

St. John Neumann Parish

6th Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2024



“Love one another as I have loved you”. John 15:12

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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(an account on FB is not needed to visit us!)

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STAFF

- ◆ **Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Matz
- ◆ **In Residence:** Rev. Robert J. Chapman
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- ◆ **Parish Services Director:** Ms. Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Sunday Assistance:**
 - Rev. Gerald D. Canavan
 - Rev. Brian Kean
 - Rev. Robert J. Murray, OSA
- ◆ **Business Mgrs:** Mrs. Joy Falcone, Mr. Paul Selvaggi
- ◆ **Administrative Assistants:**
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- ◆ **Director of Religious Education:** Mrs. Katie DiRienzo

COORDINATORS OF PARISH

www.sjnparish.org visit ‘Ministries’ to learn more;
to email a ministry: click on name in digital bulletin:

- ◆ **Adult Group:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Adult Faith Formation:** Msgr. Matz
- ◆ **Altar Guild:** Nora Saraceni
- ◆ **Bible Study:** Craig Callaghan
- ◆ **Book Club:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **‘Caring for Friends’:** Cheryl Calnan
- ◆ **Children’s Liturgy of the Word:** Katie Keating
- ◆ **CYO Athletics:** Carrie Tornatela; Robert Lythgoe
- ◆ **Disabilities Partnership:** Sheila Sheaffer
- ◆ **Family Promise:** Kathy Selvaggi; Eileen Mulvena
- ◆ **Garage Sale:** Isabel Momenee
- ◆ **Good Samaritan:** Craig Callaghan
- ◆ **Healing/Communion & H.O.P.E.:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Hospitality:** Kim Duska
- ◆ **Lectors:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Little Church School:** Janet Baffa
- ◆ **Liturgical Environment:** Jackie Falcone; Nancy Case
- ◆ **Men’s Fellowship:** mensfellowship@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **Prayer Line:** prayerline@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **Respect Life:** Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Ushers:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Walking with Purpose:** Mary Beth Wolanin



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 4

5:15 pm Adele Bialecki

SUNDAY, MAY 5

7:30 am Charles J. Falcone
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Paul Bruno
12:00 pm Kathleen Gallagher
5:15 pm Intentions of Lucretia Miceli

MONDAY, MAY 6

8:00 am Vincent Murtaugh

TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:00 am Eileen M. McCabe-Pitone

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:00 am Wilfred Benjamin
5:15 pm Joseph Soba

THURSDAY, MAY 9

The Ascension of the Lord

6:45 am Intentions of Frances Lopez
8:00 am Guna Pantele
12:00 pm John & Ann Carroll

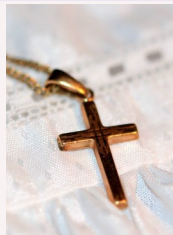
FRIDAY, MAY 10

St. John of Avila; St. Damien de Veuster

8:00 am Jeanne Benjamin

SATURDAY, MAY 11

8:00 am John Byrne, Sr.



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,
welcome to God's family!

APRIL 28TH ~

Braeden Kenneth Rooney

Ella James Rooney

PARENTS: KENNETH AND DANIELLE

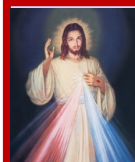


Altar Flowers

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



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

OFFERINGS:
— April 28: \$ 18,909



thank you!

Click on image to visit
our online giving site

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Dr. L. James Snyder

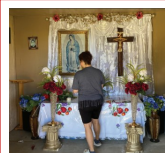


*May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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 for Mass
intention requests.



STRENGTHENING THE
CHURCH AT HOME

**SUPPORT CATHOLIC
HOME MISSIONS APPEAL**

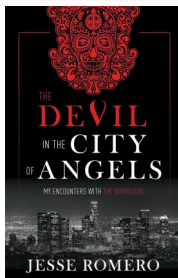
2nd Collection This Week—May 4/5

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and
its territories are considered mission territories
because they are unable to fund essential
pastoral activities needed in their communities.
Your support funds religious education,
seminary formation, lay ministry training, and
other programs that build vibrant faith
communities right here in the United States.
Thank you for your support! More information
can be found at: usccb.org/home-missions

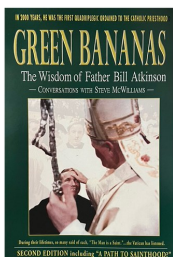
Book Club — Next Books

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1) The Devil in the City of Angels: May 10 & 17. \$14. "I went from an indifferent, apathetic, Sunday Mass-attending Catholic Christian to an on-fire Catholic Christian in a few short years. What reignited my faith? The many encounters I had with the occult and diabolical." —Jesse Romero, author. Retired veteran of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Jesse reveals the harrowing details of his experiences with the demonic while working for the LASD. *The Devil in the City of Angels* is much more than a catalog of strange and terrifying events. It exposes Satan as the Father of Lies so we can see how he works, and how to defeat him. Drawing on his own experiences as well as the most authoritative sources, Romero offers the reader numerous cautionary tales, but also that hope that is only found in Jesus Christ and his Church. <https://www.amazon.com/Devil-City-Angels-Encounters-Diabolical/dp/1505113709>



2) Green Bananas: The Wisdom of Father Bill Atkinson June/July. \$18 Learn more about Fr. Bill Atkinson, a local priest in the process of canonization. Fr. Bill was born in 1946, a native of Upper Darby, PA. He graduated from Msgr. Bonner High School and spent a year as a postulant at Augustinian Academy, Staten Island, N.Y., and then entered the Order of St. Augustine as a novice at Our Mother of Good Counsel Novitiate in N.Y., in 1964. It was here that his life-changing accident happened on February 22, 1965. Bill was tobogganing with his fellow novices when his toboggan hit a tree; his broken spine left him a quadriplegic. He was hospitalized in N.Y., then spent a year at Magee Rehabilitation Hospital in Philadelphia. Although he had limited movement only in his head, neck, shoulders and arms, he was determined to continue his studies to become an Augustinian priest. He came to St. Mary's Hall at Villanova University where he began his novitiate once again in 1969. He professed his simple vows, then in July 1973, he professed his solemn vows. Throughout these years, a group of Augustinians cared for Atkinson who occupied a motorized wheelchair. On February 2, 1974, nine years after his disastrous accident, Cardinal John Krol ordained William Atkinson to the priesthood. Because Atkinson was a quadriplegic, Pope Paul VI had to make a special dispensation for the ordination, making Father Atkinson the first quadriplegic priest. <https://www.stjudeshop.com/literature-media/books-journals-audio-books/biographies/green-bananas-the-wisdom-of-father-bill-atkinson/>



SJN Adult Group Presentation
Join us Thursday May 9th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Parish Life Center



**Artificial Intelligence:
The Good, the Bad and Ugly**

**SPEAKER: DAVID FINK
AN EXPERT IN EMERGING
TECHNOLOGIES**

MANNA CANNED FOOD COLLECTION:

Manna Sunday — May 18-19

Your help is needed!

The Manna food drive provides food for people living within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Please donate non-perishable food items such as beef stew, tuna fish, fruits, vegetables, pasta, soups, pork & beans, chicken breast, SPAM, etc.



Bags available in church.

Thank You!

Bags can be dropped off

On Manna Sunday weekend at the back of church.

USHERS

USHERS@SJNPARISH.ORG.COM



Our team of ushers helps find seating for those attending Mass, assists with collections at the offertory, and distributes the parish bulletin after Mass.

Contact the ushers team to learn more—those wishing to join our team will be given guidance before assisting at Mass.

- ◆ Ushers are welcome to join the team at any of our Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass times.
- ◆ We will introduce new team members to the others serving at the same Mass.

OUR MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!



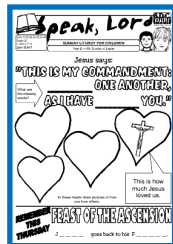
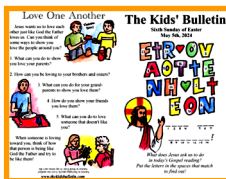
Pray the Rosary with us!

Every day after the 8:00 am Mass—
come for Mass or stop by at 8:25 am

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.

When and why do we make a small cross on our forehead, lips and heart during Mass?

Last Week: Before receiving Communion we pray, "Lord, I am not worthy..." where does this come from; why do we pray it?

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

St. John Paul II | Lukas Storyteller

Lukas, tired of seeing the same bored look on his friends' faces, decides to tell them a captivating story. Not just any story, but a tale of a young Karol Wojtyla, who would one day become Pope John Paul II! The kids wouldn't believe the adventures young Karol had, and how they would inspire them to create their own unforgettable day.

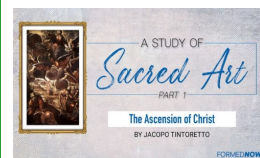


The Fountain of Salvation | The Bible and Baptism

Dr. John Sehorn, Academic Dean of the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, sits down with Fr. Isac Morales, OP a Dominican friar of the Province of Saint Joseph and Associate Professor of Theology at Providence College, to discuss Fr. Isaac's book *The Bible and Baptism: The Fountain of Salvation* (Baker Academic). This episode dives into how Baptism is the fountain of salvation for the Christians.



The Ascension | Sacred Art



Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode on FORMED, they discuss *The Ascension of Christ* by Jacopo Tintoretto.

Stop By and Select from Our New Titles in Our Media Rack!

Located in the Hall to the Gathering Room

(Donation-based rack)

- ◆ **The Early Church was the Catholic Church**
- ◆ **Understanding the Mass**– 100 Questions, 100 Answers
- ◆ **The Word Set In Stone**– How Archaeology, Science, and History back up the Bible
- ◆ **Why We're Catholic**– Our Reasons for Faith, Hope & Love
- ◆ **The Art of Living**– The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love
- ◆ **Unpacking the Mysteries of the Rosary**
- ◆ **One Less God Than You**– How to Answer the Slogans, Clichés, and Fallacies That Atheists use to Challenge Your Faith
- ◆ **Apostolic Athletes**– 11 Priests and Bishops Reveal How Sports Helped Them Follow Christ's Call
- ◆ **The Thorn**– Seven Surprising Effects of Suffering and Temptation
- ◆ **Heart of the Gospel**– How the Beatitudes Show Us God's Plan for Happiness
- ◆ **Pause in Wonder**– Learning to Delight in God & His World
- ◆ **The Messy Quest for Meaning**– Five Catholic Practices for Finding Your Vocation
- ◆ **Sunday Will Never Be the Same**– A Rock & Roll Journalist Opens Her Ears to God
- ◆ **Salvation**– What Every Catholic Should Know
- ◆ **Kingdom of Happiness**– Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life
- ◆ **Do Something Beautiful for God**– Daily Reflections from Mother Theresa
- ◆ **The New Relativism**– Unmasking the Philosophy of Today's Woke Moralists
- ◆ **33 Days to Morning Glory**– A Do-It-Yourself Retreat – In Preparation for Marian Consecration
- ◆ **Consecration to St. Joseph**
- ◆ **Signs of Life**– 20 Catholic Customs & Their Biblical Roots
- ◆ **Delivered**– True Stories of Men and Women Who Turned From Porn to Purity
- ◆ **Plunging Pornography**

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 | Frank Macciocca |
| Mary Lou Butler | Sebastian Fras | Lucretia Miceli |
| Mark Ciciretti | Mary Gough | Terry Pennoni |
| Carrie Defoe | Richard John | Loretta Ribecca |
| | Dr. William Lewis | Coy Saul |

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

Transform your experience of the Mass with Ascension's first ever Live Study! Led by Deacon John Harden with guest appearances from author and presenter, Dr. Edward Sri.

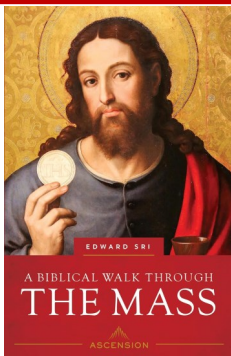
Date: Every Tuesday from May 7 - June 11, 2024

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm EST

Location: Zoom—[please register/click here](#)

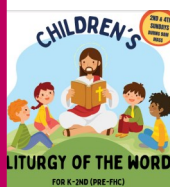
What to Expect:

- ◆ Unveil the biblical roots of the Mass and its connection to scripture
- ◆ Discover the profound symbolism and Tradition within the Mass
- ◆ Transform the way you actively participate in the Mass and celebrate the sacrifice



LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL —

Our final session for the season will be May 12th. Thank you for letting us share the Gospel with your children. It has been a joyful year!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD —

Our May schedule is adjusted: we will meet:

- ◆ **May 5th** — 1st Sunday. Plus Hospitality after Mass!
- ◆ **May 19th** — 3rd Sunday. This will be our final session for the season—**Our young ones will participate in a May Procession!** We have truly enjoyed meeting your young ones and introducing them to the beautiful messages of the Gospel! We look forward to seeing everyone again in the fall.

May 30 to June 3



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

passes through the

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE PASSES THROUGH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA MAY 30-JUNE 3

What a grace that we will have the opportunity to welcome and adore Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist as the [National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route](#), passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3. All are invited to join in the pilgrimage as it makes stops at many of our parishes.

For the full schedule of opportunities for prayer, processions and other Eucharistic events, visit phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage.

Becoming Catholic – Extend an Invitation!

MANY PEOPLE ARE CURIOUS AND INTERESTED IN CATHOLICISM BUT ENCOUNTER STUMBLING BLOCKS THAT BECOME OBSTACLES IN THEIR JOURNEY TO THE FAITH, SUCH AS:

- ◆ Why does the pope have so much authority; is he really infallible?
- ◆ Why the huge focus on Mary? Do Catholics worship Mary?
- ◆ Why pray to anyone other than Jesus?
- ◆ Why Confession with a priest vs. 'going directly to Jesus'?
- ◆ What's the point of the sacraments?
- ◆ Why so many 'rules'? The Church doesn't seem to be 'with the times'.
- ◆ What's the meaning of Mass?
- ◆ Why do we believe the Eucharist is the Real Presence of Jesus vs a symbol?
- ◆ Why can't a non-Catholic receive Holy Communion?

MEN AND WOMEN WHO JOIN OUR O.C.I.A. JOURNEY (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS — PREVIOUSLY RCIA) HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH, ASK QUESTIONS AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE THAT HELPS OVERCOME OBSTACLES, APPRECIATE THE RICHNESS OF THE FAITH, AND ULTIMATELY, COME HOME TO THE CHURCH.

Our next OCIA journey begins this fall. Invite someone to learn more:
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