

**February 9,
2025**

When they brought their boats
to the shore, they left everything
and followed him.
Luke 5:11



**Fifth 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 8

5:30 PM † Elsa Martinez - rb: Davila/Graulau Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † Rosa E. Mendez - rb: Nellie Mendez

11:00 AM Parish Family and † Ana Luisa Torres – rb: Jose L. Soto

12:30 PM Loretta and Rich Retzback - rb: Your friends at St Peter's.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Jim Snow – rb: Bob McDonald

5:30 PM Rosalee Inocent - rb: Eneida Davila

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Linda Farrell –rb: Carol Burgos

5:30 PM † Alejandro Gomba - rb: Matthew and Melanie Gomba

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE

5:30 PM Sheila Haren - rb: Eneida Davila

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Mary Rusek Sukany - rb: Mary Giampietro

5:30 PM † Denise Marie Bryan - rb: Geri Kotch

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM † William Healey - rb: Joanne Healey

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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, and Donald Ambrose. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

In his Message for the 33rd World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis grapples with the profound questions that confront those who are suffering and those who care for them. “How can we be strong when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us?”

Although true hope “does not disappoint,” and in fact “strengthens us in times of trial,” this confidence can often prove perplexing in real situations of suffering. “In these situations,” the Pope says, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God’s help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit.” The Holy Father goes on to invite the faithful to reflect on three particular ways God remains close to those who are suffering: “encounter, gift, and sharing.”

Encounter

The Pope recalls that when Jesus sent the 72 disciples on mission, He told them to tell the sick, “The Kingdom of God has come near to you,” that is, “to help the sick see their infirmity... as an opportunity to encounter the Lord.” This encounter, he explains, can be transformative, helping us to discover “a solid rock to which we can cling amid the tempests of life, an experience that... makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone.”

Gift

This leads us to experience God’s closeness in our suffering as a gift, the Pope continues. “More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining ‘faithful to the faithfulness of God’.”

The Pope goes on to explain that “only in Christ’s resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity.” The “great hope” that nothing can separate us from Christ “is the source of all those small glimmers of light that help us to see our way through the trials and obstacles of life,” Pope Francis explains, quoting his predecessor, Benedict XVI.

Sharing

Finally, God is close to us through sharing, which is often seen in places of suffering. “How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope!” he writes. “How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love!”

The Pope emphasizes the need “to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters” between patients, doctors, caregivers, family and friends. “All these are rays of light to be treasured; even among the dark night of adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness.”

An important role in the Jubilee

Pope Francis concludes his Message with a special word for those who are sick and suffering, reminding them that they have an “especially important” part to play in the Jubilee. “Your journey together is a sign of hope for everyone, ‘a hymn of dignity, a song of hope’.” And he thanks them for their witness, in the name of the whole Church and in his own name, assuring them that they are always in his prayers, and extending to them his blessing.

World Day of the Sick 2025

The World Day of the Sick is observed each year on February 11, the liturgical commemoration of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lourdes, with an especially solemn celebration taking place every three years at a Marian shrine.

However, in view of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has chosen to delay for one year the solemn celebration that would normally occur in 2025. The solemn commemoration of the World Day of the Sick will now take place in 2026, at the Marian Sanctuary of the Virgin of Chapi of Arequipa in Peru. By Christopher Wells

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
- Maryellen Hitchens* - rb: Son, Robert
- 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

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION - 2/2/2025

Saturday 5:30 pm -	\$684.00
Sunday 7:30 am -	\$240.00
Sunday 9:30 am -	\$1,900.00
Sunday 11:00 am -	\$1,106.00
Sunday 12:30 pm -	\$1,055.00
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$644.00
Electronic Giving -	\$1,881.50
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Total.....	\$7,510.50
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,271.26



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

PRESIDENTS DAY

PLEASE NOTE:
OUR MUSEUM, GIFT SHOP,
RECTORY AND SHRINE OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
9:30 AM MASS ONLY, AND NO CONFESSIONS

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Rosa E. Mendez - sp: Nellie Mendez
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

Maryellen Hitchens - sp: Son, Robert

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, Collette Berg, Mary Zajac, King Phoenix Santiago Cruz, Charles Ambrose, y Donald Ambrose. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.



DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

En su Mensaje para la XXXIII Jornada Mundial del Enfermo, el Papa Francisco se enfrenta a las

profundas preguntas que enfrentan a quienes sufren y a quienes los cuidan. “¿Cómo podemos ser fuertes cuando nuestro cuerpo está sujeto a enfermedades graves y debilitantes que requieren tratamientos costosos que tal vez no podamos afrontar? ¿Cómo podemos mostrar fortaleza cuando, además de nuestros propios sufrimientos, vemos a nuestros seres queridos que nos sostienen pero se sienten impotentes para ayudarnos?”.

Aunque la verdadera esperanza “no defrauda” y, de hecho, “nos fortalece en los momentos de prueba”, esta confianza a menudo puede resultar desconcertante en situaciones reales de sufrimiento. “En estas situaciones”, dice el Papa, sentimos que necesitamos una fuerza mayor que la nuestra. Nos damos cuenta de que necesitamos la ayuda de Dios, su gracia, su Providencia y la fuerza que es el don de su Espíritu”. El Santo Padre continúa invitando a los fieles a reflexionar sobre tres modos particulares en que Dios permanece cerca de quienes sufren: “el encuentro, el don y el compartir”.

Encuentro

El Papa recuerda que cuando Jesús envió a los 72 discípulos en misión, les pidió que dijeran a los enfermos: «El Reino de Dios está cerca de vosotros», es decir, «que ayudarán a los enfermos a ver su enfermedad... como una oportunidad para encontrar al Señor». Este encuentro, explica, puede ser transformador, ayudándonos a descubrir «una roca sólida a la que aferrarnos en medio de las tempestades de la vida, una experiencia que... nos hace más fuertes porque nos enseña que no estamos solos».

Don

Esto nos lleva a experimentar la cercanía de Dios en nuestro sufrimiento como un don, continúa el Papa. «Más que cualquier otra cosa, el sufrimiento nos hace conscientes de que la esperanza viene del Señor. Es, por tanto, ante todo un don que hay que acoger y cultivar, permaneciendo «fieles a la fidelidad de Dios»». El Papa continúa explicando que «sólo en la resurrección de Cristo nuestra propia vida y nuestro propio destino encuentran su lugar en el horizonte infinito de la eternidad». La “gran esperanza” de que nada nos pueda separar de Cristo “es la fuente de todos esos pequeños destellos de luz que nos ayudan a ver el camino a través de las pruebas y los obstáculos de la vida”, explica el Papa Francisco citando a su predecesor, Benedicto XVI.

Compartir

Por último, Dios está cerca de nosotros a través del compartir, que se manifiesta a menudo en los lugares de sufrimiento. “¡Cuántas veces, junto a la cama de los enfermos, aprendemos a esperar!”, escribe. “¡Cuántas veces, estando cerca de los que sufren, aprendemos a tener fe! ¡Cuántas veces, cuando nos ocupamos de los necesitados, descubrimos el amor!”.

El Papa subraya la necesidad de “aprender a apreciar la belleza y el significado de estos encuentros llenos de gracia” entre pacientes, médicos, cuidadores, familiares y amigos. “Todos estos son rayos de luz que hay que conservar; incluso en la noche oscura de la adversidad, nos dan fuerza, al mismo tiempo que nos enseñan el sentido profundo de la vida, en el amor y la cercanía”.

Un papel importante en el Jubileo

El Papa Francisco concluye su Mensaje con unas palabras especiales para los enfermos y los que sufren, recordándoles que tienen un papel «especialmente importante» que desempeñar en el Jubileo. «Vuestro camino juntos es un signo de esperanza para todos, “un himno de dignidad, un canto de esperanza”». Y les agradeció su testimonio, en nombre de toda la Iglesia y en su propio nombre, asegurándose que están siempre presentes en sus oraciones y extendiéndose su bendición.

Jornada Mundial del Enfermo 2025

La Jornada Mundial del Enfermo se celebra cada año el 11 de febrero, memoria litúrgica de la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Lourdes, con una celebración especialmente solemne que se lleva a cabo cada tres años en un santuario mariano.

Sin embargo, en vista del Año Jubilar, el Papa Francisco ha optado por retrasar un año la solemne celebración que normalmente tendría lugar en 2025. La solemne conmemoración de la Jornada Mundial del Enfermo tendrá lugar ahora en 2026, en el Santuario Mariano de la Virgen de Chapi de Arequipa en Perú. Por Christopher Wells

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

VELA DEL SANTUARIO

Considere encender una vela por sus intenciones, o en memoria de un ser querido. Estas velas se encuentran en el Altar del Santísimo Sacramento, el Santuario de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro, el Altar de San Juan Neumann, el Altar Principal de la Iglesia de Arriba, y la Capilla de los Sacerdotes. Si usted está interesado, comuníquese con la oficina de la rectoría para más detalles.
Donación: \$20.00 por 2 semanas; \$10 por una semana.



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



COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 2/2/2025

Sábado 5:30 pm -	\$684.00
Domingo 7:30 am -	\$240.00
Domingo 9:30 am -	\$1,900.00
Domingo 11:00 am -	\$1,106.00
Domingo 12:30 pm -	\$1,055.00
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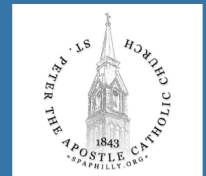
SOUP AND BREAD *Supper*

13 March | Thursday
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

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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
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DESIGNER BAG BINGO

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.