

St. John Neumann Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025



"He was lost and has been found."
Luke 15:32

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.



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

CONNECT WITH US!

www.sjnparish.org

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STAFF

- ◆ **Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Matz
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 - Rev. Gerald D. Canavan
 - Rev. Brian Kean
 - Rev. Robert J. Murray, OSA
- ◆ **Business Mgrs:** Mrs. Joy Falcone, Mr. Paul Selvaggi
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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
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- ◆ **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
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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:15 pm Mario Palumbi

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

7:30 am Mario Palumbi

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Catherine McClatchy

12:00 pm Richard Haindl

5:15 pm Bernice Melich

MONDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 am Stephanie Bialecki

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 am Dale Prestianni

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

St. Francis of Paola

8:00 am Joseph P. Swatski

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 am Marlene Anthony

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

St. Isidore of Seville

8:00 am Living & Deceased Members of the Carroll Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am Mario Palumbi



Please help us keep your contact info current! Contact the Parish Office at 610-525-3100 or mainoffice@sjnparish.org



Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations

Maeve Mannion Bartholomew

PARENTS: ANTHONY AND RACHEL

OFFERINGS:

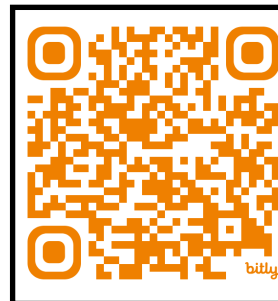
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Disciple Maker Index SURVEY



SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVES AND HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW WE'RE DOING!

The first step involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities. The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey is a tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at SJN Parish.

The online survey can be accessed by scanning the QR code or find paper surveys at the church doors.

This 10-15-minute survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth. It will also enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ.

All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

Adoration

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We may not know what to say or do, we may get bored, and then lose sight of what Adoration is all about. This pamphlet is to help each of us make the most out of this time with our Lord.



Adoration is beautiful in its simplicity and its flexibility.

THURSDAYS IN LENT—ALL DAY UNTIL 7 PM.

Learn more:

[Adoration Pamphlet / CLICK HERE](#)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—

A PILGRIMAGE: FRIDAYS AT 5:30 PM
(less than 30 mins)

See our pamphlet on the fourteen Stations together with insights from Pope Francis on the fruits of praying and meditating on them. [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code—they are available at the doors of the church.

We invite you to step away from your daily routine and connect with Jesus through a prayerful journey on his way of the cross.





Bill was tired of the mess in his basement. So, one Saturday, he decided to get cracking on what was down there. The first box he opened made him pause, though. It was filled with some of the stuff he had taken from his parents' house after his father had died. What caught his eye was his father's "Big Book" (which is used by those who are helped by AA).

Bill opened the book at random and on a piece of paper inserted in the page was written: "One day at a time". And under that these words: You can't break an addiction by making a solemn promise that you will never give in to that addiction again. You are responsible for what you do today so, *focus on today only*.

Bill remembered that while growing up there were times when chaos reigned in his home until his father took seriously his addiction and started to attend meetings and using that support to help him achieve a new vision for himself.

There had been some collateral damage from all that chaos, though, and Bill knew that his tendency toward bad use of the Internet was something that maybe he was struggling with now because he didn't resolve some things in his early life.

So, maybe he needed to pay attention to what he just read. Maybe his Dad was speaking to him and trying to help him out. Better yet, was this God's way of taping Bill on the shoulder and saying to him, "Pay attention to this!" Maybe the Lord and his father were working together on his behalf. No matter how Bill looked at this, he knew that it was more than a coincidence.

Maybe this wisdom would help when it comes to his own spiritual life. As it was, Bill

would only attend Mass on occasion, even though his wife kept encouraging him to come with her and the kids. Yet, he saw now that it might be better to say, "Lord, give me the grace to go to Mass this weekend, so that I can receive you in the Eucharist", rather than make a pledge to attend Mass every weekend for the rest of his life. *Focus on today only.*

Same way to approach his Internet addiction—one day at a time, Lord, please help me...

All these 'little' things that seem to occur really were clear signs to Bill that God was interested in him— wanted to work with him and help him to become a better person walking on the path to heaven.

God intervenes in Moses life and clearly indicates that through Moses he will rescue the Israelites from their bondage in Egypt. God is clearly the one in charge and things will play out

the way God wants them to play out! So, too, does the Lord intervene in our own life. He takes the initiative with us and wants us to cooperate with him. Moses paid attention. Bill, the person in the story, paid attention. We are also asked to pay attention, to cooperate with God and allow him to free us from the bondage of sin.

One of the ways that we can be freed from the bondage of sin is to learn to keep our focus on Christ and not only on our failings. There's a great quote from Catherine Doherty that offers us a very helpful image. Here's what she wrote about sin:

"Sin is turning my back on God. I walk away from God, into a deadly place, a Godless place, in which I look at mirrors, and in every mirror I see myself. Sin is the adoration of self, in a manner of speaking, instead of God.



St. Isidore of Seville (April 4) — The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside.



Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future

Posters & photos for the church and school are in the Gathering Room. Stop by after Mass to see the plans!

Our *Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future* campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our St. John Neumann Parish community is clearly apparent. We would like to express our thanks to the donors who have given so generously already. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

Now that all families have received the mailing, we want to share several thoughts regarding this campaign and what is being asked of our families:

Invitation not Expectation

Every family will be asked to consider a specific commitment to the campaign. We have gone through an exhaustive process to determine requests that are appropriate for each family. That said, in some cases our request may be too high. In some cases, it may be too low. It is not an *expectation*. It is an *invitation* – and the starting point for your personal discernment. Ultimately, the parish is grateful for whatever gifts you can provide.

Reflect and Pray

In advance of the request, we ask that you spend some time reflecting on St. John Neumann, its future and how you can help. Pray and ask the Lord for guidance. Give in a way that represents the blessings that you have received.

Shared Responsibility

This campaign should not be shouldered by one family, or a few families. It is the responsibility of the entire community to ensure this effort is a success.

Thank you for your cooperation, your consideration and your support of St. John Neumann!

Our Campaign webpage has all the latest updates!
Keep up to date with all the latest info & happenings
Visit sjnparish.org/campaign

This week's insert/Click Here: [Learn more about our sacred space!](#)

FAQ-1 —How did we get to a capital campaign?	FAQ-4 —Addressing various questions received
FAQ-2 —What do the projects for the church include?	FAQ-5 —About 'Hub parishes' in the Archdiocese
FAQ-3 —What do the projects for the school include?	FAQ-6 —About the expenditure on each project

Be With Me Today



Heavenly Father, please be with me today. My heart hurts. I feel overwhelmed, and it's difficult for me to see the joy that only you provide. Still, I trust in you and place my problems in your hands. I pray that you can open my eyes to the ways in which your love is embracing me. Amen.



RESOURCES TO HELP YOU WITH THE RITE OF RECONCILIATION.

All are in a tri-fold format. They are available in the Sunday email, at the church doors, and at these links in our digital bulletin →

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

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 do we say "the Mystery of Faith"; Why do we say it?

Last Week: When and why does the priest or deacon sign himself with the cross at Mass?



The Boy from Milan | Trailer



You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the

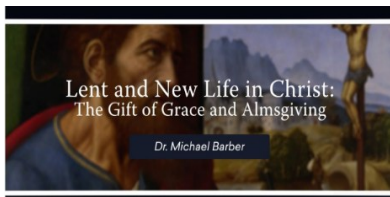
world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

Who Do You Say That I Am? | Metanoia Episode 1

In the Gospel of Mark, the first words of Jesus are an invitation to metanoia, to repent, to change, to be converted. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible series as he preaches on conversion.



Lent and New Life in Christ: The Gift of Grace



What is the importance of almsgiving? Dr. Michael Barber discusses the transformative power of almsgiving for your life.



MAKE THE MOST OF LENT

- ◆ **Tuesdays at 1 pm and 6 pm** — Confessions
- ◆ **Thursdays all day, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church** — Treat yourself to some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament — give it a try, it's time very well spent.
- ◆ **Fridays at 5:30 pm, Stations of the Cross** — (less than 30 mins) Close your week with the comfort and strength that is available by joining together to pray the Stations. This can help lead you to a deeper relationship with Christ and a greater appreciation of God's love — especially if you are suffering in some way.

HOLY WEEK

- ◆ **Palm Sunday**—Sunday, April 13
- ◆ **Parish Lenten Penance Service**—Tuesday, April 15, 7 pm
- ◆ **No morning Mass**—Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- ◆ **Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper**—April 17, 7 pm
- ◆ **Good Friday**—April 18
 - * 12:30—1:15 pm—**Seven Last Words Service**
 - * 1:15—2:15pm—**Confessions**
 - * 3:00 pm—**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**
 - * 4:00 pm—**Veneration of the Cross**
- ◆ **Holy Saturday**
- ◆ **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**—Saturday, April 19, 7:30 pm
- ◆ **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection**—Sunday, April 20—Masses at 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12-noon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



*Carmen DiMaggio
Loretta Fichter*

*Vincent Kim
James Lentz*

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



Pray for the Sick



Pete Bruno
Mary Lou Butler
Mark Ciciretti
Carrie Defoe
Irene DePaul

Joe & Debbie Difelice
Marietta Galvez
Richard John
Ralph Meza

Lucretia Miceli
Terry Pennoni
Loretta Rebecca
Carley Serlenga
Eric Taylor

Employment Opportunity at SJN FACILITIES SPECIALIST — PART-TIME

The facilities specialist will have a primary focus on preparing the campus for either sporting events or ministry events along with daily operational maintenance of the meeting rooms, gymnasium and the school.

Specific responsibilities include:

- ◆ Interior painting and repairing damaged walls and drywalls.
- ◆ Sweeping and mopping of the gym floor.
- ◆ Setting up and taking down tables for meetings and events in the Life Center and Gathering Room.
- ◆ Communicating with the various Parish ministry leaders and school coordinators in determining the needs for each event.
- ◆ Cleaning bathroom fixtures, partitions, walls and mirrors.
- ◆ Vacuuming classrooms and activity rooms and removing the trash bags from the classrooms each day.
- ◆ Assist the facilities director in cleaning classrooms daily and be integral to the summer deep clean process required to prepare for the next upcoming school year.
- ◆ Must be able to lift 25-50 lbs at times.

Those interested are asked to send a resume and cover letter to mainoffice@sjnparish.org

You Are Needed!



SPECIAL BLOOD DRIVE! NAOMI'S NINJAS

Each year this mother-daughter duo holds a Blood Drive in thanks for the support they received at the time of the daughter, Naomi's, illness.

St. John Neumann Church is happy to help Naomi's cause! Sign up to share the gift of life!

Sat, April 12th, 9 AM—2 PM

Sign up using the QR Code
or visit: [https://
www.redcrossblood.org/
give.html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)



Scan to schedule an appointment.

In May, we will hold another Blood Drive:

Thursday, May 8th, 2 pm—7Pm at the Life Center.

Sign up at [https://www.redcrossblood.org/
give.html/find-drive](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive)

Sponsor Code: SJNeumann



First Saturday Devotion

Join us April 5th

at 7:30 AM

for the Holy Rosary

(prior to 8:00 AM Mass)

SJN'S GARAGE SALE WILL BE IN OCTOBER 2025



**Stay
Tuned!**

Lenten Greetings to You,

I wanted to share with you all some wonderful news. I have received the results for my Labour fund-raising efforts and the money awarded to me will reduce my debt to \$0. I can now immerse myself fully into formation and pursue the call to the priesthood.

I am and will always be forever grateful for your support, generosity, and most importantly, your prayers. Thanks to you all, this year, 10 other seminarians and consecrated religious from across the country have also fully entered into their formation as well.

As we continue through this Lenten season, let us be drawn ever closer into our Lord's death and resurrection! May your guardian angel be always at your side and may our Blessed Mother guide and protect you.

God love you always,

-Brandon Yurcisin

