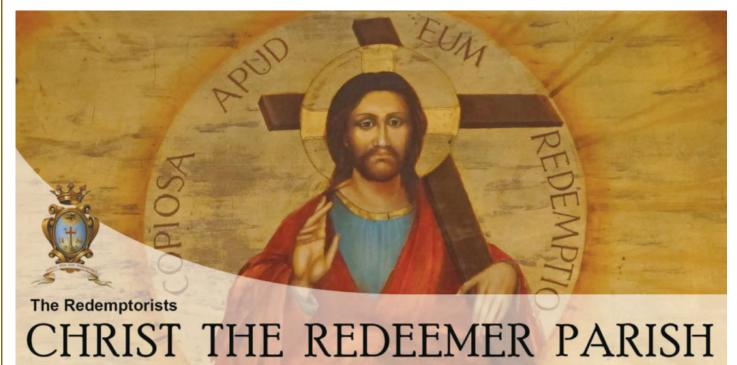
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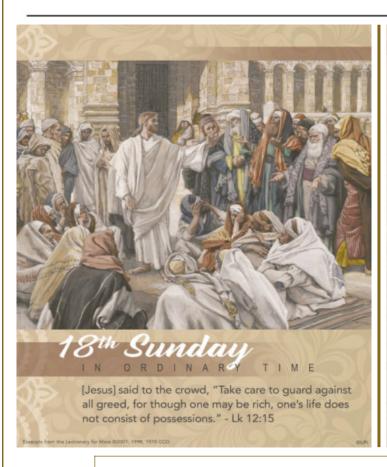
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6:30 - 7:00 PM
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Monday, August 4 (Poniedziałek) - John Vianney

8:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:00AM †Dolores Serra (Anniv.) r/o daughter& family

Tuesday, August 5 (Wtorek)

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00AM +Brent Yerman r/o babcia

11:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, August 6 (Środa)

The Transfiguration of the Lord

11:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, August 7 (Czwartek)

Sixtus II & Companions; Cajetan

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Misztal Family

11:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

Friday, August 8 (Piątek) - Dominic

11:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

7:00PM †Antoni Niecikowski r/o Anna, Wanda & Elizabeth Kleszcz

Saturday, August 9 (Sobota)

Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00AM †Kazimierz & Wladyslaw Swieca r/o Kolodziej Family

11:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

5:00PM †Frank & Sophie Cebula r/o Cebula Family

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Alicja Guzik r/o Anna Kleszcz

9:00AM †Helen Kuter r/o Woznicki Family

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†Anna Maziarz r/o Maria Radwanski

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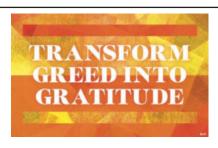
†Antonia Pujols r/o Sharon & Tom Skibee

For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Leokadia Warzecha r/o Jerzy z rodzina

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus warns us that at any moment we can be called before God to face judgment. When we are, our life will be measured not in dollars or accomplishments, but in what matters to God. What do we have to show for our time spent on earth?





"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God." - Lk 12:20-21

18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, "Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions" (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, 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.



NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 9 & 10

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the annual Mission collection to benefit the Vocationist Fathers. The envelope for Property Insurance can be put in the 1st collection. Please be generous.

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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.



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☐ In the Hospital: Room #:
 Would like to receive Holy Communion
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Phone Number:



Pierogies, cabbage & noodles and stuffed cabbage are available for sale in the parish office.



Registration is now open for the 2025-26 Religious Education School Year

See the Religious Education page on the parish website for more details. A child is not considered enrolled until tuition is paid.

Rejestracja na Program Katechetyczny 2025-26 jest już otwarta. Szczegóły można znaleźć na stronie internetowej parafii w zakładce "Katecheza". Dziecko nie będzie uznane za zapisane, dopóki czesne nie zostanie opłacone.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Cassie Badella Monday: Terry Tardy Tuesday: Lee Rawaich Wednesday: John Tardy Thursday: Barbara Faist

Friday: Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janlonski

Saturday: John & Magdalena Daus

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF THE SUMMER FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

First Prize: Marianne Kenton \$6,180.00 Second Prize: George Hamershock \$2,678.00 Third Prize: Joe Hoffman \$1,442.00

All prizes are subject to 28% IRS Tax

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DAILY 50-50 WINNERS

Wednesday:Barbara Porter\$530.00Thursday:John Wilczek\$530.00Friday:Adam Kafal\$270.00Saturday:Lois Zwerko\$1,095.00

Thank you to Barbara Porter & Adam Kafa for donating a portion of their winnings back to the church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,

17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/

Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/

2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday: Nm 20:1-13/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/

Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/

Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48

or 12:35-40

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/.

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 John Salegna will be presenting the reflections and next week Donna Roman will be the presenter.

<u>Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat</u> August 22-24, 2025

A 3-day Life-Giving Wounds Healing Retreat for Adult Children of Divorce, Separation or Family Brokenness will be held on Friday, August 22 – Sunday, August 24, 2025 at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch NJ (right on the beach). Topics discussed will include identity, relationship with God, suffering, forgiveness, healing and reconciliation. Cost is \$315 per person which includes accommodations for 2 nights and all meals. For more information and/or to register, please visit www.diometuchen.org/adult-children-of-divorce For questions, please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of July 27, 2025

Offertory	\$ 5,783.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 305.00
Children's Donations	\$ 3.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,228.00
Total	\$ 8,319.00

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

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy, and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "Godcentered" and less "self-centered."

DEVOTIONS, *EXPLAINED!* – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Holy Hour

Holy Hour, Explained!

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Mathew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.

We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Toni

Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Cheryl Argento, John Bartley, Thelma Bartus, Andrew Bartushak, Frank Batula, Elizabeth Bednarczyk, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Marie Callahan, Marylou & Jason Cebula, Sofia Chantel, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, John Clougher, Allison Collins, Bill Corson, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Joann Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Inglot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Lincoln & Chris Levash, Chevenne Liccardi, Vitoria Marrcino, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Joyce Nipps, Dolores O'Bara, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rachel & Vince Petrone, Rosemary Phillips, 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 Slaight, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Steve Szabo, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David & Robert Urban, Carol Vinchur, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski and Maria Zurawiecki.

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

> SPC Christopher Elsen 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 Master 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: 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 - August 9th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next Altar Rosary Society ROSARY Mass will be said on August 17th SOCIETY 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 September 2nd at 11:30AM.



The Christ The Redeemer Caritas Food Pantry depends on both monetary and grocery donations to keep its shelves stocked.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Watching Mass on TV

Ouestion:

Does watching Mass on TV fulfill my Sunday obligation?

Answer:

In the age of instant communication, email, voice mail and teleconferencing, many people wonder if these media of communication can be used for sacraments. Many priests, I am sure, have had people ask about going to confession on the phone. While it may seem like a convenient way to do things, there are many reasons why we don't.

Watching the Mass on television can be a good thing, especially for those who are shut-in. But it really doesn't fulfill our obligation. The obligation to attend Mass is more than just simply listening to the Mass or following the prayers and the readings. Gathering together as a community of faith is important. Sacraments are community events where we encounter God and one another. When we gather together, we are most visibly the Church, the Body of Christ. Besides, television is a one-way medium. It allows us to watch without really being able to give a response. In faith, our response is as important as anything that we hear. We need to take an active part in the religious expression of our community.

Silver & Gold & 5 Year Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th, 50th, 50+ or 5th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 PM. The Silver and Gold Anniversary Prayer Service will again include couples celebrating 5 years of marriage. Registration is required. Please register online at: www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversarycelebration. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 10, 2025. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online at https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-goldanniversary-celebration or calling 732-562-1543.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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The Barn

It's 9:08 on a Saturday morning, and I am too darn busy for confession.

I've probably written before about how hard I find it to get to confession — I say 'probably' because I really can't remember. I whine about it so frequently that it's hard to tell if I've made it the subject of a written piece or if it is simply an oft-recited refrain from the Litany of Colleen's Perpetual Complaints.

During the week, it's tough to get to confession because I have little kids who are attached to me like Velcro, and I don't need them listening in on (and eventually repeating to everyone) my sins. On the weekend it's a little easier, but our parish doesn't offer it before or after Sunday Mass, just on Saturdays. Saturday is when I get most of my work done, so getting absolution usually comes at the expense of productivity.

And that, friends, right here, is my barn. Productivity. That's the proverbial storehouse of my earthly harvest. For the rich man in the parable, it's a literal barn, filled to bursting with sellable crops. For you it might be money or your job title or what your life looks like to other people on social media. For me, it's Getting Things Done. That's my barn, the repository that holds the whole of my worldly preoccupations.

And it's so full I want to tear it down and build a new one. A bigger one. One that can hold more worry, more time for work, more focus on output and crossing things off a to-do list. Vanity of vanities, indeed.

If I die tonight, the deadlines will go unmet, and no one will even notice. But God, when He meets me in the world to come, will surely ask me why I couldn't take 45 minutes to accept a gift He tried again and again to give me.

I have to burn the barn, friends. I don't want to, but I have to. I'm closing my laptop and going to church.

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