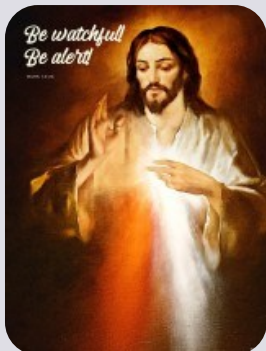


December 10,
2023



Second Sunday
of Advent



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

A Redemptorist Parish
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Spanish),
12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Weekdays: 7:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Shrine)

O.L.P.H. Novena: Wednesdays after mass at 7:00 p.m.
Filipino (Shrine)

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 TEMPORARY 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, DECEMBER 9

5:30 PM † Debbie Bambino - rb: Lynnette Gachoki

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Parish Family and † Robert Seitz - rb:
Daughter, Suzanne

11:00 AM † Lucy Betancourt - rb: Nydia Betancourt

12:30 PM Julia De los Reyes - rb: Tarcelos & Family

3:30 PM † Harry Joseph Young - rb: Carol Young

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † All Souls - rb: Tam Nguyen

5:30 PM † Anthony Robert Campione - rb: Allen J.
Bommentre

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Dec'd Members Kearney/Govier Family -
rb: Susan and Chris Kearney

5:30 PM † Edward Seltzer - rb: Maura O'Malley

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

5:30 PM † Janet De Jesus Colon - rb: Ada Colon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † John Vu An - rb: Nguyen Dung

5:30 PM † Tommy "Mux" Barnes - rb: Karl Buchert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Jun & Myrna Cacho Wedding Ann. - rb: Lolo
& Lola

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

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, Fr. Donald Miniscalco CSsR, Andrew Little, Michael Gruninger, Jim Kernan, Marcelino Casiano, John Fairey, William J. Butter, Andrew Boyle, Liam Bocarro, Mary Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Milagros Velazquez, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Antonia Neris, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, and for those who are sick from the Covid-19 Virus. Please call the rectory office to add a name.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Advent Candles

"One mid-November in a city store
Four candles stood tall on a shelf by the door
They shared their dreams of giving light
Of making their buyers world so bright

Said the **FIRST** one, "I think I shall be
Giving light to candles in a community!"
Said the **SECOND**, "I think I shall give light
To some poor person's home tonight!"

Then the **THIRD** said, "As for me,
I'll shall shine on top of a Christmas tree!"

Then the **FOURTH** shouted to all,
"I am going to the New Year's Eve ball."

Then one bright morning, a bit after sunrise
To the poor candles' surprise

They were bought and taken away
"Why are we all here?" They kept saying;
Confused, worried, hoping and praying

Then a **LARGE** candle appeared in angeliz white
"Do not be afraid. I have heard your plight
You are destined for greater than you can see
For you, dear candles, shall be a light for me."

First candle, you are **HOPE** for the lost earth
That waited so long for the Messiah's birth
Second candle, you are a song of **PEACE** and PREPA-
RATION

To people in all the world, especially this nation
Third candle, do you know you are such a **JOY**
To every man, woman, girl and boy?

Fourth candle, the greatest of all is **LOVE**
The nature of the triune God above

So you see, you are fulfilling your mission to all
To listen and answer to God's continuous call
For I know the plans God has for you
Plans to make bigger, better dreams come true

The candles smile bright and began to sing
Jesus is coming, Jesus is coming...

- Unknown author

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

† Ingrid Funtanilla

St. John Neumann Altar

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)

Available

Redemptorist Chapel

Available

WEEKEND COLLECTION - 12/03/2023

Saturday 5:30 pm -	\$189.00
Sunday 7:30 am -	\$221.00
Sunday 9:30 am -	\$961.00
Sunday 11:00 am -	\$704.00
Sunday 12:30 pm -	\$429.72
Sunday 3:30 pm -	\$233.00
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$270.00
Electronic Giving -	\$2,025.25

Total..... \$5,032.97
Total 2nd Collections..... \$943.00

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



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ANNOUNCED MASS BOOK FOR 2024 OPENS

DECEMBER 4, 2023

\$10 per Mass

Please stop by the Rectory Office during office hours with your intentions and donations.

If paying with check, must be payable to

The Redemptorist Fathers



Saint Peter the Apostle School is now enrolling new students in PK3 - Grade 8 for the 2023-2024 school year!

Scan the QR code or visit <https://mytads.com/a/stpetertheapostleschool> to apply online.

Contact Ms. Jesseca Leiva at jleiva@stpetertheapostleschool.com or 215-922-5958 to schedule a visit, learn about tuition assistance, or learn more about our program.



LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Lucy Betancourt - sp: Nydia Betancourt

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

10:30 PM

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

† Ingrid Funtanilla

Altar de San Juan Neumann

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Desponsible

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Desponsible

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.

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, Fr. Donald Miniscalco CSsR, Andrew Little, Michael Gruninger, Jim Kernan, Marcelino Casiano, John Fairey, William J. Butter, Andrew Boyle, Liam Bocarro, Mary Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Rose M. Noordzy, Milagros Velazquez, Charles Lovett, Mary Zajac, Aelya Farrell, John Paul Gordon, Jr., Antonia Neris, Leonor Alfonso, William Santos, Mia Cassoli, y personas enfermas por el Covid-19. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Estimados feligreses:

Las velas de Adviento

Uno a mediados de noviembre en una tienda de la ciudad.

Cuatro velas estaban altas en un estante junto a la puerta.

Compartieron sus sueños de dar a luz.

De hacer que el mundo de sus compradores sea tan brillante

El **PRIMERO** dijo: "Creo que seré ¡Dando luz a velas en una comunidad!"

Dijo el **SEGUNDO**: "Creo que daré luz ¡Esta noche a la casa de algún pobre!"

Entonces el **TERCERO** dijo: "En cuanto a mí, ¡Brillaré encima de un árbol de Navidad!"

Entonces el **CUARTO** gritó a todos: "Voy al baile de Nochevieja"

Luego, una mañana luminosa, un poco después del amanecer

Para sorpresa de las pobres velas Fueron comprados y llevados.

"¿Por qué estamos todos aquí?" Siguieron diciendo; Confundido, preocupado, esperando y orando

Entonces apareció una vela GRANDE en color blanco angelizado.

"No tengas miedo. He escuchado tu situación Estás destinado a más de lo que puedes ver.

Porque ustedes, queridas velas, serán una luz para mí".

Primera vela, eres **ESPERANZA** para la tierra perdida

Que esperó tanto el nacimiento del Mesías

Segunda vela, eres un canto de **PAZ** y **PREPARACIÓN**.

A la gente de todo el mundo, especialmente a esta nación.

Tercera vela, ¿sabes que eres una **ALEGRÍA**?

¿A cada hombre, mujer, niña y niño?

~ Noticias de la Parroquia ~

Cuarta vela, la más grande de todas es el **AMOR**
La naturaleza del Dios trino de arriba

Así que ya ves, estás cumpliendo tu misión con todos.
Escuchar y responder al continuo llamado de Dios
Porque sé los planes que Dios tiene para ti.
Planes para hacer realidad sueños más grandes y mejores

Las velas sonrieron brillantes y comenzaron a cantar.
Jesús viene, Jesús viene...

- Autor desconocido

Fr. Mike



**SE ABRE EL LIBRO DE MISAS
ANUNCIADO PARA 2024**

4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

\$10 por Misa

Pase por la Oficina de la Rectoría durante el horario de oficina con sus intenciones y donación.

Si paga con cheque, debe ser pagadero a
The Redemptorist Fathers

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 espiritua.

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 12/03/2023

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Hosted by Ajobola Rivers

**Sunday,
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5 PM | Free Entry**

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

**FRIDAY,
JANUARY 5TH
FEAST DAY**

12:15 PM
Upper Church

Rev. John Kingsbury, C.Ss.R.
Shrine Director

**SUNDAY,
JANUARY 7TH**

12:30 PM
Upper Church

Very. Rev. John Collins,
C.Ss.R. Provincial Superior
of the Baltimore Province

Note: There will be no 3:30 pm
Mass on January 7th



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?

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