

December 24, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent



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"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

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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 25 (Poniedziałek) - Christmas Day

7:00AM For the People of the Parish
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
11:30AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 26 (Wtorek) - Stephen

8:00AM †Weronika (she) Osetek r/o daughter, Jozefa
11:00AM †Inocencia (she) Umahag r/o Cordova Family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
7:00PM †Aniela (she), Wladyslaw (he), Helen (she) &
Edward (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate

Wednesday, December 27 (Środa) - John, Apostle

11:00AM †Ken (he) & Elsie (she) Foohey r/o Lori Barone
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 28 (Czwartek) - Holy Innocents

8:00AM †Mattie (he), Leo (he), Walter (he), Edward (he) &
Frank (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate
11:00AM †Vincent (he) Kozlowski Jr. r/o niece, Lore Barone

Friday, December 29 (Piątek) - Thomas Becket

11:00AM †John (he) Tomasko (Anniv.) r/o nephew, Michael
7:00PM †John (he), Anna (she), & Henry (he) Krysinski r/o
estate

Saturday, December 30 (Sobota)

8:00AM †Stanley (he) & Constance (she) Czochanski r/o
estate
11:00AM †Janusz (he) Wyporek r/o Anna Kleszcz
5:00PM †Lucille (she) & Walter (he) Domin r/o Mary
Marsicano

December 31 (Niedziela) - The Holy Family

7:00AM †Robert (he) Lach r/o family
9:00AM †Joseph (he) Onka Jr. r/o Celeste Onka
‡Josephine (she) Pschar r/o Panfile Family
‡Michael (he) Zamorsky r/o brother & family
‡Maria (she) Rossi r/o Dora & Gerard Perna
‡Charlie (he) Dottie (she), Chuck (he) & Steve
(he) Dinsmore r/o Sandy & Ray Charneski & family
For the People of the Parish
11:30AM †Aniela (she), Wladyslaw (he), Helen (she) &
Edward (he) Korzeniowski r/o estate

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for
the repose of the soul of **Charles Schlen-**
ker at the request of the Schlenker Family.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this
week in memory of **Dolores Serra** at the
request of her family.



Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father." - Lk 1:30-32

4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "**But she was greatly troubled at what was said.**" An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "**Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.**"

— 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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Peace, hope, joy, and love. These are not just words on cards you get every December. They're things we need but often can't find. Do not be afraid to share how you found them and how you encounter Immanuel, "God with us" in your life.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of God's grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our Christ the Redeemer Parish always. May Christ abide in your hearts always!

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter

KOLEDA

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES (KOLEDA) WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023, from 9:30 AM to Noon and from 1 PM to 4 PM. Should you not be at home when the priest visits, he will leave a message on your door. If you would like to reschedule or if you prefer to schedule an appointment to have your home blessed, please call the parish office. If you live outside of Manville you



must call the parish office to have your home blessed.

Drodzy Przyjaciele,

Pokój, nadzieja, radość i miłość to nie są tylko słowa zapisane na kartkach, które jak co roku dostajemy w grudniu. Są to wartości, których potrzebujemy, ale często nie możemy znaleźć. Nie bójcie się dzielić tym, jak je znaleźliście i jak spotkaliście Emmanuela, «Boga z nami» w Waszym życiu.

Niech Pan Jezus Chrystus, narodzony w Betlejem, błogosławi Was, Wasze rodziny i bliskich. Niech Maryja, Matka Dzieciątka Jezus i nasza Matka, czuwa zawsze nad Wami i nad naszą parafią Chrystusa Odkupiciela. Niech Chrystus zawsze mieszka w waszych sercach!

Z poważaniem w Chrystusie Odkupicielu,

Fr. Stan i Fr. Piotr

KOLEDA

Kolędę rozpoczniemy we środę 27 grudnia w godzinach od 9:30 – 12:00 i od 13:00 do 16:00. Jeśli ktoś z parafian nie może być w domu w tych godzinach prosimy o telefoniczny kontakt z biurem parafialnym i ustalenie dogodnego terminu kolędy. Mieszkający po za Manville proszeni są kontakt telefoniczny z biurem parafialnym by ustalić najbardziej dogodny termin i czas na wizytę duszpasterską w swoim domu.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE ENTIRE WEEK. IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 908-725-0072.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

BIURO PARAFIALNE BĘDZIE ZAMKNIĘ PRZEZ CAŁY TYDZIEŃ PO WIELKANOCY W NAGŁYCH PRZYPADKACH PROSIMY DZWONIĆ NA NR. TEL. 908-725-0072.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Barbara Porter & Dora Perna
Monday:	Rachel Petrone
Tuesday:	John Tardy
Wednesday:	Julia & Natalia Droszczak & Maryanne Zarbetski
Thursday:	Natalie Day
Friday:	Roberta Caswell
Saturday:	Neil Christie, Deacon Bill & Barbara Stefany



HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 31, 2023 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at the 9:00AM and 11:30AM Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W Niedziela, 31 grudnia na Mszy św. o godz. 9.00AM (w języku angielskim) oraz o godz 11:30AM (w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

What Is Your Fiat?

Are you an anxious people-pleaser prone to overcommitting yourself? Welcome to the club! We have slogans, and for your convenience I've listed them here:

"Sounds great!"

"No worries!"

"Absolutely, I can do that, not a problem!"

These are your go-to responses for when someone requests a favor that is a huge inconvenience, but you would rather die than disappoint. It's not *exactly* disingenuous — it's just a little neurotic. Again, welcome to the club.

You know who doesn't belong to this club? The Blessed Mother. For many reasons, I'm sure, but the biggest one is that she's always completely up-front. Take her response to the Angel Gabriel: "Let it be done."

If there are more powerful words than these, I can't think of them now. And yet, as responses go, this certainly isn't an enthusiastic one. There was never a human creature more willing to obey God than Mary, full of grace, so it makes it all of the more striking that her response to Gabriel is this reserved — and it makes it all the more certain that she means exactly what she says.

Let it be done.

Not: Yes, this is exactly that I asked for!

Not: Nope. This sounds awful. Count me out.

But precisely this: If God is asking, my answer is yes.

The Angel Gabriel visits us all, in a way, at some point or another, bearing news we did not expect. When we can say, in the face of that uncertainty, "Let it be done," we are embracing our calling as disciples. We are becoming like Mary.

"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord." — Luke 1:38

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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

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Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

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

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Pray For...

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 Fisne, 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.



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 **January 21st 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)

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 10, 2023

Offertory	\$ 5,677.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 2,183.00
Children's Donations	\$ 37.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,616.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,318.00
Total	\$ 11,831.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,886.00

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

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28
After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my little sister.	Alex
was kind to a classmate.	Brooke-Lynn
cleaned up the playroom.	Stella
washed dishes.	Gabriel
cleaned my room.	Blaize
shared with my family.	Hania

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

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 Linda Cavaluzzo will be presenting the reflections and next week Deacon Bill 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 Michelle Christine Duppong

Servant of God Michelle Christine Duppong worked as a FOCUS missionary and a lay parish minister in the early 2000's. Her life was a testament to her commitment to following Jesus in sharing the Gospel and pursuing souls for him. She died at age 31 in 2015, but her legacy lives on today in those whose lives she touched.

Prayer

Jesus, I praise and thank you for the life of your servant Michelle Duppong. In her life and suffering, she joined you in your thirst for souls and embraced the cross offered to her. Following her example, I ask for the special grace of [personal intercession] and, if it brings you greater glory, that she be honored by your Church. Jesus, I ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

-With ecclesiastical approval of Bishop David D. Kagan, Diocese of Bismarck

(Prayer Source: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/prayer-of-intercession>)

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.



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.