

St. John Neumann Parish

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 27, 2026



"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Mt 21:31

MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm

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

Monday—Friday: 7:30 am⁺ **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 — Monday - Friday, 8:00 am; Saturday, 8:30 am
— Mondays at 7:00 pm (in chapel)

Adoration — Saturday 8:30 — 9:30 am

Divine Mercy Chaplet — Fridays at 8:00 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 26

5:15 pm Anne M. Meehan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:30 am Mary Kristine McDonald

9:00 am People of SJN Parish

10:30 am Anne Williams

12:00 pm Dorothy M. Suda

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

8:00 am Kaleb Rodriguez

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00 am Mary Kristine McDonald

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome

8:00 am Rosemary Holt

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

8:00 am Margaret Pikunas

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00 am Bart Bitterman

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 am Marlene Anthony

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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- ◆ 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.



First Saturday Devotion

Join us Oct. 3rd in the
Gathering Room Chapel
at 7:30 AM
for the Holy Rosary
(prior to 8:00 AM Mass)



Sanctuary Flowers



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"Do not judge people, never express surprise at anything, *realize your own weakness and sinfulness, one's own need of mercy,*

and above all, '*keep your mouth shut*' unless you see some positive good to be done by talking."

These rather blunt words were shared by a charming Cistercian monk, Dom Eugene Boylan, OSCO. He said this to a group of aspiring monks studying for the priesthood many years ago.

I came upon this quote in a wonderful spiritual book of his called "Partnership with Christ: A Cistercian Retreat". The whole book is filled with these very helpful and practical bits of spiritual wisdom that can guide a person who is trying to live a faith-filled life and is struggling with the many distractions and temptations of our modern world.

Realizing our own weakness and *our need of God's mercy* is most important. And I think that's one of the messages from the passage we just heard from St. Matthew and the Parable of the Landowner and the Laborers.

In our human weakness we like to compare ourselves to others in a never ending quest for what we call "fairness." But sometimes that quest is really each of us giving in to our pride and finding ways to make us feel good about ourselves. We get lost in seeking out the things we deserve. Jesus is saying that it's better to "be the 'latecomer,' grateful

therefore for God's goodness" to us and to our companions, as well.

And when we see around us things that generally annoy us, remember what Dom Boylan says: "*And above all, keep your mouth shut unless you see some positive good to be done by talking.*" Now, that's really a hard rule to follow, isn't it?

We have a lot to say, but does something positive come from what we are saying? Not always, I would think. Remembering our own weaknesses and our need for mercy, realizing that *we* are the "latecomer," like in the parable, undeserving of God's generosity and mercy, can help us control our anger and perhaps misplaced sense of what we think we deserve.

But as we come to grips with our own weaknesses—our sinfulness—and experience that sense of humility, don't take that too far, either.

Rather than be discouraged, remember this (and this is another heart-felt quotation from a conference of Dom Boylan):

"Hold on, don't quit. You will fall down, but it doesn't matter how many times you fail in humility. It doesn't matter how often you fall into sin. It doesn't matter how often you are tempted to throw in the towel. *Do not quit.* Instead, turn back to God. As long as you keep getting up you cannot be beat. It is not a matter of your own strength and will power. It is a matter of faith and confidence in God. You have to keep saying to yourself, 'God knows what he's doing.'



Family Faith Weekend will be October 10-11!

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.
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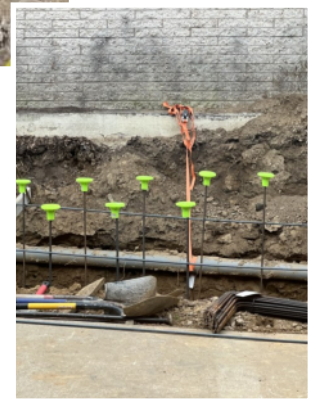
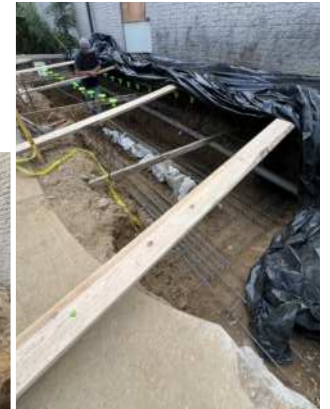


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The carpenters continued to open the roof to create the clerestory. One full side was opened, then the structure/framing completed and lastly, sealed for weather. Soon work began on the other side of the church.

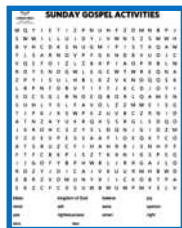


Resetting the ramp into church continues. The workers trenched and set the structure needed for the cement delivery and pouring.

Family Faith



Click on images for activity sheets!



Catholic Mass Scavenger Hunt!

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Click on links in the online Bulletin or visit our website homepage.

[Why and how do we fold our hands in prayer?](#)

[Last week: When and why do we genuflect?](#)



Saint Therese

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? Saint Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.



Saint Jerome

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists; and famously said, "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



Who are the Archangels?

Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Elizabeth Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.



Praying to Hear and Act on the Word of God

I am a countryman, Lord,
who comes from the country of the world.
Teach me your city's ordered ways, the courtesies
and gracious manners of your court.

Remove from me the likeness of the world,
on which I had been modeling myself, and
make me like your citizens, lest in their
midst I seem as one deformed.



And teach me too the language that I do not know,
the language I began to hear when I came out of Egypt,
but do not understand because I had grown up in an alien land.
Teach me the language you speak with your sons
and they with you. And make me understand those little signs,
by which you give understanding hearts to know what is your good,
acceptable, and perfect will.

— William of Saint-Thierry, o.cist.

Sacrament of Baptism

**Congratulations,
Welcome to God's Family!**

John Xavier McDonald

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Pray for the Sick



Sarah Conaghan	Sheila Kendall	Debbie Schmidt
Debbie Difelice	Rafael Meza	Bob Stefanski
Marietta Galvez	Mia Morabito	James Young
Danielle Helenthal	Loretta Rebecca	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
- ◆ Final Q&A

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Healing Mass — Saturday Oct. 17th @ 5:15 pm

If you or a loved one may benefit from receiving the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, join us for this beautiful Mass.



PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE:

Contact Clare at the Rectory: 610-525-3100 or email: catholic@sjnparish.org

In the essential rite of the sacrament, the priest lays his hands on the sick person's head. Then he anoints the person on the forehead and palms of the hands with the oil of the sick, a holy oil that has been blessed by the Bishop.

Starting Tuesday, October 13, 2026 7 PM

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drawing the world back to Christ through love ..."

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[Flyer](#)

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Step into the identity God has given you and respond to His invitation to work in and through your life.

Blessing of Animals

In commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of all of God's creatures, we will have a Blessing of Animals on:

Saturday, October 3rd - Blessing begins
at 3:00 pm

Bring your pet(s) and meet us at our
St. Francis Statue!



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



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!

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