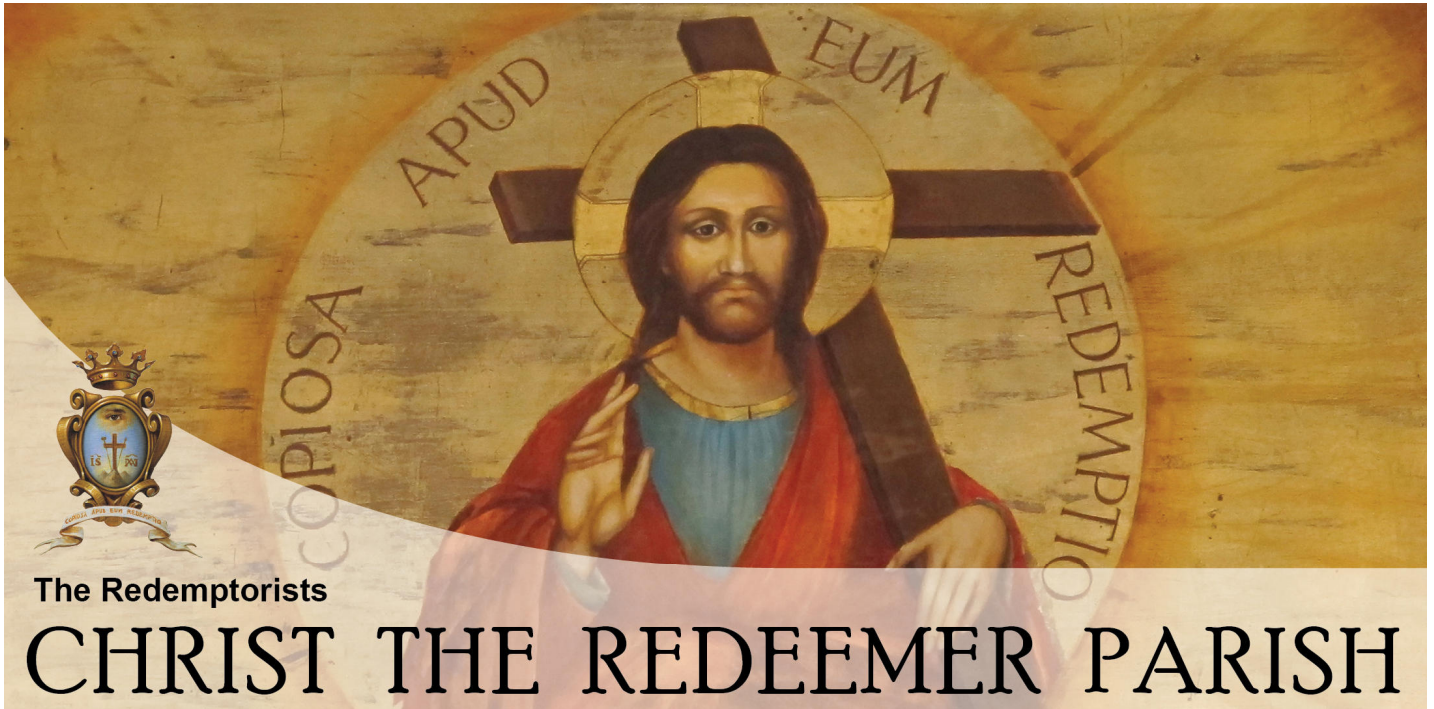


February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh."
- Lk 6:21

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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, February 17 (Poniedziałek)

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00AM †Wladyslawa & Boleslaw Szafarski r/o Anna Kleszcz

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

Tuesday, February 18 (Wtorek)

8:00AM †Czeslaw Pogorzlec r/o Karnas Family

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

11:30AM OLPH Novena in English

5:30PM Religious Education Mass - Grades 5 & 8

Wednesday, February 19 (Środa)

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

11:30AM Exposition and Rosary

7:00PM OLPH Novena & Mass in Polish

Thursday, February 20 (Czwartek)

8:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

11:00AM †Sr. Michalda Wainszak OSF r/o Rosemary Jablonski

Friday, February 21 (Piątek) - Peter Damian

11:00AM †Henry Petrone r/o family

7:00PM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

Saturday, February 22 (Sobota)

The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00AM †Jozef Malinowski r/o Woznicki Family

11:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

5:00PM †Chester & Rose Jablonski r/o Rosemary Jablonski

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23 (Niedziela)

7:00AM †Piotr Karnas r/o family

9:00AM †Rosemarie Charneski r/o Rubin Family

†Jozef Malinowski r/o Marian & Maria Puzio

†Antoni Niecikowski r/o Dziwak Family

†Thomas Onderko r/o Smith Family

†Jozefa & Jozef Grabowski r/o Wraga Family

†Thomas Stephen Onderko r/o Joanne Woler
For the People of the Parish

10:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society



*“Blessed are you who are now hungry,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who are now weeping,
for you will laugh.”
- Lk 6:21*

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I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **“Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of”** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The “woes” the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, “You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does.”

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four “woes.” How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our “woes.”

— Father John Muir

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2025-2026 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2025**. A **signed Parish Verification Form** is also required by the Diocese, and should be signed by your Pastor, and submitted to the school or schools your children attend. Eligibility requirements, instructions and forms can be found at <https://diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance>. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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, FEBRUARY 17

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO THE NATIONAL HOLIDAY. In case of an emergency, please call 908-725-0072.

BLOOD DRIVE - 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.

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

ADORATION WILL STOP AT 5:00PM AND WILL RESUME AT 6:30PM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM. **Grades 5-8 are to report to the church for Mass.**

NEXT WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 22 & 23

THE SECOND COLLECTION taken up after Holy Communion will be for Property Insurance. Please be generous.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

PONIEDZIAŁEK, 17 LUTY

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

WTOREK, 18 LUTY

ADORACJA NAJŚW. SAKRAMENTU od godz. 12:00-17:00
MSZA ŚWIĘTA DLA DZIECI Z RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM z klas 5-8 katechezy.

Wznowienie Adoracji o godz. 18:30—21:00.

NIEDZALA, 23 LUTY

DRUGA SKŁADKA, po Komunii świętej, będzie przeznaczona na Property Insurance. Prosimy o ofiarność!

2025 Bishop's Annual Appeal

PILGRIMS OF HOPE: Journeying Together in Faith, Hope and Charity

By giving to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are opening our hearts to those living on the fringes of society and help to attend to their physical, spiritual and emotional needs. The basic necessities of food and shelter provided by **Catholic Charities**, as well as the counseling services the agency offers to those struggling with addictions and other hardships of life can only continue with your help. Please prayerfully consider a gift today.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,
20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4,
3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/
Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/
1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

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/>.

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

Stations of the Cross

Mini Explanation

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS
— OF THE SERVITE ORDER —

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 Roberta Caswell will be presenting the reflections and next week Anna May Wall will be the presenter.

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Christ the Redeemer collection for the weekend of February 9, 2025

Offertory	\$	4,835.00
Mail-Ins	\$	818.00
Children's Donations	\$	13.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$	2,601.00
On-line Giving	\$	2,229.00
Total	\$	10,496.00

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

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."
- LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

OUR CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP GIFTS

My Good Deed was when I:

held the door open for some people. Molly
bought my sister a book. Abby

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



Pierogies are available for sale in the parish office.

Weekly Vocation Prayer Schedule

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

Minister Schedule for February 22 & 23

	5:00PM	7:00AM	9:00AM	10:30AM
Lectors	Matt Menkowski	Bogdan Nowak	Barbara Stafany	Kazik Dziwak
Extra-ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharistic	Carol Borysewicz Laurie Lukacs		Adele Szczecina Anthony Tartaglione	



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, Margaret Guerrazzi, Savannah Hemenway, Frank Honkisz, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Maria Ingot, Raul Jaime, Lucy Jankowski-McClure, Waclaw & Stanley Jasiniski, 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, 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 **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 **March 1st 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 a new year begins, 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 online giving.

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

Boxed Milk.

Body Wash, Shampoo.

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent.

Juice (64 oz.).

Toilet paper & paper towels.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC –
BENEATH THE SURFACE
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the *stuff*, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so *important*: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with *what* I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about *who* I was going to become. But the *who* is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

Mardi Gras

Question:

Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

Answer:

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

