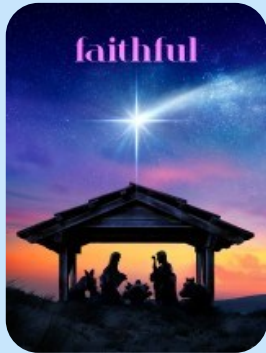
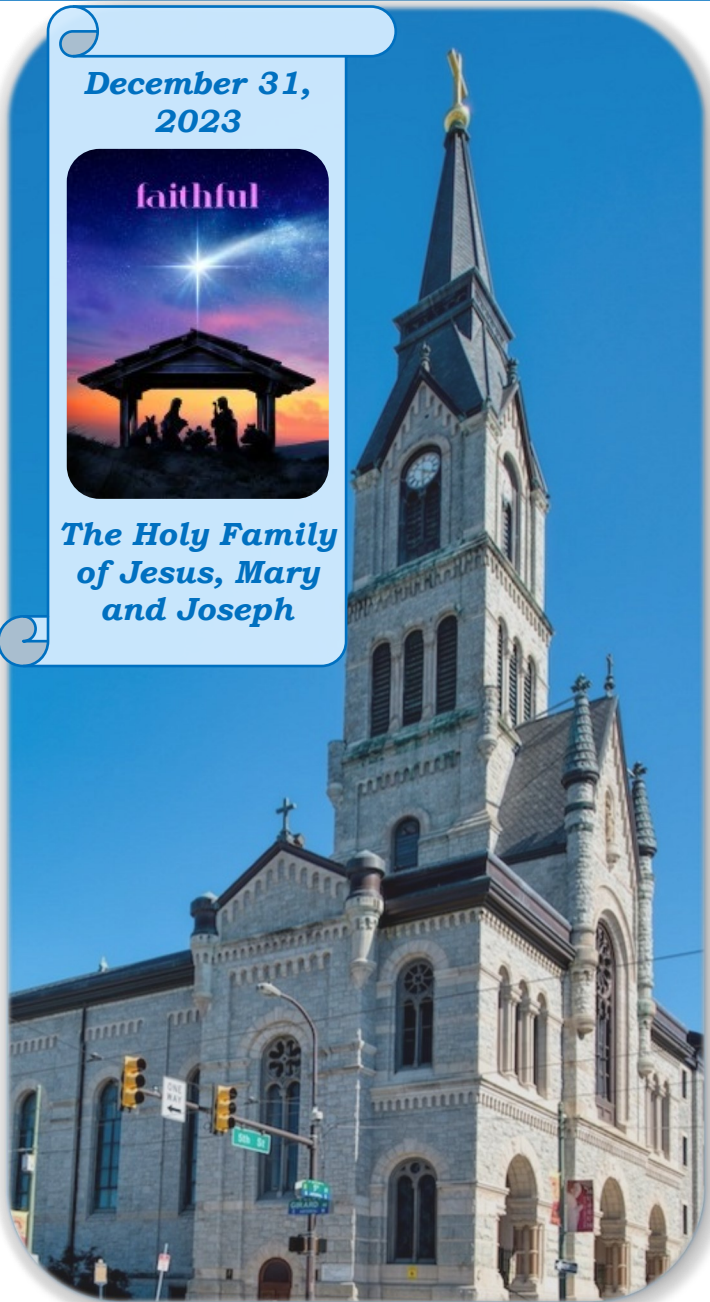


December 31,  
2023



**The Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary  
and Joseph**



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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 30

5:30 PM Vinh & Melissa Au Wedding Ann. -rb: Le Nguyen

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - *New Years Eve*

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM Michelle & James Devlin - rb: James Devlin

11:00 AM † Pascual Bermudez - rb: Nydia Betancourt

12:30 PM Kernan Family - rb: Ann Kernan

3:30 PM Parish Family & † Maria Tran Sa - rb: Nguyen Dung

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - *New Years Day*

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society and St. John Neumann Friends Intentions

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM St. John Neumann Friends Intentions

5:30 PM Rita I. Martinez - rb: Crescencia Martinez

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH Mass League

5:30 PM St. John Neumann Friends Intentions

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM St. John Neumann Friends Intentions

5:30 PM † Gilda Madur - rb: Maria Goldston

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM St. John Donors and Friends Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

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, Gail Warren, Lonnie Freeman, Matthew Lee, and for those who are sick from the Covid-19 Virus. Please call the rectory office to add a name.

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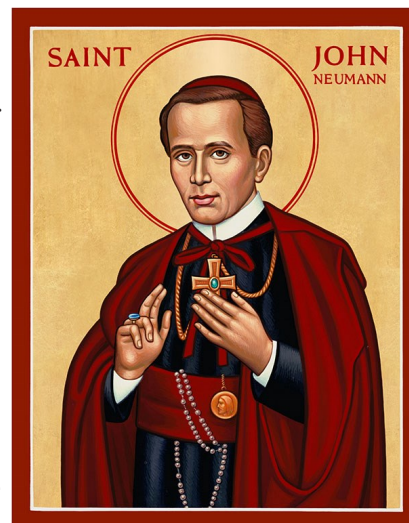
## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

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 Niagra 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 Redemptorist 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 9,000. He founded a new 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 vas diocese, on one occasion travelling



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 friend of sinners, and now he is the glory of all emigrants."

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

† Lorraine Hymon - rb: Jose A. Miranda

**St. John Neumann Altar**

Nguyen Family - rb: Le Nguyen

† Ingrid Funtanilla

**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**

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**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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Contact the rectory office for more information: 215.627.2386

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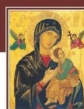
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Beginning January 2024, the unannounced mass intention stipend will be raised to \$10.00 a mass.

We thank you for your continuous support and trusting us with your special intentions.

**THE REDEMPTORISTS**



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## LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Pascual Bermudez - 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

† Lorraine Hymon - sp: Jose A. Miranda

#### *Altar de San Juan Neumann*

Familia Nguyen - sp: Le Nguyen

† Ingrid Funtanilla

#### *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, Gail Warren, Lonnie Freeman, Matthew Lee, 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:

John Neumann nació en Prachatitz en Bohemia (República Checa) el 28 de marzo de 1811. Estudió teología en el seminario de Budweis. Celoso de la vida misionera y con ganas de llevar las almas a Cristo, decidió dejar su tierra natal para dedicarse a los inmigrantes europeos en América, 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 quería vivir en una comunidad religiosa más cercana 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. Desempeñó el papel de viceprovincial del Redentorista de 1846 a 1849, después de lo cual se convirtió en el párroco de la iglesia St. Alphonsus 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 de las escuelas parroquiales pasó de 500 a 9,000. Fundó un nuevo instituto: las Hermanas del Tercer Orden de San Francisco. En el breve espacio de siete años construyó ochenta y nueve iglesias, así como varios hospitales y orfanatos.

Un digno hijo de San Alfonso, como él, hizo el voto de no perder un minuto de tiempo. Como obispo fue santo e incansable. Ininterrumpidamente visitó su diócesis vas, en una ocasión recorriendo más de veinticinco millas de caminos de montaña en 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,

~ Noticias de la Parroquia ~

Pablo VI resumió la actividad del nuevo santo en estas palabras: “Estuvo cerca a los enfermos, le encantaba estar con los pobres, era amigo de los pecadores, y ahora es la gloria de todos los emigrantes”.

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.

### DONACION ELECTRONICA

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## INTENCION DE MISA

A partir de enero de 2024, el estipendio por intención masiva no anunciado se elevará a \$10.00 la masa.

Le agradecemos su continuo apoyo y confiarnos con sus intenciones especiales.



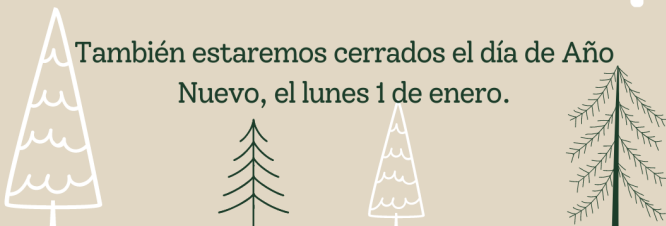
## HORARIO de Navidad

Tenga en cuenta que nuestra tienda de regalos cerrará temprano a la 1:00 p.m. el domingo 24 de diciembre.

Nuestra tienda de regalos, santuario y oficinas de la rectoría estarán cerradas el lunes 25 y martes 26 de diciembre.

El horario habitual de tiempo completo se reanudará el miércoles 27 de diciembre.

También estaremos cerrados el día de Año Nuevo, el lunes 1 de enero.



### COLECTAS DEL FIN DE SEMANA 12/17/2023

Debido a la impresión temprana del boletín, la información de las colectas de las semanas pasadas estarán en el próximo boletín



La Escuela Saint Peter the Apostle School ahora esta inscribiendo **nuevos estudiantes** para grados **PK 4 - 8** para el año escolar **2023-2024!**

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# Christmas Hours

Please note that our gift shop will close early at 1:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Our gift shop, shrine and rectory offices will be closed on

Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th

Regular full-time hours will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 27th

We will also be closed on

New Years Day, Monday, Jan. 1st



## ST. PETER THE APOSTLE PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH IN THE UPPER CHURCH

CHOIR CONCERT AT 5:00 PM

VIGIL MASS AT 5:30 PM

NO CONFESSIONS, NO 3:30 PM MASS

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH IN THE UPPER CHURCH

7:00 AM AND 12:15 PM

NO CONFESSIONS, NO 5:30 PM MASS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST IN THE UPPER CHURCH

9:30 AM MASS ONLY

NO CONFESSIONS



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



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