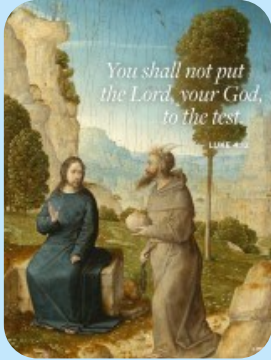


March 9,
2025



First Sunday of
Lent



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, MARCH 8

5:30 PM † Gregory Micenec - rb: Zawacki Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society
9:30 AM † Margaret A. Valentin - rb: Hector Valentin
11:00 AM † Augustin Mendez – rb: Jose Colon
12:30 PM Parish Family and Marybeth & Daniel
Kilpatrick - rb: Joseph Aquilante

MONDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Carmen Lopez – rb: Maribel Roman Lopez
5:30 PM † John & Kathleen Hallanan - rb: Kathy & Sean
O'Neill

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † Juan DeJesus Asencio –rb: Victor M. Asencio
5:30 PM Denis & David Weidman - rb: Joseph Aquilante

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGE
5:30 PM † Gloria Neris Leon - rb: Miguel Leon

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Shawn Bailey - rb: Kate Bailey
5:30 PM Stephen Weidman - rb: Joseph Aquilante

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Neumann Guild
5:30 PM † Aquilante & Hart Families - rb: Joseph
Aquilante

SATURDAY, MARCH 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, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, 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.*



**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,

**Fasting For Lent: Why We
Practice Self-Denial During
the Sacred Season**

When most Christians think of Lent, they think of fasting. It's the most widely known practice associated with this holy season. But we must be careful to fast with the right intentions and not fall into self-serving measures.

It's easy for our Lenten fast to become extensions of our New Year's resolutions. We give up snacking or sweets in a two-for-one effort to honor God and emerge at Easter as a healthier person. And while fasting from junk food is not intrinsically wrong, our intention behind our fast is what matters. To guide us in this sacrifice, the Church provides us with general guidelines on how and when to fast during Lent.

Lenten fasting rules: when and how to fast

The Church guides us on which days we should fast during Lent and the foods we ought to abstain from. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholics are called to abstain from eating meat during Lent on

1. Ash Wednesday
2. All Fridays during Lent
3. Good Friday

Additionally, Catholics are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. According to the U.S. bishops, fasting Catholics are permitted to "eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal." The rules of fasting apply to individuals ages 18 to 59.

God also calls us to take up personal Lenten fasts. This can include fasting from time on our phones, a food or drink we enjoy, or even fasting from hitting snooze on our alarm clocks in the morning! Each little sacrifice we make can be offered for the glory of God.

An important point to make is that we should not fast simply because the Church asks us to. While there is merit in being obedient to the Church's call to fast, we can take our Lent to a whole new level if we pray and ask the Lord to move our hearts to fast for the right reasons: out of love for him and a desire to grow closer to him.

Why do we fast during lent?

There are lots of reasons for fasting during the season of Lent—an effort to join in Christ's suffering, detaching ourselves from worldly things, making more room for God in our lives, practicing holy habits that will help us grow in virtue—the list goes on. But, what is important to note is that our Lenten fast is not about us, it's about Jesus Christ.

For this reason, we'd like to hone in on two Christ-centered purposes for Lenten fasting.

To repent.

First, we fast to repent, to turn away from our sin. Even though the penitential act of fasting cannot make up for our sin, it shows our sorrow and offers a small reparation for our offense against God. Also, when we fast, we discipline our bodies and train our minds to obey God's will. By building and strengthening this habit of discipline, we prepare ourselves to resist future sin. Fasting, therefore, becomes an act of worship where we turn away from temptation and toward God.

To open our hearts to the Lord.

Secondly, we fast to give the Lord access to our hearts. When we fast from things, we remove clutter from our day, lives and schedules. This frees up time and space, physically, mentally and spiritually to focus on Christ and to allow him to take up more room in our lives and a greater presence in our hearts.

To pray for specific intentions.

Fasting is an incredible form of prayer during Lent. By denying ourselves something of earthly pleasure, we can then offer that sacrifice back to God on another's behalf. Furthermore, the thought of this intention can motivate us and give us greater resolve to fast even when it is difficult.

Make your lenten fasting more meaningful this year

When you are choosing your Lenten sacrifice (or re-evaluating if you've already chosen it) search for something that will accomplish the goals we mentioned above. Another great way to go about this is to ask yourself these questions: *What are my greatest sins? What actions or behaviors lead me to these sins? What is keeping me from growing in my relationship with the Lord?*

If your fasting comes from a pure heart, your Lenten prayer and sacrifice will be more fruitful and will lead you into a deeper relationship with Christ.

<https://stories.svdmissions.org/the-mission-post/the-three-pillars-of-lenten-fasting>

Blessings,
Fr Mike

WEEKEND COLLECTION - 3/2/2025

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| Masses | \$4,268.00 |
| Envelopes Mailed - Offerings | \$837.00 |
| Electronic Giving - | \$1,263.00 |
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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
Health for Mary - rb: Family
- Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)***
Available
Redemptorist Chapel
Available

DEPAUL
Homelessness has no place

We are partnering again with Depaul USA, an organization that operates 5 different programs in Philadelphia providing services to people experiencing homelessness. As Lent approaches, we plan to offer more support to those programs by addressing some of the physical needs of the residents. As we enter the season of sacrifice and hope, we will collect specific items needed by the residents every Sunday in Lent. We also will need volunteers to deliver the goods to Depaul.

Contact the Rectory at 215.627.2386 with questions, and thanks for your support!

- MARCH 9: toilet paper, paper towels and disinfectant wipes
- MARCH 16: toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant
- MARCH 23: cereal bars and breakfast items that don't require milk, spoons, forks and mugs. Utensils don't need to be new but should be in good condition
- MARCH 30: laundry detergent

DROP OFF TO THE RECTORY
OR BIN LOCATED IN THE UPPER CHURCH VESTIBULE
EVERY SUNDAY IN LENT

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Augustin Mendez – rb: Jose Colon

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

Salud para Mary - sp: Familia

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, Clara Torres, Ada Olivo, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Jacob Rivera, 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 Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Ayuno de Cuaresma: ¿Por qué practicamos la abnegación durante la temporada sagrada?

Cuando la mayoría de los cristianos piensan en la Cuaresma, piensan en el ayuno. Es la práctica más conocida asociada con esta temporada sagrada. Pero debemos tener cuidado de ayunar con las intenciones correctas y no caer en medidas egoístas.

Es fácil que nuestro ayuno de Cuaresma se convierta en una extensión de nuestras resoluciones de Año Nuevo. Renunciamos a los bocadillos o los dulces en un esfuerzo doble por honrar a Dios y emerger en Pascua como una persona más saludable. Y si bien ayunar de comida chatarra no es intrínsecamente malo, lo que importa es la intención detrás de nuestro ayuno. Para guiarnos en este sacrificio, la Iglesia nos proporciona pautas generales sobre cómo y cuándo ayunar durante la Cuaresma.

Normas del ayuno cuaresmal: cuándo y cómo ayunar

La Iglesia nos indica qué días debemos ayunar durante la Cuaresma y de qué alimentos debemos abstenernos. Según la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos, los católicos están llamados a abstenerse de comer carne durante la Cuaresma:

1. Miércoles de Ceniza
2. Todos los viernes de Cuaresma
3. Viernes Santo

Además, los católicos deben ayunar el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo. Según los obispos de Estados Unidos, a los católicos que ayunan se les permite "comer una comida completa, así como dos comidas más pequeñas que juntas no equivalen a una comida completa". Las reglas del ayuno se aplican a las personas de entre 18 y 59 años.

Dios también nos llama a realizar ayunos personales de Cuaresma. Esto puede incluir ayunar de pasar tiempo en nuestros teléfonos, de una comida o bebida que disfrutamos, o incluso ayunar de posponer la alarma de nuestro despertador por la mañana. Cada pequeño sacrificio que hacemos puede ofrecerse para la gloria de Dios.

Un punto importante a destacar es que no debemos ayunar simplemente porque la Iglesia nos lo pide. Si bien hay mérito en ser obedientes al llamado de la Iglesia a ayunar, podemos llevar nuestra Cuaresma a un nivel completamente nuevo si oramos y le pedimos al Señor que mueva nuestros corazones a ayunar por las razones correctas: por amor a él y por el deseo de acercarnos más a él.

¿Por qué ayunamos durante la Cuaresma?

Hay muchas razones para ayunar durante la Cuaresma: un esfuerzo por unirnos al sufrimiento de Cristo, desprendernos de las cosas mundanas, hacer más lugar para Dios en nuestras vidas, practicar hábitos santos que nos ayudarán a crecer en la virtud... la lista continúa. Pero lo que es importante tener en cuenta es que nuestro ayuno de Cuaresma no se trata de nosotros, se trata de Jesucristo. Por esta razón, nos gustaría centrarnos en dos propósitos centrados en Cristo para el ayuno de Cuaresma.

Arrepentirse.

En primer lugar, ayunamos para arrepentirnos, para alejarnos de nuestro pecado. Aunque el acto penitencial del ayuno no puede compensar nuestro pecado, muestra nuestro dolor y ofrece una pequeña reparación por nuestra ofensa contra Dios. Además, cuando ayunamos, disciplinamos nuestro cuerpo y entrenamos nuestra mente para obedecer la voluntad de Dios. Al desarrollar y fortalecer este hábito de disciplina, nos preparamos para resistir el pecado futuro. El ayuno, por tanto, se convierte en un acto de adoración en el que nos alejamos de la tentación y nos acercamos a Dios.

Para abrir nuestros corazones al Señor.

En segundo lugar, ayunamos para darle acceso al Señor a nuestros corazones. Cuando ayunamos, eliminamos el desorden de nuestro día, nuestras vidas y nuestros horarios. Esto libera tiempo y espacio, física, mental y espiritualmente, para centrarnos en Cristo y permitirle que ocupe más lugar en nuestras vidas y tenga una mayor presencia en nuestros corazones.

Orar por intenciones específicas.

El ayuno es una forma increíble de oración durante la Cuaresma. Al negarnos algo de placer terrenal, podemos ofrecer ese sacrificio a Dios en nombre de otra persona. Además, el pensamiento de esta intención puede motivarnos y darnos una mayor determinación para ayunar incluso cuando sea difícil.

Haz que tu ayuno de Cuaresma sea más significativo este año

Cuando estés eligiendo tu sacrificio de Cuaresma (o reevaluando si ya lo elegiste), busca algo que logre los objetivos que mencionamos anteriormente. Otra excelente manera de hacerlo es hacerte estas preguntas: ¿Cuáles son mis pecados más grandes? ¿Qué acciones o comportamientos me llevan a estos pecados? ¿Qué me impide crecer en mi relación con el Señor?

Si tu ayuno proviene de un corazón puro, tu oración y sacrificio de Cuaresma serán más fructíferos y te llevarán a una relación más profunda con Cristo.

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Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

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 3/2/2025

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| Misas | \$4,268.00 |
| Sobres por Correo - Ofrendas | \$837.00 |
| Donaciones Electrónicas - | \$1,263.00 |
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| Total..... | \$6,368.00 |
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EL VIACRUCIS

Durante la Cuaresma, les invitamos a unirse a nosotros cada día a las 11:55 a.m. en el Santuario para rezar el Camino a la Cruz por la paz. Por favor vengan a rezar con nosotros



DESIGNER BAG BINGO

SOLD OUT

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



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

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
1039 N Lawrence St | Philadelphia, PA 19123

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.

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
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HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE 2025

AT ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Holy Thursday, April 17

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
7:00 pm Mass of the Last Supper (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Good Friday, April 18

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE
1:00 pm El Via Crucis/ Siete Últimas Palabras (Spanish) - SHRINE
1:00 pm The Stations of the Cross/ Seven Last Words (English) - UPPER CHURCH
3:00 pm Passion Liturgy with Adoration of the Cross (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Saturday Easter Vigil, April 19

9:00 am Liturgy of the Hours - SHRINE
11:45 am - 12:15 pm Confessions - SHRINE
8:00 pm Easter Vigil (Bilingual) - UPPER CHURCH

Easter Sunday, April 20

9:30 am Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH
11:00 am Mass (Spanish) - UPPER CHURCH
12:30 pm Mass (English) - UPPER CHURCH

The annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children will follow the 9:30 am and 11:00 am masses on the rectory lawn.

Please note: No confessions or
7:30 am services on Easter Sunday

