

St. John Neumann Parish

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024

He is
Risen!



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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Mass Intentions

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:30 am Nellie & Patrick Rice

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Joe & Joy Falcone Family

12:00 pm Thomas Lavin

5:15 pm No Mass Today

MONDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 am John Joseph O'Mara, Jr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

8:00 am Joseph Swatski

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 am Marlene Anthony

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 am Living & Deceased of the Carroll Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am Jeanne Clery

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

8:00 am Richard Passarella



First Saturday Devotion

Join us April 6th at 7:30 AM for the Holy Rosary (prior to 8:00 AM Mass)



Join us Friday mornings after the 8:00 am Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, offered for all who are suffering



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



MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass Intentions available for 2024.

Mass Intentions may be offered for a living or deceased person, or in gratitude for a blessing received.

Visit the Parish Office to request your Masses.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1



RICE BOWLS

Thank you for your generous support! Please be kind enough to write a check for your family's Lenten sacrifices, mark it Rice Bowl, and drop it in the Collection basket.

SJN's GARAGE SALE
WILL BE IN OCTOBER
Stay Tuned!





At the beginning of the Easter Vigil there are words spoken as the Paschal Candle is being prepared. These words can easily get lost in the activity that is taking

place outside church around the Easter fire. So here are the words again; they are spoken as the priest is tracing the cross and the four numerals of the current year:

Christ yesterday and today
the Beginning and the End
the Alpha
and the Omega.
All time belongs to him
and all the ages
to him be glory and power
through every age and for ever. Amen.
All time belongs to him. All time belongs to Christ!

Time: for one person, a precious gift; for someone else, a terrible burden; We know too well what can happen in the space of a year or a moment. Sickness can overtake the world. Falling in love may dramatically rearrange our priorities. Disappointment or loss drops us down a well of despair. An act of sudden kindness restores our hope.

All time belongs to him.

If time belongs to Christ, then we must learn to trust in him. And think of what it is that the Risen Christ has accomplished for us!

Death is turned into new life.



What does that mean for us? Well, think of it this way: Time lost has been regained. The time we have spent grieving our sins, fueling our anger, harboring our resentments, mourning our losses, reliving our regrets can be changed to time lived in patience, thankfulness, perseverance, charity, joy and hope.

For some of us these past months may have tested our faith and made us question a lot of things. And maybe in the stress of daily life we have been looking at the whole course of our life and the way we have spent “our time”. This Easter, as we turn to the Resurrected Christ, we are asked to remember that “all time belongs to him—to Christ”.

Because Christ has risen from the dead we can live in trust and hope and learn to “spend our time” differently than we have been spending it. We’re grateful that Christ is the healer of yesterday, with its broken dreams and confused loyalties; the healer of words uttered in haste that can’t be unspoken.

Our Easter joy helps us to acknowledge that Christ is present at the start and end of every journey. Through Christ we can regain the true path.

All time belongs to him, and all the ages...

And because of this *time becomes an ocean of possibility, so we must seek its consecration, making the future a holy destination to which we can all travel together.*

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If you have extra meals from your dinners that you can pack up, those who are homebound or poverty-stricken, will benefit! Please place meals into trays and then bring them to the church freezers.

Trays available near freezers (at church & Life Center — any day, any time). Instructions in trays.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Our ministry at SJN offers financial assistance to people and families in need. If you or someone you know is facing financial hardship and you think we can help please call 610-449-2838 or email good-samaritan@sjnparish.org



For more information about the Good Samaritan Ministry visit our website or click [here](#)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7 HOLY HOUR AT 3:00 PM



On the Sunday of Divine Mercy, for those who prepare and participate, Jesus offers extraordinary graces and indulgences.

Jesus said, "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." [for sins that have been confessed.] (*Diary, 300*)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
QUIET PRAYER TIME

INSIGHTS FROM
ST. FAUSTINA

"Our Lord Jesus said, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine flood-gates throughout which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to me, even though its sins be as scarlet... Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of my Mercy." — Saint Faustina, Diary (699)

"I desire that this image be venerated throughout the world. I promise that that soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I promise victory over its enemies, already here on earth, and especially at the hour of death... I myself will defend it as my own glory."

PREPARATION FOR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

- ◆ **Attend Mass on Sunday** – at SJN, our Masses are from the Saturday 5:15 Vigil through Sunday 5:15. Those who are able must attend in person.
- ◆ **Receive Holy Communion** (For those who are homebound, use this [Act of Spiritual Communion](#) during Mass.)
- ◆ **Go to Confession** – Within the week prior. (For those who are homebound, use this [Act of 'Perfect Confession' & Act of Contrition Guide](#))
- ◆ Venerate the image of Divine Mercy, saying a prayer before it, such as "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!"
- ◆ **Be merciful to others** in word, deed and prayer.
- ◆ **Plenary Indulgence opportunity** for those who participate in the Divine Mercy Service – for more info on indulgences: [Indulgences](#).

With sincere preparation and belief, receive graces available only on this feast day: Reconciliation with Jesus that restores you to your Baptismal innocence: *complete forgiveness and remission of temporal punishment.*



CONFESSIONS
TUESDAYS
AT 6:00 PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM

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Great way to introduce the sport to beginning players or sharpen skills for experienced players

Register in advance at: www.scjnsaints.org

MONDAYS FROM 4:00PM TO 5:15PM
AT SCJN SCHOOL

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 15, 22,
MAY 6, 13, 20



Clinic is open to all St. John Neumann and St. Colman parishioners in grades 4th—7th.

Any questions please contact the SCJN CYO Athletic Board at scjnsaints@gmail.com

COMING SOON—SJN ADULT GROUP PRESENTATION

Artificial Intelligence:
The Good, the Bad and Ugly

SPEAKER: DAVID FINK

Thursday, May 9th
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Parish Life Center

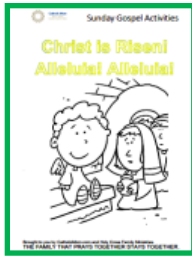


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Why is there an opening procession and why should we witness it?

Last Week: What is the Paschal Candle; When is it lit and where is it found in church?

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Easter in Art: Mary Magdalene (Part 3 of 3)



Learn about the "apostle to the apostles" in this discussion with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp. They take a look at a famous painting of Jesus's encounter with Mary Magdalene following the Resurrection.

He is Alive! | Laugh and Grow Bible for Kids

Why can we have hope? Because we know how the story ends... with the most incredible miracle ever! Follow along and experience the joy of Jesus' friends as they discover He defeated death and rose from the grave.



Am I Saved? | The Search | Episode 6



In this episode of The Search, explore how Jesus' profound act of love, revealed through his life, death, and resurrection, is a personal salvation for each of us. Despite feeling unworthy or burdened, God enters our messy human condition to transform us from within. His generous love, beyond what we deserve, reflects the amazing reality of God's mercy, shaping a relationship that forever changes our lives.



Easter Prayer

On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings

You give us.
May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.
Amen.

You Are Needed!

SJN BLOOD DRIVE!

Sign up to share the gift of life!

Saturday, April 13th,

9:00 pm—2:00 pm

In the Life Center

www.redcross.org/give-blood.html

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Blood is directed to local hospitals to aid patients in need.



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

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| Stephanie Bialecki | Joe & Debbie Difelice | Lucretia Miceli |
| Kensey Bowen | Sebastian Fras | Terry Pennoni |
| Mary Lou Butler | Richard John | Loretta Ribecca |
| Mark Ciciretti | Dr. William Lewis | Eric Rudolph |
| Carrie Defoe | Frank Macciocca | Coy Saul |

1ST WEEKEND IN APRIL,
SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH, 10:30 AM

THIRD GRADE STUDENTS
CLICK HERE/INVITATION



Join us! All students in the third grade, and their families, are invited to join in the celebration of Mass together!

This special Mass will focus on these young children who have received their First Holy Communion in the past year. catholic@sjnparish.org

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY—April 7th
after ALL morning Masses!

Everyone is welcome!



SJN Adult Group Presents

What Family Caregivers Need to Know about Dementia and Alzheimers

**Thursday, April 18,
3:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Parish Life Center
All are welcome.**



An estimated 6.7 MM Americans over age 65 are living with Alzheimer's dementia. About 1 in 9 people over age 65 have Alzheimer's dementia. Two-thirds of Americans over age 65 with Alzheimer's dementia are women. In 2022, more than 11 MM caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias provided an estimated 18 billion hours of unpaid care.

Brie Yousaltis, Director of Psychosocial Support for Abramson Senior Care, will explain the types and stages of dementia and Alzheimer's disease and what family caregivers should know to provide cognitively impaired loved ones with a safe, compassionate environment. Brie will also stress the importance of caregivers taking time for themselves to deal with the stress of caring for a loved one.

Brie has more than 15 years' experience as a geriatric Medical Social Worker and has worked in in palliative and hospice care.

Book Club

The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis

Join us: Fridays, 9:45—11:15 am,
starting April 5 (or read on your own) — book-club@sjnparish.org

C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* has nothing to do with marriage—it is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven.

The writer finds himself in Hell boarding a bus bound for Heaven. The amazing opportunity is that anyone who wants to stay in Heaven, can. This is a starting point for an extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment. Lewis's revolutionary idea is the discovery that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis's *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.



SCJN School wishes you a very Happy Easter. Please know that you are always in our daily prayers! We are grateful for you.



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