

St. John Neumann Parish

August 13, 2023

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 for an appointment with Msgr. Matz to register and become a member.



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mainoffice@sjnparish.org

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Saints Colman—John

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www.scjnschool.org

610-525-3266

372 Highland Lane

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

STAFF

- ◆ **Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Matz
- ◆ **In Residence:** Rev. Robert J. Chapman
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- ◆ **Parish Services Director:** Ms. Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Sunday Assistance:**
 - Rev. Gerald D. Canavan
 - Rev. Robert J. Murray, OSA
- ◆ **Business Mgrs:** Mrs. Joy Falcone, Mr. Paul Selvaggi
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- ◆ **Director of Religious Education:** Mrs. Katie DiRienzo
- ◆ **Assoc. DRE:** Mrs. Katie Keating

COORDINATORS OF PARISH MINISTRY

www.sjnparish.org visit 'Ministries' to learn more; to email a ministry, click on their name in our digital bulletin:

- ◆ **Adult Group:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Adult Faith Formation:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Altar Guild:** Nora Saraceni
- ◆ **Bible Study:** Craig Callaghan
- ◆ **'Caring for Friends':** Cheryl Calnan
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Katie Keating
- ◆ **CYO Athletics:** Carrie Tornatela; Robert Lythgoe
- ◆ **Disabilities Partnership:** Sheila Sheaffer
- ◆ **Family Promise/Main Line (IHN):** Mary Beth Wolanin
- ◆ **Garage Sale:** Isabel Momenee
- ◆ **Good Samaritans:** Craig Callaghan
- ◆ **Healing/Communion & H.O.P.E.:** Clare Frissora
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- ◆ **Lectors:** Jack McNamara
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- ◆ **Prayer Line:** prayerline@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **RCIA:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Respect Life:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Ushers:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Walking with Purpose:** Mary Beth Wolanin



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

5:15 pm Meghan Ranalli

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

7:30 am Joyce Bowden
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Michelle K. Massey
12:00 pm Linda McCabe Lewis
5:15 pm Robert Fuss

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:00 am Frank and Ann Thompson
5:15 pm Mr. E. LiVolsi

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:45 am Maureen Sullivan
8:00 am Mary Ann Carroll
12:00 pm Marlene Anthony

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

8:00 am Thomas McKenzie

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

8:00 am Thomas Pikunas

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Joe Hayden

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

St. John Eudes

8:00 am Virginia Hayden

SJN Prayer Line — Prayer Support When You Need it!

Email: prayerline@sjnparish.org

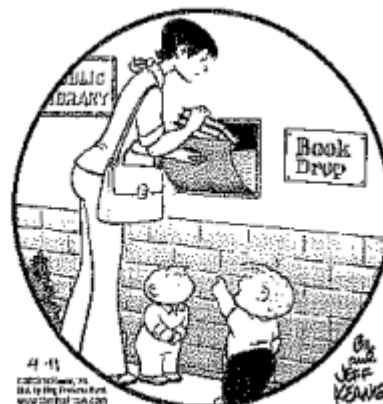
A team of prayer warriors are standing ready to pray for a friend, loved one, or you!



- PRAYER
- PRIVATE
- IMMEDIATE
- DAILY

SJN GARAGE SALE

October 14th & 15th



Our excellent Book Department can certainly use your donations (no textbooks, encyclopedias or magazines please).

What sells are: fiction, history, biographies and childrens books.

We are no longer accepting other categories of non-fiction. Also, the stationary department has been eliminated. Thanks.

Info: Mary Ann 610-353-1875

THANK YOU!

OFFERINGS:

— Aug.3: \$ 16,332



Online Giving

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PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Grotto (in church if rain)



Altar Flowers

Consider offering flowers for the sanctuary for a special intention!

- ◆ Sacred Heart —\$75
- ◆ Blessed Mother—\$75
- ◆ In front of Altar—\$150
- ◆ Behind the Altar (both sides)—\$250

The sign up book is located in the back of the church or contact the Parish office



Mark was feeling very frustrated. As often as he said he wasn't going to spend hours using the Internet, he would always end up falling into the same traps.

And one of those traps was to go places on the Internet where he knew he shouldn't go. And usually after those long sessions, where he knew he was wasting time and not doing the things he was supposed to be doing, he would feel really bad about himself. Guilt would take him over and bring him down. He would then promise himself that he would never do that kind of thing again. But within a few days he was back and falling into the trap.

And now Mark was starting to think to himself, "what's the use", I can never conquer my problem. God must surely have given up on me!

Last week we celebrated the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. On the high mountain Jesus revealed to Peter, James and John who he really was: "his face shown like the sun and his clothes became white as light." The disciples became afraid at this manifestation. They were thinking how unworthy they were to be there before the glory of God's son.

And yet that glory is meant for all of us too. Christ has promised that we will be like him in heaven. How can a promise such as this ever be fulfilled when we look in the mirror at our weak and sinful selves? How distant from the fulfillment of such a promise do you think a guy like Mark must see himself! Yet, that promise *is real*. It was made to all of us at our baptism.

So, the question remains, how do we get "from here to there"? The only way is by allowing the Lord to transform us. When we are engaged in sin, we are not acting like the person we are called to be. And the only way that we can become that person is through the grace of God. It's never our achievement, it's God's grace working with in us. The decision we have to make is whether or not we are going to allow that grace into our heart or not. It's not about our conquering anything, but rather placing our sins at the

foot of the cross and saying, "Lord, I need your help. I can't do this myself."

You and I and Mark can be transformed into who we are really are supposed to be, but for most of us the process is slow—very slow, in fact. We may tire of the process and think we are getting nowhere. For persons of faith that's not the case. A person of faith knows that God's doing things for us that we are not even aware of.

When we are feeling overwhelmed by our weaknesses and sins, what's the best thing to do? Pray for God's grace, take advantage of the sacrament of Reconciliation, and allow God to do the rest. Not your plan to fix things, but rather God's.

And when we fall into sin again, as most likely we will, it's very important to NOT give in to despair. When we do that, we are allowing the evil spirit to succeed. Remember what the evil spirit's goal is: to shut us down; to keep us from responding to God's grace; make us think there's no hope.

There's a wonderful little book written by a French priest, Fr. Jaques Philippe. It's called *Searching for and Maintaining Peace: A small treatise on Peace of Heart*. As I close, let me share this passage. It has always been a help to me and might be a help to you, too:

...there flows a rule of conduct that is very important to keep in mind when we should happen to commit a fault. We certainly must feel sorry for having sinned, ask God for pardon, humbly beg Him to accord us the grace not to offend Him again in this way, and resolve to go to confession at an opportune moment.

Without making ourselves sad or discouraged, we should recover our peace as quickly as possible thanks to the graces from on high, and resume our normal spiritual life as if nothing had happened. The more quickly we recover our peace, the better it will be! We make much more progress in this way than by becoming irritated with ourselves.

And it is in ways like this that we allow Christ to transform us into the persons we were meant to be!

SCJN CYO Fall Sports

*Registration is Now Open for
all Parish Students!*

Please register at www.scjnsaints.org



OUR FALL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Cross Country: Boys and Girls (Kindergarten—8th grade)
- ◆ Field Hockey: Girls (5th—8th grades)
- ◆ Soccer: Boys and Girls (5th—8th grades)
- ◆ Volleyball: Girls (5th—8th grades)

REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE ON AUG. 27TH.

ANY questions please contact the CYO Board at
SCJNSaints@gmail.com

The Saints' Stomp 5K & 1 Mile Run/Fun Walk

The 11th Annual SS. Colman-John Neumann Saints' Stomp 5K Run and 1 Mile Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, September 23rd.

THE RACE STARTS AT 9AM IN FRONT OF SJN CHURCH



The race and walk is for all ages and abilities, every participant receives a t-shirt. Refreshments will be served.

ALL OF THE PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE SCJN CYO ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
Sign-up: www.brynmawrracing.com
(under the Race Calendar tab)



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

JOIN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAMILY

We need YOUR help. Grow in your own faith while helping our young parishioners grow to love Jesus and the Church. We are in need of catechists, aides, hall monitors and substitutes.



Previous experience is not necessary, but a love for Jesus and his children are!

(Catechists are paid positions; tools, training and guidance provided!)

Contact Katie Di Rienzo at prep@sjnparish.org

Classes: Tuesdays, Sept. 19—May 14, 4:30—5:45 pm

Do Whatever He Tells You — Mary



Do not hesitate to receive Joy from Me, for I bestow it on you abundantly. The more you rest in My Presence, the more freely My Blessings flow into you. In the Light of My Love, you are gradually transformed from glory to glory. It is through spending time with Me that you realize how wide and long and high and deep is My Love for you.

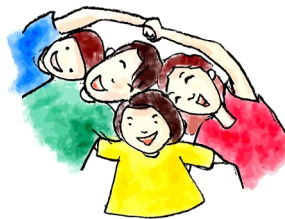
Sometimes the relationship I offer you seems too good to be true. I pour My very Life into you, and all you have to do is receive Me. In a world characterized by working and taking, the admonition to rest and receive seems too easy. There is a close connection between receiving and believing: As you trust Me more and more, you are able to receive Me and My blessings abundantly. Be still, and know that I am God.

Jesus Calling—Sarah Young (Mar. 14)

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) 2023-2024

Registration now open for grades 1-7
Please register [HERE](#).

St. John Neumann PREP will be on
Tuesdays 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM on campus
Sept. 19—May 14



All registrations are to be completed online by Sept. 1.

Early registrations are greatly appreciated for materials ordering and other preparation.

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE 2023



NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY
OF CZESTOCHOWA

654 Ferry Rd
Doylestown, PA

[FLYER/CLICK HERE](#)

For more information or
to register visit:
catholicwomensconference.org

Created for Love

Daughter • Sister • Friend • Bride • Mother

October 28, 2023 | 9AM - 4PM

Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

GREAT FOR ADULTS!

Click on links in the online Bulletin or visit our website homepage.

At St. John Neumann church, where can we find a Redemptorist Cross and what does it represent?

Last Week: What is the full role of the cantor?

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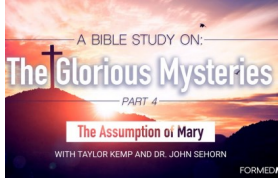
Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe



After escaping from Auschwitz, a man hears the tragic news about ten random inmates sentenced by the Nazis to death as a punishment for his escape - one of whom is Fr. Maximilian Kolbe.

A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: The Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



St. Maximilian Kolbe | Lukas Storyteller



Inspired by the heroic life of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Lukas helps his friends understand that they should always be grateful for what they have.

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The Mass Book for 2024 is open. Stop by the Parish office to request your Mass intentions.

Help Kids Succeed

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

STUDENTS AT OUR SISTER PARISH IN PHILLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

DROP-OFF AT CHURCH SEPT 2-10
AND HELP THESE STUDENTS BE PREPARED FOR A GREAT YEAR AHEAD!



Suggested Items:

- MARBLE COMPOSITION BOOKS; LOOSE LEAF PAPER (WIDE OR COLLEGE RULED); NO SPIRAL BOOKS
- PENCILS, ERASERS, ERASABLE BLACK INK PENS, CRAYONS, MAGIC MARKERS, COLOR PENCILS
- RULERS, SCISSORS (FOR LITTLE FINGERS)
- GLUE STICKS, CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- BACKPACKS



Our Mother of Sorrows/
St. Ignatius of Loyola
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
An Independence Mission School

Thank you for helping these children & families make the most of their education!

SCJN GOLF AND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

OCTOBER 2, 2023

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Pray FOR THE SICK

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- Joe & Debbie Difelice
- Richard John
- Stephanie Manko
- Rylee Monahan
- Terry Pennoni
- 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



**SJN VOLUNTEERS HELP IN MANY WAYS! ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN!
ALL NEW OR PREVIOUS PARISH & SCJN SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS MUST CHECK IN!**

Please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator, Kathy Selvaggi before beginning your support this fall. Thank you! kathy.selvaggi@sjnparish.org



YOU CAN HELP OVERCOME POVERTY & HOMELESSNESS!

VOLUNTEER August 20—27

Contact Mary Beth Wolanin:

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

- * SET-UP — Arrival Sunday at 4 PM (~ 1 hour)
- * DINNER PREPARERS — 6:15 PM Drop Off meals
- * EVENING HOST — 6:30-8:00 PM
- * OVERNIGHT HOST — 8:00 PM-6:00 AM
- * BREAKDOWN — Departure Sunday 8 AM (~45 mins)
- * LAUNDRY HELP — Departure Sunday.



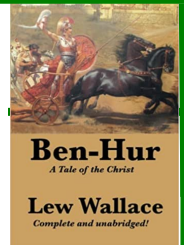
LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL

**STARTS SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 AT THE
9:00 AM MASS FOR CHILDREN
3 YEAR OLD—KINDERGARTEN.**

We are always looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to help our youngest learn about the Gospel message. Volunteers assist the ministry leader; more volunteers will facilitate a team-rotation schedule.

Book Club

**Ben-Hur:
Book 6,
Part 2 and
Book 7**



Ben-Hur's mother and sister, Tirzah, survived their years in prison seclusion through the mother's total and complete faith in God. They are released from prison but cannot rejoin society as they are lepers, unclean. Meanwhile, Ben-Hur has finally reached Jerusalem; his heart is stirred for his recollections and the history of God, but noted that tax collectors had overtaken the Temple. He finds his old home boarded up. He prayed for the New King; sat on the ground and slept from his journey. Amrah, the old servant at his house, had remained their secretly over the years, and Simonides, had secretly kept her supplied (Simonides had been the former servant to Ben-Hur's father, so would have had the connection to the Hur household). Soon his mother and sister arrive at the house for a look on their way out of town; they find the sign stating 'property of the Emperor,' and are devastated — they will not find Ben-Hur (they are not on the same side of the house) yet the mother continues to trust in God. As they walk, they encounter the sleeping Ben-Hur and realize who it is. But they must not touch him, they are unclean. The mother knows that Ben-Hur will seek to help them, if awakened, and thus may become infected too. In his dream he calls out to his mother... They leave and watch in hiding from across the street. Amrah returns and realizes it is Ben-Hur — she awakens him and they reunite; they speak of his mother and Tirzah — it is tearing at the two who are watching from their hiding spot. In the morning they are discovered and driven out of town. Amrah, overhears the story of the Hurs found in prison. Meanwhile, the mother and daughter take up residence in an empty tomb. Providentially, they seek water at the well at a similar time and Amrah figures out who they are. They establish a means of communication and provision of food. Meanwhile, trouble is brewing between the people and Pontius Pilate; the relationship is souring. An incident unfolds causing Ben-Hur to challenged a Roman centurion; he wins. And with it wins the support and trust of the multitude of men who are forming against the Romans. Soon, Ben-Hur has the men he needs to start training — to build an army to support the New King. They hear of a prophet in the wilderness, claiming one much greater than himself is coming. Iras, Bathasar's daughter, returns to the story as cunning as ever. Ben-Hur, however swoons over her. She is derisive of her father's faith in God and the child he worshipped years ago, thinking him the Savior of Souls. Ben-Hur learns that Balthasar's dreams have been invaded by the long-awaited coming of the Savior. They discuss 'Savior' vs 'king'; the saving of souls. Ben-Hur is beginning to see that there may be a spiritual kingdom that is more important to men. Balthasar asks 'what is a limited life on earth in comparison to eternity with God?' He speaks of being ready for that call to eternity and the need to be prepared — who would want to deny that glory due to their unfitness? He explains the challenge — not to limit looking for only what you're expecting. Meanwhile, Iras doubles-down on earthly things as the only things of importance. She seems to be calculating a way into his life to become his wife, to ultimately become as a queen — co-leading with him over the people and army she sees him building. Soon Ben-Hur finds himself encountering the herald of the New King from the desert — he is disappointed, the man doesn't appear as he would expect — an unwieldy beard, animal skins as clothes and is preaching. He sees another man approach and points to him. The other man is unique—peaceful, intelligent, and blending a look of love, pity and sorrow. He says: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Balthasar falls to his knees exclaiming, "It is he, it is he!" Ben-Hur is confounded — is this a Messiah or king? Then he recognizes the man — it is the one who gave him water as he was taken, walking in chains, to the galley years ago! Meanwhile, Balthasar exclaims, "this is the SON OF GOD," and Ben-Hur is distracted as Iras calls for his help, Balthasar loses consciousness. As he regains consciousness, they discuss, 'Do you believe he is the Son of God?'