

# St. John Neumann Parish

Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025



*"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7*

## MASS

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:15 pm

**Sunday Mass:** 7:30am, 9:00 am<sup>+</sup> \*\*, 10:30 am,  
12:00 pm, 5:15 pm

**Monday—Saturday:** 8:00 am<sup>+</sup>

+ Livestreamed at [www.sjnparish.org/livestream](http://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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## CONNECT WITH US!

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**Parish Office**

[mainoffice@sjnparish.org](mailto:mainoffice@sjnparish.org)

610-525-3100

380 Highland Lane

Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

**Saints Colman—John**

**Neumann Catholic School**

[www.scjnschool.org](http://www.scjnschool.org)

610-525-3266

372 Highland Lane

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- ◆ **In Residence:** Rev. Robert J. Chapman
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- ◆ **Parish Services Director:** Ms. Clare Frissora
- ◆ **Sunday Assistance:**
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  - Rev. Brian Kean
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- ◆ **Adult Group:** Jack McNamara
- ◆ **Adult Faith Formation:** Msgr. Matz
- ◆ **Altar Guild:** Nora Saraceni
- ◆ **Bible Study:** Craig Callaghan
- ◆ **Book Club:** Clare Frissora
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- ◆ **Family Promise:** Kathy Selvaggi; Eileen Mulvena
- ◆ **Garage Sale:** Isabel Momenee
- ◆ **Good Samaritan:** Craig Callaghan
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- ◆ **Walking with Purpose:** MaryPat Heilmann



# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY, APRIL 5

5:15 pm Jeanne Clery

## SUNDAY, APRIL 6

7:30 am Terese M. Flanagan  
9:00 am People of SJN Parish  
10:30 am Patrick McGuigan, Jr.  
12:00 pm Francis McWilliams  
5:15 pm Josephine Copley

## MONDAY, APRIL 7

*St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

8:00 am Mario Palumbi

## TUESDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am Pauline M. FitzPatrick

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

8:00 am Luke Coyle

## THURSDAY, APRIL 10

8:00 am Mary & Michael O'Malley

## FRIDAY, APRIL 11

*St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr*

8:00 am Barbara B. Anderson

## SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:00 am Oslando Casce



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



*Sacrament of Baptism*  
Congratulations

*Avery Annunziata Ratigan*

**PARENTS: MATTHEW AND JACQUELINE**

## OFFERINGS:

— Mar. 30: \$14,850



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

## 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. This includes furniture movement, set-up, and cleaning. Those interested are asked to send a resume and cover letter to [mainoffice@sjnparish.org](mailto:mainoffice@sjnparish.org)

## A Prayer for the Salvation of the World



Father, hear our prayers for the salvation of the world. Grant Mercy to all souls that turned away from You. Open their hearts and minds with Your light. Gather Your children from the east and the west, from the north and the south.

Have mercy O God on those who do not know You. Bring them out of darkness into Your light. You are our saving God Who leads us in our salvation. Protect us from evil. Bless and praise You O Lord, hear our prayers and answer us. You, our Savior, are the hope of all the ends of the Earth and the distant seas. May Your way be known upon Earth; among all nations Your salvation.

We put the world in Your hands; fill us with Your love. Grant us peace through Christ, our Lord.

Amen



An Asian-American man wrote this story several years ago:  
In the early 80's my mom and dad, my younger brother and sister and I came to America

from Asia. Once we got here, it took a while for us to get settled and learn the language, but our parents tried hard to give us a sense of "home" in this new land.

They were strict with all of us, but we respected our parents. One of the most important things that our parents were concerned about was that we learned to have a strong Catholic faith. The second, that we did our best in school. Along with these things was the constant reminder that we should never do anything to shame the family. And no matter what the other kids or other families thought, we were to be respectful, never use bad language and follow the teachings of the Christ.

My parents told us that our grandparents were Catholics who had to suffer much because of what they believed in a land where it was dangerous to even be a Catholic.

During my senior year in high school, unknown to both my parents, I got involved in things that eventually brought trouble into my life. I knew that these things were sinful, but I did them anyway.

One Friday night, I was arrested for rowdy behavior and drunkenness along with the other guys that I was hanging around with. One of my friends started to give the cops a hard time, and so we were handcuffed and they started looking in the car for, not just alcohol, but drugs too.

We were taken to the police station and our parents were called. That's when things got real quiet. I was still intoxicated and wasn't looking so good. I prayed that only my father would come to get me, that he'd pay the bail and get me out of here. I didn't want my mother to see me like this. The other parents came in first and made their anger known to their sons good and loud for all to hear.

When my father came in, he said nothing to me, but the look on his face killed me. I could see that he was so ashamed. I didn't know what to say to him so I just put my head down. Then it hit me what I'd done; I brought shame to my family and caused my father great pain. Realizing this I just broke down and cried. I hadn't done that in a long time.

My father paid the bail, the handcuffs were taken off and we started toward the parking lot. At this point I wasn't even thinking about what punishment the police were going to give me. I was thinking about having to face my mother. I hurt the people I had loved and respected all my life.

When we got home nothing was said to me. No yelling or hitting. My mother had the same look that my father had. I was devastated.

Needless to say, I learned my lesson. Nothing like that ever happened again, but there was always sense of pain in my heart for what I had done.

Many years after that incident, this is after my own marriage and becoming a parent with three children, we got a call to come to my parents' house ---my mother had died. When the funeral was over and it came time to say good bye to my father, we were alone. He said to me, "Your mother loved you very much, and so do I." With tears in my eyes I said, "That's the one thing I knew I could count on." We hugged and parted.

They were the most memorable words my father ever spoke to me, and, as it turned out, the last words he would ever say to me.

That man is you and me. The father is God. We can say that we are good people as many times as we want, but we still need Christ to rescue us and save us from our sin. This is really what's at the heart of the Prodigal Son story. *It's about being forgiven when we have sinned and broken the trust. The boy in the story had broken the trust of his family. When we sin, we break the trust between God and ourselves.*

Yet the Father's love is constant, and Jesus leads us back to the Father who deeply loves us. There are times when we need a second chance, and because of that great love, we always get another chance.

In this life, we need to say that we are sorry for our sins---to repent. When we die, we will stand before the presence of God and our lives on earth will be brought before us. And it is Christ who will save us from death.

So, remember, no matter how many times we have sinned, no matter what we have done, when we repent, we are offered forgiveness.

So, remember the cross. Turn to Jesus who rescues us and saves us from our sins.

## PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK: PALM SUNDAY, PASSION SUNDAY — APRIL 13



We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey which fulfills the prophecy from Zechariah. The pilgrims who came with Jesus were enthusiastic, spread their garments on the road where Jesus passed, waved tree branches and cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest", recognizing him as their messianic king.

We participate in the narrative of the Passion on this Sunday. — NCREGISTER.COM





CELEBRATING OUR FAITH,  
*Embracing our Future*

### Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future

Our campaign continues to make progress thanks to the generosity of our community. **As of Wednesday, April 2 our campaign pledge total was \$1.2 million!**

#### When do I need to return my pledge card?

We are hoping to have all pledge cards returned as soon as possible. This does not mean that a family needs to start their payments right away. One of the great things about pledges is that they are flexible. Some families will start their monthly contributions on May 1, some will give

quarterly, and others might give annually.

#### If I want to give monthly in the campaign envelope, online or even through stock or a donor advised fund, do I still need to fill out a pledge card?

Completing the pledge card gives us a more accurate campaign total which, in turn, will help us determine the budget and timeline for the beginning and completion of each project. Pledges allow donors to consider giving more than is possible through one-time gifts. Any commitment is easier to make if we know we can do it over time. Pledging is only an estimate of giving and if you need to change your pledge at any time you can contact the Parish Office at [mainoffice@sjnparish.org](mailto:mainoffice@sjnparish.org) or at 610-525-3100.

### SPECIAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS!

[See our bulletin insert / Click Here](#)

**Gift Match Challenge:** We are excited to announce that a donor has come forward with a gift match challenge! This donor is so inspired and excited about our projects that they have made available \$1,000,000 to us. The challenge is that for every \$1.00 pledged and donated to the campaign, they will contribute \$0.50! Not only will YOUR gift be added to the campaign, but 50% more will be added!

♦ *Let your contribution have an even greater impact — and help us secure this \$1MM for our projects!*

**Dedications (Naming Opportunities):** We are also excited to share that we will have dedications available at the church and school to recognize your gift or to remember loved ones. Details in insert.

♦ *From stained-glass windows to statues and classrooms, your charitable gift can honor others.*

**With Gratitude:** In appreciation for those able to gift at higher levels, a plaque recognizing your contribution will be accessible at both the church and school. Details in insert.

*We thank all those who are helping St. John Neumann Parish — our church and school — be ready for the next 60 years and beyond!*

[Our Campaign webpage has all the latest updates!](#)

[Keep up to date with all the latest info & happenings](#)

Visit [sjnparish.org/campaign](http://sjnparish.org/campaign)

[FAQ-1](#)—How did we get to a capital campaign?

[FAQ-2](#)—What do the projects for the church include?

[FAQ-3](#)—What do the projects for the school include?

[FAQ-4](#)—Addressing various questions received

[FAQ-5](#)—About 'Hub parishes' in the Archdiocese

[FAQ-6](#)—About the expenditure on each project

[INFO-7](#)—About our sacred space and the planned renovations

### PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK: WHAT DID JESUS DO ON MONDAY? St. Matthew 21:12-17 tells us:

Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all those engaged in selling and buying there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. And he said to them, "It is written: 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you are making it a den of thieves."

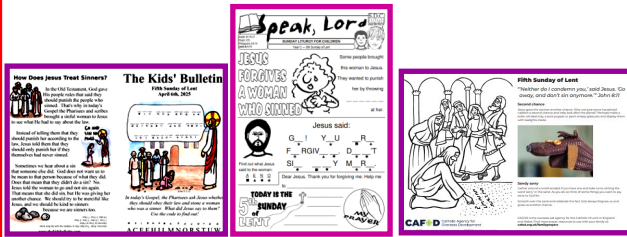
The blind and the lame approached him in the temple area, and he cured them. When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wondrous things he was doing, and the children crying out in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant and said to him, "Do you hear what they are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; and have you never read the text, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise'?"

And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany, and there he spent the night.

# 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 is an Aspergillum and when is it used?**

**Last Week: When do we say "the Mystery of Faith"; Why do we say it?**



### The Truth About the Shroud of Turin w/ Fr. Robert Spitzer



The Shroud of Turin is the subject of a lot of rumors, myths and controversies—maybe you've heard some of them yourself and don't know what to believe. In this episode, Fr. Robert Spitzer offers amazing facts and stories about the Shroud.

### Preparing for Holy Week | The Augustine Institute Show

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Mark Giszczak, professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as they walk through the liturgies of Holy week, historical sports in the Holy Land, and how to prepare our hearts for the events of the Passion.



### St. John Baptist de la Salle: Patron Saint of Teachers



Celebrate the feast day of St. John Baptist de la Salle, the patron saint of teachers, with this great movie on Formed. St. John Baptist de la Salle, pray for us!



### 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.

### Our Parish has a FORMED subscription

To set up your **FREE** account go to:

- ◆ [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- ◆ In the "Find your Parish" box type: 19010
- ◆ Select: "St John Neumann Church"
- ◆ Create an account using your name & email address



### Pray for the Sick



Pete Bruno	Joe & Debbie Difelice	Lucretia Miceli
Mary Lou Butler	Marietta Galvez	Loretta Rebecca
Mark Ciciretti	Richard John	Carley Serlenga
Carrie Defoe	Ralph Meza	Eric Taylor
Irene DePaul		

SCJN

SCJN Students danced the afternoon away after a long week of Terranova testing. The Home and School Association planned an amazing event that raised over \$21,000 for the SCJN School community. Thank you to everyone who donated to this amazing day! SCJN Loves Philadelphia Sports always.



## SJN'S GARAGE SALE WILL BE IN OCTOBER 2025



Stay  
Tuned!

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



*Carmen DiMaggio  
Loretta Fichter*

*Vincent Kim  
James Lentz*

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



Pray the Rosary with us!  
Every day after the 8:00 am Mass—

### PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK: WHAT HAPPENED ON TUESDAY?

Tuesday of Holy Week, also known as "Fig Tuesday", we remember the time Jesus cursed a fig tree... yes that's right, He cursed a fig tree, but for a good reason. Jesus and His disciples were heading back into Jerusalem in the morning, and Jesus was hungry. He noticed a fig tree on the side of the road, but when the group approached it, there was nothing on it but leaves. Jesus said to the tree, "May no fruit ever come from you again." The disciples watched in wonder as the tree withered immediately. As we all would in that situation, the disciples pressed Jesus for an explanation.

Jesus answered, "Amen, I say to you, if you have faith and do not waver, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done. Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." In this passage, Jesus reminds us to have such a strong faith that even the impossible seems possible. No doubt, Jesus was preparing His disciples for what was to come in the next few days. He knew that their faith was about to be challenged and they were going to have to start their mission of building the Church.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/feature-on-the-tuesday-of-holy-week/>

### PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK: SPY WEDNESDAY

The day before Jesus entered into His Passion, a spy arose from among His closest friends. The traitor Judas Iscariot made his deal with the chief priests, agreeing to betray the Son of God for a pile of coins. Taking advantage of the gift of Christ's friendship, Judas kept the veneer of an Apostle, but was secretly plotting betrayal.

Judas, who had been a chosen assistant in the ministry of Christ, who had shared His table, who had enjoyed the fellowship of God Himself, who would be present at the first Holy Mass—he would exchange it all for a pittance.

<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/why-is-today-called-spy-wednesday/>