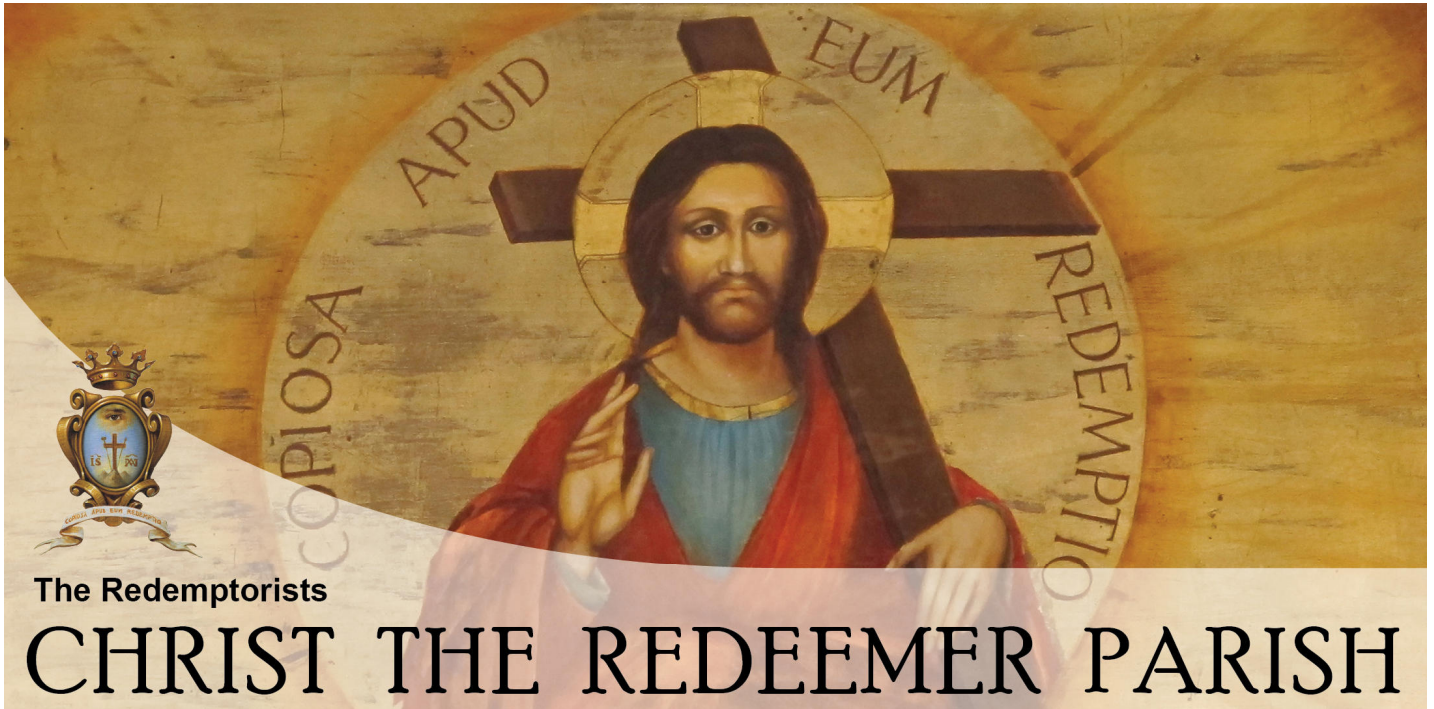


December 22, 2024

4th Sunday of Advent



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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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- Lk 1:41-42

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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 23 (Poniedziałek) - John of Kanty

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowska r/o Marian & Maria Puzio
11:00AM †Dolores & Frank Serra r/o family

Tuesday, December 24 (Wtorek) - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM - (E) For the People of the Parish
10:00 PM - (E) For the People of the Parish
12:00 AM - (P) For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 (Środa) - Christmas Day

7:00AM For the People of the Parish
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
10:30AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 26 (Czwartek) - Stephen

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †Magdalena Pasek r/o granddaughter
7:00PM †Piotr & Jerzy Kleszcz r/o Anna Kleszcz

Friday, December 27 (Piątek) - John, Apostle

11:00AM †Ken & Elsie Foohey r/o Lori Barone
7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o Czyrnek Family

Saturday, December 28 (Sobota) - The Holy Innocents

8:00AM †Jacob & Adela Gumieny r/o family
11:00AM †Vincent Kozlowski r/o niece, Lori Barone
5:00PM †Ned Panfile & the Prayer & Praise Group r/o wife & children

Sunday, December 29 (Niedziela)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00AM †Helena & Stanislaw Kleszcz r/o Anna Kleszcz
9:00AM †John Tomasko (Anniv) r/o daughter, Joanne
†Joseph Onka Jr. r/o daughter, Celeste Onka
†Inocencia Umahag r/o Cordova Family
†Lucas & Julianna Cordova r/o Cordova Family
†Barbara Gada r/o Christ the Redeemer Parish
For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Janina & Stanislaw Choma r/o sister

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the souls of **Dolores & Frank Serra** at the request of their family.

The Altar Bread & Wine is consecrated this week in memory of **Ann Marie Kotch** at the request of her husband, John Dikun.



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4th Sunday of Advent

The Blessed Virgin teaches us the secret to being blessed, happy, and full of joy. When Elizabeth, her cousin, greets her, she calls Mary "blessed" for two reasons, her motherhood of Jesus, and Our Lady's belief that **"there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord"** (Luke 1:45). Mary is "blessed" entirely because of her relationship to the Incarnation of God in Jesus, and for no other. This of course makes perfect sense, because as the Lord, as God-in-the-flesh, her son is the source of all blessedness, life, and joy. Mary is blessed because of her contact with Jesus, and by her faith in him.

So, it is with us, too. We become blessed by our "motherly" contact with Christ in our souls through baptism. He lives in us and grows to maturity within us. We bear him to the world. This requires unshakeable faith that his promises to us will be fulfilled, despite all the problems and difficulties that plague us. We become blessed, happy, and joyful in the measure that we are in contact with Jesus and trust in him.

Advent challenges: 1.) This week go to someone who has borne the love of Jesus to you and tell her or him how they have been a blessing to you. 2.) Name someone in your life now to whom God has sent you to bring Jesus' presence. Pray: "Lord, thank you for the blessing of sending me to bring your presence to this person. Help me bear you faithfully to him/her."

— Father John Muir



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

Oplatki 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.



Dear Friends in Christ,

"Hope does not disappoint"

With the Jubilee Year of 2025 we focus our attention on Hope that fills our hearts. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love.

In this Jubilee Year we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardship of any kind. As "Pilgrims of Hope" we bring Christ and his message of hope to the world by working for peace and an end to conflicts, promoting human life and dignity, assisting the sick, and accompanying the elderly.

During this Christmas Season may our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year of 2025!

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,
Fr. Stan & Fr. Peter

KOLEDA

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES (KOLEDA) WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024, 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,

"Nadzieja zawieś nie może."

W Roku Jubileuszowym 2025 skupiamy naszą uwagę na nadziei, która wypełnia nasze serca. Nadzieja chrześcijańska nie zwodzi ani nie rozczarowuje, ponieważ opiera się na pewności, że nic i nikt nie może nas odłączyć od miłości Bożej.

W tym Roku Jubileuszowym jesteśmy wezwani, aby być znakami nadziei dla naszych braci i siostr, którzy doświadczają jakichkolwiek trudności. Jako «Pielgrzymi Nadziei» niesiemy światu Chrystusa i Jego orędzie nadziei, działając na rzecz pokoju i zakończenia konfliktów, promując cywilizację życia i godność ludzką, pomagając chorym i towarzysząc osobom w podeszłym wieku.

W tym świętym czasie Bożego Narodzenia niech nasz Pan Jezus Chrystus, narodzony w Betlejem, błogosławi Was, Wasze rodziny i bliskich w tym błogosławionym czasie nadziei i łaski. Wesołych Świąt i szczęśliwego nowego roku 2025!

Z poważaniem w Chrystusie Odkupicielu,
Fr. Stan i Fr. Piotr

KOLEDA

Kolędę rozpoczniemy we czwartek 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.

This Week

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/
Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/
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 (Lk 2:11)/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/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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 Maria Scarpantonio will be presenting the reflections and next week Bonnie Giacobbe 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: Rosemary Jablonski; Keily Camacho
 Monday: Suzanne Runyon
 Tuesday: Barbara Porter; Dora Perna;
 3rd Grade CCD Class
 Wednesday: Rachel Petrone
 Thursday: John Tardy
 Friday: Julia & Natalia Droszczak; Maryanne Zarbetski
 Saturday: Natalie Day



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

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Blessed are you who believed,” Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary’s example, and believe.



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.

UROCZYSTOŚĆ 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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Margaret Clitherow | March 26

Short Bio

St. Margaret Clitherow (1556-1586), the pearl of York hid priests and allowed Mass to be celebrated in her home, a criminal offence at the time. She was pressed to death. Margaret was canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1970 as one of 40 martyrs of England and Wales.

Minister Schedule for December 28 & 29

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Suzanne Runyon	Bogdan Nowak	Ted Petrock	Tomasz Jaje
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Linda Cavaluzzo Carol Borysewicz		Anthony Tartaglione Juan Villagra	



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 Mleczo, 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, Marcelle Reed, Peg Reilly, Laura Rodaman, Marie Rogusky, Cindi Shandor, Michael Sheehan, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slight, 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.

This holiday season 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.**

**The Christ the Redeemer collection for
the weekend of December 8, 2024**

Offertory	\$	6,399.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,765.00
Children's Donations	\$	19.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,785.00
Total	\$	10,968.00

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

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:
helped my parents take down the Christmas decorations. Molly
helped my mother with the laundry. Abby
took my dog for a walk with my daddy & carried all the bookbags in for my sister & brother. Brooke-Lynn

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

BLOOD DRIVE - Monday, December 23rd - St. Mary Byzantine Parish Center, Brooks Blvd., Hillsborough—1:00-7:00PM. Please visit www.nybc.org/njdrive and use sponsor code 07802, or call/text 1-800-933-2566 or 1-800-933-BLOOD.

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)

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD
IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Christmas Gifts

Question:
Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:
Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.