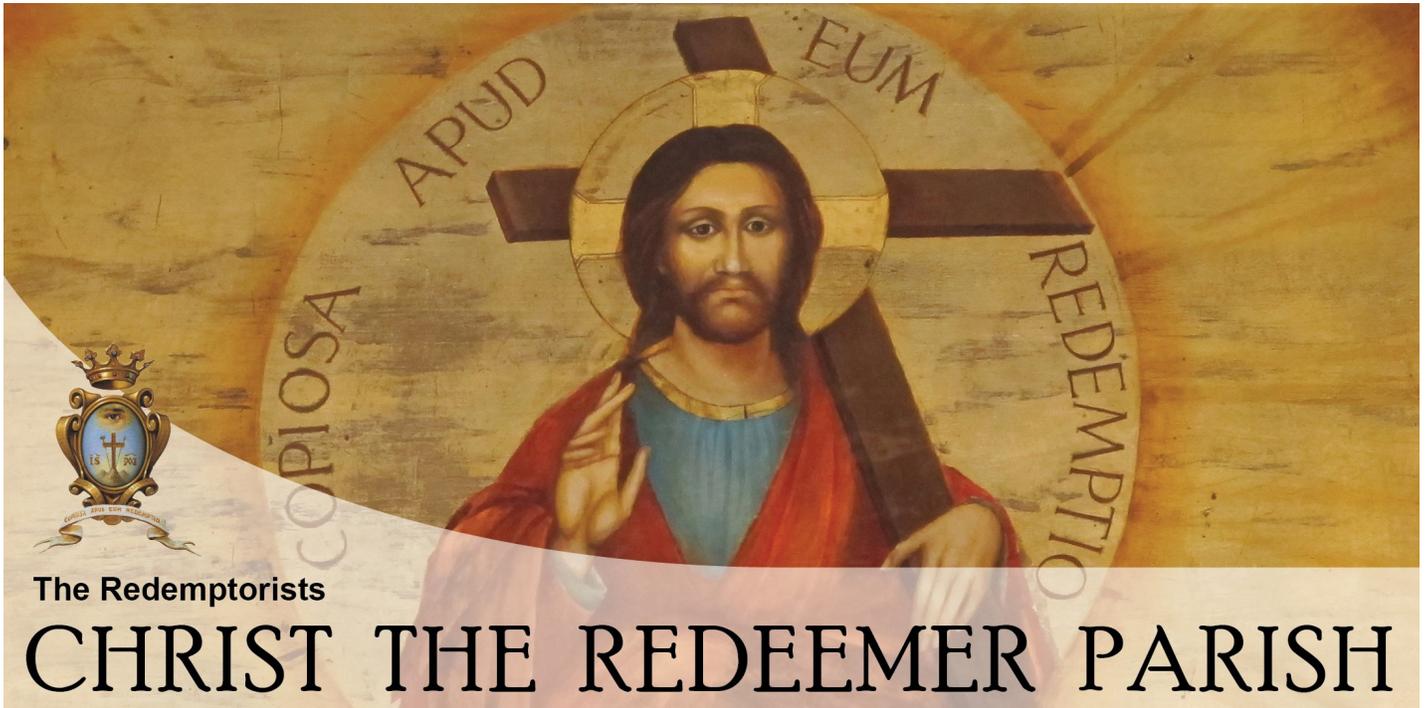


March 1, 2026

2nd Sunday of Lent



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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY 11:30AM - 9PM

SATURDAY 7:30 - 8:00 AM & 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 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

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



Mass Intentions

Monday, March 2 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowska r/o Maria & Marian Puzio
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
7:00PM Retreat Mass in Polish

Tuesday, March 3 (Wtorek) St. Katherine Drexel

8:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o Garrity Family
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
7:00PM Retreat Mass in Polish

Wednesday, March 4 (Środa) St. Casimir

11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, March 5 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Maria Garlewski r/o Woznicki Family
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family

Friday, March 6 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Charles Schlenker r/o Schlenker Family
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family

Saturday, March 7 (Sobota) Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowska r/o Janina Woznicki
11:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
4:30PM Lenten Lamintations
5:00PM †Paul & Tess Fedorowicz r/o Lori Barone

March 8 (Niedziela) 3rd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM †Stanislaw Wierzba r/o Wierzba Family
8:40AM Lenten Lamintations
9:00AM †Thomas H. Finlan r/o Family
†Zbigniew Dlugozima r/o Son Tomasz
†Clara Kelco r/o Family
†John & Aniela Wolinski r/o Family
†Sophie Jaworsky r/o Granddaughter Donna
†Hilda Mercado r/o Honkisz Family
†Evelyn Cracchiolo r/o Honkisz Family
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Anna & Elizabeth Maziarz r/o Skoceylor Family
†Jarek Mackiewicz r/o Kolodziej Family
†Julian Maziarz r/o Family
†Antoni & Amelia Poplawski r/o Jan Poplawski
†Maria Garlewska r/o Maria & Marian Puzio
5:00PM Gorkie Zale
5:45PM †Antoni Karara
r/o Janina & Janusz Grzeczkowicz
7:00PM Retreat Preaching
The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week
for the repose of the soul of **Charles Schlenker** at the
request of the Schlenker Family.

We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioner who has died: **Helen Gilmore (103 years old)**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply,
“Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”
While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:4-5



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 1, 2026 2nd Sunday of Lent

Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today’s Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer. Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, “his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus’ body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That’s something made by human hands. It’s an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve’s first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus’ glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn’t just do I believe in Jesus’ glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.—
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.

SECOND COLLECTION DRUGA SKŁADKA

<u>MARCH 7 & 8</u>	SPRING CEMETERY
<u>MARCH 14 & 15</u>	EASTER FLOWERS
<u>MARCH 21 & 22</u>	PROPERTY INSURANCE
<u>MARCH 28 & 29</u>	RETIREMENT FOR PRIESTS

Please visit our parish website:
www.ctrmanville.com

Gospel Reflection Videos

Please watch our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week **Bonnie Giacobbe** will be presenting the reflections.

UPCOMING EVENTS ZBLIŻAJĄCE SIĘ WYDARZENIA

<u>March 1-4</u> Sunday-Wednesday	Lenten Retreat Polish
<u>March 7-10</u> Saturday-Tuesday	Lenten Retreat English
<u>March 8</u> Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins
<u>March 9</u> Monday	Confirmation Confession/Rehearsal
<u>March 10</u> Tuesday	Retreat Closing Mass (All CCD)
<u>March 12</u> Thursday	Confirmation
<u>March 14</u> Saturday	First Reconciliation
<u>March 14</u> Saturday	K of C Clothing Drive
<u>March 15</u> Sunday	ARS Mass & Rosary
<u>March 24</u> Tuesday	Outdoor Stations of the Cross

MEDYTACJA EWANGELII – ZACHĘTA DO GŁĘBSZEGO ZROZUMIENIA PISMA ŚWIĘTEGO

1 marca 2026 2. Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

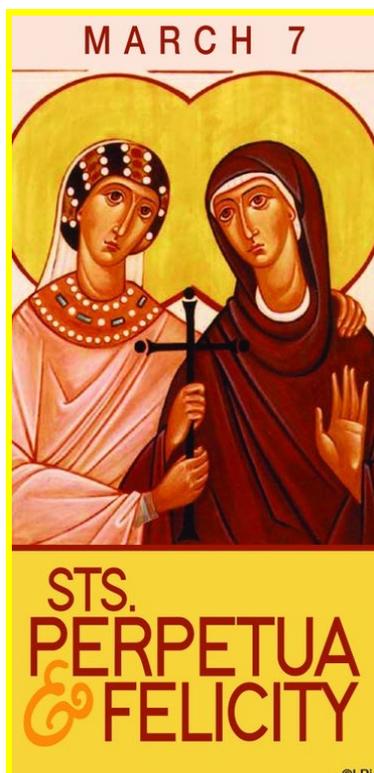
Mt 17,1–9

Kiedy siadam, aby odpisać na e-maile, napisać rozważanie Ewangelii czy oddzwonić do kogoś, czasem zastanawiam się: czy ta cała codzienna, zwyczajna praca ma w ogóle jakieś znaczenie? Być może Ty także zadajesz sobie podobne pytanie w odniesieniu do swojej codziennej pracy. Dzisiejsza Ewangelia o Przemienieniu Pańskim daje na to zaskakującą odpowiedź.

Jezus prowadzi Piotra, Jakuba i Jana na górę. Tam „twarz Jego zajaśniała jak słońce, a Jego odzienie stało się białe jak światło” (Mt 17,2). Warto zatrzymać się właśnie przy tym szczególnie dotyczącym Jego szat. Wiemy, że ciało Jezusa jest nierozdzielnie zjednoczone z naturą Boską. Ale Jego odzienie? To coś wykonanego ludzkimi rękami. To wytwór ludzkiej pracy. A jednak ono również jaśnieje tym samym, niezwykłym światłem. Co to oznacza? Ojcowie Kościoła zauważali, że pierwszym czynem Adama i Ewy po grzechu pierwotnym było sporządzenie sobie odzienia. To odzienie symbolizuje całą ludzką pracę, która ma na celu podtrzymanie naszej godności. W uwielbionych szatach Jezusa widzimy więc nie tylko odkupienie naszego ciała, ale także odkupienie ludzkiego wysiłku podejmowanego, by chronić i podnosić ludzką godność. Drodzy Rodzice — wasza rodzina jest waszą pracą. Bariści, hydraulicy, pielęgniarki, księgowi — wasza praca, wasze e-maile, telefony, arkusze kalkulacyjne — to wszystko może stać się przemienione, gdy zostanie ofiarowane Bogu. Pytanie które winniśmy sobie postawić nie jest tylko: czy wierzę w chwałę Jezusa, ale: czy wierzę, że On może podzielić się tą chwałą z dziełem moich rąk?

Wielkopostne wyzwanie: Zastanów się, co czynisz, aby podnosić godność innych: praca, Twój dom, Twoje relacje. Przynieś to w tę niedzielę do Pana na Mszy Świętej. Ofiaruj to Bogu by doświadczyć Jego przemieniającej chwały.

O. John Muir



For sale in the parish office
Pierogi \$12 Dozen
Stuffed Cabbage 4 for \$10
Cabbage & Noodle 32oz \$10

WAY OF THE CROSS / DROGA KRZYŻOWA

Each Friday during Lent
 in the church
 Fridays 4:30 pm
 Piątek 6:30 pm

LENTEN LAMENTATION
Saturdays 4:30 pm Sundays 8:40 am

GORZKIE ŻALE
- Niedziela 5:00 pm

Lenten Retreat 2026
March 7—10

Saturday March 7	5pm Mass & Preaching
Sunday March 8	9am Mass & Preaching 7pm Retreat Service
Monday March 9	11am Mass & Preaching 5:30pm Retreat Service Confessions after service
Tuesday March 10	11am Mass & Preaching 5:30pm Closing Mass & Preaching

Fr. John Olenik, C.Ss.R., was born in Winston-Salem, NC. Father Olenik was ordained a Priest in 2003 and has served in parishes in the Bronx, Philadelphia, St. Lucia, Baltimore and Washington DC. He has ministered to Spanish and English speaking communities. Father Olenik currently serves as the provincial vicar of the Baltimore Province of the Redemptorists. He enjoys reading, walking and playing the guitar.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE AND PROTECT

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. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!



Caritas
MANVILLE
 God's Love in Action

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

Please help us help those less fortunate.

When going shopping please consider picking up something extra.

Food items can be dropped off in our donation bins in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Pantry is most in need of the following items:

**Coffee, Tea, Juice(64 ounce),
 Pancake mix, Syrup, Chef Boyardee,
 Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken,
 Canned Spam, Boxed Milk,**

ATTENDING MASS WHEN SICK

It is not imperative you attend Mass if you are not feeling well, in fact, you should stay home and rest which will enable you to restore your good health more quickly. If you should begin to feel ill during Mass or know you may be "coming down" with a cold, etc., please refrain from physical contact during the "Sign of Peace". This eliminates the unnecessary spreading of germs throughout the congregation



Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

You can find the complete Daily Scripture Readings at <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>.

St. Francis Indulgence

On January 10, 2026, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV declared a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. This jubilee calls every faithful Christian, following the example of the Saint of Assisi, to “become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace”. The Apostolic Penitentiary, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, granted a plenary indulgence on this occasion during the period of January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. The indulgence can be obtained under the ordinary conditions and by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or a Place of Worship dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi (e.g., our Cathedral) or connected to him and then participate in a liturgical celebrations or spend at least a reasonable period of time in pious meditation and raise prayers to God.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 15, 2026

Offertory	\$ 6,902.00
Children's Donations	\$ 1.00
Mail Ins	\$ 1,224.00
Catholic Spirit	\$ 1,533.00
On-line Giving	\$ 2,097.00
Total	\$ 11,757.00

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday	Dolores Finlan
Monday	Angelica R.L. Ocaso
Tuesday	8th grade CCD class Cassie Badella
Wednesday	Terry Tardy
Thursday	Lee Rawiach
Friday	John Tardy
Saturday	Barbara Faist

Hospital Privacy

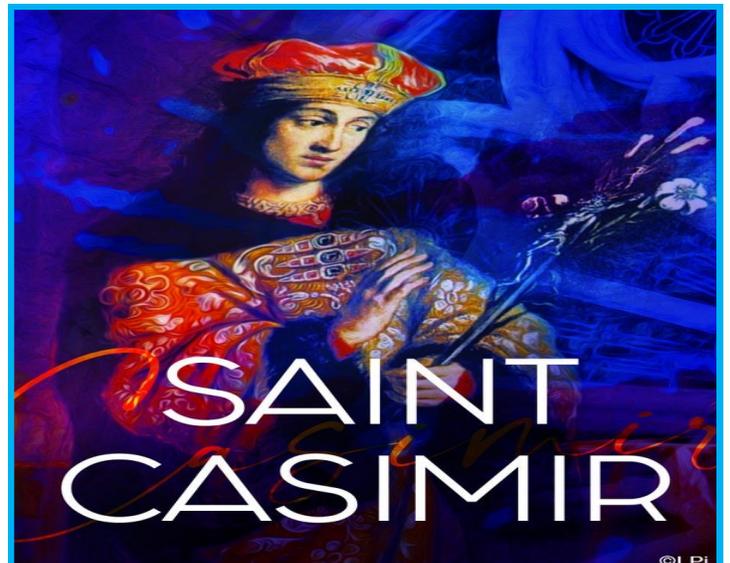
Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals or pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the Parish office.

Lenten Obligations

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
3. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit one-self to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger.

4. The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat.





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, Jean Courtney, Kaiden Crothwer, Bill Davison, Marge Demski, Malcolm Ferraira, Maureen Femiano, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Joann Genovese, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, 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, Cheyenne Liccardi, Vitoria Marricino, Veronika Mleczo, 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, Michelle Petrie, Rachel & Vince Petrone, Rosemary Phillips, Geraldine Pienta, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Jon Severson, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaight, Jim Spinola, Albert Stanski, Gertrude Szczecina, Michelle Tranter, Helen Turiano, David Urban, Rita Wass, Mark & Veronica Waugh, Cindy Weigel, Cathy Wildgust, Raymond Wisniewski, Veronica Wolenski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, Mark Zujkowski.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **March 15th 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 **March 7th at 11:30AM.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Prayerful

When my children were younger, they could make me laugh and sometimes cry. I would have conversations about animals, nature, outer space, and so many amazing things in life. I would play with them one day and then work to bandage a boo-boo the next. There were so many dynamics to our relationship. However, one aspect was my favorite. It was when one of them would snuggle up next to me on the couch silently, often leading to sleep. There was no better feeling, and I didn't want to move for anything. It is crazy to think of all the things we would do together, and my favorite was when we essentially were doing nothing.

Do you think God desires a portion of you? Without a doubt, He wants all of you: the good, the bad, and the ugly. Walking with Him daily is so important, and we can never become the disciples and stewards we need to be without a deepening relationship. Yet, prayer is not just talking and listening. It is also being. We sometimes seek to communicate so much and do so many things that we forget the value of stewardship of presence. The giving of ourselves completely to another often requires us to simply be with that person. We feel their presence. We rest in their being. No words are needed because words would destroy the moment.

This is what we are called to in a relationship with God. This is good stewardship because it is about giving of our very presence to God and receiving strength from that resting in Him. Sometimes, all we need is to snuggle up to our God on the couch.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**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 - March 14, 2026 - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.

2026 Choices Matter Conference

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Human Life and Dignity presents "The 2026 Choices Matter Conference— A Critical Life Issues Conference" which will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, March 21, 2026. An Opening Mass will be held at 9:00 AM. The conference will begin at 10:15 AM and end at 3:30 pm. This year's theme is "Safeguarding Human Dignity ... Shining a Light on Human Trafficking."

The topics/expert speakers are:

- The Role of the Church in Combating Human Trafficking: Maria Celina Márquez
- Human Trafficking Awareness Through the Lens of a Subject Matter Expert: Gina Cavallo
- Survivor Informed Human Trafficking Prevention: David M. Ryan

General registration is \$35 and student registration is \$15. The conference features Eucharistic Adoration, exhibits and more. The fee includes lunch and handouts. To register visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>. Everyone is welcome! For questions or for more information please email magnese@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543. Seating is limited.