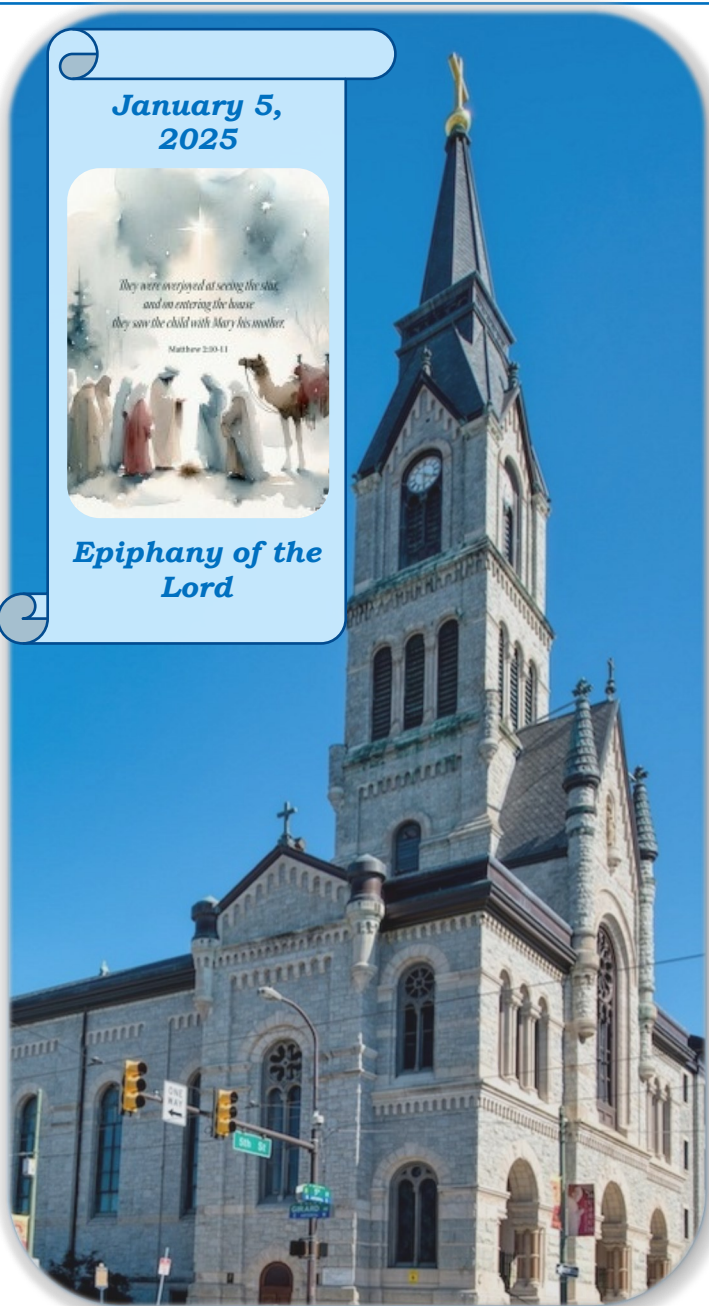


January 5,  
2025



**Epiphany of the  
Lord**



## **St. Peter the Apostle National Shrine of St. John Neumann**

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday:** 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. (Vigil).  
**Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),  
12:30 pm  
**Weekdays:** 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.  
**O.L.P.H. Novena:** 7:00 p.m. (Shrine) Filipino Sponsored

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Mon - Sat:** 11:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
**Sunday:** 10:30 a.m. (Spanish)

### **RECTORY OFFICE**

**Monday - Saturday:** 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
**Sunday** 9 a.m. - 12 noon.

### **GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Sunday:** 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENTS:** You are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephone with the Priest you wish to see.

**SICK CALLS:** Emergencies & Hospital Visitation: Please contact the Rectory office.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament of Baptism is administered monthly. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective pastors, and must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. Parents attend a Pre-Jordan meeting prior to Baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made with the pastor at least six months before the date of the wedding. Pre-Cana instructions are required. Couples rather than parents or wedding coordinators should contact the church. If either party was previously married, an annulment must be granted prior to the selection of a future wedding date.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

5:30 PM † Gilda Maduro - rb: Maria Goldston

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Jacob William Stefano - rb: Grandparents

11:00 AM † Evaristo Martinez Claudio – rb: Fred Navarreto

12:30 PM Parish Family and Antoinette & Anthony Giannini - rb: Annette Giannini

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Maria Tran Thi Anh - rb: Ngoc Hai

5:30 PM † Maria Samanta Nu Nguyen - rb: Nga Nguyen & Family

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Michael Brindisi – rb: Michael Grogan

5:30 PM Joseph Pasquarello - rb: Michael Grogan

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM Robert Jose Fajardo B-Day - rb: Andy & Janet Fajardo

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Holy Father - rb: Holy Redeemer Sisters

5:30 PM † Joseph F. Sukany - rb: Mary Giampietro

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Staff of St. Peter the Apostle Parish, School and the Shrine of St. John Neumann

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

## REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

In your prayers, please keep in mind our sick, homebound, and those in healthcare facilities including: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSSR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, and Collette Berg. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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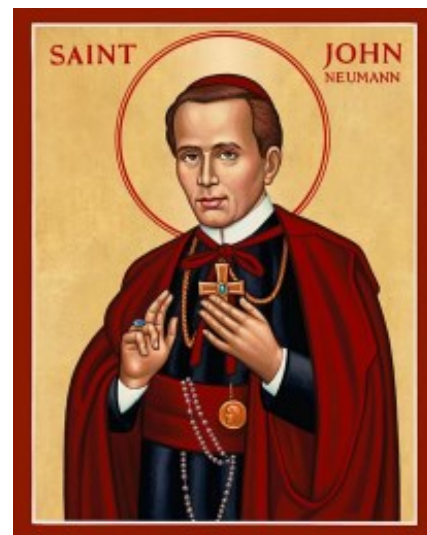
Dear Parishioners,

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

JOHN NEUMANN WAS BORN IN PRACHATITZ IN BOHEMIA (Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He studied theology at the seminary of Budweis. Zealous for the missionary life and wanting to lead souls to Christ, he decided to leave his homeland to dedicate himself to the European immigrants in America, who were deprived of spiritual support.

He was ordained a priest by the bishop of New York, and gave himself to the pastoral care of people in the vast area around Niagara Falls. Since he wanted to live in a religious community that corresponded more closely to his missionary vocation, he entered the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, being professed on January 16, 1842. He was a tireless missionary, busying himself in particular with the German immigrants, first in Baltimore, then in Pittsburgh. He filled the role of vice-provincial of the Redemptorists from 1846 to 1849, after which he became the parish priest of St. Alphonsus Church in Baltimore. In 1852, at the age of forty-two, he was named bishop of Philadelphia. He had a strong effect on the religious life of the United States by founding Catholic schools and promoting devotion to the Eucharist. In two years the number of students in the parochial schools went from 500 to 9000. He founded a new religious institute: the Sisters of the Holy Infant Francis. In the brief space of seven years he built eighty-nine churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages.

A worthy son of St. Alphonsus, like him, he made a vow never to lose a minute of time. As a bishop he was holy and tireless. Uninterruptedly he visited his vast diocese, on one occasion traveling more than twenty five miles of mountain roads by mule in order to confirm a young boy who was sick.



~ Parish News ~

On January 5, 1860, he died suddenly of a heart attack on a street in Philadelphia. He was beatified during the Second Vatican Council on October 13, 1963, and was canonized on June 19, 1977. In the homily on the occasion of his canonization, Paul VI summarized the activity of the new saint in these words: "He was close to the sick, he loved to be with the poor, he was a friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants."

Blessings,  
Fr Mike



**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

This week, the candles in the sanctuaries will burn for the following intentions:

*Blessed Sacrament Altar (Lower Church)*  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

*OLPH Shrine (Upper Church)*  
*Little Family - rb: Nora Little*

*St. John Neumann Altar*  
*Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen*

*Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)*  
*Available*  
*Redemptorist Chapel*  
*Available*

**WEEKEND COLLECTION - 12/22/2024**

Saturday 5:30 pm -	\$272.00
Sunday 7:30 am -	\$161.00
Sunday 9:30 am -	\$3,281.00
Sunday 11:00 am -	\$636.00
Sunday 12:30 pm -	\$908.99
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$155.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,011.50
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<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$7,424.50</b>
<b>Total 2nd Collection.....</b>	<b>\$1,079.20</b>



The Announced Mass book is now open for 2025. Please bring your intention and donation to the Parish Office.

Each intention is \$10.

**THE ROSARY**

We invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Rosary for peace. Please come and pray with us.



**ELECTRONIC GIVING**



Go to the page: [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org)  
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**Celestial Wonders: A Glimpse into God's Creation**

The Sun and its Spots as seen over the St. Peter the Apostle Church. "From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised." Psalm 113:3  
(Image captured on 8-19-24 using a solar filter)



### LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Evaristo Martinez Claudio – sp: Fred Navarreto

### CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

### DONACIONES DE UNITED WAY

Si usted contribuye a United Way a través de su trabajo, favor considere designar a la **Escuela San Pedro, United Way #52989**, para que su donación ayude a nuestra escuela.

### VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Esta semana, las velas de los santuarios se encenderán por las siguientes intenciones:

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Abajo)*  
*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Familia Little - sp: Nora Little*

*Altar de San Juan Neumann*

*Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen*

*Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)*

*Disponible*

*Capilla de los Redentoristas*

*Disponible*

### RECORDEMOS A LOS ENFERMOS DE LA PARROQUIA

En sus oraciones, por favor, tenga en cuenta a nuestros enfermos, confinados en casa, y aquellos en los centros de salud, incluyendo: Fr. Gerard Brinkmann CSsR, Jennifer Woods, Aelya Farrell, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, Gail Warren, Matthew Lee, Robert Federico, Shawn Wojciechowicz, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, Grazyna Kolondra, Michaela Breslin, Jose Dorotan M.D., Rodolfo Suarez, June Ambrose, Minerva and Saulo Pena, Michael Miccilo, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, y Collette Berg. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.



## DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

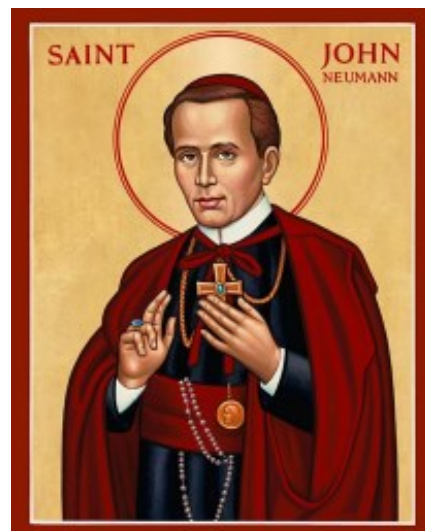
JOHN NEUMANN  
NACIÓ EN PRACHATITZ EN BOHEMIA (República Checa)

el 28 de marzo de 1811. Estudió teología en el seminario de Budweis. Celoso por la vida misionera y queriendo conducir las almas a Cristo, decidió dejar su tierra natal para dedicarse a los inmigrantes europeos en América, que se encontraban privados de apoyo espiritual.

Fue ordenado sacerdote por el obispo de Nueva York y se entregó al cuidado pastoral de las personas en la vasta área alrededor de las Cataratas del Niágara. Como deseaba vivir en una comunidad religiosa que correspondiera más a su vocación misionera, ingresó en la Congregación del Santísimo Redentor, profesando el 16 de enero de 1842. Fue un misionero incansable, ocupándose en particular de los inmigrantes alemanes. , primero en Baltimore, luego en Pittsburgh. Ocupó el cargo de viceprovincial de los Redentoristas de 1846 a 1849, después de lo cual se convirtió en párroco de la Iglesia de San Alfonso en Baltimore. En 1852, a la edad de cuarenta y dos años, fue nombrado obispo de Filadelfia. Tuvo un fuerte efecto en la vida religiosa de los Estados Unidos al fundar escuelas católicas y promover la devoción a la Eucaristía. En dos años el número de alumnos en las escuelas parroquiales pasó de 500 a 9000. Fundó un nuevo instituto religioso: las Hermanas de la Tercera Orden de San Francisco. En el breve espacio de siete años construyó ochenta y nueve iglesias, así como varios hospitales y orfanatos.

Digno hijo de San Alfonso, como él, hizo voto de no perder nunca un minuto de tiempo. Como obispo fue santo e incansable. Ininterrumpidamente visitó su vasta diócesis, en una ocasión recorriendo más de veinticinco millas de caminos montañosos a lomo de mula para confirmar a un joven que estaba enfermo.

El 5 de enero de 1860 murió repentinamente de



un infarto en una calle de Filadelfia. Fue beatificado durante el Concilio Vaticano II el 13 de octubre de 1963 y canonizado el 19 de junio de 1977. En la homilía con motivo de su canonización, Pablo VI resumió la actividad del nuevo santo con estas palabras: “Estuvo cerca a los enfermos, amaba estar con los pobres, era amigo de los pecadores, y ahora es la gloria de todos los emigrantes.”

Bendiciones,  
Padre Mike

## St. Peter the Apostle YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Are you a young adult between the ages of 21-39 and are interested in growing a deeper relationship with Christ or becoming involved in ministry?

We invite you to join our  
St. Peter the Apostle  
Young Adult Group!

Contact the rectory office  
for more information:  
215.627.2386



# WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR  
TEAM

PART -TIME OPEN POSITION

- INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EDUCATOR

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES,

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:

srdanielle@stpetertheapostleschool.com



### EL ROSARIO

Les invitamos a unirse a nosotros todos los días a las 11:55AM en el Santuario a rezar el Rosario por la paz. Venga y únase a nosotros con el arma espiritual.



### DONACION ELECTRONICA

Ingrese a la página [spaphilly.org](http://spaphilly.org) y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



### Maravillas celestiales: una mirada a la creación de Dios

El sol y sus manchas vistos sobre la iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol. “Desde el nacimiento del sol hasta donde se pone, sea alabado el nombre del Señor.”

Salmo 113:3

(Imagen captada el 19-8-24 con filtro solar)



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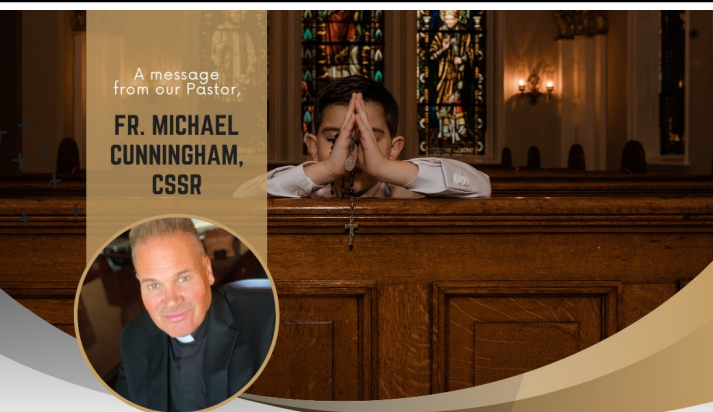
## The Three Wise Men: Share Your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6

Ms. Kim explains the Solemnity of the Epiphany and the importance of the wise men's gifts by teaching students how to draw the three magi. She challenges kids to do an act of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

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## UNITED IN FAITH AND LOVE *Program*

ON COMMITMENT WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 23RD AND 24TH, I INVITE EACH OF YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND HELP US RESPOND TO GOD'S GREAT GIFT OF LOVE. I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE REVIEW THE BROCHURE YOU SHOULD RECEIVE IN THE MAIL AND PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN HELP ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH BY FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES, FURTHERING OUR MISSION, AND REINFORCING OUR FUTURE.

WE ASK THAT ALL FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS COMPLETE A COMMITMENT CARD. A CARD WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BROCHURE MAILING FOR YOU TO:

- MAIL TO THE CHURCH USING THE PRE-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE
- BRING YOUR CARD TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY
- OR YOU MAY VISIT OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT [WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG](http://WWW.SPAPHILLY.ORG) AND COMPLETE AN ELECTRONIC COMMITMENT CARD

THE BACK OF THE COMMITMENT CARD HAS A PLACE FOR YOU TO INCLUDE ANY PRAYER INTENTIONS YOU WISH TO SHARE. WE WELCOME ALL INTENTIONS AND THEY WILL BE PRAYED FOR COLLECTIVELY OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO A PRIEST, PLEASE INDICATE SO ON YOUR CARD AND WE WILL BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU. OUR GOAL IS 100% PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH!

## Join us for the **ST. JOHN NEUMANN FEAST DAY** *Masses*

**SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 5TH  
FEAST DAY**

12:30 PM  
Upper Church

Rev. Jerome Chavarria, C.Ss.R.  
Coordinator  
Conference of Redemptorists  
of North America

**MONDAY,  
JANUARY 6TH**

12:15 PM  
Upper Church

Bishop Bruce A. Lewandowski,  
C.Ss.R.  
Titular Bishop of Croae  
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore



## Join our **Nazareth Group** for Young Married Couples



Come by for **Dinner, Fellowship** and **To Discuss**  
how the faith helps us in the married vocation!

**When?**

*The Last Thursday of Every Month*

**Where?**

*The Newman Lounge*

Contact [ccamarata97@gmail.com](mailto:ccamarata97@gmail.com) for more information