

St. John Neumann Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 3, 2023



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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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:15 pm Living and Deceased Members of the Logan Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

7:30 am The Hayden Family
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Mary and John Doherty
12:00 pm George Mascony, Jr.
5:15 pm Peter Shoulin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY

8:00 am Virginia Hayden

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 am Mimi Emma

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00 am Kellie Connor Gaglioti

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 am Watson and Jean Grzymala

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 am Alexander Sandy MacMurtrie

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest
8:00 am Thomas Pikunas

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

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, September 4th

HAPPY LABOR DAY



We all need to be loved. We need to know that someone cares about us, and that we mean something to them. Sometimes by our actions we can be

saying to another person, especially to one that we say we are close to, that we really don't care about them. And if you've ever confronted someone about this they would probably say to you, "Why would you question whether or not I care about you, or how could you ever doubt that I love you." But we all know that actions speak louder than words. So, it is important to know that we are important to another person—that someone cares about us, that we matter to them.

The reason why I get into all of this is because of the scene that's described for us in Matthew's Gospel this morning. Jesus wants to know if, after all that he has been through so far with his apostles, does he really matter to them, do they understand who he is: "Who do you say that I am?" Notice, when Jesus was asking about what the crowds thought of him, the question was a bit more impersonal: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" This is quite different from "who do you say that I am?" But also notice how indifferent the group response was at first: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." When it comes to answering the more pointed question, the one that Jesus cares about the most, it's Simon who speaks, *alone*: "You are the Christ, the



Son of the living God". And once Simon makes that proclamation, the rest of the conversation becomes very personal, almost intimate, just between Simon Peter and Jesus. It's almost as if the spotlight is focused now on the two of them, and the others are out of sight or in the dark.

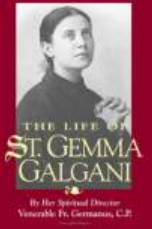
A great scripture scholar, especially on the Gospel of Matthew, Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis (now Trappist monk, Father Simeon) wrote this about this scene:

"Therefore, Jesus' question to the disciples is not so much an official examination at the end of a period of scholastic training as it is a hopeful query by a Lover who needs to know to what extent he is known, understood, and accepted in his deepest identity by those he loves, those to whom he has been at pains to manifest himself."

Because Simon declares what he believes and doesn't evade the question, he gets Jesus' undivided attention (so to speak). And he can now transform Simon's life in a powerful way, although there will still be plenty of ups and downs along the way. The hint at the future transformation comes when Jesus says, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah... and so I say to you you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church..."

So you see, once you acknowledge who Jesus is in your life, once you tell Him that he matters to you and that you *need Him*, Jesus can begin to transform your life. Jesus loves you and wants to help you. Will you let Him do that?

Book Club



Join us or read on your own!
Beginning Friday, Sept. 8
"The Life of St. Gemma Galgani"
Order a book: ~\$15
book-club@sjnparish.org

St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903) was a mystic, stigmatist, visionary, ecstatic, victim soul, discerner of spirits, seer of hidden things, prophetess, spouse of Christ, zealot for souls and devotee of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. She died at only 25. Her mother was also saintly, and it is beautiful to see how she helped cultivate this lily of purity. See how Gemma made great sacrifices painful to human nature from her tenderest years. Inspiring and edifying!

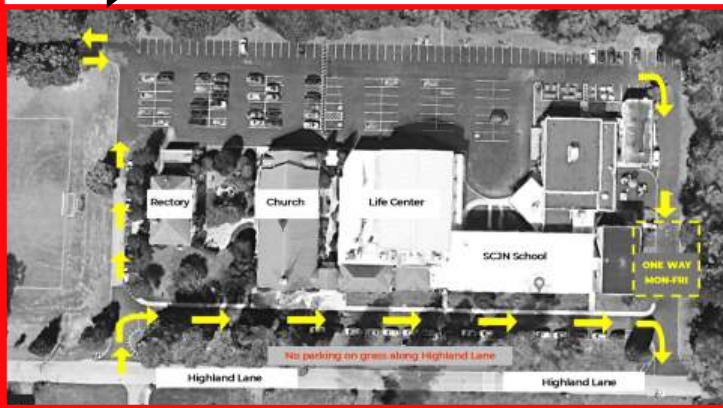


**SECOND COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND—SEP 2/3**

The Black and Indian Mission Collection exists to help local African American and Native American Diocesan Communities throughout the United States spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs on the ground. Thank you for your generous support!

For more information or to give on line [click here](#)

SJN Campus Traffic Pattern Change Beginning Tuesday, September 5, 2023



In order to improve traffic safety on our campus and on Highland Lane and to facilitate safety for student drop-off and pick-up, the direction of traffic in front of the church (parallel to Highland Lane) will be changed.

On this one-way lane, the direction of traffic will move from the rectory towards the school.

Parking will remain next to the trees.

This change will be effective
Tuesday, September 5th.



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,
welcome to God's family!

AUGUST 27TH ~

Caden Thomas Mullen

SON OF KYLE AND JENNIFER



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



STARTS SUNDAY, SEPT. 24 AT THE 9:00 AM MASS — 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.



STUDENTS AT OUR SISTER PARISH IN PHILLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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AND HELP THESE STUDENTS BE PREPARED FOR A GREAT YEAR AHEAD!



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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Sept. 8th

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September.



The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8. Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Proto-evangelium of James* fills in the gap. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary/>

Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

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Why do we extend the sign of peace at Mass?

Last Week: When is this prayer prayed and what is its focus: "Deliver us, Lord, from every evil"?

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Sacred Art



By studying Sacred Art, we fuel our prayer and contemplation. In this episode, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Taylor Kemp to examine the theological nuances contained in Bartolome Murillo's depiction of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2023



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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

Family Faith Weekend 2023!

September 16th–17th after all Masses
in the Gathering Room

Inspirational, educational and devotional
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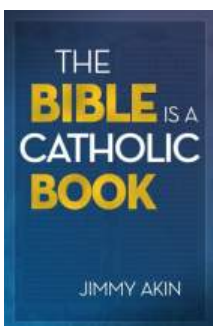
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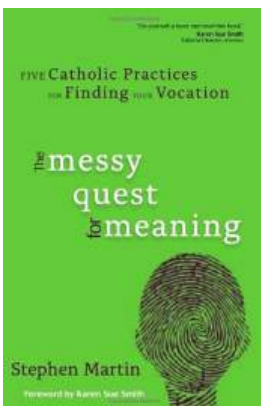
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AVAILABLE AT FAMILY FAITH WEEKEND!



The Bible is a Catholic Book

Embrace Sacred Scripture as not just the written word of God but as a thoroughly Catholic work, intimately connected with the Church from the earliest centuries.



The Messy Quest for Meaning

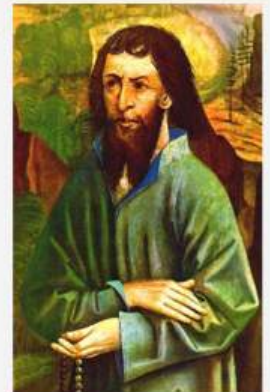
Stephen Martin first tells of his own struggle to find meaning and purpose in his life and then details the five transforming practices that he learned, over time, from the Trappist monks with whom he studied, interviewed, and prayed: Follow your own desires and discover what really attracts you.

Prayer of St. Nicholas of Flüe

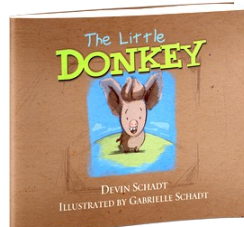
My Lord and my God,
take from me everything that
distances me from you;

my Lord and my God,
give me everything that
brings me closer to you;

my Lord and my God,
detach me from myself
to give my all to you.



The Little Donkey:



Have you ever felt left out? Like you don't fit in? Have you ever felt that you've made a mess of things? These feelings often lead us to suffer from loneliness, isolation, and shame. Children often identify with these emotions. Take your child on a journey with the Little Donkey, as he experiences circumstances that cause him to feel unworthy, but eventually finds significance in the One who never lets us down or disappoints us.

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