

St. John Neumann Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 22, 2023



Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God. — Mt 22:21

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, OCTOBER 21

5:15 pm Francis J. Reardon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:30 am Jean Haviland
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Michelle & Al Massey
12:00 pm Rose Murphy
5:15 pm Arthur Mostardi

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

St. John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 am Diana Caron

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

8:00 am Joe Hayden

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00 am Barbara Tiernan

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

8:00 am Helena Walsh

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am Anita Fitzgerald

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00 am Matthew J. Ribecca



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,
welcome to God's family!

OCTOBER 15TH ~

Wesley Thomas Prevoznik

SON OF CHRIS AND MAUREEN

SJN parishioner and Executive Director of the PA Pro-Life Federation, Chris Pushaw, invites you to join their annual Celebrate Life Banquet! Saturday, Oct. 28th at Hershey Lodge.



Join Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's Annual Fundraiser Banquet, **Celebrate Life**. You are invited to a evening with prominent pro-life guests while supporting us in our life-saving work. This year's keynote speaker is **Raymond Arroyo** who has covered the pro-life movement at EWTN for 28 years; he also brought national coverage to the March for Life. **Mark Houck** will receive our Pro-Life Leadership Award. Mark rose to national prominence by enduring a predawn FBI raid and ensuing federal trial for his pro-life witness.

**Cocktails at 4:30, banquet at 5:30 pm;
Hershey Lodge & Convention Center, register at:
www.paprolife.org/banquet**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Jane Hinckley



May her soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Thank You!

OFFERINGS:
- Oct. 15: \$16,781

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



MAKE CONFESSION A ROUTINE!
TUE. AT 6:00 PM - IN THE GATHERING ROOM



Adoration

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am
Come spend time in the presence of Jesus



I'm thinking of a man who, on the surface, seemed to be the nicest guy you would ever want to meet. He has a wonderful wife and a great family. He's involved in

the community, coaches several sports teams and can be the life of the party at social gatherings. Yet, what no one knows, including his wife and family, is that this man is not such a nice person—that he's involved in some very shady business deals and other things that he would rather not have his family and friends know about.

At a certain point in their relationship, his wife senses that there is something “not right” with her husband. The fact that he's out a lot and seems to be very vague about what he's doing. One day she confronts him and he just says that he's had a lot to deal with at work. Then he starts to change his schedule a bit and is around the house more regularly. His wife begins to settle down and is less suspicious. She thinks to herself that maybe she was jumping to conclusions.

But the reality is that this man is still up to his “not so nice” things. He's just learned to be more of a sneak, and cover his tracks a little better. So, he keeps on lying to his wife and continues to be involved in things that would have made his kids ashamed of him. He was not the person people thought he was.

In Matthew's Gospel we hear the strange story of a man who came to the feast not dressed properly. This was so insulting to the host that the man is cast out into the darkness.

Here's what Christ is telling us: If you are not who you claim to be, speaking one way but acting another, God is going to call you on that! So, using vivid imagery, Jesus is saying, “get your

act together and stop doing the things that you know are wrong; and if you are caught up in something that has overtaken your life, get the help you need to break away from it. Don't live a lie!”

As people of faith we are asked to follow the commandments, and when we sin, to seek forgiveness. The wedding garment is not about clothes at all, but rather it's about our decision to amend our lives as Christ would have us do. We are invited to the “feast” (to be part of Christ in heaven), but we can't do that unless we are “properly attired”. The way that we do that is ask Jesus to help you get rid of the obstacles in your life, to stop pretending. We are properly attired when we live our lives the way Christ taught us, by being willing to forgive, by not putting ourselves first all the time, by participating in the Eucharistic banquet that is prepared for us. These are the things that are important to God.

Our “yes” must mean “yes”, our “no” to sin and evil must mean just that. We can't say we are with God and then be part of the evil of the world.

Now, this doesn't mean that we have to be perfect before we enter the doors of the church, but we have to be open to allowing the Lord to transform us and heal us.

Here's what the great Scripture scholar William Barclay wrote: “Grace is not only a gift; it is a serious responsibility.

We cannot go on living the life we lived before we met Jesus Christ. The door is open, but not for the sinner to come and remain a sinner, but for the sinner to come and become a saint.”

Wear the wedding garment. Come properly dressed to the party—the feast that the Lord provides. Our salvation really depends on it!



PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Grotto
(in church if rain)

MASS INTENTION BOOK

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



RENOVATION UPDATE!



The exploration and development of plans to renovate our SJN church and expand our SCJN School have been underway since the conclusion of the Feasibility Study.

The past months have focused on diving deeper into the feedback and comments received from the Parish in the initial survey and the Feasibility Study. This work has supported the effort to revisit and redesign both projects. The design revisions are also being focused relative to additional considerations regarding the larger campus and our pre-existing conditions. Stay tuned!

ANOTHER FABULOUS AND FUN GARAGE SALE SETS NEW RECORDS!

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YOU SHOWED THAT *OUR COMMUNITY* ALLOWS SUCH A HUGE EFFORT TO BE SEAMLESS AND FUN FOR ALL, *THANK YOU.*



Good Morning, Jesus



Jesus, you are good and wise
 I will praise you when I rise.
 Jesus, hear this prayer I send
 bless my family and my friends.
 Jesus, help my eyes to see
 all the good you send to me.
 Jesus, help my ears to hear
 calls for help from far and near.
 Jesus, help my feet to go
 in the way that You will show.

Jesus, help my hands to do
 all things loving, kind, and true.
 Jesus, guard me through this day
 in all I do and all I say. Amen.



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
 5:15 PM MASS**

If you would like someone remembered who has passed in the prior year, Nov. 1, 2022 —Oct. 2023, please provide the information below to the Rectory, or contact Clare at 610-525-3100 clare@sjnparish.org.

Join us for this Mass, when we will honor the memory of those who have passed—their name will be noted and a candle will be lit for them during Mass.

Please provide: the name of deceased, the date of death, the contact person, phone or email, and the relationship to deceased.

Family Faith

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POPE JOHN PAUL II

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Slaves and Kings: The Story of St. Anthony Mary Claret (English Audio)

Following the life of St. Anthony Mary Clare-Archbishop, writer, publisher, social reformer, and confessor to the Queen of Spain- This film tells the compelling story of one of Spain's most popular preachers and founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism



This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

Come and See Weekends at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

The Journey begins with the call. And continues with discernment.

Discernment meaning to sift through; to sort out. This term is used frequently by those who are considering a vocation to the priesthood. The discernment process helps a young man to sort out "God's call for him."

These weekends offer men who are discerning the opportunity to visit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary and to explore seminary life & the possibility of their own call to the priesthood within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Upcoming dates:

- ♦ **High School students:** Oct 28-29, 2023; Jan 20-21, 2024
- ♦ **Post High School men:** Dec 1-3, 2023; Jan 26-28, 2024

This Weekend!



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 22ND



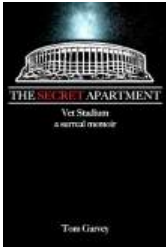
The collection today directly aids priests, religious and lay leaders in the Pope's Missions,

allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in need. Let's walk together with them through our prayers and generosity to make them burn with the word of God.

Pray FOR THE SICK

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| Stephanie Bialecki | Christina Luciano |
| Tom Blair | Rylee Monahan |
| Mary Lou Butler | Terry Pennoni |
| Joe & Debbie Difelice | Loretta Ribecca |
| Sebastian Fras | Eric Rudolph |
| Richard John | Coy Saul |

If you would like to add your name or the name of your loved ones to the Prayers List, call the Parish Office



Meet the Phantom of Veterans Stadium!

Monday, Nov. 6th, 3:30 — 4:30 pm

Tom Carvey, Green Beret, Vietnam Veteran and *Veteran's Stadium Tenant!*

The Secret Apartment: Vet Stadium, A Surreal Memoir

Imagine having the Eagles, the Phillies, or the Temple Owls playing just 60 feet from your front door for three years. Join Tom as he discusses his fascinating book about day-to-day living in Veterans Stadium.

"If I overheard anyone telling this story in a bar or at a party, I wouldn't believe it either. But I must confess, I'd probably "scooch" a little closer, eavesdropping, unable to walk away. I'd have to find out how this yarn unraveled. Let's begin an implausible story with a seemingly simple yet complex question. If you were single, never married with no children or dependents, would you, if you had the opportunity, have lived "on the down low" in a secret apartment in Veterans Stadium? In this proposal we have an off the wall South Philly version of 'The Phantom of the Opera,' but the larger notion this question begs could easily challenge the inner demons of sports fans anywhere. If you had an opportunity to live in a major sports stadium of a team you grew up loving, what would you have done? In my case: I could, so I did."

Even though our students work hard day in and day out, we still LOVE to have some fun! SCJN School has been celebrating the Phighting Phillies, we are their biggest fans. Here's hoping the winning streak continues!

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