Snow, Jim Spinola, Stephen Stadler, Albert Stanski, Deacon Bill Stefany, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Barry Viola, Irena Walczak, Ramona Walsh, Mark Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronika Wolenski, Brett Wood, Michael Zamorsky, Maryanne Zarbetski, 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.



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
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: We will begin Joshua on October 26th, 2023. All are welcome to join us in the Little Red Schoolhouse, (the Saint John Neumann Center) next to the Rectory on Thursday evenings at 7pm.

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



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **December 17th 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 **January 2nd at 11:30AM.**



Going Shopping? Please consider picking up something for The Caritas Food Pantry. During December we are asking for rice & instant potatoes. Items can be dropped off in the red containers in the vestibule or at the parish office. The Caritas Team also collects monetary donations and on-line through our church website.

Thank you for your anticipated support.

Holy Chow!

Feeding the body and nourishing the soul!
 St. Joseph Church, Hillsborough
 is serving up a free dinner to go at the
 Christ the Redeemer Church parking lot.
 98 S. 2nd Ave.
 Every Tuesday—promptly 5:30—6:30 PM
 Bring your own bag (Please)

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Terry Tardy
Monday: Lee Rawaich
Tuesday: John Tardy
Wednesday: Barbara Faist
Thursday: Roberta Caswell & Elizabeth Janlonski
Friday: John & Magdalena Daus
Saturday: Susan Klein



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

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

For Sale

Pierogi and stuffed cabbage are on sale in the parish office during regular business hours.

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 Donna Roman will be presenting the reflections and next week Linda Cavaluzzo will be the presenter.

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

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!

Servant of God Walter Ciszek

Short Bio

Servant of God Walter Ciszek was a Jesuit priest and theologian who spent 23 years as a prisoner of war during the World War II and the Cold War. His endurance of suffering for his beliefs and his writings reminds us of the importance of religious freedom and the power of faith.

Prayer

We adore You, Most Holy Trinity, and we thank You for the exemplary life of Your Servant, Father Walter Ciszek. We pray that his strong faith in Your loving providence, his great love for You, and his kindness to all people be recognized by the Church. If it be Your will, may he be given to us as a saintly model of these virtues so that we too may be better motivated to dedicate our lives to Your greater honor and glory. We commend our petition through the prayers of the holy Mother of God. For to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is due all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen.

*(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonization-of-dorothy-day/>)
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