

March 2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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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, March 3 (Poniedziałek) - Katharine Drexel

8:00AM †Zofia Malinowski r/o Janina Woznicki z rodzina
11:00AM †Lawrence & Catherine Antos r/o Marianna Antos

Tuesday, March 4 (Wtorek) - Casimir

8:00AM †Marta Winnicka r/o Karnas Family
11:00AM †Eugene Kurdy r/o John & Terry Tardy
11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

Wednesday, March 5 (Środa) - Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence

7:00AM (E) †Jane Smith r/o Limyanski Family
8:00AM (P) †Piotr Kleszcz r/o colleagues from work
11:00AM (E) †Frank & Dolores Serra r/o daughter
11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
5:30PM (E) †Jozef Florek r/o Janusz & Janina
Grzeczkwicz
7:00PM (P) †Jolanta Wicinski-Jorgensen r/o sister & family
OLPH Novena

Thursday, March 6 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Kleszcz r/o colleagues from work
11:00AM †Joanna Dobrowolski

Friday, March 7 (Piątek) - Perpetua & Felicity

11:00AM †Paul & Tess Fedorowicz r/o Lori Barone
4:30PM Stations of the Cross in English
6:30PM Stations of the Cross in Polish
7:00PM †Aniela & Marcin Kolodziej r/o Jozefa Kurasinska

Saturday, March 8 (Sobota) - John of God

8:00AM †Maria Garlewski r/o Woznicki Family
11:00AM †Charles Schlenker r/o family
4:30AM Lenten Lamentations
5:00PM †Anthony Franzoso r/o Cebula Family

1st Sunday of Lent, March 9 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Jolanta Wicinski-Jorgensen r/o sister & family
8:40AM Lenten Lamentations
9:00AM †Maria Garlewska r/o Marian & Maria Puzio
†Stanislaw & Wladyslawa Sienicki r/o daughter & family
†Antoni Niecikowski r/o Tom & Dolores Finlan
†Anthony Zaleski r/o Immaculate Conception Bible Study Group
†Thomas Stephen Onderko r/o Joanne Woler
†Diane Van Cleff r/o Barbara Gural
†Anna Maziarz r/o Elizabeth & Krzysztof Kornecky For the People of the Parish
10:30AM †Wlodzimiera Hasiak r/o rodziny Gnap
5:00PM Gorzkie Zale
5:45PM †Maria, Franciszek & Emilia Furman r/o Werynski Family

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



“How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother’s eye.” - Lk 6:42

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One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord’s words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **“For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles”** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the “figs” and “grapes” of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let’s recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— 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.

This Week

MONDAY, MARCH 3

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

ASH WEDNESDAY PIEROGI DINNER - 4-7 PM - Adults \$14.00 - Children 6 & under - \$7. Tickets can be purchased at the office or at the door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

CLOTHING DRIVE - March 8th - 9AM - 12 noon - St. John Neumann Center.



BE SURE TO SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD BEFORE YOU GO TO SLEEP.

NEXT WEEKEND, MARCH 8 & 9

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for the Spring Cemetery Donation. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 3 MARZEC

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

WTOREK, 5 MARZEC

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

SOBOTA, 8 MARZEC

ZMIANA CZASU !! Z SOBOTY NA NIEDZIELE, PRZESUWAMY ZEGARKI GODZINĘ DO PRZODU.

NIEDZALA, 9 MARZEC

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Fundusz Zapomogowy. Prosimy o ofiarność!



Ashes will be distributed at the following Masses.

Posypanie głów popiołem będzie podczas każdej Mszy św. w Środę Popielcową.

ENGLISH

7:00AM

11:00AM

5:30PM

POLISH

8:00AM

7:00PM

THE PRIESTLY RETREAT will take place from March 10 to 14, 2025. All Masses in Polish and English are cancelled for that week. The services of the Way of the Cross in both languages will take place as planned.

REKOLEKCJE KAPLAŃSKIE odbędą się w dniach od 10-14 marzec. W tych dniach wszystkie Msze w języku polskim i angielskim są odwołane. Nabożeństwa drogi krzyżowej w obydwóch językach odbędą się o zwykłej porze tak jak zaplanowano.

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal *PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity*

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Christ the Redeemer. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our pastor, Fr. Stan, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website: <https://diometuchen.org>.

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 Clougher will be presenting the reflections and next week Caz & Diane Bielen will be the presenter.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/
1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2
Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
(see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

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/>.

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 oneself 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.



Pierogies are available for sale in the parish office.

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 23, 2025

Offertory	\$	6,353.00
Mail-Ins	\$	993.00
Children's Donations	\$	6.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,543.00
Total	\$	9,847.00

Property Insurance \$ 2,677.00

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

"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested."

— Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

helped my dad shovel snow. **Brooke-Lynn**
walked my friend home because his dad was not there.

Landon

helped fold laundry. **Alexander**
helped an opponent up from the other team when he fell. **Logan**

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

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

Sunday:	Angelica R. L. Ocaso
Monday:	Cassie Badella
Tuesday:	Terry Tardy; 3rd Grade CCD Class
Wednesday:	Lee Rawaich
Thursday:	John Tardy
Friday:	Barbara Faist
Saturday:	Roberta Caswell; Elizabeth Janlonski



Ash Wednesday Pierogi Dinner
March 5th—4-7 PM
Adults—\$14.00

Children 6 & under—\$7

Tickets can be purchased at the office or at the door.



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, Helen Gilmore, Margaret Guerrazzi, 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, Joyce Nipps, Robert Oliver, Celeste Onka, James O'Reilly Jr., Susan, Brian, Robert & John Parlier, Irene Pastula, Dora Perna, Barbara Perone, Rachel & Vince Petront, 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 **March 16th 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 **April 5th 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.

The Food Pantry needs your help.

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:

Granola/Snack Bars.

Body Wash, Shampoo.

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.

Juice (64 oz.).

Toilet paper & paper towels.

HOW TO OBSERVE LENT

Lent is a time to prepare for the joy and the promise of the Easter celebration. Today, as in the past, the message of Lent is one of joyous hope. Lent offers a new beginning. Through inner change and penance, true freedom and a new life are made possible.

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL is based on

True sorrow for sins. You must acknowledge your sins and resolve to turn back to God. Recall how Christ suffered for your sins. Seek forgiveness for your sins and take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pray for help to amend your life.

Spiritual growth. Strive to advance toward holiness. Acknowledge your total reliance on God. Cultivate Christian virtues. Reflect on the real meaning of the baptismal commitment. Fulfill this pledge of faith in your everyday life. Try to be a reflection of God's goodness.

Penance. Penance encourages spiritual growth. It is really a return to God, a conversion of mind and heart.

Do penance to renew your life as a Christian. Follow or adapt traditional Lenten practices such as fasting and self-denial.

Develop a joyful approach to Lent. Devotions will be more successful if you are:

Positive – Lent teaches us that there is joy in the darkest moments.

Responsible – Decide on your own plan for Lent in accordance with Church practices.

Open – Be willing to admit sinfulness and the need for change.

Loving – Fill your life with love for God and other people.

Choose Lenten practices that are best suited to your needs and hopes, and that unite you with your parish's observances.

TRADITIONAL LENTEN PRACTICES

Penitential practices help people turn to God. Many have evolved through the Church's history. Some are still part of Church law; but most are now left to personal choice. Plan your Lent. Use or adapt some of the following suggestions to meet your own spiritual needs.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

encourage spiritual maturity

Meaning – Fasting means limiting the number of daily meals (unless impractical for medical reasons). Abstinence means not eating certain foods. **Purpose** – These penances will help you to develop self-discipline, to achieve spiritual purification and to find forgiveness for sins. Sacrifice cheerfully, in the right spirit – not to show off will power or personal accomplishment.

Church Law – Fasting and abstinence are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All other Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Some suggestions –

Fast an extra day or 2 each week and donate the money saved to a food relief organization.

Try to make simpler and more healthful meals.

Examine your life for wasteful habits; start to change them.

Abstain from material excesses in any way you can.

SELF-DENIAL

Should benefit others in some way

Forms – Self-denial may take many forms; for example, foregoing an important pleasure or limiting personal desires. Self-denial should be done for a good cause, not for its own sake. **Purpose** – This penance will help to make us more Christ-like. It will teach self-control (needed to meet goals) and dependence on God rather than on self.

Some suggestions –

Devote time to help your parish or people in your community.

Make time for reading the Bible or for increasing your knowledge of Church history or customs.

Teach children to be less materialistic – show them how to use time and money for the greatest good.

GOOD DEEDS AND ALMSGIVING

Involve giving of the self to serve others' needs

Forms – Good works and charity can be: comforting or counseling someone; giving gifts of money, food, etc.; lending time and help. **Purpose** – These actions help to develop and perfect the love that Jesus asks of His followers. Generosity can be an expression of your gratitude to Jesus for all He has given.

Some suggestions –

Give to one of the many charities that aid the needy throughout the world.

Volunteer to teach a religious education class. Serve on parish councils or on special Church committees.

Help out your neighbors. Give food and clothes to people in need. Visit the sick, the elderly, the lonely.

Brighten others' lives by bringing love to your daily work and obligations. Try to be kinder, more cooperative and cheerful.