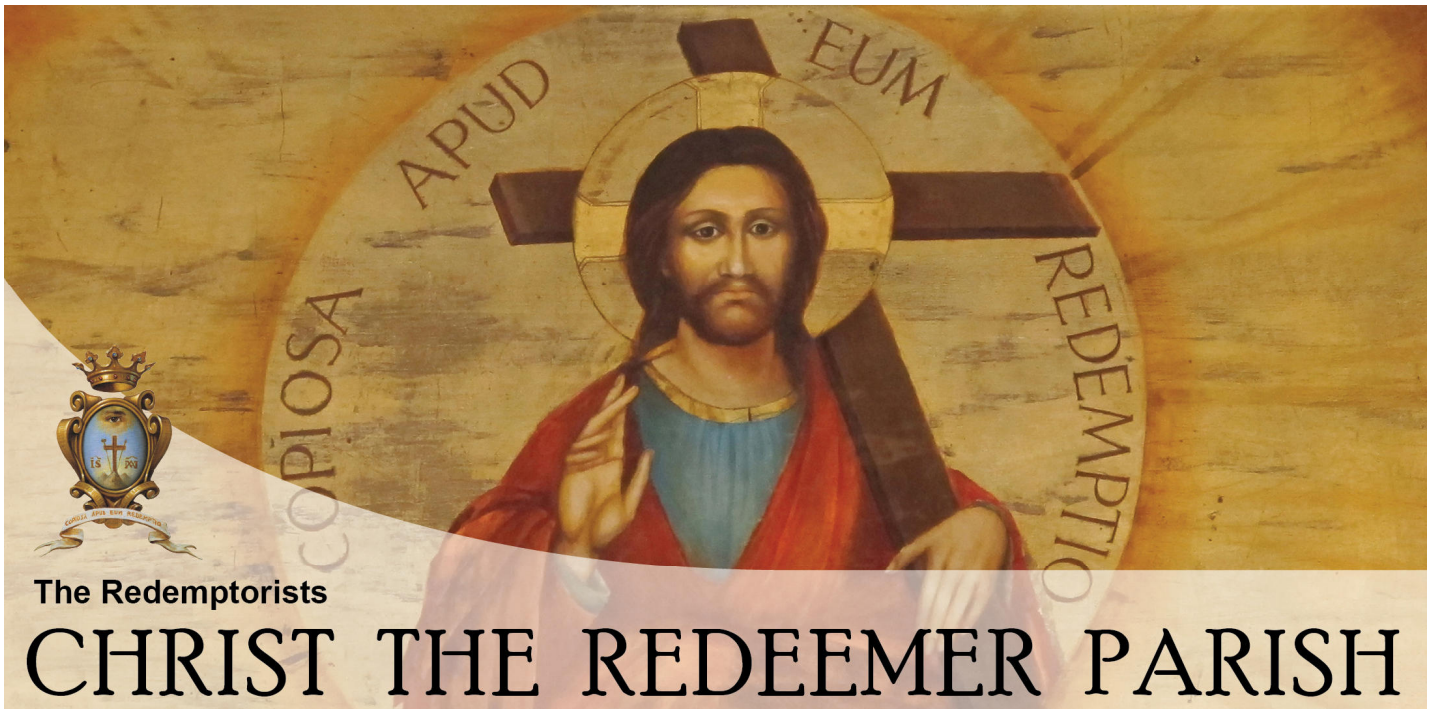


January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Day



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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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, January 15 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Jozef (he) & Katarzyna (she) Maziarz r/o  
Grabowski Family  
11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

## Tuesday, January 16 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish  
11:00AM †John (he) Smolinski r/o family  
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English  
5:30PM Religious Education Grades 1-4

## Wednesday, January 17 (Środa) - Anthony

11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish  
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary  
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

## Thursday, January 18 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Ilona (she) Widerynski r/o husband  
11:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

## Friday, January 19 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Matilda (she) Zwerko r/o Greg & Lois Zwerko  
7:00PM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish

## Saturday, January 20 (Sobota) - Fabian; Sebastian

8:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish  
11:00AM †Bernice (she) & Michael (he) Smolinski r/o  
granddaughter, Donna  
5:00PM †Living & Deceased Members of Christ the King  
Prayer & Praise Group

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 21 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Lucy (she) Mazareski r/o CTR Parish  
9:00AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Altar Rosary  
Society  
†Dorothy (she) Kraycirik r/o husband, William,  
daughter, Lori & son, Matt  
†Willie (he), Billy (he) & Dave (he) Tomaszfski r/o  
family  
†James (he) Gomeda r/o family  
†Josephine (she) Pschar r/o Theresa Evans  
†Charlie (he) & Chuck (he) Dinsmore r/o Sandy &  
Ray Charneski & family  
11:30AM †Brent (he) Yerman r/o babcia & family  
1:00PM Radio Marija Oplatek

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for  
the repose of the soul of **Irene Lewan-  
dowski** at the request of her family.



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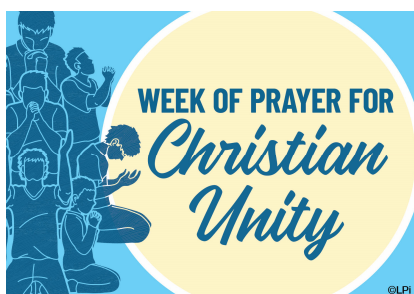
## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, **"...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon."** Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— 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.*



**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

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

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

**Adoration will stop at 5:00PM.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM. Grades 1-4 are to report to the church for Mass.**

**NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 20 & 21**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** taken up after Holy Communion will be for Catholic Education. Please be generous.

## Ogłoszenia Parafialne

**PONIEDZIAŁEK, 15 STYCZEŃ**

**BIURO PARAFIALNE JEST ZAMKNIĘTE. W RAZIE POTRZEBY PROSZĘ DZWONIĆ NA NUMER PARAFIALNY 908-725-0072.**

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

**WTOREK, 16 STYCZEŃ**

**KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.  
Msza św. dla klas od 1 do 4.**

**NIEDZIELA, 21 STYCZEŃ**

**DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Catholic Education. Prosimy o ofiarność!**

## Rosary for Life – January 19, 2024

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 [ammarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:ammarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** What are the four cardinal virtues?

**Answer:** Fortitude, Temperance, Justice, and Prudence

*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 Donna Roman will be presenting the reflections and next week Ted Petrock will be the presenter.**

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

## Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Lachac Family & Ralph & Christine Trksak
Monday:	Marylou Cebula
Tuesday:	Jane Biago
Wednesday:	Elizabeth Urookiay & Landon Calulo
Thursday:	Lala Larena
Friday:	Mirna Gonzalez
Saturday:	Laura Christie, Leose Calulo & Donna Puma

**For Sale**

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

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR  
ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Those Who Seek the Truth**

In my work as a freelance writer, I have a regular column in the archdiocesan paper writing profiles of ordinary people in the local church. Laity, religious, and clergy alike — I hound them all to give me an interview, and when I do, the answer is almost always this: “You don’t want to talk to me. There’s nothing special about me.”

I always try to convince them that there is something remarkable about everyone who is searching for the truth. It is easy to think we are not made for holiness because we are ordinary people with ordinary habits, ordinary abilities, and ordinary sins. It is easy (and very convenient) to designate holiness as something belonging to Better People. People like the saints. People like the Disciples.

The Bible gives us next to no personal information about the disciples. There is no archdiocesan newspaper profile on Andrew and Simon that can give us insight into who they were before they became St. Andrew, Inaugural Disciple and Announcer of the Messiah, and St. Peter, First Pope and the Rock-Upon-Which -Christ-Built-His-Church.

Yet I find myself insatiably curious about it. What was their childhood like? What games did they play with each other as the sun set, before their mother called them into bed? What did they think of as they fell asleep at night? What secret jokes did they share to make each other laugh? What were they afraid of? What did they hope for? Who did they want to be?

Before they were towering figures of salvation history, Simon and Andrew were just two men searching for the truth. When they looked at Christ, there was something that made it click. Perhaps they themselves could not identify what it was, but their hearts whispered it nonetheless: *There it is. We finally found it.*

Isn’t that the best we can all hope for?

*“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” — John 1:38*

**CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION  
ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION  
PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**January 14, 2024**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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**

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn’t say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn’t even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

— 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*

*Specialist Allison Okurowski, Combat Medic*

*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<sup>+</sup> 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:** 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **January 21<sup>st</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 **February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30AM.**



**Going Shopping? Please consider picking up something for The Caritas Food Pantry. During January we are asking for coffee, juice and other beverages. 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 January 7, 2024

Offertory	\$ 4,888.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 2,009.00
Children's Donations	\$ 31.00
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$ 1,384.00
On-line Giving	\$ 1,763.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,075.00</b>

**Diocesan Assessment** \$ 1,174.00

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

*"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' " - John 1:38*

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

### OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

#### My Good Deed was when I:

was good in school.	Francis
helped my aunt build a snowman.	Landon
helped someone clean all the snow off their car.	Logan
helped my mom clean the floor.	Sara
cleaned up my toys.	Luca
made my lunch.	Stella
walked the dog everyday.	Jacob

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

## Parish Cemetery

**Our cemetery crew will begin removing Christmas decorations on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remove anything you wish to keep before then. (weather permitting)**

**Obsługa naszego parafialnego cmentarza będzie zbierać świąteczne dekoracje do końca miesiąca. Aby zachować te rzeczy prosimy je wcześniej zabrać.**



## SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

*In 2024, 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!*

### St. Clare

**Short Bio** — Great for social media or in your bulletin  
St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Come and see," Jesus said to the disciples who were curious to know about him. Today, he whispers this invitation into the deepest place of our heart. Have courage — go, and see what Christ has to show you.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Changes to Mass

#### Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

#### Answer:

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.

The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.