

St. John Neumann Parish

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2026



"Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." Mt 20:15-16

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 Sep 27. 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, SEPTEMBER 19

5:15 pm Paticia A. Lersch

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 am Mary Kristine McDonald

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Anne Williams

12:00 pm Edmund Dorazio

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 am Gaetano "Gus" Curci

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:00 am Mary Ann Casciato

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

8:00 am Patricia Fitzgerald

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 am Carole Rose (Living)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 am Dewitt Holt

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sts. Cosmos and Damian

8:00 am Helen Onofrio



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- ◆ Wednesdays – Starting September 16 at the cafeteria (the old gym)
- ◆ 6:00-6:30 Fellowship, Coffee, and Light Breakfast
- ◆ 6:30-7:30 Video and Discussion (firm times)

Come whenever you can. No prior experience needed. No preparation required.

No judgement no matter where you are in your spiritual journey.

Give yourself 90 minutes a week and see how it impacts your life and everyone around you.

MASS INTENTIONS

The 2027 Mass Intentions Book is now open.



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.

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- Sep 13: \$11,913
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Altar Flowers

Consider offering flowers for the Altar (flowers are presented at all Masses from Sunday—Saturday)



◆ In front of Altar—\$150

Please contact the Parish Office at 610-525-3100



Nick was in the process of converting to Catholicism. He was attending the third class and found himself really struggling with what the catechist was teaching. The group was having a discussion about mercy and forgiveness, and the source of that discussion was a passage from the Gospel of Matthew where Jesus tells a parable in answer St Peter's question: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"

What Nick kept thinking about while the class was going on was how he had been taken advantage of at the place where he had worked several years ago. He wasn't there anymore, but the idea of forgiving those people who had lied to him and manipulated things so that the job he'd thought was coming to him ended up going to someone else was too much to consider. And yet that's what the OCIA instructor seemed to be saying. As an aspiring Catholic, he thought to himself, am I supposed to forgive people like that?

The catechist then quoted a passage from Sirach: "Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight." Nick had to admit that he was holding on to anger, and not just about that nasty work situation, but about other things that "had been done to him" over the years. Am I a sinner because I am holding on to these things and holding on to all of this anger?

I think there are many of us who think like Nick. There's a particular situation that we have experienced that was so hurtful that forgiveness just seems impossible. And yet, at the same time are we hugging too tightly to the

anger that we feel or are we trying to redirect it? If the Lord is asking us to be merciful, how can we begin to approach following this command?

Here's something to consider: The only reason I can forgive, have mercy, be compassionate, perform a work of kindness, is that God has done these things toward me first. As we have been forgiven by God time and time again, so we must try to forgive others.

In the parable that Jesus tells, being unmerciful is the most serious sin, worthy of being condemned. "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" Mercilessness is really the enemy of Jesus' call to us on how we are to live our life.

For Jesus, the mercy given to us must be poured out toward others. And we must pray for the grace to be able to do this. We are asked to forgive as God has forgiven us. Here's a great insight about this:

"But as one who time and again is forgiven a debt that I cannot even begin to repay, I must necessarily also become one who time and again himself forgives. That I can be offended and wronged Jesus in no way denies. However, the fact is that I can forgive as God forgives, because I have already been forgiven an offense infinitely greater than any I can ever suffer. This reality transforms a condition of hurt and insult into an opportunity to imitate

and participate in the very nature of God.

So, the ability to forgive the deepest hurts begins with a look at ourselves and what it is that Christ has done for me first. Mercy has been poured out to us, and we are to allow that flow of mercy to continue through us towards others—to channel that gift as the Lord deeply intends.

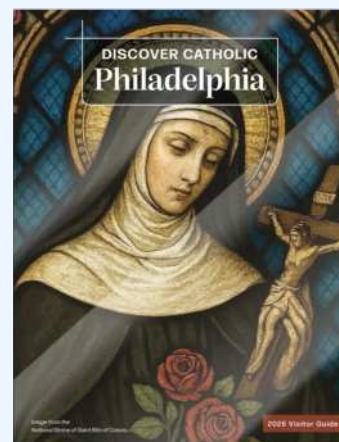


Family Faith Weekend is next weekend!

Family Faith Weekend will look a little different this year as space is limited due to our construction & renovation projects.

But that won't stop our annual faith outreach for families — Each family can pick up a Catholic Philly kit.

- * Find out about wonderful Catholic sites & places of interest in our area.
- * Enjoy brief insights that explore our faith.
- * Benefit from prayers for adults, teens and youth.





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New reception area & faculty lounge



The cafeteria is shined up!



New faculty kitchenette



New staff & faculty restrooms, A state-of-the-art sprinkler system, and several rooms resized for improved function.



Classrooms were ready to welcome back students with new ceilings, lighting and ceiling fans.

Many rooms also have new flooring and were repainted.



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.

When and why do we genuflect?

Last Week: When and why do we make a small cross on our forehead, lips and heart during Mass?

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Padre Pio: Miracle Man

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.



Saint Matthew

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and Evangelist.



Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew 1:1-25

Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of his incredible gospel.



Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of your endless mercy, which sustains and restores me each day.

Fill my heart with deep gratitude for the grace you so generously pour out upon me, even when I am undeserving.

Always allow me to know you, love you, and serve you with humility.

As I answer your call to my vocation, protect me from comparing my work with others'.

May my life be a true reflection of thanks, and may I learn to love you more dearly and serve others more faithfully.



LITTLE CHURCH SCHOOL

**STARTS SUNDAY,
SEPT. 27
AT THE 9:00 AM MASS**



Children in **PreK and Kindergarten** are invited to gather to hear a children's version of the Gospel and deepen their learning through hands-on activities.

Let your little ones grow in faith while you participate in Mass!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! HELP US KEEP THIS PROGRAM RUNNING! GUIDANCE PROVIDED.

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Pray for the Sick



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Marietta Galvez
Danielle Helenthal

Sheila Kendall
Rafael Meza
Mia Morabito
Loretta Rebecca

Debbie Schmidt
Bob Stefanski
James Young
Marianne Zanghi

PERMANENT DIACONATE DISCERNMENT DAY

"Called to Serve as Christ the Servant"

Spend a day in prayer, conversation, and discernment with permanent deacons, their wives, and members of the Clergy Office and the Diaconal Formation Team.

Sat., Oct. 3 8:30 am—2:00 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary
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For men 30-55 years of age
who are:

- ◆ Discerning a possible call to the permanent Diaconate
- ◆ Seeking greater clarity about diaconal ministry
- ◆ Interested in discernment, formation and the application process

Wives are strongly encouraged to attend. A dedicated wives' breakout session will be offered.

What to expect:

- ◆ Mass
- ◆ Breakfast and welcome
- ◆ Discernment and formation sessions
- ◆ Men's and wives' breakout sessions
- ◆ Lunch and fellowship



"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." - 1 Sam 3:10

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Every day after the
8:00 am Mass

and
Mondays at 7:00 pm
in the Gathering
Room Chapel



This
Monday!

BIBLE STUDY—FALL 2026
PANORAMA OF THE OLD
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◆ **SEPT. 21, 28, OCT. 5, 12, 19**

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familiar characters, and God's overall plan of sal-
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◆ Flyer—
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Starting Tuesday, October 13, 2026 7 PM

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Step into the identity God
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to His invitation to work in
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