

St. John Neumann Parish

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 9, 2026



"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Mt 14:27

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, AUGUST 8

5:15 pm Valerie Vanetten

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

7:30 am Nina Guzmán (3rd Birthday)

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Maurice James, Jr.

12:00 pm Marjoria Jones

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence

8:00 am Donald M. Bischoff

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare

8:00 am Patrick Carey

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 am Alexandar Tarsi, Jr.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:00 am Carlos Ong

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

St. Maximillian Kolbe

8:00 am Frank & Ann Thompson

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00 am Barbara M. Kelly



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Find someone to listen.



CONFESSIONS

TUESDAYS AT 6:00 PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM CHAPEL



MASS INTENTIONS

There are Mass Intentions
available for 2026
Visit or call the Parish Office
for Mass intention requests.



Please help us keep your contact
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mainoffice@sjnparish.org

OFFERINGS:

— July 26: \$12,667



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Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 am
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Join us Friday mornings after the
8:00 am Mass to pray the
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Altar (flowers are presented at all
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This past Friday we celebrated the feast of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. St Ignatius' letters and other writings are a

great source for spiritual reading. I came upon something that I needed to be reminded of, especially in these days of uncertainty and anxiety. And it deals with reorienting ourselves toward God. It's called the "Foundation Principle".

When we talk about this principle we are talking about a person's life being dedicated to God—our very being is dedicated to God. We no longer live for ourselves. Our aim in life is to please God. We begin to recall God's presence in our life throughout each day, and we do it frequently. We present ourselves to God as we really are, that is, with our weaknesses. There is no cover up, as we often do with other people. We realize that God knows our limitations and our tendency toward evil. So, we're sincere with God. We take our eyes off ourselves and fix our eyes on Christ, believing what he has told us: *I have come to call sinners, not those who think themselves saints.*

We let Christ have our life to do with as he wants. We ask that we be allowed to see what he wants, and then ask for the grace to live what he reveals to us. Many of us live life as if we are on our own. But actually, Christ is right there beside us, ready to be active in our life if we let Him. When we allow God to have a relationship with us, God becomes one with us.

We will still have challenges, but there will also be consolations along the way. We slowly begin to realize that God has given each of us some work he hasn't given to anyone else. There is a purpose to our life that gradually is revealed to us.

There's a story about two Native American boys who go through an initiation rite. They are taken into the wilderness and left alone. At night they hear strange noises—perhaps the

sound of wild animals! They are not able to fall asleep. So they pray out loud to the spirits of those who are deceased. They wait for dawn, which comes much too slowly! They wait so that they can make the journey back home, if they are ever able to find their way back home!

But then the sun rises. The two boys look around and there is the boys' father who has been there all night. He is silent. He has not revealed to the boys that he was there the whole time. The truth is that the father would never have allowed any harm to come to the boys.

So it is with us and God. God seems silent, but his powerful presence is with us. He hears our prayer. We get closer to Him the more we include him in our daily lives. And gradually we begin to see what he is asking of us in the day to day circumstances of our life. We learn to love the way Christ loves us—doing what is best for others. We are more aware that the talents we have are really gifts from God, not given to make ourselves great, but to serve those around us.

We start to realize God has a profound and loving interest in us.



St. Ignatius of Loyola

Perhaps you could take just 20 seconds out of your day to say to Jesus, "You are there, My God, I trust you. I love you and adore you." And while your saying that little prayer remember what St Paul writes in Romans: nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Let me close this morning with this very famous prayer that St. Ignatius wrote. It cuts to the heart of his "Foundation Principle":

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding,
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
That is enough for me.



VOLUNTEER!
Aug 23 - 30

We will host the families at:

St David's Episcopal Church

763 S Valley Forge Rd, Wayne PA

Contact familypromise@sjnparish.org

DINNER PREPARERS — 6:15 PM Drop Off meals

EVENING HOST — 6:30–8:00 PM

(requires clearances after first time; assistance provided)

OVERNIGHT HOST — 8:00 PM–6:00 AM

(requires clearances; assistance provided)

SET-UP — Arrival Sunday at 4 PM (~ 1 hour)

BREAKDOWN — Departure Sunday 8 AM (~45 mins)

LAUNDRY HELP — Departure Sunday.



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NEW SEATING FOR MOBILITY SUPPORT:



Chairs with armrests are now available on the main-entrance side of the gym. They are marked "Mobility Support."

The chairs are available for those who appreciate armrests to facilitate standing and sitting.



In School, the final components are coming together... from ceilings and restrooms to the reception and kitchenette!



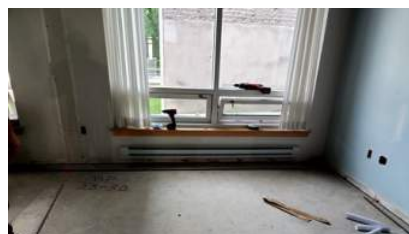
New ceiling tile grids are put in place and soon after, ceiling tiles begin forming finished ceilings in the halls and classrooms!



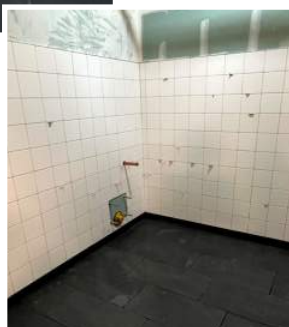
The epoxy flooring has been poured and then paint applied in several key rooms that are best served without carpets.



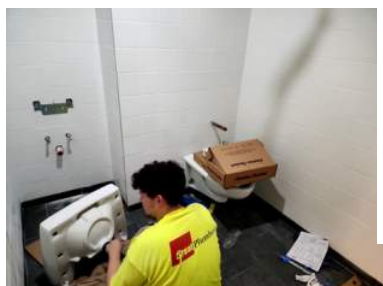
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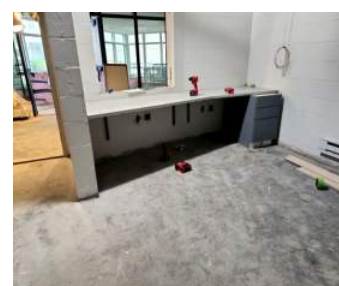
Restroom floors get ready for tiling.



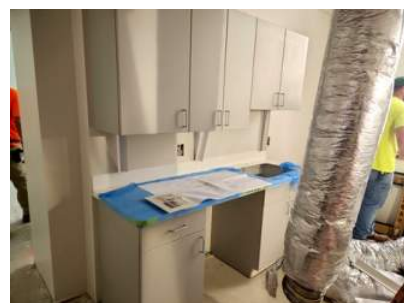
Tiles are installed on the walls and floors. Fixtures go in... restroom shelving/ cabinetry is next in line!



The reception area is beginning to be outfitted:



The faculty kitchenette cabinetry is installed:



Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

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Why is there an opening procession and why should we witness it?

Last Week: At every Mass, cloths are on the altar, why?

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Clare and Francis

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare. Both founded major religious orders, and together they inspired many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel.



Triumph of the Heart

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis.



The New Eve | Lectio: Mary | Episode 1

The Book of Genesis begins with the story of Adam and Eve, whose sin of disobedience breaks their relationship with God. God does not abandon his people, but gradually prepares them for the coming of his Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus, the promised "seed" of Genesis 3:15 is the "New Adam," and his mother, the promised "woman," is the "New Eve."



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Second Collection, Aug 15-16—Venezuela:

The powerful earthquakes last month in Venezuela ravaged vast regions of the country resulting in devastating loss of life, thousands of injuries, and destruction of personal property and infrastructure on a massive scale.



(OSV News photo/Maxwell Briceno, Reuters)

In coordination with the Archdiocese, we will be taking up a Second Collection on August 15-16 to bolster the essential humanitarian work being undertaken by Catholic Relief Services in Venezuela.

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- ♦ OCT 19

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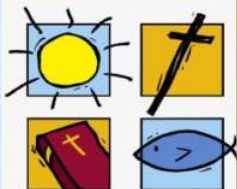
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CONFIRMATION 2027



All 7th Grade Students are invited
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Sacrament of Confirmation
May 2027

Please contact
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Dear Lord, in this life there
will be storms. Storms that
cause our world to shake,
and make us feel like we
are sinking. Teach me to
trust in you.

When unexpected storms
come, let me expect peace,
knowing you are near. Remind me that you
control the waters, and even the wind and
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and deliver me from fear, through Christ our
Lord. Amen.



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