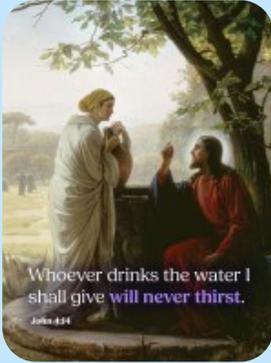
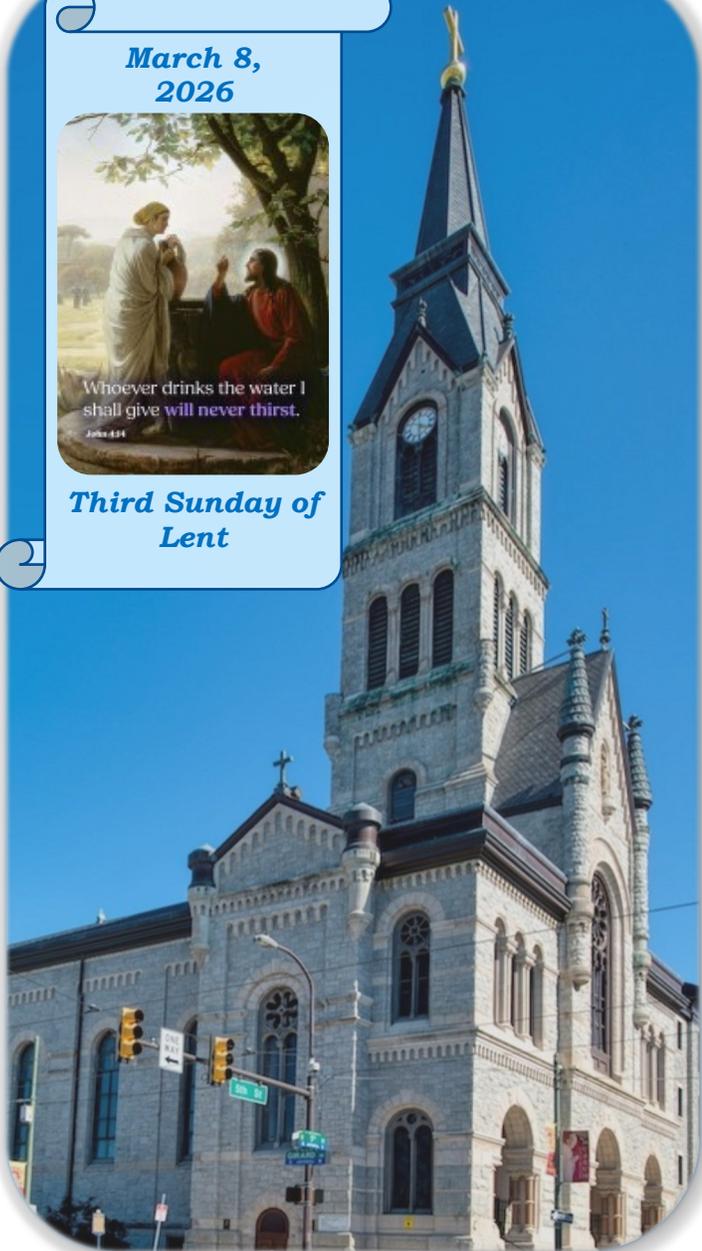


March 8,
2026



Third Sunday of
Lent



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

A Redemptorist Parish
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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 - 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, MARCH 7

5:30 PM † Maria Magdalena Asencio - rb: Victor M. Asencio

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

7:30 AM Purgatorian Society
9:30 AM † Margaret A. Valentin - rb: Hector Valentin
11:00 AM Parish Family and † San Miguel Arcangel -
rb: Jenny Almodobal
12:30 PM † Helena Kurby - rb: Christine Bottomer

MONDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † Thomas Kost - rb: Michael Kost
5:30 PM John Kernan - rb: Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † George Neuman - rb: Greg Walton
5:30 PM † Carlos Soto - rb: Daughter

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE
5:30 PM † Rosemary MacNeal - rb: Maria Ragusa-Lopez

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM † Sara Adamczyk - rb: Maria Ragusa-Lopez
5:30 PM † Mary Pace - rb: Michael & Maureen Clark

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society
12:15 PM Neumann Guild
5:30 PM Linda Mondzelewski - rb: Michelle Nardozzi

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

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 Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Ann Pham, Danielle Sorrichillo, Reinalee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, William Vaughn, Baby Rivera, J. Kernan, Ty Joseph, Mary Zajac, Jeremy Kleinberg, John Claypool, and Carolyn Bennett.
Please call the rectory office to add a name. 1-125



**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Parishioners,
Third Week of Lent

**Quenching Your Thirst with
Living Water
Third Sunday of Lent (Year A)**

“Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?” John 4:29

This is the story of a woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She comes to the well in the middle of the noonday heat so as to avoid the other women of her town for fear of encountering their judgment upon her, for she was a sinful woman. At the well she encounters Jesus. Jesus speaks with her for a while and she is deeply touched by this casual but transforming conversation.

The first thing to note is that the very fact of Jesus speaking to her touched her. She was a Samaritan woman and Jesus was a Jewish man. Jewish men did not speak to Samaritan women. But there was something more that Jesus said that deeply affected her. As the woman herself tells us, He “told me everything I have done.”

She wasn't only impressed that Jesus knew all about her past as if He were a mind reader or magician. There is more to this encounter than the simple fact that Jesus told her all about her past sins. What truly seemed to touch her was that within the context of Jesus knowing all about her, all the sins of her past life and her broken relationships, He still treated her with the greatest respect and dignity. This was a new experience for her!

We can be certain that she would have daily experienced a sort of community shame. The way she lived in the past and the way she was living at the present was not an acceptable lifestyle. And she felt the shame of it which, as mentioned above, was the reason she came to the well in the middle of the day. She was avoiding others.

But here was Jesus. He knew all about her but wanted to give her Living Water nonetheless. He wanted to satiate the thirst that she was feeling in her soul. As He spoke to her, and as she experienced His gentleness and acceptance, that thirst began to be quenched. It began to be quenched because what she really needed, what we all need, is this perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

~ Parish News ~

Interestingly, the woman went away and “left her water jar” by the well. She never actually got the water she came for. Or did she? Symbolically, this act of leaving the water jar at the well is a sign that her thirst was quenched by this encounter with Jesus. She was no longer thirsty, at least spiritually speaking. Jesus, the Living Water, satiated.

Reflect, today, upon the undeniable thirst that is within you. Once you are aware of it, make the conscious choice to let Jesus satiate it with Living Water. If you do this, you too will leave the many “jars” behind that never satisfy for very long.

Jesus, You are the Living Water that my soul needs. May I meet You in the heat of my day, in the trials of life, and in my shame and guilt. May I encounter Your love, gentleness and acceptance in these moments, and may that Love become the source of my new life in You. Jesus, I trust in You. Catholiclife.com

Blessings,
Fr Mike

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, we invite you to join us each day at 11:55 a.m. in the Shrine as we pray the Way of the Cross for peace. Please come and pray with us.



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*

Blessed Sacrament Altar (Upper Church)
Departed Souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families -
rb: *Patricia and Raymond Villanueva*
Redemptorist Chapel
Available

Bathroom Code

1811

Please use this code to access the bathroom. This code is subject to change, please refer to the bulletin for updated code. Thank you.



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 - 2/22/2026

Masses	\$2,495.25
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$00.00
Electronic Giving -	\$1,809.94
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Total.....	\$4,305.19
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$787.50

March - Second Collection Schedule

- March 1st ... *Latin America Church*
- March 8th... *Rice Bowl*
- March 15th ... *Church in Eastern Europe*
- March 22nd ... *School*
- March 29th ... *Building and Maintenance Fund*

LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM † Margaret A. Valentin - sp: Hector Valentin

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

Altar del Santísimo Sacramento (Iglesia de Arriba)

Departed Souls of Villanueva and Creachen Families

- sp: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

Capilla de los Redentoristas

Available

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, Reinalee Colon, Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Kathy Griffin, Michael Micciola, Jeanette Troutman, Linda Butter, Ann Russo, Brian Devers, Terri Campione, Orlando Morales, Monsarate Torres, Lisa Belle, Wayne Belle, William Vaughn, Baby Rivera, J. Kernan, Ty Joseph, Mary Zajac, Jeremy Kleinberg, John Claypool, and Carolyn Bennett. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

Tercera Semana de Cuaresma

Saciando tu Sed con Agua

Viva Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma (Año A)

“Vengan a ver a un hombre que me ha dicho todo lo que he hecho. ¿Será acaso el Cristo?” Juan 4:29

Esta es la historia de una mujer que se encontró con Jesús junto al pozo. Acudió al pozo en pleno calor del mediodía para evitar a las otras mujeres de su pueblo por temor a ser juzgadas, pues era una mujer pecadora. En el pozo se encontró con Jesús. Jesús habló con ella un rato y ella quedó profundamente conmovida por esta conversación casual pero transformadora.

Lo primero que cabe destacar es que el mero hecho de que Jesús le hablara la conmovió. Ella era una mujer samaritana y Jesús era un hombre judío. Los hombres judíos no hablaban con las mujeres samaritanas. Pero hubo algo más que Jesús dijo que la impactó profundamente. Como ella misma nos dice: “Me dijo todo lo que he hecho”. No solo le impresionó que Jesús supiera todo sobre su pasado como si fuera un mago o un adivino. Este encuentro va más allá del simple hecho de que Jesús le contara todos sus pecados. Lo que realmente la conmovió fue que, aun sabiendo todo sobre ella, todos los pecados de su vida pasada y sus relaciones rotas, la trataba con el mayor respeto y dignidad. ¡Esta era una experiencia nueva para ella!

Podemos estar seguros de que a diario experimentaba una especie de vergüenza comunitaria. Su forma de vivir, tanto en el pasado como en el presente, no era aceptable. Y sentía esa vergüenza, que, como se mencionó anteriormente, era la razón por la que acudía al pozo a mediodía. Evitaba a los demás.

Pero allí estaba Jesús. Él la conocía a fondo, pero aun así quería darle Agua Viva. Quería saciar la sed que sentía en su alma. Mientras Él le hablaba, y ella experimentaba su dulzura y aceptación, esa sed comenzó a saciarse. Comenzó a saciarse porque lo que ella realmente necesitaba, lo que todos necesitamos, es este amor y aceptación perfectos que Jesús ofrece. Él se los ofreció y nos los ofreció a nosotros.

Curiosamente, la mujer se fue y dejó su cántaro junto al pozo. Nunca recibió el agua que buscaba. ¿O sí? Simbólicamente, dejar el cántaro junto al pozo es señal de que su sed fue saciada por este encuentro con Jesús. Ya no tenía sed, al menos espiritualmente. Jesús, el

~ Noticias de la Parroquia ~

Agua Viva, la sació.

Reflexiona hoy sobre la sed innegable que llevas dentro. Una vez que seas consciente de ella, toma la decisión consciente de dejar que Jesús la sacie con Agua Viva. Si lo haces, tú también dejarás atrás los muchos cántaros que nunca se sacian por mucho tiempo.

Jesús, Tú eres el Agua Viva que mi alma necesita. Que pueda encontrarse en el calor de mi día, en las pruebas de la vida, en mi vergüenza y culpa. Que pueda encontrar tu amor, tu dulzura y tu aceptación en estos momentos, y que ese amor se convierta en la fuente de mi nueva vida en ti. Jesús, en ti confío.
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Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

DONACION ELECTRONICA

Ingresa a la página spaphilly.org y seleccione el enlace bajo el logotipo **Parish Giving**. Siga las sencillas instrucciones para registrarse.



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



Segundo calendario de recolección para marzo

- 1 de marzo... *Iglesia en Latino America*
- 8 de marzo... *Plato de Arroz*
- 15 de marzo... *Iglesia en Europa del Este*
- 22 de marzo... *Escuela*
- 29 de marzo... *Fondo de Construcción y Mantenimiento*

Código del baño

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Por favor, utilice este código para acceder al baño. Este código puede cambiar; consulte el tablón de anuncios para obtener el código actualizado. Gracias.

Leaders & Achievers AWARDS

AN EVENT BENEFITING SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE SCHOOL



HONORING SOPHIA GONZALEZ '26



BOB JULIANO

Thursday, April 23, 2026

6-9 pm

Saint John Neumann Center

Tickets &
Sponsorship



For additional information, please contact
Teresa at 215-922-5958

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el año escolar 2026-2027!**



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DEPAUL

Homelessness has no place

As we enter this sacrificial season of Lent, we will once again partner with the DePaul locations (St. Joseph's House and St. Raymond's House) to provide needed supplies for the residents. Each week we will focus on a particular need.

- **Feb 22:** Mugs (new or gently used) and disinfectant wipes
- **March 1:** deodorant and shampoo
- **March 8:** bar, hand and dish soap (all sizes)
- **March 15:** toilet paper
- **March 22:** bottled water and cereal bars.

**ITEMS MAY BE PLACED IN THE BIN AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

St. Peter the Apostle

DESIGNER BAG

\$45 per person

BINGO

Buffet lunch with B.Y.O.B.

SUNDAY | MARCH 22, 2026

Location: St. John Neumann Center
1039 N. Lawrence Street

Time: Doors open at noon

Prepare for your luck and have fun with your friends while playing bingo and winning cool prizes.

Ticket sales starting on Sunday, February 1st in the Atrium after regular Sunday Masses.

Soup and Bread SUPPER

THURSDAY,
MARCH 12, 2026

A soup and bread dinner will be served immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass.
From 6-7:30 pm.

Please scan for volunteer sign up sheet



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THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY INVITES YOU TO A MOVING HOLY WEEK PRESENTATION

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Upper Church
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National Shrine of St. John Neumann
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PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 at 4:30PM

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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