

February 23,
2025

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WITHOUT
LIMITS



Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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

A Redemptorist Parish
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2020-2025

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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, FEBRUARY 22

5:30 PM † Dominic and Maria Nguyen - rb: Le Nguyen

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and † Budd Brindisi 6th Ann. -
rb: Family

11:00 AM † Edwin Gonzalez – rb: Ericka Gonzalez

12:30 PM † Denise Marie Bryan - rb: Geri Kotch

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary & Joseph DeRitis – rb: Lucille DeRitis

5:30 PM † Rosa & Luis Pagan - rb: Celia Santos

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Octavia Alvarado –rb: Graulau/Davila Family

5:30 PM Sr Mary Kim Family Dec. - rb: Sr Mary Kim

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM † Frank Catalano - rb: Matthew Stafford

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Daniel Palermo - rb: Greg Walton

5:30 PM Carmen Lopez - rb: Maribel Roman

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Alex Berardinelli - rb: Diane Berardinelli

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, and Jack Michael Little. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

(Reflection Loyolapress.com)

Blessings,
Fr Mike

NOTE OF GRATITUDE

United in Faith
and Love

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your generous response to our *United in Faith and Love* program.

As Christians, we are all called to imitate Christ, proclaiming the Gospel with words and actions so that the world may come to know and love Christ.

St. Peter the Apostle Church is vital to leading our community to know Him, love Him, and serve Him. Your commitment to the mission, ministries, and service programs of our parish allows us to build up the Kingdom of God in our community.

I pray that the Lord continues to guide us and fill us with His grace and love, that we may be transformed in Him as He makes all things new.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Cunningham, CSSR
Fr. Michael Cunningham, CSSR
Pastor

NOTA DE GRATITUD

Unidos en la Fe
y el Amor

Quisiera expresar mi sincera gratitud por su generosa respuesta a nuestro programa *Unidos en la Fe y el Amor*.

Como cristianos, todos estamos llamados a imitar a Cristo, proclamando el Evangelio con palabras y acciones para que el mundo llegue a conocer y amar a Cristo.

La Iglesia de San Pedro Apóstol es vital para llevar a nuestra comunidad a conocer, amar y servir a Jesús. Su compromiso con la misión, los ministerios y los programas de servicio de nuestra parroquia nos permite construir el Reino de Dios en nuestra comunidad.

Oro para que el Señor continúe guiándonos y llenándonos de Su gracia y amor, para que podamos ser transformados en Él mientras Él hace nuevas todas las cosas.

Atentamente en Cristo,

Fr. Michael Cunningham, CSSR
Padre Michael Cunningham, CSSR
Párroco

Highlights - Datos Importantes

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families returned a card and committed to supporting our parish

familias devolvieron una tarjeta y se comprometieron a apoyar a nuestra parroquia

\$8,073

in one-time gifts to support us living out our mission

en donaciones únicas para apoyarnos en vivir nuestra misión

\$70,309

in additional offertory commitments (contributions not yet realized)

en compromisos de ofertorio adicionales (contribuciones aún no realizadas)

If you have not already done so, please renew your commitment to our parish today. Imagine what we can accomplish in Christ with 100% participation!

Si aún no lo ha hecho, por favor renueve su compromiso con nuestra parroquia hoy. ¡Imagínese lo que podemos lograr en Cristo con el 100% de participación!

WEEKEND COLLECTION - 2/16/2025

Due to early printing, the collections of last weekend will be in the next bulletin

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Consider lighting a candle for your intentions or in memory of a loved one. The candles are located at the Blessed Sacrament Altar, the Perpetual Help Shrine, the St. John Neumann Altar, the Upper Church's Main Altar, and the Priest Chapel.

If you are interested, please contact the rectory office for details.

Donation: \$20 for 2 weeks; \$10 for one week



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 tab **Donate** and select the link with the **Parish Giving Logo**
Follow the simple instructions



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

† Carmen Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

† Lorraine Hymon - rb: Jose A Miranda

Redemptorist Chapel

Jose D. Miranda - rb: Jose A. Miranda

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:camarata97@gmail.com) for more information

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Edwin Gonzalez – sp: Ericka Gonzalez

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

† *Carmen Miranda - sp: Jose A. Miranda*

† *Lorraine Hymon - sp: Jose A. Miranda*

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Jose D. Miranda - sp: Jose A. Miranda

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, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, y Jack Michael Little. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

El Evangelio de hoy es una continuación de la enseñanza que comenzó en el Evangelio del domingo pasado. Seguimos escuchando el Sermón de la Montaña de Jesús. Recordemos que en el Evangelio de Lucas, esta enseñanza está dirigida a los discípulos de Jesús. Esto contrasta con el paralelo que encontramos en el Evangelio de Mateo, el Sermón de la Montaña, en el que las palabras de Jesús están dirigidas tanto a los discípulos como a las multitudes.

Estas palabras de la enseñanza de Jesús nos resultan familiares. Constituyen el quid y el desafío de lo que significa ser un discípulo: ama a tus enemigos, pon la otra mejilla, da a quien te pide, haz a los demás lo que se te da, presta sin esperar nada a cambio, no juzgues para que no se te juzgue.

Hay varias similitudes entre el relato de Lucas y Mateo sobre la gran enseñanza de Jesús. Ambos comienzan con las Bienaventuranzas. Mateo incluye casi todo el contenido de Lucas; el Sermón de la Montaña en el Evangelio de Mateo es más largo que el Sermón de la Montaña de Lucas. Sin embargo, hay diferencias en el lenguaje y los matices. Por ejemplo, Mateo presenta esta parte de la enseñanza como un contraste entre la enseñanza de Jesús y las enseñanzas de la ley y los profetas. Esto está en consonancia con la preocupación de Mateo de dirigirse a su audiencia predominantemente judía. Es probable que Lucas omita este contraste porque era innecesario para los creyentes gentiles para quienes Lucas está escribiendo.

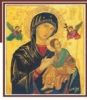
Otro punto de contraste entre la presentación de Mateo y Lucas es la terminología. En Lucas, Jesús contrasta el comportamiento de sus seguidores con el comportamiento de los “pecadores”. En Mateo, Jesús contrasta el comportamiento deseado con el comportamiento de los recaudadores de impuestos y los gentiles. Mateo concluye la enseñanza sobre el amor a los enemigos con la admonición de ser perfectos como Dios es perfecto; Lucas concluye enfatizando la misericordia de Dios.

En ambos Evangelios, las palabras de Jesús desafían a quienes lo seguirían a ser más como Dios. Dios nos ama más allá de nuestras expectativas, más allá de cualquier cosa que podamos imaginar. En respuesta al amor de Dios, debemos amar como Dios ama, más allá de las expectativas y con una profundidad que va más allá de lo imaginable. (Reflection Loyolapress.com)

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

what is God calling you to be?

Discover more about life as a
Redemptorist priest
or brother today!



THE REDEMPTORISTS

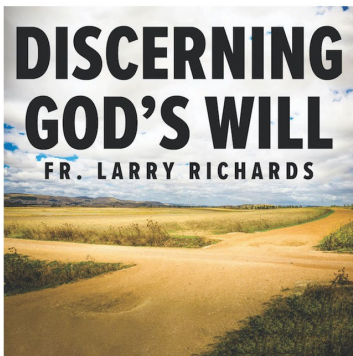
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EL ROSARIO

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 spahilly.org y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



COLECTA DEL FIN DE SEMANA

DE 2/16/2025

La información de la colecta del último fin de semana estará en el próximo boletín.



**WE ARE
HIRING**

**JOIN OUR
TEAM**

PART -TIME OPEN POSITION

- INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EDUCATOR

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES,

EMAIL YOUR RESUME TO:

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SOUP AND BREAD *Supper*

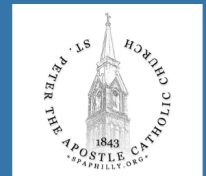
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2025

A SIMPLE SOUP AND BREAD DINNER
WILL BE SERVED
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5:30 PM MASS
FROM 6-7:30 PM
AT THE ST. JOHN NEUMANN CENTER
1039 N. LAWRENCE STREET



FREE ADMISSION

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP FOR
OUR ANNUAL SOUP AND
BREAD SUPPER 3/13/25

This soup and bread supper has been a beautiful ongoing tradition since 2018, to help center everyone on Lent and provide fellowship amongst Parishioners. Everyone is welcome to attend and it's FREE, immediately following the 5:30 pm mass on Thursday, 3/13. We need contributions of one or more of the following:

- Soup and bread of any kind
- Paper products
- Water or non-alcoholic beverages
- Volunteers to help serve soup to attendees, set-up or clean-up

SIGN UP AT THE
RECTORY OFFICE
TODAY OR THROUGH
THIS SIGN UP GENIUS
LINK:

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Leaders & Achievers AWARDS

AN EVENT BENEFITING SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

The 2025 Leaders & Achievers Awards

is a semi-formal event with an award presentation followed by a cocktail reception with music, a silent auction and open seating.



Thursday, April 10, 2025
6-9 PM

Honoring
Connie Milek & Caden Huff '25

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN CENTER
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Scan the QR code
to purchase tickets
or sponsorship



For additional information, please contact Teresa Przybylski, Director of Advancement & Enrollment at tprzybylski@stpetertheapostleschool.com or 215-922-5958.



BUFFET
LUNCH WITH
B.Y.O.B.

\$40.00
PER PERSON

DATE: SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

LOCATION: ST JOHN NEUMANN CENTER
1039 N. LAWRENCE ST
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19123

DOORS OPEN AT: 12:00PM
GAME STARTS AT: 1:00PM

***Ticket sales begin on Sunday,
February 2nd in the Atrium after
regular Sunday Masses.***

