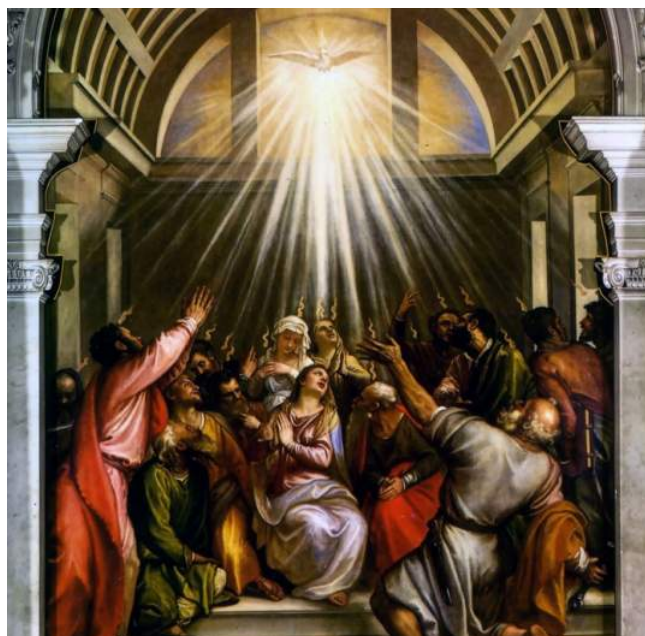


St. John Neumann Parish

Pentecost Sunday - May 24, 2026



“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Jn 20:22-23

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, MAY 23

5:15 pm Stephanie Bialecki

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:30 am John Burke
9:00 am People of SJN Parish
10:30 am Ramon Tolentino
12:00 pm Marie Flor Umali
5:15 pm

MONDAY, MAY 25, MEMORIAL DAY

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 am John H. Thompson

TUESDAY, MAY 26

Sr. Philip Neri

8:00 am Anne S. McAlaine

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 am Christopher Bodnar

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8:00 am Anne Marie Meehan

FRIDAY, MAY 29

St. Paul VI

8:00 am Dolores Tolentino

SATURDAY, MAY 30

8:00 am Rosemary Holt

2026 MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions may be offered for a living or deceased person, or in gratitude for a blessing received.

Visit or call the Parish Office for Mass intention requests.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MAY 25TH FOR MEMORIAL DAY



Join us! Sunday, May 31, 10:30 am

Next Sunday!



Fr. Alex has been ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

He will celebrate Mass with us next Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 am.

After, join us in the Life Center to celebrate and congratulate Fr. Alex!

— + — St. Denis Parish

Invitation to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Peace and blessings to you and your families from St. Denis Parish.

Our parish is prayerfully preparing to open a Perpetual Adoration Chapel as a way to deepen devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist. Perpetual Adoration is a devotion in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed continuously, and individuals commit to spending one hour each week in prayer before the Eucharist. We believe this sacred ministry will become a source of grace, renewal, and spiritual strength not only for our parish community, but for the wider Church as well.

In this spirit, we warmly invite members of your parish community to join us in this beautiful endeavor. We are reaching out to neighboring parishes in the hope that, together, we can ensure continuous adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

To help make this possible, we have created a sign-up app through *We Adore Him*, where adorers can commit to a specific weekly hour. We kindly ask for your support to spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

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Hank was a person who did not handle change very well. And as much as he tried to hold himself together when life's changes

came his way, he found himself falling into the same traps, yet again.

Hank had finally made the decision to leave his position that he held in an insurance company for the past 15 years and switch to a new firm. He was also changing the type of work he would be doing, and moving his family to another part of the country, on top of everything else!

It was the idea of moving his family that, right now, in this transition time of three months, was keeping him awake at night. His wife was supportive of what was taking place, and she had been deeply involved in the "decision process" from the beginning. But yesterday, Hank realized more clearly, how this move was effecting his three children: The eldest who was a junior in high school, the other was in junior high and the youngest in elementary school. The sad looks on their faces just beat him up. Was he making the right decision? Was this move good, for not just himself, but his whole family? Hank was starting to regret his decision.

In the first reading, we see the Apostles returning to Jerusalem after Jesus' Ascension. They were trying to absorb what they had just experienced—seeing Jesus being taken from their sight. Although Jesus said he would be sending the Holy Spirit, they didn't know yet what that would mean. *They had experienced a loss*, and the future—the unknown, lay before



them. The same for Hank in the story, and maybe for some of you!

I would describe the Apostles' situation (and Hank in the story) like this: They are *between loss and promise*. When we are in situations like this, we can get a little lost. And the temptation might be to focus more on the *loss*—what we have let go of—rather than what is being *given* to us—the future.

When you find yourself in this kind of "place," you want to know when this limbo or uneasy time will end, and when you can get on with your life. But the more you concentrate on the loss the sadder you will become. At some point you have to face the future. And through faith and prayer you can learn to look to the future with hope.

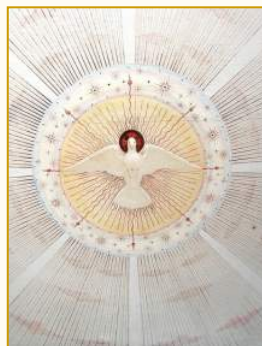
The Apostles, gathered in prayer with other members of the Christian community and Mary the Mother of Jesus prayed and asked for the grace to be able to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Once this happened, they found a new energy to accomplish the tasks that they were meant to do as followers of Christ.

Sometimes in life the only thing you can see is what you have just lost or given up. But at some point there comes a tap on the shoulder, Jesus himself, who says, "I will help you get beyond this. I have plans for you. I will give you my spirit to help you move forward in faith".

So, those of us who are caught in the "in between time," be patient. Pray, and ask for the grace to stop focusing on the loss and look toward the future with hope, not despair. Ask Christ for the strength to accomplish what you were meant to accomplish in the name of the Lord!

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen.



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Construction at the church has begun!

Throughout the church renovation:

- ◆ **Daily Mass is in the Gathering Room Chapel.**
- ◆ **Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses are being celebrated in the gym.**

Caring for Friends: Please use the freezers at the Life Center.

SITE LOGISTICS: PLEASE SHARE OUR FLYER THAT EXPLAINS ACCESS TO THE GYM FOR SUNDAY MASSES AND THE GATHERING ROOM CHAPEL FOR DAILY MASS.
[Site Logistics Flyer - CLICK HERE in Digital Bulletin](#)

GETTING READY FOR MASS IN THE GYM!



**Our new chairs
arrived for Mass
in the gym!**

**75 boxes (300
chairs) needed
to be unpacked.**



**A team of
volunteers got
to work!**



**All was finished in
short order and the
chairs were ready
to go to the gym!**



**The liturgical furniture was placed
and the chairs positioned.**



**The Sanctuary was set
up and Masses began!
Attendance was
wonderful.
It was great to see you!**



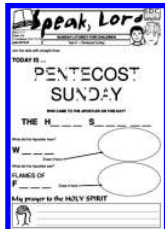
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the renovated
church are in
the back;
and encourage
us towards
our goal!**



Family Faith



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Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

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What are the elements of the Eucharistic Prayer?

Last Week: What prayer does the priest say quietly after Communion?



St. Philip Neri: I Prefer Heaven

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The Wild Goose

"Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. It is a 14-part series featuring Fr. Dave Pivonka and various interviews. Shot in various locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert, The Wild Goose invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter, with the Holy Spirit.



The Victory of Joan of Arc

Meet Joan of Arc. In this powerful movie-of-the-mind audio drama, you'll hear the true story of how she rose from an obscure peasant village to serve God and her country in the most surprising and miraculous ways.



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Our final SCJN School Liturgy in the church on the Ascension of the Lord.



On the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the last Mass in church was celebrated. At the conclusion, Msgr. Matz bestowed a special blessing for the church renovation.



The liturgical furniture was moved to the Gathering Room chapel or to storage for safe keeping.



After the last Mass, parishioners helped pack up Breaking Bread Misalettes for use in the chapel and gym.



The Gathering Room has been transformed into a chapel. The Madonna and Child, Sacred Heart, and St. Joseph are all present!



Stop by for Mass Monday—Saturday at 8:00 am.



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