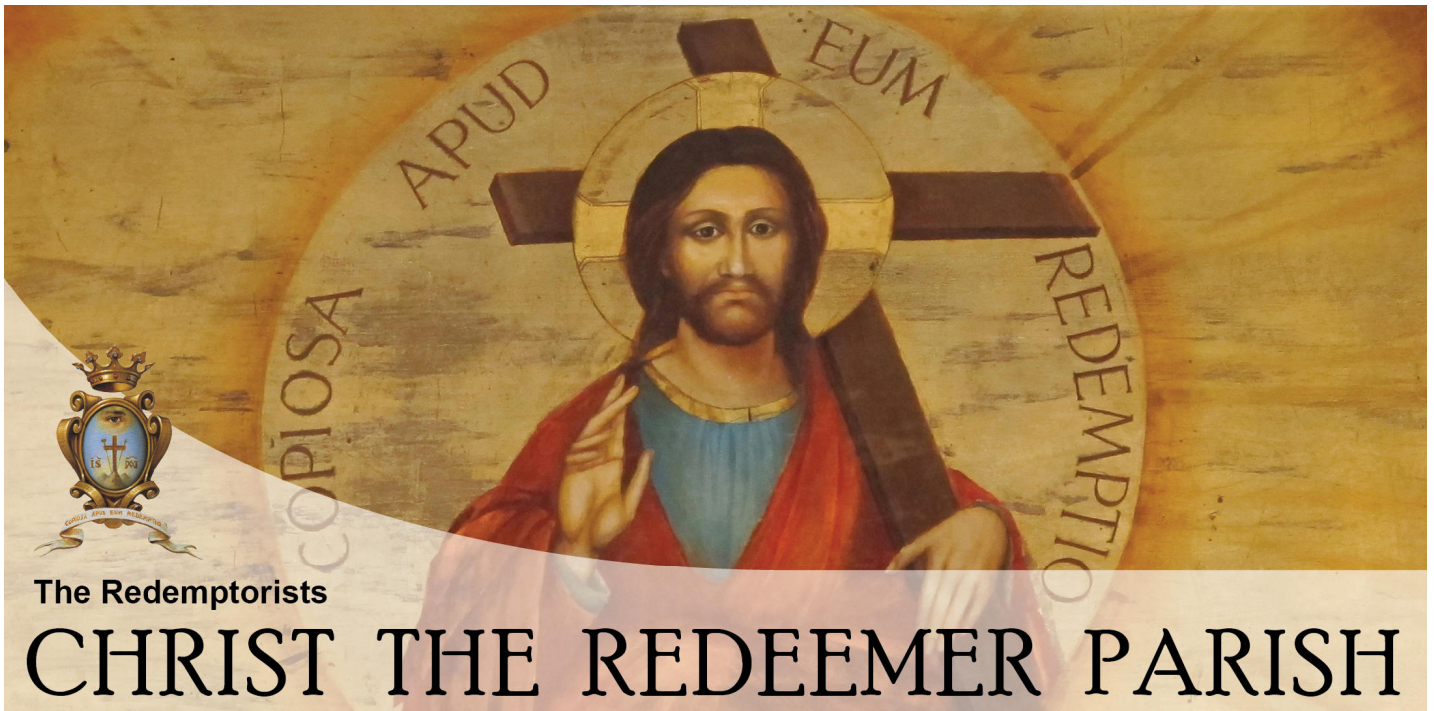


December 15, 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent



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- Lk 3:16

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sacred Heart Worship Site
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 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 16 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Alojy Dolecki r/o sister
 11:00AM †Irene Straszewski & family r/o family
 7:00PM (P) †Stefania Ziebka r/o a friend

Tuesday, December 17 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Magdalena & Jan Chmiel r/o Marian & Maria Puzio
 11:00AM †Deceased Members of the Fraczak Family r/o Michael
 11:30AM OLPH Novena in English
 7:00PM (P) †Piotr Karnas r/o Anna Kleszcz

Wednesday, December 18 (Środa)

8:00AM †Henryk Florek r/o Anna Kleszcz
 11:00AM †John Reilly r/o family
 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
 7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, December 19 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Mark Salko r/o wife Ania
 11:00AM †Phyllis Baraniecki r/o daughter

Friday, December 20 (Piątek)

11:00AM †Stanislaw Pasek r/o daughter
 7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o Wawszkowicz Family

Saturday, December 21 (Sobota) - Peter Canisius

8:00AM †Weronika & Jozef Kolodziej r/o Jozefa Kurasinski
 11:00AM †Jan Pasek r/o granddaughter
 5:00PM †Maria & Peter Oram r/o son, Joe & family

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22 (Niedziela)

6:30AM Godzinski
 7:00AM †Zofia Malinowska r/o Woznicki Family
 9:00AM †Susan Horvath r/o Tom & Sharon Skibbee
 †Dolores DeFazio r/o family
 †Jean Elguicze r/o Jan & Elizabeth Poplawski
 †Larry Hebert & Jim Cardellichio r/o Rosalie Hebert
 †Jennie Vaccarella r/o Kris Okulczyk
 †Daniella Marie Amato r/o Pat & Joe Matzek
 †Jeanette & Harry Kokolski r/o Pat & Joe Matzek
 For the People of the Parish
 10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **George Journe** at the request of Veronica.



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On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, "What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?" The Saint responded, "I'd keep hoeing this row of beans." Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus' glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **"with the Holy Spirit and fire"** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus' coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It's so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don't know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That's what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: "Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming." Then make the appropriate changes.

— Father John Muir



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

Oplátky na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$3 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.

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

DECEMBER 15 - 18

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION TODAY.

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

NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 21 & 22

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Diocesan Assessment. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZALA, 15 GRUDZIEŃ

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWETNU

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

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 16 GRUDZIEŃ

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

WTOREK, 17 GRUDZIEŃ

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

NIEDZALA, 22 GRUDZIEŃ

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Diocesan Assessment. Prosimy o ofiarność!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/

Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

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

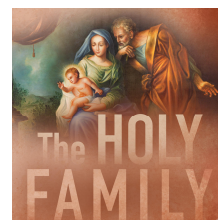
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

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

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

Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/ Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

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/>.



HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 29, 2024 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. with a special blessing at all Masses. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W niedzielę, 29 grudnia na wszystkich Mszach św. (w języku angielskim oraz w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

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 Maria Scarpantonio will be the presenter.

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Marylou Cebula
 Monday: Jane Biago
 Tuesday: Elizabeth Urookiay; Landon Calulo;
 3rd Grade CCD Class
 Wednesday: Lala Llarena
 Thursday: Mirna Gonzalez
 Friday: Laura Christie; Leose Calulo; Donna
 Puma
 Saturday: Marianne Kenton



Pierogi, Kielbasa & Cooked Onions are available for sale in the parish office.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be “baptized” by these words of God’s greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

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 ŚWIAT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOŚĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANĄ FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIĘNCE, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

**Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa
 |October 13**

Short Bio

Blessed Alexandrina Maria de Costa (1904-1955) became paralyzed after jumping from a window to escape an attack. She suffered the passion of Jesus each Friday for several years and would survive on the Holy Eucharist alone for 13 years until her death.

Minister Schedule for December 21 & 22

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Barbara Porter	Anna Kaczor	Barbara Stefany	Kazimierz Dziwak
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Carol Borysewicz Barbara Chernesky		Adele Szczecina Laurie Genovese	



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, Claire Biagini, Keith Bielanski, Pat Bohar, Harold Bok, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, 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, Lou Fischer, Barbara Forbes, Valerie Frank, Nancy Franklin, Karter Fridlund, Joe & Mirella Gazo, Fred Genovese, Helen Gilmore, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasinski, Stanislaw Jelski, Kim Jenkins, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, Wiktoria Lach, Ken Lake, Rita Lagasse, Janice Lalley, Donna Lawler, Judy Lentzsch, Cheyenne Liccardi, William McGlinchey, Dottie Mesaris, Veronika Mleczko, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Antoni Niecikowski, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rosemary Phillips, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Ava & Steve Quintana, Lee Ravaioli, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Charlotte Snow, 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, Brett Wood, Anthony Zalewski, Patrick & Michael Zamorsky, Julia Zarbetski Kemmett, Celia Zelinski, 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*

*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+ 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 8th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



The next **ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY MASS** will be said on **January 19th 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 4th at 11:30AM.**



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.

As the holidays approach the Food Pantry shelves have begun to empty & your food pantry is in need of a great many items.

Please help us help those less fortunate. When going shopping please consider picking up something extra. Food items can be dropped off in the red containers in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Monetary donations can be made through on-line giving.

The Food Pantry is currently most in need of the following items:

- Rice.**
- Body Wash, Shampoo.**
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.**
- Juice (64 oz.).**
- Toilet paper & paper towels.**

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question — right away, no doubts or hesitations — there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was *not* going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation — and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Christmas

Question:

With Christmas fast approaching, can you give me some practical tips to prepare myself and my family that will help us stay grounded in what this holiday is really about? With all the commercialism, it’s easy to stray.

Answer:

Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited for the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone laments the commercial aspects of the season, but as Advent begins, do something to help you be more mindful of the Lord’s coming. Use an Advent wreath, or enthrone the Bible prominently, or read the readings from the Bible assigned to each day. Postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas. Establish new family rituals, customs and prayers that help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Fasting, daily Mass, a special celebration of reconciliation, reaching out to those alienated from family or society, and visiting the homebound manifest the love of the Christ Child and the Holy Family. Resist the temptation to rush the season. In his own time and in his own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who participated in our Giving Tree. The response and your generosity were overwhelming. I know that many had a much better Christmas and were touched by your generosity and love. May our Lord God and Loving Father bless you all! Thank you again!!!

Fr. Stan