

St. John Neumann Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 19, 2026



“Let them grow together until harvest”. Mt 13:30

MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:00 am⁺**, 10:30 am, and 12:00 pm

Monday—Saturday: 8:00 am⁺

⁺Livestreamed at www.sjnparish.org/livestream; Livestream is temporarily out of service until our equipment can be reconfigured for our temporary spaces.

^{**} **Little Church School** every week from Oct. thru May

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays at 6:00 pm—in the Gathering Room Chapel.

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.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 18

5:15 pm Narita Potter

SUNDAY, JULY 19

7:30 am Leon & Mary Uszacki

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Pan Rockafellow

12:00 pm Dr. Francis Cianciulli

MONDAY, JULY 20

St. Apollinaris

8:00 am Marie Flor Umali

TUESDAY, JULY 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 am Margaret Pikunas

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 am Peter Bruno

THURSDAY, JULY 23

St. Bridget

8:00 am Peter & Mary Frascella

FRIDAY, JULY 24

St. Charbel Makhluf

8:00 am Dr. Francis Cianciulli

SATURDAY, JULY 25

St. James, Apostle

8:00 am Consuelo Soto



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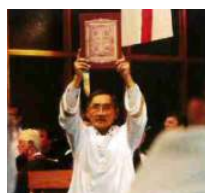


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*May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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— July 12: \$ 12,086

— 2nd Coll: \$ 1,424



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In the early 60's, a monk from Ireland was giving a retreat to other monks at a monastery in Kentucky.

At one of his conferences he told this curious story:

In the old country, we make butter in a churn constructed of tall cinders of wood. These two frogs fell into a churn of milk that was only half full. They tried to climb up the wall, but it was too slippery. They kept on swimming around. One frog says to the other after a lot of discussion, "Ah, we may as well give up. There is no point in keeping on swimming. We will never get out of this." He gave up, stopped swimming, and drowned. The other frog said, "Well, I'll keep on swimming. You never know what will turn up."

So, what happened?

He kept on swimming and as a result of his swimming, the milk turned to butter and he was able to jump out.

Then the monk explained why he told this story. He said:

I can assure you from bitter personal experience, there are times in the monastic life when you feel as helpless as those frogs swimming in the milk. Your only hope is to keep on going, waiting for miracles. During our monastic life, you will meet some situation where someone has got on your nerves or some job you have drives you to an impossible situation. You will find that it goes on until you are just at the breaking point. *Then,*

God's providence suddenly intervenes. There is a change made in appointments, or some change made in the monastery. *The whole thing is solved.* For a moment you are left in peace. Then it starts all over again. *You better get used to swimming in milk,* because it is going to be the pattern of your life.

Although this was addressed to a group of religious, I think there is meaning here for all of us. How many of you have felt like you were at the breaking point? These moments can almost be seen as a test. What we are asked to do in these times is not drown in complaining but ask for the help we need to rely more on God's grace. This experience of suffering or "the test" can

actually bring us back to God and deepen our relationship with the Lord. The little story of the frogs suggests that we are not to give in to the evil spirit who wants us to give up and end up "drowning". We keep "swimming", which means that we keep our energy on seeking help from the right source, namely Christ.

What this wise old monk was trying to get his fellow monks to understand was that the struggles of life are not going to go away. But we can be *transformed* by them in a powerful way. The examples Jesus uses in the parable today encourage us to persevere. It's like the seed planted in rich soil. It *does* bear fruit. It's roots go deep and there's something to hold on to. The more confidence we have in God's promises, the more powerful we will be in sharing this gift of faith with others.

In this passage from St. Matthew there are two imperative sentences: "Whoever has ears ought to hear" and later on "Hear then the parable of the sower." Hearing is an important part of the process! He have to clear our heads in order to really hear. We actually have to purify our internal faculties of perception. How often do we think we are listening to God's word while in fact

we are tuned in only to our own interior noises and vain thoughts or those of the world? Our hearing, our "ears" must first be purified in three ways: by leaving the crowd and going to Jesus; by being taken into Jesus' intimacy in solitude; and by allowing our hearts to become hungry for the nourishment that only God can give.

The "end" or the purpose is this: to give meaning and purpose to our life. To give us something to depend upon when we are going through the "tests" of life—the challenges of life. We keep "swimming" not out of desperation, but because we know that we will be saved. So we swim *with* the Lord. *That* is what becomes the pattern of our life. The thing we don't want to do is go against the current of Divine Providence. So, don't let the devil appeal to your limitations and your weaknesses. Keep your eyes fixed on Christ and *keep swimming, and make sure your "ears" are open to the Word that God wants to speak to each of you.*





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- 1) Facing the church, along the path between the church and Life Center.
- 2) Facing the school entrance, on the opposite side of the Life Center.

Due to the hazardous nature of construction, Please follow all posted signs, thank you.

Throughout the church renovation:

- ♦ **Daily Mass:** in the Gathering Room Chapel.
- ♦ **Saturday Vigil & Sunday Masses:** in the gym
- ♦ **Caring For Friends:** Life Center freezers



The Church Demo Continues!

The big white old A/C soffits have been removed and we're seeing more height

in the church!



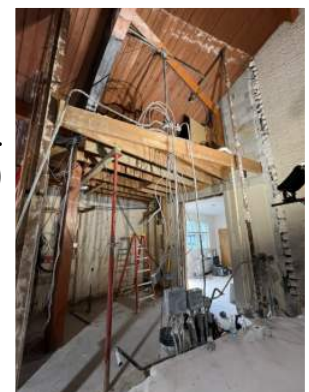
The front walls of the sacristy (left & right sides) have been removed to allow for an optimized floor plan.



(Right side sacristy walls removed)



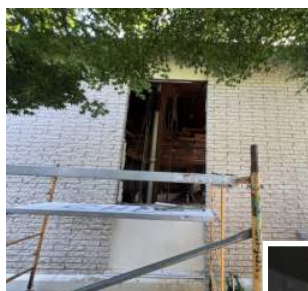
(Left side sacristy walls... before and after)



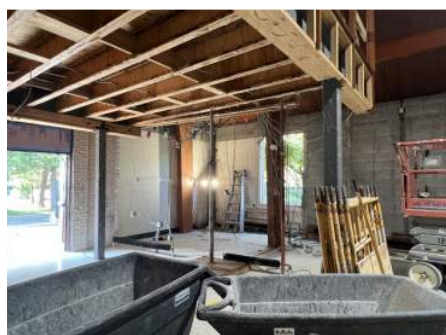
The paneling has been removed.



The restroom & closet walls and the window have been removed.



A taller, brighter space is emerging.

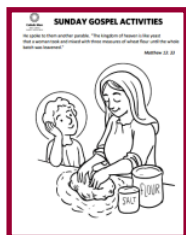


The old, tiny, dark confessional walls are down, making way for a larger one!

Family Faith



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Last Week: When are bells rung during Mass? Why are they rung?

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Saint James the Greater

On this episode of Catholic Saints, join Dr. Ben Akers and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life of one of Jesus' inner circle disciples, St. James the Greater.



Saint Bridget of Sweden

Join Dr. Carl Vennerstrom and Mary McGeehan as they dive into the life of this medieval saint: St. Bridget of Sweden. A wife, mother and visionary, St. Bridget was an evangelist both inside and outside the home. Saint Bridget's visions of Christ's Nativity have greatly influenced its depiction in Christian art. Watch to find out more!



Saint Mary Magdalene

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp for a discussion on the life and witness of St. Mary Magdalene. Who was she, and why is she a saint? Find out in this conversation.



Prayer to Cultivate a Bountiful Harvest

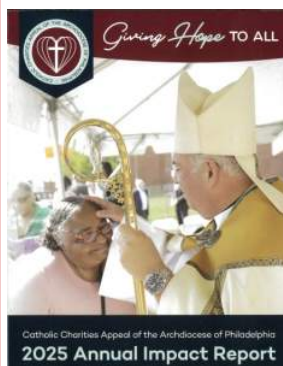


Loving and Gracious God,
I give you thanks for the bountiful harvest of blessings you have bestowed on me.

Please help me to discern your will,
to sow good seeds in the decisions I make,
and then trust in You for the harvest.
Amen.

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Pray for the Sick



Mary Lou Butler
Mark Ciciretti
Carrie Defoe
Sarah Conaghan
Debbie Difelice

Sister Felice Duska
Danielle Helenthal
Sheila Kendall
Rafael Meza
Lucretia Micel

Mia Morabito
Loretta Ribbecca
Debbie Schmidt
Carley Serlenga
James Young

A warm welcome to our new seminarian: Jacob Lehenky

Hello, St. John Neumann Parishioners! My name is Jacob Lehenky, and I have been assigned to your lovely parish for this summer. In fact, this is my first-ever summer assignment as I prepare to enter Theology I at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. I live in Coatesville, and my home parish is St. Peter Parish in West Brandywine. I am the oldest of four siblings, having two younger sisters and a younger brother. Growing up, I have always felt called to the priesthood. My parents once told me that I had told them that I had a dream that the Lord was calling me to the priesthood, which always reminds me of where my call began. For me, I started noticing the call when my parents switched me to Catholic school at Pope John Paul II Regional Catholic Elementary School in West Brandywine when I was in 3rd grade, where I developed a stronger desire to learn theology than in the other subjects I really liked (i.e., mathematics and history). In 5th grade, my desire to become a priest became certain after listening to the homilies my pastor and deacon gave about how we are to live out our faith every day. But while doubts arose in my calling when I was a sophomore in high school, I began to focus on the hidden nature and beauty of the priesthood beyond saying Mass, since this call is so rare yet special. During my junior year, my theology teacher recommended that I partake in a Kairos retreat, which really showed me the beauty of my relationship with the Lord. During my senior year, I was able to attend class and daily Mass at the seminary four days a week, which really helped me gain the confidence to apply to St. Charles immediately after high school. As a result, after graduating from Bishop Shanahan High School in August 2022, I entered the seminary and will begin my 5th year of formation this fall. God willing, I will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in June 2030. I will be with you for the rest of July and on Thursdays throughout the school year. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you, and I will pray for all of you.

In Christ,

Jacob Lehenky



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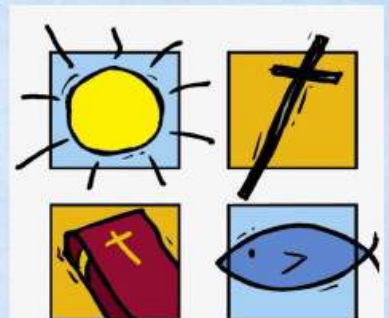
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