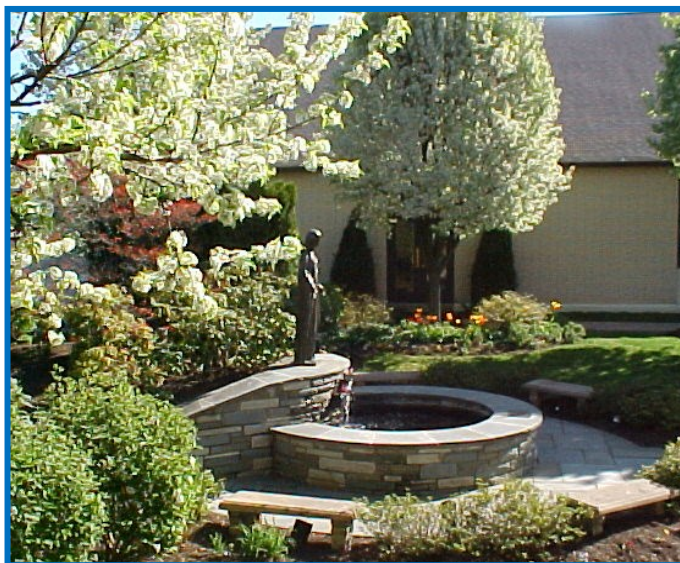


# St. John Neumann Parish



## Parish Office

380 Highland Lane  
610.525.3100

## Ss. Colman-John Neumann Catholic School

372 Highland Lane  
610.525.3266

## Parish Website

[www.sjnparish.org](http://www.sjnparish.org)

## School Website

[www.scjnschool.org](http://www.scjnschool.org)

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening – 6:00 pm

Sunday - 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am and 12 pm

### Daily Mass

Summer—8:00 am—Monday-Saturday

Holy Days - (except Christmas and New Year's Day) 7:00 am, 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

(No Vigil Mass for the Holy Days)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday after 8:00 am Mass

### Rosary

Monday evening 7 pm

Every Thursday after 8:00 am Mass

### Reconciliation

Saturdays – 5:00 to 5:45 pm

### Baptisms

1:00 pm most Sundays. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

### Weddings

Friday evenings and

Saturdays 11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

### Newcomers Welcome!

Please call for appointment or stop in to the Parish Office to register to become members of St. John Neumann Parish.

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor - *Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Matz*

In Residence - *Rev. Robert J. Chapman*

Permanent Deacon-*Deacon David Schaffer*

Parish Services Dir. - *Sr. Carol Kelly, SSJ*

Sunday Assistance -

*Bishop Robert Maginnis, D.D.*

*Rev. Robert Murray, OSA*

*Rev. Jack Deegan, OSA*

School Principal - *Mrs. Cathleen Lamberto*

PREP Coordinator - *Mrs. Debbie Andes*

Music Ministry - *Mrs. Isabel Momenee*

### Coordinators of Parish Ministry

Active Adults—*Bill Haines*

Adult Ed Coordinator -

*Deacon David Schaffer*

“Aid For Friends” - *Cheryl Calnan*

Altar Guild—*Nora Saraceni*

Catholic Charities Services -

*Mary Ann Gordon*

Interfaith Hospitality Network -

*Mary Beth Wolanin*

Lectors - *Sister Carol*

Little Church School—*Janet Baffa*

Respect Life Committee - *Clare Frissora*

*July 23, 2017*

SAVE THE DATE

*Please join us for*

*The Installation of our new Pastor,  
Monsignor Michael Matz*

*On Sunday, September 17, 2017*

*At 12 Noon Mass*

*All are invited*

*Light reception to follow in the  
Parish Life Center.*

**Interfaith Hospitality Network**



*To all our great volunteers who made our guests from IHN feel so welcome this past week, may God bless you!*

*“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”*

*(Matthew 10:40-42)*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**BASTIAN BOND LUCKSHIRE**

**SON OF**

**PHILIP & KRISTIN**

**BAPTIZED JULY 16, 2017**

**Thank You for Your Generosity to Last  
Week’s Missionary Appeal  
For the Archdiocese of Nyeri, Kenya**



Cooperative workers drying coffee on racks,  
Nyeri, Kenya.

Your response was overwhelming! The amount collected was \$13,086. Father Gabriel Muteru is so grateful for the opportunity to speak at all the Masses and for your generous contributions. All the donations will be used to give the people access to clean water and also purchase vehicles for the priests, doctors and nurses to reach people living in remote areas.



Lauren F. Armstrong	Barry McFarand
Gail Baselicis	Paul Morrison
Kay Carlin	James Myers
JP Castillo	Cynthia O’Connor
Janice Cleary	Kathleen O’Connor
Edward R. D’Alessio	Mary Rinaldi
Ann DeSanctis	Emily Rinnier
Louis DeSanctis	John Robinson
Noel DeSantis	Joseph Robinson
Baby Landon J Gavio	Patrick Shovelin
Bobby Groer	Keri Davisson Sinnes
Regina Hershey	Joseph Sweeney
Barbara Johnson	Rita Tarra
Brenda Logan	Gina Weinmann
Frank McCaughey	

## Ss. Colman-John Neumann

### School News

**Ss. Colman-John Neumann School is currently accepting applications for PreK-4 and Kindergarten through 7th grade.**

**Please go to our website for more information on admissions.**

**[www.scjnschool.org](http://www.scjnschool.org)**

**The school office will be closed until August 16th.**

### **PREP Registration for New Students**

Anyone who needs to register a child for PREP classes starting in September 2017, please email Debbie Andes [debbieandes@scjnschool.org](mailto:debbieandes@scjnschool.org) with your child's name and address, and a registration form will be mailed to you.

REGISTER  
TODAY!



The primary purpose of our PREP program (Parish Religious Education Program) is to assist parents in sharing the faith with their children. Parents whose children do not attend Catholic schools are strongly encouraged to enroll their children in PREP. Instructions are necessary for public school children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

### **CONFIRMATION 2018**



If your child is intending to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2018, please email [debbieandes@scjnschool.org](mailto:debbieandes@scjnschool.org) with your name and your child's name, and information will be mailed to you.

#### **Confirmation Date**

**Saturday, March 10, 2018 @ 10 am**



We would like to congratulate the following members of St. John Neumann Parish who were named to the Honor Roll list for their respective schools. This academic accomplishment is a source of pride for each student and for his/her parents.

#### **Country Day School of the Sacred Heart**

Bridget McCabe  
Jaycee Webster

#### **Cardinal O'Hara High School**

Eric Robert Lee

#### **LaSalle College High School**

Winston Carroll Barnes  
Christopher Lippincott Biddle, Jr.

#### **Merion Mercy Academy**

Mary Kolbe Keating  
Meghan K. Devine  
Megan A. Leahy  
Teresa C. Hegarty  
Skyler J. Parzyck  
Nadia E. Carlino  
Moirra A. Dougherty  
Maureen F. McClatchy  
Emily E. Hauck  
Alexandria A. Lavelle

#### **St. Joseph's Preparatory School**

Andrew J. Bracken  
Edward F. Burke  
Sean A. Convery  
Patrick J. Currie  
Colin M. Donnelly  
Chip F. Gallagher  
James C. Hegarty  
William M. Keane  
Joseph McCabe  
Liam A. McGrath  
Daniel A. Rufo  
Michael P. West



In the early sixties a Trappist monk from Ireland was giving a retreat to other Trappist monks at a monastery in Kentucky. At one of his conferences he told this curious story:

In the old country, we make butter in a churn constructed of tall cinders of wood. These two frogs fell into a churn of milk that was only half full. They tried to climb up the wall, but it was too slippery. They kept on swimming around. One fellow says to the other after a lot of discussion, "Ah, we may as well give up. There is no point in keeping on swimming. We will never get out of this." He gave up, stopped swimming, and drowned. The other fellow said, "Well, I'll keep on swimming. You never know what will turn up." What happened? He kept on swimming, and, as a result of his swimming, the milk turned into butter and he was able to jump out.

Then the monk giving the retreat explained the reason for the story. He said: I can assure you from bitter personal experience, there are times in the monastic life when you feel as helpless as those frogs swimming in the milk. Your only hope is to keep on going, waiting for miracles. During our monastic life, you will meet some situation where someone has gotten on your nerves or some job you have drives you to an impossible situation. You will find that it goes on until you are just at a breaking point. Then, God's providence suddenly intervenes. There is a change made in appointments, or some change made in the monastery. The whole thing is solved. For a moment, you are left in peace. Then it starts all over again. You better get used to swimming in milk, because it is going to be the pattern of your life.

Although Father Boylan was addressing a group of religious, I think what he was saying has meaning for all of us. We confront difficult situations from time to time in our life—where we feel helpless. And there are times when we feel like we are at the breaking point. But it can be those bumps in the road, those periods when we are really suffering or in despair, that we can somehow be lead to a closer relationship with God. Our suffering can guide us back to God. But we have to hang in there. We have to persevere. Sometimes we think that if our prayers were truly working, our problems would be solved and that there would be no more difficulty. But that's not why we pray. We pray to give honor and glory to God. And in our prayer, of course, we ask for God's help. We'd be foolish not to. And in time God does step in. And maybe it is at the breaking point. But God's providence will intervene.

So, we keep swimming "in milk", hopeful and trusting. Knowing that suffering is a part of life, but also knowing that God will not lead us to a certain point and then abandon us. God will use all these opportunities in our life to bring us closer to Him.

Let me close with these words from the clever Irish Trappist Monk: Just as our Lord could not save the world except by the cross, so neither can we be sanctified except by the cross...If that does not happen to you, if your whole life goes on in sweetness and having your own way, I am afraid you have had it. I am afraid God has set you for less and decided to give you your reward here below. If He cannot ask you to carry a cross, then he cannot make you a saint.

When things are not going your way, be thankful. If it does go your way all the

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**time, do not say thank you. Ask Our Lord, "Is there something wrong?"**

**We are entitled to expect peace and joy in our life; but it is a peace deep down. Something that is rooted in the rich soil of our faith, and something that will help us in time of trouble.**



New Horizons Spirit Journey will be celebrating the **100th Anniversary of Fatima** with a Day of Prayer and Enrichment at the Malvern Retreat House on **Sunday, August 13th** from 1:30 to 5:30 pm with Helen Holroyd and guest speaker, Father Augustine Esposito. Join us for lunch and learn about Our Lady of Fatima and Her messages of Hope and Healing. We will see the testimony of an eye witness during the Miracle of the Sun (October 13, 1917), have Benediction and a Consecration to Our Lady. Cost: \$50 by July 31st. For registration and ticket information call 610-213-4141 or visit <https://fatimamessageofhope.eventbrite.com>

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We are also traveling by bus to Atlantic City, NJ, for the feast day of the **Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary** on **Tuesday, August 15th**. Celebrate the Wedding of the Sea Ceremony followed by Mass said by Bishop Dennis Sullivan. We will have time to grab a bite and join in the festivities at St. Michael's Church. We depart MacDade Mall from K-Mart (Holmes, PA) at 9 am and return by 6-6:30 pm. Cost: \$60 by July 31st.

Cardinal O'Hara Class of 1977 Reunion  
October 14, 2017—7 pm—11 pm  
The Lamb Tavern—Springfield, PA 19064  
[Ohara77reunion@comcast.net](mailto:Ohara77reunion@comcast.net)

**Contemplative Prayer Retreat  
September 25-28  
Marianist Family Retreat Center  
417 Yale Avenue  
Cape May Point, NJ 08212**

**[www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) 609-881-3829**

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar with this type of retreat are all welcome. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist..

Cost: \$150/pp

### **RETREAT FOR HEALING ABUSE**

Grief to Grace—Healing the Wounds of Abuse—is an integrated psychological and spiritual program for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual, or spiritual abuse. This program offers a very unique process for helping victims of abuse to grieve the past and discover spiritual healing and transformation. The program will be held September 10-15, 2017 in Newark, NJ. Contact

[Info@griefftograce.org](mailto:Info@griefftograce.org) or call 610-203-2002 or visit [www.griefftograce.org](http://www.griefftograce.org) for more information.

### **Make Contributions on Line While on Vacation!**

**When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account.**

**~Credit cards are accepted~**



1. Go to our website: [sjnparish.org](http://sjnparish.org)
2. Click: "Online Giving" link
3. Create: personal secure account

### **On Vacation?**

***Don't forget to attend Mass on Sundays.  
Visit [Masstimes.org](http://Masstimes.org) for local Masses based on  
City and Zip Code.***

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 22ND

6:00 pm Alice Macken

### SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

7:30 am Luciana Riccobon

9:00 am E. J. Sabatini

10:30 am Catherine Ann Hayden Roehrs

12:00 pm Sandy Shea

### MONDAY

8:00 am William Taylor

### TUESDAY

8:00 am May Ann Vagnoni

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Jean Birney

### THURSDAY

8:00 am Kevin J. Quinn

### FRIDAY

8:00 am Tillie Moscony

### SATURDAY

8:00 am Matthew D. Kelly

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 29TH

6:00 pm Elaine Chermol

### SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

7:30 am Tillie Moscony

9:00 am Ralph Murphy

10:30 am Elizabeth McGlone

12:00 pm John James O'Malley

## LECTORS

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 22ND

6:00 pm Betty Layberger

### SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

7:30 am Carol Restifo

9:00 am Mike Gormley

10:30 am Richard Galli

12:00 pm Jim Rowley

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 29TH

6:00 pm Jean DiDominic

### SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

7:30 am Frank Nieves

9:00 am Chris Pushaw

10:30 am John McNamara

12:00 pm Kevin Judy

## ALTAR SERVERS

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 22ND

6:00 pm Chloe McCloskey, Micaela McCloskey

### SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

7:30 am Matt McCabe

9:00 am Ben Bloom, Rick Cassidy

10:30 am Mallory McHale, Brynn Donnelly

12:00 pm Lily Guidetti, James Rowley

### MTW

8:00 am Mia McCloskey, Isabel Nieves

### TFS

8:00 am Ben Yeager, John Knott

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 29TH

6:00 pm Marisa McKaige

### SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

7:30 am Declan Barry, Matt McCabe

9:00 am Matt Bedrossian, Nick Bedrossian

10:30 am Emma Campbell, Will McCoach

12:00 pm Brynn Donnelly, Meilyn Frank

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 22ND

6:00 pm Frank Milewski, John Fitzpatrick,  
Joe Micucci

### SUNDAY, JULY 23RD

7:30 am Charles Bissell, Maryann & Ron Ratigan

9:00 am Rich Pfeiffer, Pauline Bell, Anne Schwelm

10:30 am Peter Bruno, Bernadette Sweeney,  
Dick Yanko

12:00 pm Guy Wolfington, Tom Lavin, Pam Tureck

### SATURDAY VIGIL, JULY 29TH

6:00 pm Jill Jordan, Vicki Gerstenfeld,  
David McDonald

### SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

7:30 am Charles Falcone, John Seykora, Kay Frissora

9:00 am Kelly Koscil, Dennis Donnelly, Linda Dowd

10:30 am Mary Beth & Al Wolanin, Pat O'Donnell

12:00 pm Kathy and Tony Ricciotti, Annette Pennoni