

St. John Neumann Parish

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 23, 2025



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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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

5:15 pm Joseph & Mario Troncelliti

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:30 am Trudy Hakin

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Marjorie Jones

12:00 pm Jeanne Clery

5:15 pm Patrick Henry

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

8:00 am Kevin Morrissey

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 am Nena Turla

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

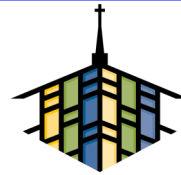
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Anthony Valentine

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

8:00 am Intentions of Héctor Guzmán, Sr.



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Join in and help our parish succeed!

Learn about our latest project updates — our ability to start both projects, the church and school, far earlier than planned! Also, see the new design element for the church!

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Wednesday, December 10th,

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In the Life Center

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Journey with the Holy Family

Advent By Candlelight
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Women's Gathering
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December 9, 2025
6:00 pm

For more information
and to register
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thank you!



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Sacrament of Baptism

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Invariably in our life there will come a time when our faith is tested. The question for each of us is, how will we handle this when the

time comes? That's really the theme from the Gospel from Saint Luke that we heard this past Sunday. Jesus uses the vivid image of the Temple being destroyed to drive home his point:

"While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down"

So, in our life, when the securities that we count on seem to be taken away from us, one at a time, and we don't have answers to the questions that fly around in our heads, it's good to turn to sources that can give us encouragement.

One of those sources can be found in the writings of a man whose cause is now us for Canonization: Father Walter J. Cizek. Fr. Cizek was a Jesuit priest from upstate Pennsylvania. In the years before the Second World War and after, he was held prisoner by the Soviets who accused him of being a Vatican spy. He had to endure grueling interrogations and eventual imprisonment in a work camp in Siberia. His book, "He Leadeth Me" recounts his ordeal but also gives great insight into the profound spiritual insights he gained from learning to really rely on his faith in times of testing. Here's



a passage from that book that can offer some inspiration and encouragement:

Of course we believe that we depend on God, that his will sustains us in every moment of our life. But we are afraid to put it to the test. There remains deep down in us a little nagging doubt, a little knot of fear which we refuse to face or admit even to ourselves, that says, "Suppose it isn't so." We are afraid to abandon ourselves totally into God's hands for fear he will not catch us as we fall. It is the ultimate criterion, the final test of all faith and all belief, and it is present in each of us, lurking unvoiced in a closet of our mind we are afraid to open. It is really not a question of trust in God at all, for we want very much to trust him; it is really a question of our ultimate belief in

his existence and his providence, and it demands the purest act of faith...I had trusted him, I had cooperated with his grace—but only up to a point. Only when I had reached a point of total bankruptcy of my own powers had I at last surrendered.

Fr. Cizek had come to the realization that he had no choice but to abandon himself to God's hands and stop relying on only his own resources. That realization was a turning point in his life and the moment of profound conversion. He was still in the midst of his suffering, but now he would do things differently and he was confident that God, in his way and time, would see him through to whatever it is that faced him.

We pray for the same grace to come to the same realization, so that we too can surrender to the providence of our Heavenly Father.

You Are Invited! Christmas Luncheon

THE ADULT GROUP WARMLY INVITES YOU TO BEGIN YOUR HOLIDAY SEASON WITH US!

We'll see YOU at our annual Adult Group Christmas luncheon — All are welcome!

Info: Jack McNamara 215-327-9986 or mcnamara.john.c@gmail.com

- * **Friday, December 12th, 12:00 pm**
- * **Overbrook Golf Club — Enjoy their traditional Christmas buffet brunch**
- * **\$45 per person (excludes adult beverages)**
- * **Checks payable to: "SJN Adult Group"**
(send checks to St. John Neumann Church, 380 Highland Ln, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010)
- * Overbrook requires advanced payment;
We will be unable to accommodate 'walk in's' on the 12th.



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Parish Choirs

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Carol Singing

December 15, 2025

5:30pm



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THANKSGIVING DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 27
9:00 AM

Our only Mass on this Day

Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

Psalm 136.1

Get ready for Christmas!

December's Hospitality Sunday: Dec. 14th
(not the first weekend in December, 12/7)

Gather together after morning masses in the Gathering room to catch up with friends and meet new ones. Enjoy a cup of cocoa, coffee or tea, soft pretzels & donuts!



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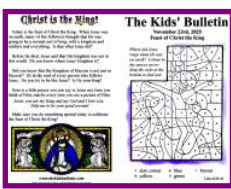
Congratulations to our young parishioners who have been listed on the Honor Roll at Archbishop Carroll High School

- ◆ Joseph Bookstaber, Class of 2026 - First Honors
- ◆ Sean Migliaccio, Class of 2026 - First Honors
- ◆ Sabrina O'Connor, Class of 2026 - First Honors
- ◆ Olivia Hermanovich, Class of 2027 - First Honors
- ◆ Olivia Palumbi, Class of 2027 - First Honors
- ◆ Gabrielle Dowling, Class of 2028 - First Honors
- ◆ Emma Hand, Class of 2028 - First Honors
- ◆ Teresa Abraham, Class of 2029 - First Honors
- ◆ Thomas Abraham, Class of 2029 - First Honors
- ◆ Thomas Bookstaber, Class of 2029 - First Honors

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 the Sanctuary in a Catholic church and where is it?](#)

[Last Week: Why and how do we fold our hands in prayer?](#)



Sacred Art: Christ the King

Sit down with Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they explore Catholic theology through the lens of Sacred Art. In this episode, they discuss the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.



Who's is Jesus Christ?

Sr. Bethany Madonna from the Sisters of Life dives into the truth about who Jesus Christ is. Discover the love of Jesus for yourself and listen to Sr. Bethany.



Who is Jesus? | The Search | Episode 5

The most beautiful part of this story is this: we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history?



CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



For you anointed your Only Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, with the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation, so that, by offering himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace, he might accomplish the mysteries of human Redemption and, making all created things subject to his rule, he might present to the immensity of your majesty an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

NEW GROUP!!!



SPEED DATING

Dec 7 - 2 pm

Malvern Retreat House

315 S Warren Ave
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Just in time for the holidays... join us for speed dating and come meet somebody new!

PHILLY CATHOLIC SINGLES 30-45



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Pray for the Sick



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- ◆ **Funding** — due to an increase in requests for support, our funding is nearly depleted. Assistance can be placed in the Poor Boxes at the church doors or by a donation earmarked for Good Samaritan Ministry.
- ◆ **Ministry Team Members** — training and guidance are provided to new team members who will assist in responding to requests for support.

Our Christmas Shop Returns

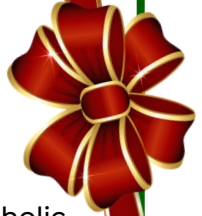
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Pray the Rosary with us!

Every day after the 8:00 am Mass—
come for Mass or stop by at 8:25 am

Gifts of Warmth!

With winter around the corner bringing colder weather, it's time for us to help our neighbors! Give a *gift of warmth* this Christmas for adults at our sister Parish, Our Mother of Sorrows / St. Ignatius in West Philly!

⇒ **Needed:** Men's & women's sweaters, coats or pajamas in sizes Large, X-Large and XX.

⇒ **Bring items to the back of church Sunday, Nov 29—Dec 6**

⇒ Please do not gift wrap in any way. Those receiving these gifts need to ensure sizes are appropriate.



Our *Gifts of Warmth* outreach is earlier than usual this year. Please keep this in mind as you prepare for the holidays!



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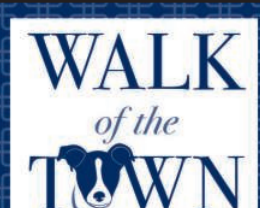
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