

St. John Neumann Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 26, 2026



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." Mt 13:44

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 25

5:15 pm John Ciccarone

SUNDAY, JULY 26

7:30 am Peter and Mary Frascella

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Sister Mary Felice Duska

12:00 pm Wendy Mutter

MONDAY, JULY 27

8:00 am Margaret S. Pikunas

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00 am Jeffrey Heilmann

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:00 am Margaret S. Pikunas

THURSDAY, JULY 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 am Donald M. Bischoff

FRIDAY, JULY 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:00 am Jerry Barrett, Jr.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori

8:00 am Hugh Stanley, Jr.



MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass Intentions available for 2026
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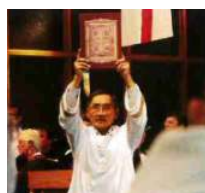
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2026 MISSION APPEAL - THIS WEEKEND - JULY 25/26

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Joe was in confession, he never liked to go face to face, because the things he had to confess were embarrassing to him. He certainly didn't want to have to look the priest in the eye when he said them out loud. So, thank God for the screen!

As Joe thought about it, it wasn't even the particular sins that were embarrassing anymore, as much as it was that he had to keep telling them over and over again in confession. He thought to himself, "God must be really tired of hearing this!"

Nevertheless, Joe confessed his habitual sins to the priest. And for the first time ever, he not only confessed the sins, but he also said how frustrated he felt about his "losing battle" with all this "stuff". The priest paused a moment and then asked, "Have you ever read the parable of the wheat and the weeds that's in Matthew's Gospel? I think if you look at that story the right way, it can really help you. It has certainly helped me a great deal in my struggles with sin."

Then the priest explained, "Think of the field as your soul. That's the battle ground where these struggles with habitual sin take place. Here both good and evil seed is sown, the good by Jesus, the bad by the evil spirit. Both weeds and wheat sprout and grow in this personal field; and the mysterious fact is that it seems we must allow the weeds to grow until the harvest, otherwise "when you pull out the weeds you might pull up the wheat with them."

"Think of it this way, this struggle with habitual sin isn't just going to go away because we want it to. Our struggle with weaknesses will last until our death. But the Lord leaves them in us to keep us humble, to make us realize how totally

we depend on him and how helpless we are to do good without his grace and power. The wheat of our virtues which is trust, humility, gratitude, zeal, could not grow in us without the struggle with our failings."

After the confession, the priest said to Joe: "For your penance I would ask you to read the parable of the wheat and the weeds, and pray about what we shared with one another today."

Many of us feel like Joe, I would think. We all experience this struggle. Even someone like St. Paul wrote about his struggles. When St. Paul asked that the "sting of the flesh" in his life be removed, here's what he was told by Christ: "My grace is enough for you: *my power is at its best in weakness.*" And St. Paul learned something that he would never forget—that Christ would use Paul's weakness to actually bring him into a closer relationship with God. And the Lord does the same thing for each of us, if we respond to

his healing love the right way. Our weaknesses are really for our growth in humility and trust.

So, rather than give in to frustration, seek healing, most especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When you are praying and asking for help, remember what God is trying to accomplish in your life, and say to yourself, these weaknesses are really for my growth in humility and trust. That will direct your response when you are ready to despair over your weaknesses.

Looking at this the right way can help you restore peace in your spiritual life and provide an opportunity for real growth and healing.

God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose...



Adoration

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am
Come spend time in the
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First Saturday Devotion

Join us August 1st in the
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Finding True Treasure

Lord, you have made me for
yourself, and my heart is
restless until I rest in you.

I want to encounter you more
deeply today so that you can
be my treasure.

Thank you for the gift of this
new day. I know you love me.

I wish to discover your love
more deeply and give it to others.

Amen.





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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

♦ Caring For Friends: Life Center freezers



**All Demolition At the School Is Finished.
Rebuilding Is the Sole Focus!**



Installation of the new sprinkler for the original school buildings is well underway. Pipes, once staged on classroom floors are now moving into the ceiling.



Sprinkler heads extensions are staged...



Windows are installed in the new principal's office.



A new entry to the Annex allows for the creation of a new Learning Support room by carving space from an oversized room.



... and then installed; ready to receive heads.



As classrooms get closer to completion, painting begins.

The new Teachers' Lounge & Conference room, plus kitchenette, are getting ready for painting, fixtures, and new flooring.



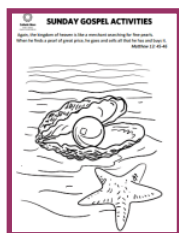
Walls go up in the new restrooms... as they get ready for tile and fixture installation.



Family Faith



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& what is it for?

Last Week: When is water used during
Mass? Do you know why?



The Violinist: Stories of Solanus Casey

The Violinist is a must-watch documentary that chronicles the inspiring life of a humble Capuchin friar known for his deep faith, simplicity, and profound impact on those he served. Featuring personal stories from the people who knew Blessed Solanus, the film showcases his remarkable ability to inspire others, sharing heartwarming anecdotes about his modest lifestyle and passion for playing the violin.



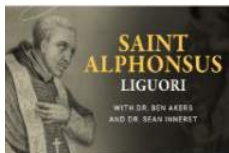
Ignatius of Loyola

This film brings to life the story of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. Often called "The Saint of Second Chances", St. Ignatius was transformed from a self-obsessed sinner to a loyal and passionate soldier-saint.



St. Alphonsus Liguori

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, Bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church in this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.



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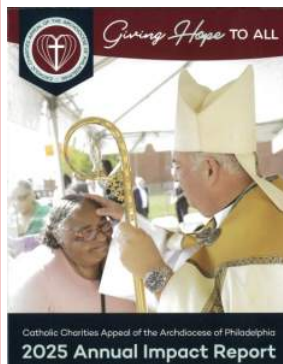
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Pray for the Sick



Mary Lou Butler	Sister Felice Duska	Mia Morabito
Mark Ciciretti	Danielle Helenthal	Loretta Ribecca
Carrie Defoe	Sheila Kendall	Debbie Schmidt
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Debbie Difelice	Lucretia Micel	James Young



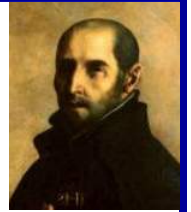
July 29: Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were siblings from Bethany we hear about in the Gospels. They were close friends of Jesus that Jesus frequently came to visit, not to preach, but as a guest. We hear the story of Martha and Mary when Martha was busy preparing the house for Jesus whereas Mary was listening and learning from the words of the Messiah. We also hear of their great trust in Jesus when they call on Him when Lazarus dies, and Jesus then raises Lazarus from the dead. May Martha and Mary's early trust in Jesus be an example for all of us.

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July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola

St. Ignatius of Loyola was headed for a prominent military career when he was struck by a cannonball in the leg. During his long road to recovery, he read works of theology, leading to his conversion. Ignatius then spent years studying the faith and discerning his vocation. In 1539, along with St. Francis Xavier and St. Peter Faber, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus as an order to be focused on both missionary work and teaching. Ignatius was the first Superior General of the Jesuits, helping lay the groundwork for the order and providing a foundation for the order in their missionary and Counter-Reformation efforts. Ignatius is also remembered for his spirituality which remains the basis for Jesuit spirituality today: "*ad maiorem Dei gloriam*" or "*for the greater glory of God*". His spiritual practices, published in the *Spiritual Exercises* in 1548, remain instrumental in discernment today.



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR GRADES 1 -7

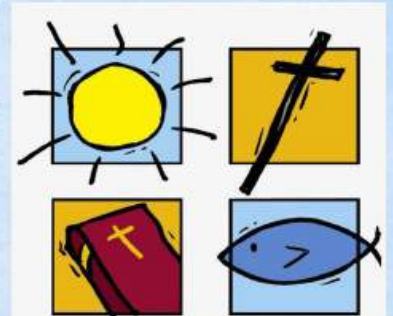
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