

St. John Neumann Parish

June 18, 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Happy Father's Day—We love you!

MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am** Public & Livestream*
10:30 am, 12:00 pm, 5:15 pm***

Monday—Saturday: 8:00 am Public & Livestream* Mass

* www.sjnparish.org/livestream

** Little Church School every week; **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

*** Youth Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm—in the Gathering Room.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYER

Rosary — Daily at 8:30 am

— Mondays at 7:00 pm (in church)

Adoration — Thursdays 8:30 — 9:30 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet —Fridays at 8:30 am

THE SACRAMENTS— ANOINTING OF THE SICK; BAPTISM OF CHILDREN; MARRIAGE; RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Please contact the Parish Office to speak with Msgr. Matz or Deacon Kevin. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 1:15pm.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

Please contact the Parish Office to register to become a member or fill out the registration form on our website.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

5:15 pm Pauline Duffy

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

7:30 am Gerald Fitzpatrick
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Dr. Jack Shutack
12:00 pm John Burfete
5:15 pm Eugene Corcoran

MONDAY, JUNE 19

ST. ROMUALD

8:00 am Joe Hayden

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 am Denise Hoeschele

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 am Paul Rastatter

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

St. Paulinus of Nora: SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 am Annie & John Casey

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

8:00 am Joe Hayden

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 am Intentions of Juan Aguilar



If you need to update your address or contact information please contact the Parish Office

Thank You!



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Flowers presented at the Crucifix ~
in memory of Carolyn and Anthony Mellone and Adele and Bob Bialecki from Dr. Russ and Stephanie Bialecki

Flowers presented in front of the Altar ~
in memory of Adam and Theresa Cavalier
from Ramona Diano



Frank had been a Catholic all his life. He went to Mass on Sundays, but not much else beyond that. His faith experience never became part of how he lived his

life. They were like two separate things. Once Mass was over, he felt that he had fulfilled the “obligation” which his parents had instilled in him that he must fulfill, and then he got down to the “business” of living the reality of life for the week.

But all this started to change as Frank got older and as he started to develop some physical problems. He began to see that he couldn't do all the things he used to do. And now there were the pills, and the doctor check-ups, and the blood tests. He even had a close call with a serious skin cancer which actually made him start thinking of the possibility of death!

But what really got his attention was the day his wife came to him and said that she wanted out of the marriage; that she had fallen in love with someone else. Now Frank knew for sure that he needed help. This wasn't something that he could handle on his own. That first Sunday after the bomb was dropped he went to Mass. But now, when he received Holy Communion, he didn't just go back to his seat and start looking at his watch and thinking about what he was going to do with the rest of his day and week. He actually knelt down and prayed. It wasn't an elaborate prayer. It was simply this: “Lord, please help me. I don't know what to do. Please show me a way out of this!”

Over 2000 years ago Christ was crucified—murdered actually—then buried in a tomb. But

three days later some of his followers said that they had seen him, that they had talked with him, and shared a meal with him. They were so convinced that He was alive that they endured terrible deaths—martyrdom—rather than deny that they had seen him.

Before their deaths they passed on something that Jesus was adamant for them to share with others. It was this: That as the priest said Jesus' words over ordinary bread and wine, Jesus would become present in those elements. They would become his body and blood. And people were to receive these special gifts, this Sacrament. This was passed on to the next generation of Christians who then wrote about their belief and what Christ wanted us to do in order to be saved. Other Christians do not believe what we believe about the Eucharist. But we Catholics have from our very beginnings always known that Christ wanted to save us in this way.

So, when you receive the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in this Sacrament: the most holy body and blood of Christ, remember that the Lord wishes to become one with us, to enter our messy lives and make straight our crooked paths. But sadly, “we are elsewhere, busy about something that means nothing to Him”.

When you receive Him, know that this is the most powerful moment of prayer. Speak with Christ from your heart. He gave himself to you because he sees you as his friend, as the one he went to the cross for! Realize what a great Sacrament has been given to you!

Becoming Catholic – Extend an Invitation!

PERHAPS YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN DEEPENING THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. PERHAPS THEY ARE SEARCHING—

- For meaning
- For God
- For belonging
- For truth
- For family unity

INVITE THEM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC — NO COMMITMENT, JUST A CONVERSATION.

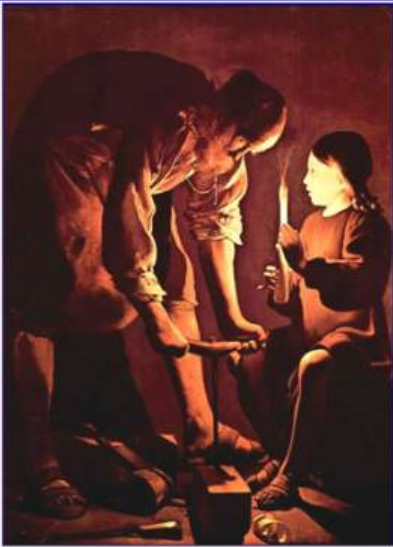
IF INTERESTED, THEY CAN JOIN OUR 'INQUIRY' SESSIONS.. AFTER, THEY CAN CHOOSE WHETHER OR NOT TO CONTINUE ON THIS JOURNEY WITH US.

THEY ARE WAITING FOR YOUR INVITATION!

Invite someone to learn more:

Catholic@sjnparish.org





Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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YOU CAN HELP OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS!



VOLUNTEER! July 2—9

Contact Mary Beth Wolanin at:

ihnsjn@gmail.com or call/text 610-550-9383

DINNER PREPARERS — 6:15 PM Drop Off meals

EVENING HOST — 6:30–8:00 PM

(requires clearances after first time; assistance provided)

OVERNIGHT HOST — 8:00 PM–6:00 AM

(requires clearances; assistance provided)

SET-UP — Arrival Sunday at 4 PM (~ 1 hour)

BREAKDOWN — Departure Sunday 8 AM (~45 mins)

LAUNDRY HELP — Departure Sunday.

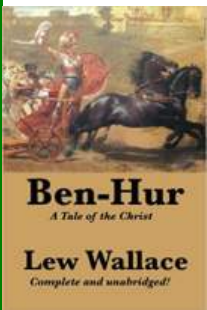
Book Club

Update

ARE YOU CONSIDERING READING BEN-HUR, ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY PUBLISHED AND READ BOOKS, EVER? A SENSE OF OUR FIRST READING IS BELOW ("Book One" — 14 chapters, ~55 pages)

Book One --> Sets the stage for the tale of Ben-Hur (our protagonist).

Book Two (our upcoming session) will fast-forward 21 years after the birth of Christ.



The stage is set for the story by revisiting the birth of Christ: We were introduced to the wise men, each from a different "corner of the world:" In a sense, Wallace (author) invokes the unifying spirit of Christ by bringing the corners of the world back together again (as he fictionally states, that were dispersed from three sons of Noah after the flood). Through the wise men, we learn of other prominent religions and cultural ways of life — each with their upsides, but each lacking. This call from God to the wise men pulls at a deeper yearning and need they each have. The wise man from India explains that even though he gave up everything to help the extreme poor, even they rejected him because he violated the "caste-system rules". Wallace uses the star as a manifestation of God leading their way. He also weaves Scriptural references throughout their tale.

We were then taken on the journey of Mary, carrying the Child in her womb, and Joseph. They arrive in town for the census but there isn't room at the inn. Wallace is superb at painting the picture of the times, helping us understand the culture (e.g. the local culture, inns, how they operate, etc). His vivid portrayal of the marketplace transported us all to the likely activity and scenes of the times.

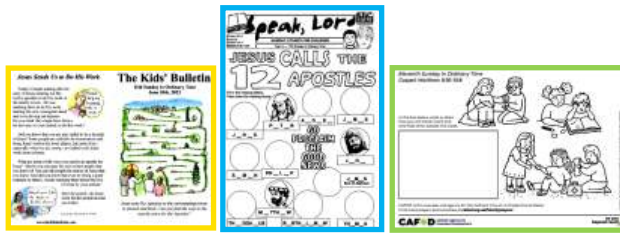
Next, the shepherds are drawn into the story, again with Wallace weaving Scripture into the tale, this time via an angel that visits them, "For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord!" They decide to visit this child and arrive at the cave to worship him.

Meanwhile, the magi make their way to Herod, who, on queue, is seeking to find where this newborn king is "so that he can worship" (or not!). The exchange between the wise men and Herod includes, "What is to follow the coming of the new king?" The wise men reply, "The salvation of men." "From what?" "Their wickedness." They continue to follow the star which rests above the site of the birth of Christ to worship him and offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh -- why do they pay homage to this Child? "Their faith rested upon the signs sent them by him whom we have since come to know as the Father..."

Family Faith



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St. John the Baptist | Catholic Saints



Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they talk about St. John the Baptist, the forerunner to Christ.

St. Thomas More: The Age of the Author

This engaging series delves into the lives of the saints who led the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In this episode, learn about St. Thomas More, a patient witness to the faith who endured a heroic martyrdom at the hands of Henry VIII.



The Baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist



Dr. John Sehorn joins Fr. Isaac Morales, OP, a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College. This episode highlights the significance of Jesus' baptism at the hands of his cousin, John the Baptist.

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Join us Friday mornings after the 8:00 am Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Our Chaplet is offered for all who are suffering.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Seminarian!

Matthew Pace was born and raised in northeast Philadelphia in Presentation B.V.M. Parish in Cheltenham. He is the oldest of three siblings with two younger sisters. Matthew went to LaSalle High School and received his undergraduate degree at St. Joseph's University and his Ph.D. at the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied HIV. He then went to the University of Oxford where he continued his research on HIV cure for 8 years. While in England, Matthew grew more connected to his faith through the Jesuit run University Chaplaincy and a local prayer group. Eventually, Matthew realized his science career was no longer satisfying and so he brought it into prayer over several months and directed retreats. Eventually, Matthew realized he might have a call to the diocesan priesthood and spoke with his pastor, spiritual director and the vocational directors in both England and Philadelphia. After several additional months of prayer, a growing devotion to the Blessed Mother and prayer techniques from one of his favorite saints, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Matthew felt called home to Philadelphia and enrolled at St. Charles Seminary in August 2021. Matthew is about to enter his 3rd year of seminary and is spending 8 weeks in the summer and Thursdays in the 2023-24 school year here at St. John Neumann parish.



Pray FOR THE SICK

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- Maria Breber
- Joe & Debbie Difelice
- Rylee Monahan
- Minerva Passalacqua
- Loretta Ribecca
- Eric Rudolph
- Coy Saul

If you would like to add your name or the name of your loved ones to the Prayers List, please call the Parish Office: 610-525-3100

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SCJN School is proud to congratulate the 25 amazing graduates of SCJN School. We are proud of the young men and women that they have become and we know they will go on to high school being "the very best version of themselves". Archbishop Carroll, Academy of Notre Dame, Haverford School, Radnor High School, Malvern Prep, Merion Mercy Academy, Villa Maria Academy, St. Joseph's Prep and the Haverford School are beyond lucky to be welcoming our Class of 2023!



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