

St. John Neumann Parish

March 3, 2024

3rd Sunday of Lent



MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9:00 am⁺**[<], 10:30 am[<],
12:00 pm, 5:15 pm

Monday—Saturday: 8:00 am⁺

+ Livestreamed at www.sjnparish.org/livestream

** Little Church School every week

< **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 2nd and 4th Sundays 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. Baptisms are held on the first and third Sundays of the month following the 12pm Mass.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME!

Please contact the Parish Office for an appointment with Msgr. Matz to register and become a member.



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to email a ministry: click on name in digital bulletin:

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

5:15 pm Richard A. Campion

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

7:30 am John Adams
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Marlene Anthony
12:00 pm Helen Cabrelli
5:15 pm Kitty Lynch

MONDAY, MARCH 4

St. Casimir

8:00 am William Carr

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00 am Dorothy H. and Thomas A. Lukaszcyk

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am Living and Deceased members of the Gryzmala Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

SS. Perpetua and Felicity

8:00 am Muriel LaCroix

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

St. John of God

8:00 am Intentions of Rafael Meza

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

St. Frances of Rome

8:00 am Romaine Carr

Acts of Penance in Lent

ALL FAITHFUL ARE ENCOURAGED TO:

- ◆ Participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily.
- ◆ Celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance
- ◆ Undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scripture.
- ◆ Participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten Adult Faith Formation programs.
- ◆ Spend time before Christ during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

Every day after the
8:00 am Mass—
and
Mondays at 7:00 pm

In church

(grotto-side entry)



MASS CARDS



Announced and Unannounced Mass cards are available at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions may be offered for blessings received or for a living or deceased person.

Stop by to request your Masses.

OFFERINGS:

— Feb. 25th: \$ 19,124



thank you!

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2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK - MARCH 2/3

For the Church in Africa - Assisting the growing Church in Africa with support for social justice, evangelization, catechetical, and institutional development programs through the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

For more information visit: usccb.org/africa

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Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,
welcome to God's family!

Noa Harper Terrinoni

DAUGHTER OF GREGORY AND BRITTANY





A spiritual writer once shared a prayer experience she once had:

Several years ago, I was pondering a fall from grace in my past and was

fretting about it. I turned to God in prayer and asked, "You remember that THING I did back then?" God's response was, "What THING?" And I replied, "You know...*that* THING! Of course you remember. You're God." And God said, "Ummm, actually I don't remember. You see as soon as you ask for forgiveness, I forget it. So, no, I don't remember."

I think The reason why this story caught my attention is because it made me think of something that happened to me and some of my classmates when we were in the Seminary.

We might have been in second or third college at the time. One of the priests on the faculty who was teaching us a humanities course asked that we go to the Barnes Foundation to see the Impressionist paintings that were housed there at the time. Of course we insisted in getting there ourselves and so we borrowed a car, and we went to the museum, met Father there and went through the presentation. Afterwards, instead of heading right back to the Seminary, we decided on our own to go to Pica's for dinner, but of course we didn't tell anyone.

When we pulled up at the front door of the Lower Side there was our humanities professor standing there with a very worried look on his face, and alongside of him was the vice rector who was not a happy camper to say the least. Needless to say, we got in a lot of trouble.

We all felt pretty bad about our irresponsibility, especially when we found out how worried our humanities professor was. The poor guy had thought we were in a car accident or something like that. So we decided to go to Father and

personally offer our apologies for having caused him all that worry.

We went to his room in the faculty wing and told him how sorry we were for causing him needless worry, and he looked at us all and said, "I don't know what you are talking about". At first we just thought he was being a bit of a wise guy, and then we realized that he was being serious—he had forgiven us and we knew that he wasn't going to hold anything against us. And in a very casual way, he immediately changed the subject and began to speak about how beautiful those impressionist paintings were in the Barnes Museum. You see, that's how God acts toward us when we seek his forgiveness, most especially in Reconciliation.

And God said, "Ummm, actually I don't remember. You see, as soon as you ask for forgiveness, I forget it. So, no, I don't remember."

For us to make the most of this time of Lent we need to pay attention to these stories. And to really try to make this real for us we must pray for the grace to grow in trust of our Lord, just

as Abraham learned to trust in God even when he couldn't understand what God was doing in his life.

God's ultimate plan for us is to transform us. Jesus wants us all to be part of the glory that He truly is. How do we put ourselves on the right path? By placing ourselves before the glorious and merciful father, and by following the teachings of Christ. What was the command—what did the voice from the cloud say? "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

We place so many obstacles between us and the Lord. One of them is that we think the Lord is holding things against us, while all the time he is asking us to seek forgiveness so that he can wipe the slate clean. Remember this: There is no malice in God. We may stew over injuries and mistakes, *but God's energy is not spent there. God clears the slate.*



THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give Drink to the thirsty
3. Shelter the homeless
4. Visit the sick
5. Visit the prisoners
6. Bury the dead
7. Give alms to the poor



THE WORKS OF MERCY

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Counseling the doubtful
2. Instructing the ignorant
3. Admonishing the sinner
4. Comforting the sorrowful
5. Forgiving injuries
6. Bearing wrongs patiently
7. Praying for the living and the dead





PRAYER FOR TRUST IN JESUS

*O Christ Jesus,
when all is darkness
and we feel our weakness and helplessness,
give us the sense of Your presence,
Your love, and Your strength.
Help us to have perfect trust
in Your protecting love
and strengthening power,
so that nothing may frighten or worry us,
for, living close to You,
we shall see Your hand,
Your purpose, Your will through all things.*

CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

- ◆ Tuesdays 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm
- ◆ Parish Lenten Penance Service — Tuesday, March 26th, 7:00 pm.

We anticipate having 5-6 priests at the church.

- ◆ Resources to help with the Rite of Reconciliation: All are in a tri-fold format and available in the Sunday email, at the doors of the church and at these links in our digital bulletin:

- [Are Our Reasons for Not Going to Confession Reasonable?](#)
- [The Rite of Reconciliation](#)
- [Examination of Conscience](#)



Tuesdays in Lent Through Mar 19th



- ◆ 1:00 PM & 6:00 PM — CONFESSIONS
- ◆ 8:30 AM—7:00 PM — EXPOSITION OF CHRIST IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
- ◆ 6:30 PM—7:00 PM — EVENING PRAYER
- ◆ 7:00 PM — BENEDICTION
- ◆ 7:00 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

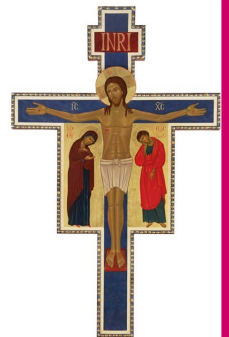
Give it a try!

Evening Prayer—6:30 pm
Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm
Prayer guides are available and used by all

Evening Prayer — 6:30 pm. Deacon Kevin leads us through a peaceful time of shared prayer: When evening approaches and the day is already far spent, evening prayer is celebrated in order that 'we may give thanks for what has been given us, or what we have done well, during the day.' We also recall the redemption and make this time a time of sacrifice, recalling Ps 141:1. Lastly, it is a time to fix our hope on the light that knows no setting; we pray and make petition for the light to come down on us anew! — USCCB (GILH, no. 39).

Stations of the Cross — 7:00 pm: The Stations of the Cross are a fourteen-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The Stations follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb. They emerged early in the Church's history and evolved over time. Historical reports note crowds of pilgrims from various countries who visited those holy places and followed the Way of the Cross. In the fifth century, an interest developed in the Church to "reproduce" the holy places in other locations so pilgrims who could not actually travel to the Holy Land could do so in a devotional, spiritual way in their hearts. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. When the Muslim Turks blocked the access to the Holy Land, reproductions of the stations were erected at popular spiritual centers. At the end of the 17th century, the erection of stations in churches became more popular; five years later the pope permitted stations to be created in all churches and fixed the number at 14. — EWTN.

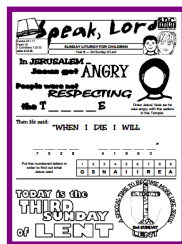
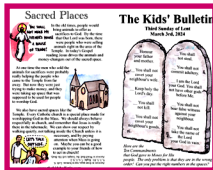
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| 1 Jesus is Condemned to Death | 8 Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem |
| 2 Jesus Carries the Cross | 9 Jesus Falls a Third Time |
| 3 Jesus Falls for the First Time | 10 Jesus is Stripped of His Garments |
| 4 Jesus Meets His Mother | 11 Jesus is Nailed to the Cross |
| 5 Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross | 12 Jesus Dies on the Cross |
| 6 Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus | 13 Jesus' Body is Removed from the Cross |
| 7 Jesus Falls a Second Time | 14 Jesus is Laid in the Tomb |



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.

Where do we see a representation of the Holy Trinity at our St. John Neumann church?

Last Week: Where is the Tabernacle & what is it for?

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Liturgical Living | Catholic All Year at Home with Kendra Tierney



Join the Tierney family as they celebrate the feast of St. Frances of Rome, patroness of homemaking! Learn about practicing the

corporal works of mercy in the home, the very Catholic Lenten history of pretzels and beer, and watch Kendra and three-year-old Barbara make something they like to call "trash can soup." Find this episode's feature recipes and more about liturgical living in the home at Catholic All Year: <https://catholicallyear.com/at-home/>

The Faithful Departed | Eternal Rest | Episode 4



What is left for the living to do after someone dies? In this session, we talk about the final ways in which those still living on earth care for the

body and soul of the dead. We discuss the work that remains for the living to do as we grieve for the deceased and as we turn to the work of preparing for our own death, and the hope in which we live and die as Christians.



CABRINI — opens in theaters March 8th

INSPIRATION FOR ALL

The incredible true story of an Italian immigrant who changed America from the ground up!

Arriving in New York City in 1889, Italian immigrant Francesca Cabrini is greeted by disease, crime and impoverished children.

She soon sets off on a daring mission to convince the mayor to secure housing and health care for society's most vulnerable. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini uses her entrepreneurial mind to build an empire of hope unlike anything the world has ever seen.

◆ Ticket sales:

www.angel.com/tickets/cabrini

◆ Trailer link 1: www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuFkt3w-7kl

◆ Trailer link 2: www.youtube.com/watch?v=lihCRaOj0Lg

SJN's GARAGE SALE WILL BE IN OCTOBER



Stay Tuned!

Pray FOR THE SICK

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

Stephanie Bialecki
Kensley Bowen
Mary Lou Butler
Mark Ciciretti

Joe & Debbie Difelice
Sebastian Fras
Richard John
Frank Macciocca
Lucretia Miceli

Terry Pennoni
Loretta Ribecca
Eric Rudolph
Coy Saul
Jerome Skochin

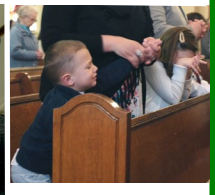
The Catholic Parent — Video series available on **FORMED***
A must-see for parents with young families (infants through teens).
You will smile, relate, and be encouraged!

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* Do you ever feel like it's almost impossible to raise holy kids who love God (and sit still in Mass!) in our modern world? You're not alone. This six-episode series features real Catholic families like yours sharing their daily struggles and victories.

* Created by the Augustine Institute and Catholic Sprouts, The Catholic Parent aims to encourage you as a mom or dad as you embrace your God-given role to form your family in the richness of the Catholic faith.

* Watch the series with your spouse, with friends, on your own, or as part of a small group! A participant guide is optional—it includes questions for group discussion, topics for personal reflection, and ideas to try at home. View the trailer (with your subscription): <https://watch.formed.org/videos/the-catholic-parent-trailer>



THE MONTH OF MARCH IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

As we know, he was the spouse of Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. While scripture doesn't give us many other details about his life, we do know St. Joseph for his humility, obedience to God's will and perfect faith in the Lord. He is the patron saint of workers, families, fathers, craftsmen and others. Which is perfectly fitting, as he is the protector and advocate of all those who work hard to support themselves and their families.



Source: crossandshield.com

Share YOUR Faith

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK MARCH 9/10



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Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean, do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ.

[To learn more visit usccb.org/latin-america](https://usccb.org/latin-america)

Lent is the Perfect Time to Fast from Sin

Lent is a beautiful season in the Church to recommit our lives to God. While the Church has certain days dedicated to fasting and abstinence from food during Lent, this discipline should not neglect the spiritual aspect of our lives.

Fasting in a bodily way is supposed to remind and strengthen us to "fast" from our own sinful behaviors.

The author of the 19th-century book *The Lenten Manual and Companion for Holy Week* explains how fasting is a means to an end, and that end is the elimination of sin in our lives.



Fasting, however, is but a means to an end; and that great end is the destruction of sin. We should fast as an atonement for sin, and we should fast to prevent the danger of falling into sin, For unless we fast from sin, all our fasting will be in vain, Do not, therefore, dearly beloved brethren, fast like hypocrites, with the body only, but preserve your souls from the contamination of sin. Otherwise you may be forced to say to the Lord, with the Prophet, "Why have we fasted, and you have not regarded; have we humbled our souls and you have not taken notice?" And he will answer, "Behold, in the day of your fast your own will is found." (Isai. lviii. 3.)

One practical way to focus our attention on the sins in our lives that need to be eliminated is to choose one stubborn sin we want to work on. It could be a sin that has become a habit in your life and that you want to stop.

Don't try eliminating all sin from your life, as that will set you up for failure. However, focusing on one particular sin is most beneficial and can lead to a very fruitful Lent.

Source: aleteia.org/2021/02/12/lent-is-the-perfect-time-to-fast-from-sin/