

St. John Neumann Parish

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 29, 2023



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your mind." — Mt 22:37

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

CONFESIONS

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 28

5:15 pm Art Donato, Sr.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

7:30 am Rosalie Klein
 9:00 am People of SJN Parish
 10:30 am Nancy Lavin
 12:00 pm Helen Connors
 5:15 pm Gaetano "Gus" Curci

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

8:00 am Sarah Lynott

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:00 am Joseph M. Coleman
 5:15pm Lucia Espino

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

All Saints

8:00 am Mary LiVolsi
 12:00 pm John Cunningham

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithfull Departed

8:00 am Patrick Carey

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 am Nancy Lavin

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 am Virginia Hayden



First Saturday Devotion

Join us
 November 4th at 7:30 AM
 for the Holy Rosary
 (prior to 8:00 AM Mass)

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- Oct. 22: \$16,402
- 2nd Collection: \$4,967



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,
 welcome to God's family!

OCTOBER 22ND ~

Robert Louis Mahoney

SON OF KYLE AND KIMBERLY

Isabel Louise Hurtado

DAUGHTER OF BRYAN AND KYLE

Margot Mary Leigh

DAUGHTER OF DANIEL AND CHLOE

Welcome to our Newest Parishioners

Lauren Baraldi

Teresa and John Hoffman

Kaelin and Robert Lawlor

Suzanne and Timothy Llull

Kendra and Frank Spatacco

Lesli and Pete Verdi

Lindsey and Ryan Vogel

Nicole and Timothy Yocom

ALL SAINTS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil, Tuesday, October 31

5:15 pm

Wednesday, November 1

8:00 am

12:00 pm

Altar Flowers

Flowers presented at the
 Blessed Mother Statue —



For the deceased members of the Hunt Family
 from Patti Thorpe



Ben was a football coach in the local junior high school. He was very good at putting together great teams. On one particular occasion his team was playing

a game that he really wanted to win. In the second quarter his best player got hurt; and the boy insisted on continuing to play. Ben really wanted this win, so he sent the kid back in, and he let him play the next set of downs. But then suddenly he thought to himself, "What am I doing? The boy might have a concussion. I'm playing around with the rest of his life!" Ben called the boy's father out of the stands and told him that his son should be taken to the Emergency Room and be checked out.

The game was lost in the last quarter.

Years later, when Ben retired, many of his former players showed up for his retirement celebration. His assistant coach, Dan, was one of the speakers. He told the people present that Ben was a great coach who taught young people the fundamentals of life—the values that were important. Then Dan said, "The moment I knew we had a quality coach was when Ben, concerned that one of his players might have had a serious injury which could lead to something more serious, took that boy out of the game and made sure

he was taken to the hospital. The lost game didn't matter. That's when I realized Ben knew what was important in life. It wasn't about wins. Ben's faith helped him overcome the world's desire for success." Then Dan concluded his speech by saying, "This is a Christian man who knows that people are way more important than wins. And I am sure that God looks at it the same way."

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God". This is what Jesus says to the Pharisees who are trying to trip Him up. Repay to Caesar what belongs to him—the coin with Caesar's image. Repay to God what belongs to God—the *human person stamped with God's image*.

How do we repay to God what belongs to God? By trying every day to conform our will to the Father. Here's what the opening prayer states: Grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart".

Ben, in the story, was a person who, by his good example to so many young people, showed that he was stamped with the image of God. He gave back to God what was God's, his life lived in faith and integrity.

We are also asked to give back to God what is God's, namely our life lived in faith and sincerity of heart.

Which Saints are Honored on All Saints Day?

One common misconception about All Saints Day is that it only honors *canonized* saints, those holy men and women that the Church has officially recognized.

However, the feast is meant to honor "all saints," including all the holy men and women who are united to God in Heaven.

This could include your holy grandma, who spent the remaining days of her life in union with God. It could also include a holy homeless person, who died on the streets and was buried in an unknown grave.

St. John Paul II pointed this out in an Angelus message in 2002:

"Today the Church, as the liturgy states, has "the joy of celebrating in one feast the merits and the glory of all the Saints" (Opening Prayer): not only of those whom she has canonized in the course of the centuries, but also of the numberless men and women whose holiness, hidden in this world, is only known to God and shines in his eternal kingdom."

In fact, we could become part of that number of saints in Heaven, even if the Church never recognizes our holiness. All Saints Day could be our feast day! It is a reminder that everyone is called to holiness, no matter your situation. If we want to be welcomed into the gates of Heaven someday, we need to devote ourselves to sanctifying our life and following God's will. Happy feast day!



Source: aleteia.org/2021/11/01/which-saints-are-honored-on-all-saints-day/



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!

Meet the Ministries — November 4 & 5— After All Masses in the Gathering Room



Family Promise: Volunteers help families in transition away from poverty and/or homelessness. We help set up their living space at SJN, provide homemade dinners, act as the SJN overnight host, and support several other roles!. Make all of our guests who are striving for a better life, *feel at home!*



Music: We are a group of adults and youth who lend their talent as choir members, cantors, organists and musicians who lead music and song at most weekend Masses, seasonal occasions and special events. Find your place in our wonderful team!



Partnership with Persons with Disabilities: Our ministry seeks to invite, welcome and support people with disabilities and their families, so that they may grow in their faith and fully participate in parish life. Find out how you can help foster a parish community that celebrates the unique gifts and talents of each individual person!



Hospitality Sunday—Nov. 5th

After all morning Masses!

We hope to see YOU there.

Gather with friends and make new ones! Join us after Mass in the Gathering room for a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa, and a bite of soft pretzels and donuts.



FORUM ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES — NOVEMBER 11, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)

Speaker Joe Zalot, Ethicist and Director of Education of the National Catholic Bioethics Center joined by Gerry Woods, Esq. of the Elder Care Law Center and Eileen Curtin, MSN, a Hospice and Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner.

Topics: Determining Ordinary vs. Extraordinary Care; Advance Directives (Power of Attorney, Living Will); Providing Food and Water; Pain Relief, Palliative Care and Hospice; Determining Brain Death and Organ Donation

Location: St. Peter Parish Celebration Center, 2835 Manor Rd., West Brandywine, PA

More information: No cost to attend, but please register at <http://www.lifelovesexuality.com>; Questions? Contact: Jo Christof at jochristof@verizon.net or 610-942-3571

Come and See Weekends at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

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

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And continues with discernment.

Upcoming dates:

- ♦ **High School students:** Jan 20-21
- ♦ **All other men:** Dec 1-3, 2023; Jan 26-28,



Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace!
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.*

Amazing Grace—Verses 1-4 John Newton; Verse 5 Anonymous.

Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

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St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

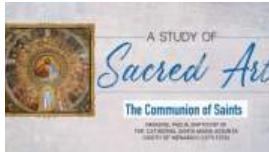


As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, St. Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the enormous Archdiocese of Milan

to the pampered life of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art

In celebration of All Saint's Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de' Menabuoi's "Paradise" and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.



Brother Francis - All Souls Day



In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

ALL SOULS'

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

5:15 PM MASS

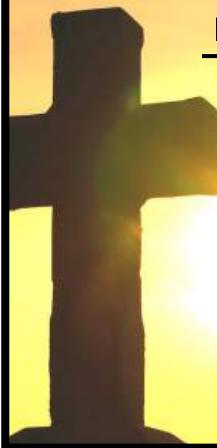


If you would like someone remembered who has passed in the prior year, Nov. 1, 2022—Oct. 2023, please provide the information below to the Rectory, or contact Clare at 610-525-3100 clare@sjnparish.org.

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.

NOVEMBER — All Souls Month



To remember our loved ones who have passed, we invite everyone to fill out a prayer intention card—available at the church doors in November.

All cards will be placed in a basket at the Altar for special remembrance and prayers throughout the month.

Stephanie Bialecki

Tom Blair

Mary Lou Butler

Joe & Debbie Difelice

Sebastian Fras

Richard John

Christina Luciano

Rylee Monahan

Terry Pennoni

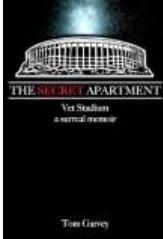
Loretta Ribecca

Eric Rudolph

Coy Saul



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



Meet the Phantom of Veterans Stadium! Monday, Nov. 6, 3:30-4:30pm

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

Join us at the Life Center!

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."



The SCJN Middle School Flex program gives our 6th through 8th grade students the opportunity for a change in schedule every Tuesday. Students participate in community service projects, speakers series, study periods (What I Need) and the best part Electives! This week, students spent 45 minutes learning and participating in their Elective program run by our amazing SCJN teachers. The options included pickleball, knitting, board games, baking, bracelet making, escape room and dancing.



New Family Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year will begin on Monday, November 27.

Tours are available during the school day.

Please contact Maggie Oliver to schedule:
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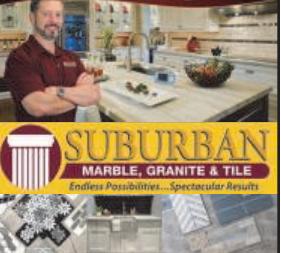
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