

St. John Neumann Parish

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025



“Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” Lk 5:10

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 from Oct. thru May.

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; OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)

Please contact the Parish Office. 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.



Follow us on **Facebook**

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

CONNECT WITH US!

www.sjnparish.org

Parish Office

mainoffice@sjnparish.org

610-525-3100

380 Highland Lane

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Saints Colman—John

Neumann Catholic School

www.scjnschool.org

610-525-3266

372 Highland Lane

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

STAFF

- ◆ **Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Matz
- ◆ **In Residence:** Rev. Robert J. Chapman
- ◆ **Permanent Deacon:** Deacon Kevin Harrington
- ◆ **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:**
 - Mrs. Norma Guzmán, Ms. Theresa Paesani
- ◆ **Safe Environment Coordinator:**
 - safe-environment@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **School Principal:** Mrs. Kelly Ciminera
- ◆ **Director of Liturgical Music:** Mr. Andrew Puntel
- ◆ **Director of Religious Education:** Mrs. Katie DiRienzo

COORDINATORS OF PARISH MINISTRY

www.sjnparish.org visit ‘Ministries’ to learn more; to email, click on the ministry name in the 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
- ◆ **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:** lectors@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **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:** ushers@sjnparish.org
- ◆ **Walking with Purpose:** MaryPat Heilmann



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

5:15 pm Janis Meliti

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 am Patrick T. O'Regan
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Patrick Logan
12:00 pm Henry Lyons
5:15 pm Margaret Ranieri

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

St. Scholastica

8:00 am Mary Falcone

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am Margaret Carrow

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00 am Margaret Rainieri

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00 am Intentions of Denisse Guzmán

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Sts. Cyril and Methodius

8:00 am Rose Dercole

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am Patrick Henry



Sanctuary Flowers



Flowers presented at the Crucifix
in Memory of Adam Cavalier
and John Diano
from Ramona Cavalier Diano

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

Every day after the
8:00 am Mass
and
Mondays at 7:00 pm
In church
(grotto-side entry)



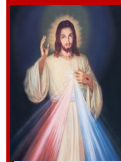
CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM



Adoration

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am
Come spend time in the
presence of Jesus



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



2025 MASS INTENTIONS

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

Contact the Parish Office 610-525-3100
for Mass intention requests

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



Stephanie Bialecki
Oslando Casce



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

OFFERINGS:

- Feb. 2: \$ 16,801
- 2nd Coll. \$ 3,012



thank you!

Click on image to visit
our online giving site

2024 TAX STATEMENT REQUEST

If you would like a letter listing your
contributions for 2024 contact the rectory office
mainoffice@sjnparish.org || 610-525-3100



Vince was the kind of person who had a hard time staying with something that he started. He'd begin a project with all kinds of enthusiasm,

but then would lose interest when he realized that the end result would take a lot of hard work and a lot of time.

This was something that his mother noticed from early on. Vince was an average student in school, but probably could have done better had he applied himself more. His parents had to keep reminding their son that he needed to stay focused and get his school work done rather than watch TV and play video games. And since Vince didn't have a sense of discipline, he would often find himself in trouble.

Whenever he *did* get into trouble, his mother would remind Vince that when he was a baby he was brought to church by his Mom and Dad and that they had said a special prayer that God would keep their baby safe, and that *God would see to it that Vince live a good life.*

Years later, when Vince finally started to put the pieces of his life together, thanks in most part to the positive influence of the girl he would eventually marry, and realize that he needed to be more responsible, he would think back on what his Mom kept reminding him of, that his parents had prayed that *God would see to it that Vince live a good life.* This became the "open door" for Vince to become aware of the power of God in his life. This brought him to the realization that Christ died for all those who have weaknesses. Christ took away our sins when he was nailed to the cross. By doing this Christ showed the commitment, love and regard that he has for each of us.

And Vince also began to realize that by receiving the Holy Eucharist he would have contact with Christ himself. This made Vince start to pray

more often. He saw that one could communicate with God through Christ. And he began to rely on God more and more. All of this really helped Vince become a more reliable and responsible person.

There's two points here from this story: It was the seed of faith planted by Vince's parents that eventually began to take root in his life. The important realization that God had played a part in getting Vince to change his ways. Vince gradually saw that he couldn't save himself. His honesty with himself and the positive influence of others let him see that he had to turn to the one with the greater power. Eventually Vince learned to rely on God one day at a time.

Today, as we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord we see how Simeon and Anna saw something very different in this baby who was being brought into the Temple to fulfill Mosaic Law. They saw him as the Messiah. And in seeing this their lives were complete. These two older people could now die in peace because that knew that there was hope for the world. Christ, the light has come!

All of us know that we possess certain weaknesses. Whether we admit it or not is another matter. But here's the thing that's important to remember: When to do turn to prayer, don't make that prayer be, "Lord, I'm going to change". Instead pray, "Christ, *help me* today. Help me to do what it is you are asking of me". Just ask for the grace to get through the day. Don't get ahead of yourself.

Remember this promise from Scripture: If you search for God, you will find him. Christ came to save us, and sometimes this means saving us from ourselves. So, thank your parents if they were the ones who planted the seed of faith deep down within you trusting that somehow God would make it come to the surface. And keep your eyes focused on Christ and not on yourself—that will make all the difference.

Adult Bible Study:

Women in the Old Testament – Part 2

March 10*, 17, 24, and 31

*New participants, an intro session will be on March 3.

7:00—8:30 pm, Parish Life Center.

Sign up and join in!

No prior study of Scripture is necessary. This is great way to meet other parishioners!

For more info or to sign up, contact:

Craig Callaghan 814-232-6616
dcraigcallaghan@comcast.net



A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

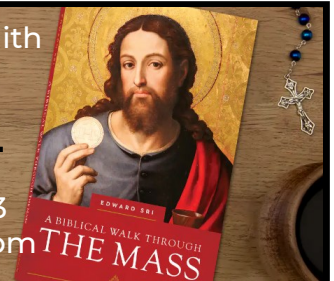
We may go to Mass with good intent, but our minds may wander. Some of the rituals, words or gestures may have become routine or seem outdated. However, everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language.

We will explore the extraordinary biblical roots of the Liturgy and reveal what it all means and why it all matters. Contemporary videos, down-to-earth explanations and friendly discussion.

To join, email: catholic@sjnparish.org (materials need to be ordered)

Lenten Adult Faith Program with Msgr. Matz

5 Thursdays, March 6—April 3
1:00 pm & 7:00 pm





CELEBRATING OUR FAITH,
Embracing our Future

For our *Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future* campaign to be successful we must express our gratitude to God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us, and we must seek His help for our campaign.

At all Masses next weekend, we will be handing out our prayer card — one for everyone — and ask that you please join us in praying for the success of our campaign by praying our campaign prayer daily and thanking God for all He has given us.

Father in heaven,

Your humble servant, Bishop Neumann,
was an extraordinary pioneer of the Gospel.

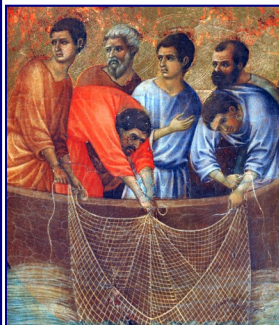
Help us, your St. John Neumann faith community,
to imitate his zeal for proclaiming the faith now and
in the years to come.

As we celebrate our faith and embrace our future, send
your Holy Spirit upon us to guide our efforts. Inspire us
so that our will may become one with yours and that
we may be witnesses of Hope.

May we be good stewards of this moment, generous
and faithful in our response, allowing your love to shine
forth in all we do.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Complete Trust in God Prayer — St. Francis de Sales



Do not look forward to the trials and crosses of this life with dread and fear. Rather, look to them with full confidence that as they arise, God, to whom you belong, will deliver you from them.

He has guided and guarded you thus far in life. Do you but hold fast to his dear hand, and He will lead you safely through all trials. Whenever you cannot stand, he will carry you lovingly in his arms.

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life.

Either he will shield you from suffering or He will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreads, and anxious imaginations.

Respect Life



Your purchases and donations will support the vulnerable in our community through these organizations:

Lily's Gift

LILY'S GIFT offers free services focusing on meeting the needs of families who have received a prenatal diagnosis

by connecting them with trained volunteer peer ministers and professionals. Ongoing care is provided via birth plans, referrals to community supports, guidance through anticipated grief, neonatal and stillbirth care, and medical decision making.



THE TERRI SCHIAVO LIFE & HOPE NETWORK upholds human dignity through service to the medically vulnerable—Through

public advocacy of essential qualities of human dignity. This includes the right to food and water, the presumption of the will to live, due process against denial of care, protection from euthanasia as a form of medicine, and access to rehabilitative care, and 24/7 Crisis Lifeline service to at-risk patients and families.



LEGACY OF LIFE FOUNDATION — Pregnancy testing through pregnancy and post-pregnancy care: LOLF invests in educating,

inspiring and supporting women in unplanned pregnancies to find the strength to choose life.



The **PROJECT HOME** community's mission is to empower adults, children, and families to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty, to

alleviate the underlying causes of poverty, and to enable all of us to attain our fullest potential as individuals and as members of the broader society. We strive to create a safe and respectful environment where we support each other in our struggles for self-esteem, recovery, and the confidence to move toward self-actualization.



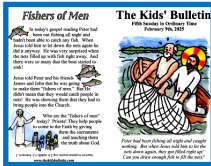
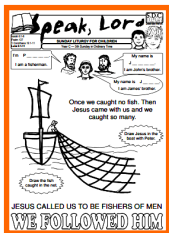
ST. EDMOND'S HOME provides an exceptional holistic outcome oriented plan of care for children with intellectual and physical disabilities. Skilled professionals are inspired by love and support the dignity and quality of life for each child. We offer a broad spectrum of medical/nursing and therapeutic services to assist

each child in achieving their greatest intellectual, physical and social potential. The children of St Edmond's Home are immeasurably enriched by the tender and compassionate care of all of our St Edmond's family.

Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

GREAT FOR ADULTS!

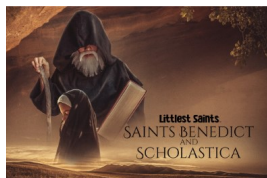
Click on links in the online Bulletin or visit our website homepage.

What are the four parts of Mass and what happens in each?

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

formed

Sts. Benedict and Scholastica | Littlest Saints



A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

The Bible (Part 2) | What Catholics Believe

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Catholic Community



Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968. Blessed with incredible spiritual gifts, including healing, bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmatic wounds, Padre Pio was a powerful witness for Christ, and a great spiritual guide to countless souls for over fifty years.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription!

To set up your **FREE** account go to: formed.org/signup

► In the "Find your Parish" box type: 19010

► Select: "St John Neumann Church"

► Create an account using your name & email address

SCJN



We have some great news to share with you! We are happy to announce a **Tuition Reduction Grant in the amount of \$198 per Kindergarten through Grade 8 family for the 2024-2025 school year.** This amount is being credited to your tuition account.

This grant is made possible through the **TuitionCare Program** sponsored by the Foundation for Catholic Education, which has awarded SCJN School a grant of \$39,000 in recognition of the 39 families who contributed to the program this year.

The **TuitionCare Program** is a unique project inaugurated by the Foundation for Catholic Education. The program is now in its sixth year and is expanding to a number of schools around the Archdiocese. Through this program, the Foundation for Catholic Education awards a Tuition Reduction Grant (TRG) of \$1,000 to the school for each donor that enrolls in the program.

A special thanks and appreciation to the 39 supporters who have participated in the **TuitionCare Program** this year. Not only have these families successfully diverted some of their PA State tax dollars to Catholic Education rather than sending these tax dollars to the state, but they are making a great difference at SCJN, too!



Pray for the Sick



Pete Bruno
Mary Lou Butler
Mark Ciciretti
Carrie Defoe

Joe & Debbie Difelice
Marietta Galvez
Richard John Ralph Meza

Lucretia Miceli
Terry Pennoni
Loretta Ribecca
Carley Serlenga

Feb. 10: St. Scholastica, Virgin (c.480-542)

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters. www.franciscanmedia.org



03.08 2025

MANUP PHILLY

PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

"Becoming Pilgrims of Hope"

Man Up Philly 2025 invites the men of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to the 17th Annual Men's Spirituality Conference to be held on Saturday, March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara's St. John Vianney Hall Theater.

We encourage all men – fathers, sons, brothers, friends – to join us for an inspiring day of faith and fellowship. Take part in the Holy Year by Becoming a Pilgrim of Hope to your family, parish, and community.



Brian Dawkins
NFL Eagles Hall of
Famer, Author,
Motivational Speaker



Ward Fitzgerald
CEO, Catholic
Leadership Institute
Board of Directors,
CNBC Contributor



Ed Morris
Captain of Team Hope,
Real Estate Entrepreneur,
Founder of Edward A.
Morris Family Foundation



Mark Forrest
Internationally
Acclaimed Irish Tenor



**Monsignor
Federico Britto**
Pastor of St. Cyrilus Parish



**Archbishop
Nelson Perez**
Archbishop of Philadelphia

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER
VISIT MANUPPHILLY.COM



CALVARY CEMETERY
Philadelphia Archdiocesan Catholic Cemetery

Make your arrangements *Today!*

2025 PRE-PLANNING

Call Renee Cirino for details at 610-484-5193

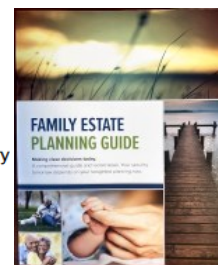
Sponsored by Calvary Cemetery

LUNCH AND LEARN

Free Advance Planning Seminar on "Getting Your Ducks in a Row" with the *Philadelphia Archdiocesan Catholic Cemeteries*. Know your options and understand why pre-planning your final wishes is one of the best things you can do for your family.

Topics include:

- A roadmap for planning your final arrangements
- Reasons to plan now
- Financial Peace of Mind
- Connecting with a trusted team
- The Importance of choosing a Catholic Cemetery



Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Time: 12:30 PM

Where: Trattoria San Nicola Ristorante
4 Manor Rd, Paoli, PA 19301

RSVP to Renee Cirino via phone call @ 610-484-5193 or email at rree@everstorypartners.com to reserve your seat.

Learn how to plan ahead to protect the ones you love