

# St. John Neumann Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2025



*“You cannot serve both God and the mammon.”*  
Luke 16:13

## 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>

<sup>+</sup> Livestreamed at [www.sjnparish.org/livestream](http://www.sjnparish.org/livestream)

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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!

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## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

5:15 pm James Tuppeny

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:30 am Dewitt Holt

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Mary Ann Casciato

12:00 pm Gaetano "Cus" Curci

5:15 pm Gerald Mannion, Sr.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 am Najjalín González

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:00 am Virginia LiVolsi

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am Mary Valentine

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 am Helen Onofrio

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

*Sts. Cosmas and Damian*

8:00 am Edmund Dorazio

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*St. Vincent of Paul*

8:00 am Jane Pisano

ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH OCTOBER 11 - 12, 2025

PLAN NOW, DONATE  
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DONATION DROPS BEGIN  
OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 1PM

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ENTERTAINMENT  
SETS

# GARAGE SALE

## Furniture Pick Up Requests

To request a furniture pick up please fill out the request form on our website.  
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## Visit or Scan:

(for all things Garage Sale Related)

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## MEETING OF GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

Thursday, Sep. 25, 9:30AM

Parish Life Center



## Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations,

*Claire Elizabeth Tirado*

**PARENTS: STEVEN AND CATHERINE**

## thank you!

### OFFERINGS:

— Sep. 14: \$ 15,505

— 2nd Coll: \$1,821



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## Sanctuary Flowers



Flowers presented at the Crucifix,  
and at the Sacred Heart  
and Blessed Mother Statues~  
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## Blessing of the Animals

In commemoration of Saint  
Francis of Assisi and his love  
of all of God's creatures,  
we will have a *Blessing of  
Animals* on his Feast Day,

**Saturday, October 4th**

**The Blessing begins at 2:00 pm.**

Bring your pet(s) and meet at  
our St. Francis statue!



A woman stands in front of her parents and says rather emphatically, "All I want from him is an admission that what he did was wrong." The woman is talking, of course, about her

husband. Her mother tries to respond to the question and offer some advice, saying that it is difficult for a lot of people to admit they made a mistake, and the minute she does this, the daughter interrupts her, wanting to talk about her husband (who does not admit that he makes mistakes). But she won't let her mother get her thoughts out. And the mother says that she really can't help her.

Fast forward three years and the same woman is standing in front of both her parents and saying that she is considering divorcing her husband. Her mother doesn't say anything. Her father doesn't say anything. So she stares at them waiting for a response. Her mother eventually says, "That decision affects you, your life, and your children. And the woman says that she knows this but, "does she know how impossible Mike (her husband) is---what it's like living with a person who always thinks they're right?"

Both parents smile at one another and her Dad says, "We're familiar with that issue, and I am curious, what does Mike think of this news?" Mike is totally shocked. He doesn't think things are that bad; he thinks everything is alright. Her Dad asks, "Did he have any complaints about you?" "Oh, he said something about me interrupting him every time he tries to say something and screaming at him. But he doesn't realize how frustrating it is to live with him."

So her mother asks, "What do you want from us?"

"I guess, advice."

"Well, if you promise to let me complete my thoughts and not interrupt..." The daughter agrees.

So the mother says: "Mike has a flaw. He is a very proud man. He has the hardest time admitting he made a mistake." And her father adds: "When I go to the ballpark with him, everything he says about each ballplayer he thinks is the gospel truth. But I know he's wrong about a lot of it, that's true." Then her mother says, "I'm just not sure that is a reason to divorce---to break up the family. I agree, it's very annoying. But what about you? All people have flaws. None of us is perfect. As a matter of fact, I've come to appreciate that that's the main reason why Christ died on the cross for us."

So, you see what's happening here, I hope. The woman has a legitimate complaint but clearly doesn't see her own flaws. They are staring her in the face and she is blind to them. Her parents are older now. They have been around the block. When they were younger they were headstrong like their daughter is now. But they have learned through their experiences that no one is perfect, and that we *all* have to work on our own weaknesses and "bits of disfunction". Faith played a part in the parents coming to this realization. They started to choose their battles and saw that a lot of the stuff just wasn't worth the aggravation. As they settled down, they began to accept each other's flaws and forgive one another. This is something that their daughter will have to do. And something we have to do as well.

As we listen to the story, some of us identify with the parents who have gained wisdom from their experiences, and some of us are right there sympathizing with the daughter. What we see is that no one is perfect, and although we may see clearly a fault in someone else we are not so quick to see what we might be doing wrong.

So we have to thank God for what his Son has done for us!! And that is why we exalt the cross today. Christ died for us, taking our sins and flaws on himself. It's our sins---our flaws that killed him, but that's the way we are cleansed of sin, and have a chance to start living the right way, dealing with our flaws and the flaws of others in a positive and more patient way.

Because of the cross, the woman in the story has an opportunity to allow Christ to help save her marriage. Because of the cross we see our own weaknesses and know that Christ will help us live the right way as long as we turn to Him for the help He so much wants to offer us.

We need religion in our life---we need faith in our life. Our children need faith and religion in a world that is daily becoming unglued and filled with temptations that are way too strong. To go without Christ and his cross is to be overcome by the evils of the world; we can get lost and make a mess of our lives.

The other thing to remember is this: We can spend a lifetime working on our own flaws, and eventually we come to the realization that God is the one who will straighten us out.

So today we say thank you, Lord, for what you did for us. We lift high the cross, for it is only through Christ's cross and Resurrection that we are saved. We say thank you, Lord for saving us and giving us a chance!



## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BE A PERMANENT DEACON?

SCAN TO REGISTER

Join us at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the next Information Session.



SEPTEMBER 25, 2025  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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### *Healing Mass —*

**Saturday Oct. 18th @ 5:15 pm**

If you or a loved one may benefit from receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, join us for this beautiful Mass.

#### **PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE:**

Contact Clare at the Rectory:  
610-525-3100 or email:  
[healing@sjnparish.org](mailto:healing@sjnparish.org)

In the essential rite of the sacrament, the priest lays his hands on the sick person's head. Then he anoints the person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, a holy oil that has been blessed by the Bishop.



One does not need to be in a critical state of health to receive this sacrament.

## **THIS WEEKEND!** **FAMILY FAITH WEEKEND 2025 — SEPT. 20-21** **AFTER EVERY MASS & HOSPITALITY**

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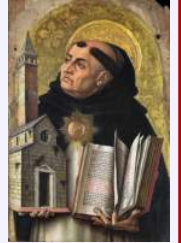


**GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS!**

**FROM THE VERY FIRST SAINT TO THE MOST RECENT!**

**DISCOVER THEIR INTRIGUING STORIES.**

**BE INSPIRED AS THEY MOVE FROM TRIAL TO TRIUMPH.**



## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

### **MONDAY EVENINGS, THIS FALL!**

- ◆ **First meeting, Sept. 29**  
— Intro video, general information and study guide distribution.
- ◆ **Session One, Oct. 20**  
— **THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES**
- ◆ **Session Two, Oct 27**  
— **THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES**
- ◆ **Session Three, Nov 3**  
— **THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**
- ◆ **Session Four, Nov 17**  
— **THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES**

SCRIPTURE  
AND THE  
ROSARY



**NEXT WEEK!**

Meet at the Life Center.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO SIGN UP, CONTACT:

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## *Come as you are.*

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**Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God**

Join us for ***Touching the Divine*** to explore the qualities of Jesus revealed through the Gospel of John. This study draws us into a deeper relationship with Jesus as we reflect on His life and personality.



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Zoom option available

Questions? MaryPat 215-266-8204

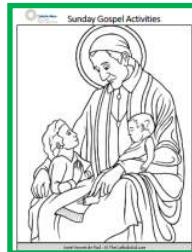
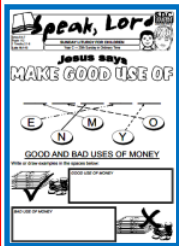
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# Family Faith



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## Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

**GREAT FOR ADULTS!**

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

**What is available to you every time you enter and exit church?**

**Last Week: What is a deacon and what does he do?**



### Padre Pio: Miracle Man



This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people including those in Church.

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### St. Matthew

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and Evangelist.



### Padre Pio: Between Heaven and Earth



Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this 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.

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### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK—SEP. 27/28

Founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan, the Little Sisters of the Poor are an international congregation of Roman Catholic women religious, serving the elderly poor in over 30 countries

The **mission** of the Little Sisters of the Poor is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

They will be visiting SJN next week, appealing for your financial assistance to support their work. Your support is greatly appreciated and is God's tangible providential assistance to the poor.

### Pray for the Sick

Mary Lou Butler	Maeve Fitzgerald	Dorothy Pisano
Mark Ciciretti	Sara Harbison	Loretta Ribecca
Carrie Defoe	Ralph Meza	Carley Serlenga
Joe & Debbie Difelice	Lucretia Miceli	Eric Taylor
	Mia Morabito	

## LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL – EACH SUNDAY AT THE 9:00 AM MASS



Children in **PreK & Kindergarten** are invited to gather in the Life Center to hear a children's version of the Gospel and deepen their learning through hands-on activities.

Let your little ones grow in Faith while you participate in Mass!

For more info or to become involved contact Jan Baffa: [LCS@sjnparish.org](mailto:LCS@sjnparish.org) || 484-437-5110

## JOIN SJN CHOIR



SJN Parish Choir is welcoming you to join us for a spectacular season of singing to the Lord! Rehearsal commitment is just one hour per week, and the Choir sings for the 10:30am Mass 3 times per month. Singing is a great way to contribute to parish life while praying and developing your instrument. Please contact Andrew Puntel, Music Director, at [andrew.puntel@sjnparish.org](mailto:andrew.puntel@sjnparish.org)



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

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Event site: [scjngolfandtennis2025.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/scjngolfandtennis2025)

## Annual SS. Colman-John Neumann Saints' Stomp 5K Run and 1 Mile Run/Walk Saturday, September 27—9:00AM



The race and walk is for all ages and abilities, every participant receives a t-shirt. Refreshments will be served.

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To sign-up for the race or walk,  
please go to  
[www.brynmawrracing.com](http://www.brynmawrracing.com)  
under the Race Calendar tab.

## In Thanks of the Saints

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints.

I desire to join in their company, worshipping you forever in Heaven.

Please help me follow their footsteps, and yours, Jesus; To conform myself to your image, seeking your will in all things, as the Saints did; To devote myself, and all that I do, to your glory, and to the service of my neighbors. Amen.



## ECyD at St. John Neumann Parish

ECyD is our youth ministry where middle schoolers (5th–8th) get to let loose with *healthy competition, epic games, and plenty of snacks* all while growing in their faith. Our weekly activities include capture the flag, bow-and-arrow dodgeball, and friendship bracelets, alongside meaningful discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Gospel and diving into the life of a saint and a virtue. We have high school, college, and young adult mentors play, compete, and lead the kids, helping them build real friendships, discover the joy of the Gospel, and learn how to live as true friends of Jesus.

- ◆ Epic Games & Activities
- ◆ Real Friendships
- ◆ Faith That Feels Alive
- ◆ Great Role Models

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**REGISTER NOW**



**ECyD Encounters**  
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