

St. John Neumann Parish

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 16, 2024



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⁺

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** **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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

5:15 pm Dr. John Burke

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 am Joseph Schiavo
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Guna Pantele
12:00 pm Gerald Fitzpatrick
5:15 pm Marguerite Gardner

MONDAY, JUNE 17

8:00 am Luis Asanza

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

8:00 am Frank Blatcher

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

St. Romuald

8:00 am Nancy Carroll

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 am Dr. John Burke

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 am Dennis Tarsi

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

St. Paulinus of Nola; SS. John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 am Annie and John Casey



Sacrament of Baptism

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Nina Marion Guzmán

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*Frank Macciocca
Suzanne McKenna*



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

Happy Father's Day!



Elliott and Keith were brothers. Elliott was married and in his late 50's. Keith was a priest in his late 40's. They were spending a few days together—just the two of them, fishing. Neither was a great cook, so they found themselves in the only restaurant in town. A place called “The Lighthouse”. They both ordered a drink as they were waiting for their meal. Elliott asked, “Do you like being a priest?” Keith said, “Yeah, I think I do. To be honest, I don't know what else I would have done with my life.” There was a pause, and Elliott said, “You have always landed on your feet. Me, not so much. Sure, I have a good wife, and a good family, but I have this sense that something's not right.”

Keith didn't say anything but thought that his sister-in-law, although a good woman and a great mother, did have a bit of an edge to her. She tended to be rigid and wasn't all that good at compromising. And so that was what Keith thought that Elliott was going to talk about. But he didn't. Instead, he went on about how his life hadn't turned out the way that he had wanted it to. He had been successful at work, but he was still disappointed. He wished that he had done better for himself: a higher position, bigger salary. He was also disappointed in his son, who seemed to be wandering through life not able to settle into anything. It didn't seem that he was going to make anything of himself.

Then Elliott said, “My life's been disappointing, and there you are, single, no family worries, no bills, settled with a nice parish and pretty content.” And Keith said, “It hasn't been as easy as it might seem on the surface. I've had to face some challenges over the years, and I've struggled with some things in my life. But I think the real reason why you are feeling disappointed is because you are not really understanding what life is all about.” Elliott gave a kind of funny look and said to his brother with a wave of his hand, “So, tell me, what's life all about?”

And Keith said, “There came a point in my life where I asked myself, ‘why am I living, what's my purpose’. When I first became a pastor, I wanted to fix everything at once, but after facing a few bumps in the road, and a little push back over some issues, I began to see that it wasn't all about me being successful. Things were going in a different direction than what I had expected. I even started to despair. When I was able to get over the disappointment of that fact, I realized that I had been living my life to achieve *my* goals.

So, I made a decision. More and more, I let God take over my life. I started to take prayer seriously, and when I did that, God began to show me more clearly my reason for living.”

God is the one who gave us life, and it is this same God that has a purpose for each one of us. And this is not always the plan or purpose we have for ourselves. But, because we want things our way, we go off on our own and keep God out of our life, until we come to that point where we start paying attention to the feelings we are having—especially those feelings of disappointment or depression or agitation.

So, ask God to take over your life. Get closer to Christ by taking prayer more seriously. Be mindful of those in need. Let go of the anger or resentment you might be holding on to. Forgive. Place all that at the foot of the cross. Live each day as an offering to God.

Life is not a play where you think that you're the director. That's when things get messed up. The better way is to let God take the lead and live life his way.

Also, when those feelings of disappointment seem to overwhelm, don't give in to them, don't despair. In my view that's what it means to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit—to accept the notion that there is not hope, that God really has no power in your life. Remember, nothing is impossible for God. Try to allow God's grace to heal the divisions you might feel deep within yourself and find your purpose in life.

YOU CAN HELP OVERCOME HOMELESSNESS!



VOLUNTEER! June 30 - July 7

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DINNER PREPARERS — 6:15 PM Drop Off meals

EVENING HOST — 6:30–8:00 PM

(requires clearances after first time; assistance provided)

OVERNIGHT HOST — 8:00 PM–6:00 AM

(requires clearances; assistance provided)

SET-UP — Arrival Sunday at 4 PM (~1 hour)

BREAKDOWN — Departure Sunday 8 AM (~45 mins)

LAUNDRY HELP — Departure Sunday.



A most blessed Sunday to you all this eleventh week in ordinary time,

My name is Brandon Yurcisin, seminarian, and I have been assigned to St. John Neumann Parish until August 5th. A little about me, I was born and raised in Youngstown Ohio and went to college at Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit with an undergrad in theology and philosophy. Right now, I have completed two years of seminary formation. Lastly, I just want to say what an honor and a privilege it is to be with you this summer.

The call to the priesthood is one I have struggled following all my life, but a few years ago I lost all direction and purpose and decided to pray. I asked the Lord what He wanted from me and that pointed toward the priesthood. I had avoided it up until then, but I was finally ready to answer this call. Being in seminary has given me purpose and life. I wake up in the mornings excited to be where I am at. I am grateful the Lord has revealed, what I believe to be, his purpose for me.

This summer my goal is to experience parish life. This comes in many forms, assisting Msgr. Matz in different liturgical duties, participating in various activities going on at the parish, and even just praying with you all, especially at the Holy Mass. This Sunday's Gospel tells us that even the smallest of seeds can become the largest of plants. I pray the seeds the Lord sows here, for you and me, blossom to the greater glory of God.

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Family Faith



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Episode 124: Dryness in Prayer



Probably the most important relationship in our life is our relationship with God, and we are building that through prayer. Prayer is real—it's for everyone,

but we know that prayer is not always easy. Sometimes it can even be really hard.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

My glorious King, you desire that your Kingdom grow far and wide through our efforts of love.

Please use me, dear Lord, to plant your seeds of faith and charity each day.

May I never tire of these apostolic endeavors and may I always take great delight in serving you and building your Kingdom in every way that I can. Jesus, I trust in You.



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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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2024-2025

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prep@sjnparish.org

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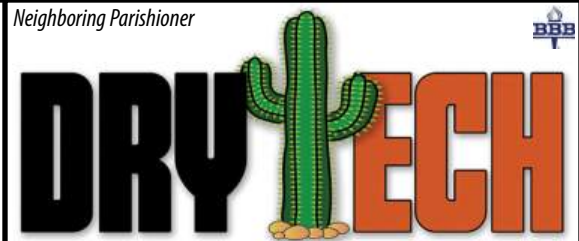
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