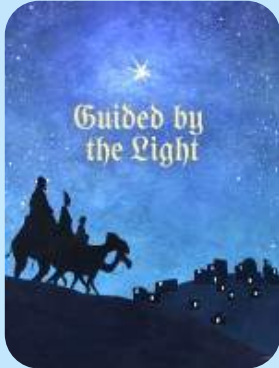
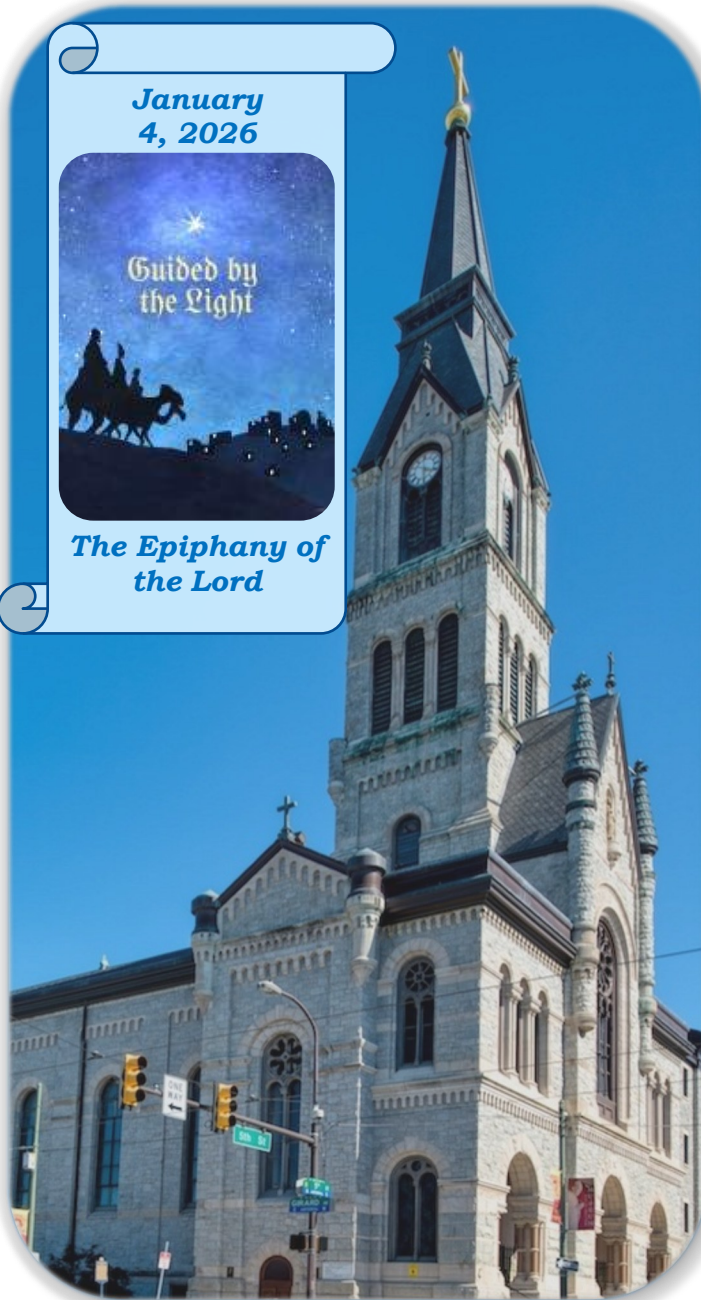


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Saturday: 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m (Vigil).

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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 - Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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 3

5:30 PM † Frances & Robert McCloskey - rb: Michael McCloskey

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society
9:30 AM † Robert Wittman - rb: Melissa Washington
11:00 AM Parish Family and † Milago Ake - rb: Antonio Acosta
12:30 PM Lena Elizabeth Nickas - rb: The Grace Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † Gilda Maduro - rb: Maria Goldston
5:30 PM Romelo Winston Birthday - rb: Anita Ramos

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Dec'd Members of the Kulasegrame & Gunn Families - rb: Rosalind Kulasegram
5:30 PM The Walton Family - rb: Michael Grogan

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE
5:30 PM Lynn Rudzenski - rb: Michael Grogan

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:16 PM † Digno Maldonado - rb: Carmen Navaro
5:30 PM The Casey Family - rb: Michael Grogan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Neumann Guild
5:30 PM Myrtho Jean-Gilles - rb: Yanick Vibert

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

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, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, and William Vaughn. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

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 Third Order of St. 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.

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



The 2026 Announced Mass book has opened.
Please stop by the Parish Office, call
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Parish.office@spaphilly.org for more
information.

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

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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

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11:00 AM Familia Parroquial Y † Milago Ake
– sp: Antonio Acosta

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 AM

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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)
Disponibles

Capilla de los Redentoristas
Lorraine Kingsbury Miner

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, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, and William Vaughn. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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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

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.



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DE 12/28/2025

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