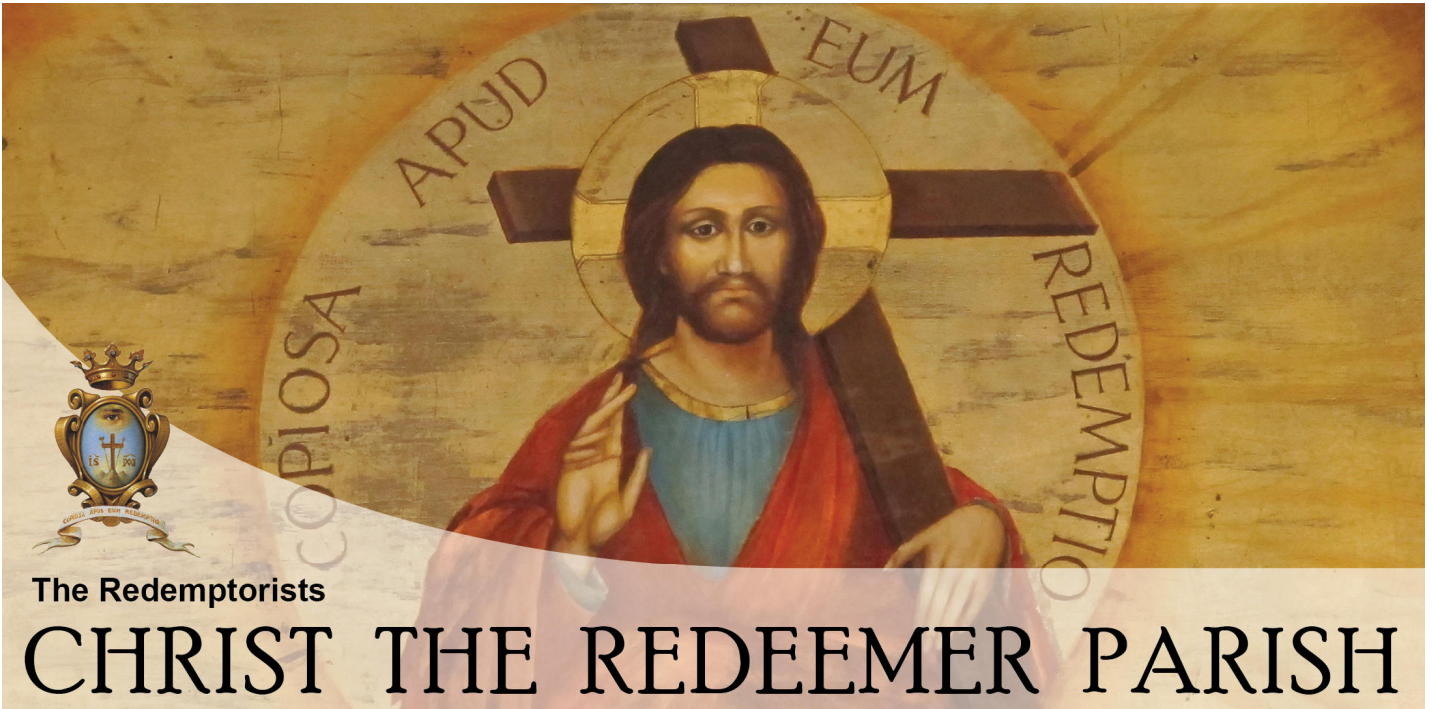


December 17, 2023

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

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18 (Poniedziałek)

- 8:00AM †Aniela (she), Wladyslaw (he), Helen (she) & Edward (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate
11:00AM †Anna (she) & Jozef (he) Bajer r/o daughter, Anna
7:00PM †Mattie (he), Leo (he), Walter (he), Edward (he) & Frank (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate

Tuesday, December 19 (Wtorek)

- 8:00AM †John (he), Anna (she), & Henry (he) Krynski r/o estate
11:00AM †John (he) Reilly r/o family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
7:00PM †Stanley (he) & Constance (she) Czochanski r/o estate

Wednesday, December 20 (Środa)

- 8:00AM †Piotr (he) Kleszcz r/o Marzena Karnas
11:00AM †Sylvia (she) & Leonard (he) Vaccarella r/o daughter, Marie
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 21 (Czwartek) - Peter Canisius

- 8:00AM †Piotr (he) Kleszcz r/o Marzena Karnas
11:00AM †Karolina (she) & Jozef (he) Bajer r/o granddaughter, Anna

Friday, December 22 (Piątek)

- 11:00AM †Aniela (she) & Franciszek (he) Pociegiel r/o granddaughter, Anna
7:00PM †Piotr (he) Kleszcz r/o Marzena Karnas

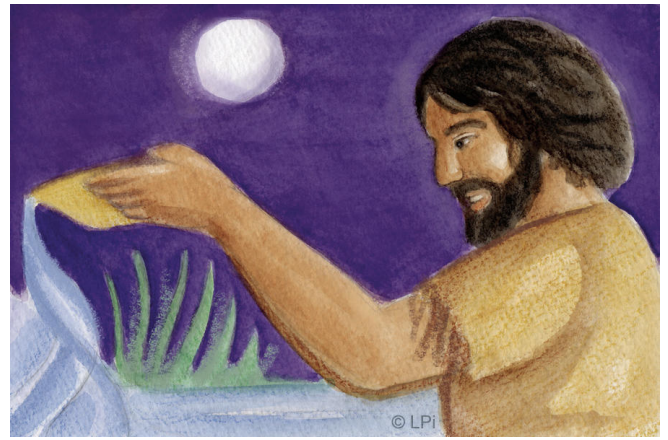
Saturday, December 23 (Sobota) - John Kanty

- 8:00AM †Helena (she) Jurkowska r/o Kloskowski Family
11:00AM †Leonard (he) Lazas r/o Sladek Family
5:00PM †Ned Panfile r/o wife & children

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24 (Niedziela)

- 6:30AM Godzinski
7:00AM †Piotr (he) Kleszcz r/o Marzena Karnas
9:00AM †Dolores (she) Serra r/o daughter & family
†Maria (she) Rossi r/o Dora & Gerard Perna
For the People of the Parish
11:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society
4:00 PM - (E) For the People
10:00 PM - (E) For the People
12:00 AM - (P) For the People

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the souls of the **Urbaniak & Orlando Families** at the request of their children & grandchildren.



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8

3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "**There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him.**" The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— 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, DECEMBER 17 - 20

WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE POLISH RETREAT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND POLISH.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZIELA, 17 - 20 GRUDZIEŃ

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWETNU

Rozpoczynamy rekolekcje w języku polskim. Rekolekcje w tym Adwencie wygłosi O. Edward Petelczyc, C.Ss.R. – Zachęcamy wszystkich do udziału w tym szczególnym czasie łaski.

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 18 GRUDZIEŃ

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

WTOREK, 19 GRUDZIEŃ

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.



HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY



On Saturday, December 30, 2023 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at the 11:00AM Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCZYŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W Sobota, 30 grudnia na Mszy św. o godz. 11.00AM (w języku angielskim) oraz o godz 8:00AM (w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

CEMETERY NEWS

WIADOMOŚCI DOTYCZĄCE CMENTARZA PARAFIALNEGO

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON JUST AHEAD OF US, IT'S TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE POLICIES PERTAINING TO GRAVE DECORATIONS. WREATHS ARE THE PREFERRED DECORATION; THEY SHOULD BE TIED TO THE MONUMENT. IF YOU WISH TO USE A GRAVE SPRAY, BE SURE THAT IT IS PLACED AGAINST THE MONUMENT AND TIED TO IT. **DO NOT USE GRAVE BLANKETS** THAT SPAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE GRAVE. **ABOVE ALL, DO NOT USE METAL STAKES TO FASTEN THE DECORATIONS TO THE GROUND.**

VIGIL LIGHTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. BREAKAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE FREEZE-THAW ACTION. THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VIGIL LIGHTS FOR ANY REASON.

Z RACJI ZBLIŻAJĄCYCH SIĘ ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOSZĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIEŃCE, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMO-COWANE DO NAGROBKA. PROSIMY O NIEPRZYKRYWANIE GROBÓW ROŻNYMI DEKORACJAMI ŚWIĄTECZNYMI.

PROSIMY O ZABRANIE WSZYSTKICH LAMPEK WIECZNYCH, KTÓRE MOGĄ ULEC ZNISZCZENIU W CZASIE ZIMY. CMENTARZ NIE JEST ODPOWIEDZIALNY ZA USZKODZONE ŚWIECE WOTYWNE.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR
ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Testimony

When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries.

She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the “men in white coats” came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true — it *was* her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, “It's okay. I see it, too.”

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions.

How will you testify today?

“He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.”
— John 1:8

Track Your Giving in 2024

Donate
Online



Have you considered using online giving? By creating a login and contributing

online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contributions. You can find the online giving link on www.ctrmanville.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/
Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/
Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/
Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14/Lk 1:57-66

Next 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

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/>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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, Savannah Hemenway, 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, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Liccardi, Rachel Lukacs, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczo, 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 Perna, 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 Slight, 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, Veronica 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. 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

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 personal care items such as shampoo and body wash. 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: Elizabeth Urookiay &
Landon Calulo
Monday: Lala Llarena
Tuesday: Mirna Gonzalez
Wednesday: Laura Christie,
Leose Calulo, Donna Puma
Thursday: Marianne Kenton
Friday: Rosemary Jablonski &
Keily Camacho
Saturday: Suzanne Runyon



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

Oplatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w ce-

nie \$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 Ted Petrock 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!

Bl. Maria Franziska Schervier

Short Bio

Blessed Maria Franziska Schervier was a German Catholic nun who devoted her life to serving the poor and the sick. She founded the Franciscan Sisters of Aachen and began chapters in the United States where she and her sisters also founded a number of hospitals.

Prayer

Almighty, just and merciful God, Blessed Frances Schervier spent her whole life giving back to You all the gifts that You had given her. She cared for the poor and the sick and radiated Your loving presence to all that she met. We beseech You now to glorify your servant, Frances. Give her the honor of sainthood if it is in accordance with Your will.

We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

(Prayer Source: http://franciscansisters-en.sfp-poor.org/images/stories/2016/PDF_2016/pr_canoniz_en.pdf)

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life — someone who prepares His way, who calls out His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life. Pray you can be this person for someone else.



Come Pray a Rosary for Life (in solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country). Bishop Checchio is scheduled to attend! Friday, January 19, 2024 at

1:00 pm on Main Street in Woodbridge. Park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm (369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ) There is a 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James for those who wish to attend. For more information, contact amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.