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Feast of the Holy Family



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THE HOLY FAMILY

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- Lk 2:51-52

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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 30 (Poniedziałek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family
11:00AM †Frank & Dolores Serra r/o family

Tuesday, December 31 (Wtorek) - Sylvester I

3:00 PM - (P) Mass & Adoration
5:00 PM - (E) Mass & Adoration

Wednesday, January 1 (Środa) - Mary, Mother of God

7:00AM †Irene Porchik
9:00AM For the Health of Ryan McKee r/o mother & family
10:30AM †Mieczyslaw Werynski r/o corki z rodzina

Thursday, January 2 (Czwartek)

Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00AM †Maria & Janusz Kleszcz r/o Anna Kleszcz
11:00AM †Irene Porchik

Friday, January 3 (Piątek) - Holy Name of Jesus

11:00AM †Irene Porchik
7:00PM †Jolanta Wicinski Jorgensen r/o sister & family

Saturday, January 4 (Sobota) - Elizabeth Ann Seton

8:00AM †Stanislaw & Stanislaw Dziuaban r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Irene Porchik
5:00PM †Sophie & Joseph Jaworsky r/o granddaughter, Donna

Sunday, January 5 (Niedziela) - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM †Anna, Jozef & Stanislaw Bajer r/o Anna Kleszcz
9:00AM For the People of the Parish
Mass of Thanksgiving occasioned by the 50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Charlotte Snow r/o family
†Franciszek & Maria Rzakowski r/o daughter
†Patricia Vetashick r/o Pierogi Pals
†John Mroz r/o Tom & Dolores Finlan
†Rosemarie Charneski r/o Michael Tomasko
10:30AM †Irene Porchik

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Charles Schlenker** at the request of his family.



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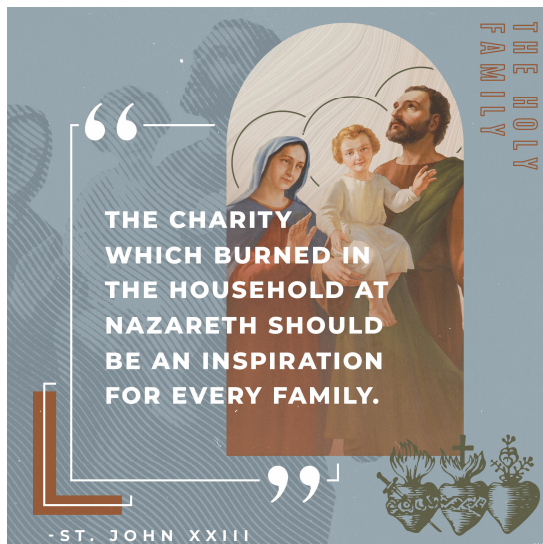
Feast of the Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each other grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary **"after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..."** (Luke 2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: **"Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously."** The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— 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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!

Dear Friend in Christ,
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Dear Friend in Christ,

New beginnings can be both exciting and intimidating. They represent a chance to start fresh and make positive changes in our lives, but they also require us to let go of the familiar and step into the unknown. With the Jubilee Year of 2025 we are reminded that the hope in fulfilment of God's promises does not disappoint. He always supports us in our pilgrimage of hope that aims for eternal life with Christ our Savior and Redeemer. At the beginning of the New Year may Christ, the Prince of Peace bring us His PEACE in our hearts and in the world, helping us to build our lives. We wish you ALL a blessed, happy, peaceful, and healthy New Year in 2025. May God bless you and your loved ones!

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

KOLEDA

THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF HOMES (KOLEDA) CONTINUES 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 in 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.

Życzenia Noworoczne 2025

SZCZĘŚLIWEGO NOWEGO ROKU 2025!

Drogi Przyjaciele,

Początki mogą być zarówno ekscytujące, jak i onieśmielające. Stanowią szansę na rozpoczęcie od nowa i dokonanie pozytywnych zmian w naszym życiu, ale wymagają również od nas porzucenia tego, co znane, i wkroczenia w nieznaną. Rok jubileuszowy 2025 przypomina nam, że Bóg dotrzymuje słowa i spełnia pokładane w nim nadzieje. On zawsze nas wspiera w naszej pielgrzymce nadziei, której celem jest życie wieczne z Chrystusem, naszym Zbawicielem i Odkupicielem. Na początku nowego roku niech Chrystus, Książę Pokoju, przyniesie POKÓJ w sercach i w świecie pomagając budować nasze życie. Życzymy WSZYSTKIM błogosławionego, szczęśliwego, spokojnego i zdrowego Nowego Roku w 2025 roku. Niech Bóg Was błogosławi i Waszych bliskich!

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

KOLEDA

Kolebę 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 koleby. 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

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MONDAY, DEC. 30 – WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL THE MAIN PARISH NUMBER.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION—11:30AM in the church.

NEXT WEEKEND, JANUARY 4 & 5

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 5:00PM - Sacred Heart Church. Admission is FREE.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 30 GRUDZIEŃ - ŚRODA, 1 STYCZEŃ
BIURO PARAFIALNE JEST ZAMKNIĘTE. W RAZIE POTRZEBY PROSZĘ DZWONIĆ NA NUMER PARAFIALNY 908-725-0072

NIEDZALA, 5 GRUDZIEŃ

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

KONCERT KOLEB - 5:00pm. Wstęp wolny.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?

Answer: The three kings who visited baby Jesus.

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 Bonnie Giacobbe will be presenting the reflections and next week Caz & Diane Bielen will be the presenters.

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday: Roberta Caswell
Monday: Neil Christie; Deacon Bill & Barbara
Tuesday: John Tardy; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday: Dolores Finlan
Thursday: Angelica R.L. Ocaso
Friday: Cassie Badella
Saturday: Terry Tardy



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

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Gianna Beretta Molla | April 28

Short Bio

St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. During her last pregnancy a uterine tumor was surgically removed so she could bring her daughter into the world, even at the expense of her own life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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/>.

NEW PARISHIONERS NOWI PARAFIANIE

If you are new to the parish, and would like to become a parishioner, please take the time to register at the Parish Office. Daily office hours are noted in the parish bulletin. If needed, evening appointments are available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wszystkich uczęszczających regularnie na msze św. do naszego kościoła prosimy o zapisanie się do naszej parafii. Należy przyjść do biura w godz. otwarcia lub umówić się na spotkanie wieczorem. Rejestracja w parafii konieczna jest do wydawania wszelkich dokumentów i zaświadczeń, a także do chrztu, ślubu i pogrzebu. Zapraszamy!

MINISTRY TO THE HOSPITALIZED AND HOMEBOUND

Please notify the Parish Office if you or someone you know is ill in the hospital or homebound. It is your responsibility to let us know about these parishioners in order for us to provide an adequate spiritual ministry.

DUSZPASTERSTWO LUDZI CHORYCH

Jeśli ktoś z Waszych bliskich jest już dłuższy czas lub ciężko chory w domu lub szpitalu, to kapłan chętnie przyjedzie, aby porozmawiać z nim i udzielić mu sakramentów pojednania, namaszczenia chorych i Komunii Świętej. Kontakt - biuro parafialne.



We ask you to remember in your prayers the following parishioners who have died: Libero Ravaioli, Jennie Vaccarella, Jozef Florek, Anna Jackowska, Barbara Gada, Hanna Maj, Rosemarie Charneski & Anthony Zalewski. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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, 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.**

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of December 15, 2024

Offertory	\$	7,011.00
Mail-Ins	\$	1,738.00
Children's Donations	\$	11.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	2,493.00
Christmas Flowers	\$	2,835.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,360.00
Total	\$	16,448.00

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

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:
cleaned my room.
helped my mom make cookies.

Zosia
Alexander

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

Donate
Online



Track Your Giving in 2025

Have you considered using online giving? By creating a login and contributing online you'll always have a report of your giving history available. You can access your report easily and securely via the web, and your information will always be up-to-date with your latest contributions. You can find the online giving link on www.ctrmanville.com.

We are looking for 2 counters to help count the weekend collections. This would entail a few hours on Sunday every 6 weeks. If you are interested please call the parish office.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT? CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Jesus' Grandparents

Question:

July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer:

Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation — God becoming human!