

St. John Neumann Parish

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2025



“The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.”
Luke 10:2

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 18.

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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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 5

5:15 pm Alfred O. Puntel

SUNDAY, JULY 6

7:30 am John Burke

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Peter Bruno

12:00 pm Mary Louise Musi

5:15 pm

MONDAY, JULY 7

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

TUESDAY, JULY 8

8:00 am Cevyn Murphy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

St. Augustine Zhao Rong

8:00 am James Brady

THURSDAY, JULY 10

8:00 am Johny Hernández

FRIDAY, JULY 11

St. Benedict

8:00 am Nellie Donnelly

SATURDAY, JULY 12

8:00 am Esteban Adames

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US!

Every day after the
8:00 am Mass
and
Mondays at 7:00 pm

In church
(grotto-side entry)



Arise! Youth Evenings of Adoration

An Arise! Youth Evening of Adoration is an evening of Encounter for teens. An encounter with Christ, the Trinity, self, and each other. Encounter with Christ in the Eucharist, the mercy of the Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Holy Spirit in the communion of prayer with an Intercessory Prayer Team. Finally, the encounter with themselves and each other through the sharing of this experience in community.

Upcoming events:

- July 16 — Malvern Retreat House, Malvern
- August 27 — Malvern Retreat House, Malvern
- October 3— St. Margaret Parish, Narberth, PA

More info: <https://phillyomy.org/event/arise-evening-of-adoration-for-youth/>



SJN'S GARAGE SALE

OCTOBER 11-12



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- ♦ 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



I would like to share with you when you entered the Robert's home the first thing you noticed were the degrees hanging on the wall.

They were there for all to be seen. The father had been a neurosurgeon, just retired; and their children all had diplomas from the best private schools in the Virginia area. Each of them had chosen a career either in the medical world or the legal profession. They were a proud family, very much caught up in titles. They loved to talk about their vacation homes and the famous people they knew. Yet, when you were in their company, you could sense uneasiness. Almost as if there was an unnamed tension in the room. The only person who didn't fit into the Roberts mold was Mrs. Roberts. Although a talented person who had been a successful lawyer in her day, she didn't possess the aggressive drive of her husband. And through the years there had always been clashes between father and mother over values and priorities in the raising of their children.

About two years after the father retired, he died of a heart attack. (He had been giving a conference to a group of doctors in LA when it happened.) As the wife and children each came up to the casket at the viewing they were thinking about the life their father and husband had led. They acknowledged that he had always seemed unsettled. That he was always looking for something more. He had certainly instilled this drive in his children. And although they benefitted by having such an ambitious drive, each of them, in their own way, had wished that their father/husband had been more focused on family values rather than being competitive and career oriented. The children were, in reality, afraid of their father. Not that he was abusive toward them, but they always felt that they were not measuring up. That they could do better or have pushed further in their endeavors. Sometimes his children felt that their father was just putting up with them rather than being really proud of them. As they were developing their own relationships and moving toward marriage, etc., they were learning that life was not all about the number of degrees that were hanging in the front hall.

We live in a very fast-paced world. I think that because of this people don't always have the time to think things through. Or people buy into the wrong set of values and start chasing after

things that aren't as important as they first seem to be. Sometimes parents, while all the while trying to be helpful, put pressure on their children that can have a negative effect on them. Sometimes the right message gets lost in the shuffle of other things---things that are more external, but not really getting to heart of what is genuinely important.

We all know of the game show called Wheel of Fortune. Well, there was a medieval version (which obviously came first!). It was a court game. There was a wheel, and on the edges of the wheel were painted images of a king. These images varied from the king on his throne to the king lying in the dirt or being pursued by an enemy. In the center of the wheel was the symbol of Christ. Somehow bets were placed and the wheel was spun. What's the point here? Well, the thing that was never changing was Christ in the center. All along the edge, there were all kinds of crazy things. The moral being: stay in the center, focused on Christ. Don't live life on the edge where you can fall into problems or get lost in harmful things.

We celebrate today the feast of Peter and Paul. Now here were two men who had their focus in the right place. Their thinking was clear; they were not lost in things that didn't last or matter. Each had to have their life shaken up, but once they sorted out what was happening, and they had their confidence in Jesus Christ secured, they stayed with Christ and allowed him to be in the driver seat. They both went to their deaths proclaiming confidently Jesus Christ as Lord.



We must ask ourselves, what are our priorities? Do they have anything to do with God? Are we aware that there is a spiritual side to life? That it's not just about career or money or power. Some people try to fill their lives with what they think will make them happy. I call them the four substitutes for God: wealth, power, pleasure, honor. In order to be happy some think they have to

get more of these things. And when the day is done, and there is still that empty feeling, then perhaps there is the realization that the only thing that will make us happy is God. Remember the famous words of St Augustine: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you".

Lord, give us a clear vision. Amen.



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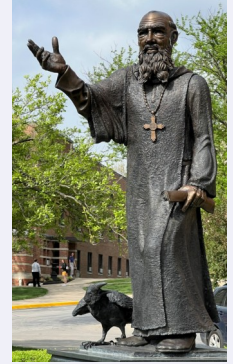
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**PRAYER TO ST. BENEDICT FOR
PROTECTION FROM EVIL**

O glorious Saint Benedict,
sublime model of virtue,
pure vessel of God's grace!
Behold, I, a weak and sinful
creature, implore your
powerful intercession.
Protect me, I pray, from all evil
influences, from the snares of
the wicked one, and from the
temptations of the world.



Obtain for me the grace to follow your
example of humility, obedience, and
steadfast faith. Through your merits,
may I be preserved from all dangers, both
seen and unseen, and may I finally attain
eternal life. Amen.

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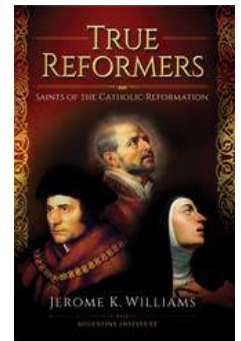
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Book Club

**True Reformers—Saints of the
Catholic Reformation**

By Jerome K. Williams



Who are the true benefactors of
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Rebels against established
authority?... or the saints?

True Reformers explores in detail the leaders
who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of
Renaissance decadence and the turbulence and
confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation.

The saints of the Catholic Reformation show us
just how powerful and beautiful is the human
heart's free response to God's generous grace.

Fridays at 9:45 am in the Meehan Room (next to
the Gathering Room)

Email: book-club@sjnparish.org

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

'NFP Week' celebrates God's design for married
love and the gift of life and raises awareness about
Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods...

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is July
20–26. These dates highlight the anniversary of the
papal encyclical [Humanae vitae \(July 25, 1968\)](#)
which articulates Catholic beliefs about
human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and re-
sponsible parenthood."

For resources and events to ex-
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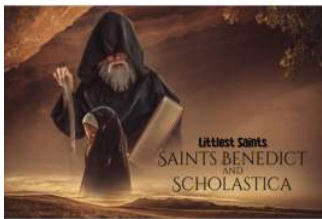
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How did liturgical vestments get started and which one is the Chausable?

Last Week: Why is the Lord's prayer in Mass; when do we say it and why at that time? Is it present in all forms of Mass?



Saints Benedict and Scholastica



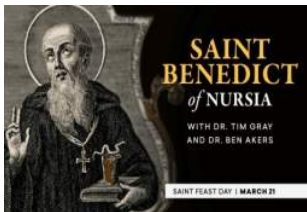
A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.

St. Maria Goretti

Learn more about the holy life and martyrdom of St. Maria Goretti in this moving documentary. In particular, the film highlights her ultimate act of love: forgiving her murderer on her deathbed.



Saint Benedict



Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss the Rule of St. Benedict as it applies to daily life.

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- MARBLE COMPOSITION BOOKS; LOOSE LEAF PAPER (WIDE OR COLLEGE RULED); *NO SPIRAL BOOKS*
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- PENCILS, ERASERS, ERASABLE BLACK INK PENS, CRAYONS, MAGIC MARKERS, COLOR PENCILS
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CONFESSIONS



**TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM
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If you would like to add your name, or the name of a loved one, to the Prayers List call the Parish Office.

Pray for the Sick



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| Mary Lou Butler | Maeve Fitzgerald | Mia Morabito |
| Carrie Defoe | Marietta Galvez | Loretta Ribbecca |
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Returning Families: Reregister with Parish Giving *sent via email*

New Families: If interested in registering, please contact Katie DiRienzo at prep@sjnparish.org

All are welcome!

Please kindly complete registration no later than August 22, 2025.

St. John Neumann PREP will be **on Tuesdays** from 4:30 PM - 5:45 PM on campus

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