

**May 25,
2025**

Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

John 14:23



**Sixth Sunday of
Easter**



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 - 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, MAY 24

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

SUNDAY, MAY 25

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

9:30 AM † Mary Bruce - rb: Family

11:00 AM Parish Family and † David Garcia – rb: Magdalena Garcia

12:30 PM † Edoe Family - rb: Elke Brigandi

MONDAY, MAY 26 - Memorial Day

9:30 AM Purgatorian Society

TUESDAY, MAY 27

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Franco Malave B-Day – rb: The Malave Family

5:30 PM † Richard McDonald - rb: Bob McDonald

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM OLPH MASS LEAGUE

5:30 PM † Antonia Neris - rb: Josefina Hernandez

THURSDAY, MAY 29

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM † Maria Magdalena Asencio – rb: Victor Asencio

5:30 PM † Tim Rossiter - rb: Bernadette and Family

FRIDAY, MAY 30

7:00 AM Purgatorian Society

12:15 PM Neumann Guild

5:30 PM Ladislaus Sukany - rb: Mary Giampietro

SATURDAY, MAY 31

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, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martines, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinallee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Estela Bugg., Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac, and Kathy Griffin. *Please call the rectory office to add a name.*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. (Lk. 24:46-53)

He opened the Scriptures

It was Jesus himself who made himself an "Educator" for his disciples: *"Thus it is written: that the Christ should suffer...."* The disciples had just met the Risen Lord Jesus. They had eaten roasted fish with him. In the light of this Event, *"he opens the disciples' minds" to help them understand that what had happened was part of a plan of love, of the plan of salvation.*

Clothed from on high

Jesus's going away coincides with the gift of the Holy Spirit who will make the disciples capable of being witnesses to what they had seen and heard, and to do so with joy: they *"returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God."* The disciples abandoned the fear and timidity that had led them to distance themselves from the Cross. Now they found the courage to continue to make the marvelous works of the Lord Jesus present through their joy and courageous witness.

Conversion and forgiveness of sins

The content of their witness was the joy that God is love, he is Mercy. That is the force that can help us change direction, abandon a life of sin and orient ourselves toward a qualitatively better life.

Toward Bethany

The city of Bethany is located to the East of Jerusalem. It was there that the Glory of the Lord was expected to

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return (see Ez. 43:2; 11:23). Now, Jesus is preparing to ascend to the Father, but not before having led his disciples “outside”. This is a gesture that recalls the action of God when he liberated his people Israel. The evangelist Luke tries to make a connection to that episode, making us understand that everything finds its completion in Jesus.

A new way of being

The text from Acts offers us some theological-spiritual coordinates to understand the mystery we are celebrating. The text says in Acts 1:11 that Jesus “was taken up”. It places emphasis that it was an action of God. A cloud “took him from their sight” (v. 9) recalls the image of the cloud on Mount Sinai (Ex. 24:15), the cloud above the ark of the covenant (Ex. 33:9), and lastly, the cloud on the Mount of the Transfiguration (Mk. 9:7). Jesus’s Ascension into heaven, therefore, is not a “separation” but a different way of being. He explains why the disciples were “filled with joy” (see Lk. 24:52). *Because Jesus died, rose, and now ascended, the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of eternal life. The “cloud of faith” that envelops our lives today is not an obstacle, but a way through which we can have a living and true experience of Jesus, since we have the certainty that if he has risen and ascended into heaven, the same destiny awaits us, since he is the first fruit (see 1 Cor. 15:20).*

Church on the move

We do not await the last day idly, nor do we close ourselves in our own homes. But, as Jesus reminds us, we await the last day dedicated to a mission that reaches the ends of the earth. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:7ff). We are fortified by Jesus’s promise: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt. 28:19), where Jesus is our God, God-with-us (see Ex 3:12), Emmanuel (see Mt. 1:23; Is. 7:14).

And even if the disciples’ faithfulness failed at times, God’s faithfulness towards us never fails. This is why the journey of the community and of every disciple of the Risen Jesus is always open to new perspectives and possibilities, for nothing is impossible for God.

(vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays)

Blessings,
Fr Mike

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.



WEEKEND COLLECTION - 5/11/2025

Masses	\$3,550.79
Envelopes Mailed - Offerings	\$951.16
Electronic Giving -	\$1,873.00

Total.....	\$6,374.95
Total 2nd Collection.....	\$1,221.00

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)

All the faithful departed - rb: Patricia and Raymond Villanueva

Redemptorist Chapel

† Lorraine Kingsbury Miner



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LA MISA DE HOY

11:00 AM Familia Parroquial Y † David Garcia
– sp: Magdalena Garcia

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)

Fieles almas fallecidas - sp: Patricia y Raymond Villanueva

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, John Fairey, Wayne Shaak, Michaela Breslin, June Ambrose, Marcelino Casiano, Luz Martinez, Juana Ortiz, Charles Ambrose, Donald Ambrose, Ann Pham, Richard Simpson, Danielle Sorrichillo, Jack Michael Little, Reinalee Colon, Donna Marie Simpson, Mary Ha, Estela Bugg., Tanya Rapone, Jane Kernan, Alicia Ann Chomo, Gayle Mulford, Betty Santos, Mary Zajac y Kathy Griffin. Favor de llamar a la rectoría para incluir un nombre en la lista.

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DEL ESCRITORIO DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses,

La Solemnidad de la Ascensión del Señor

Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: «Así está escrito que el Cristo padecería y resucitaría de entre los muertos al tercer día, y que en su nombre se predicaría la conversión para el perdón de los pecados a todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén. Ustedes son testigos de estas cosas. Y he aquí, yo envío sobre ustedes la promesa de mi Padre; pero quédense en la ciudad hasta que sean investidos de poder desde lo alto».

Luego los condujo hasta Betania, alzando las manos y los bendijo. Al bendecirlos, se separó de ellos y fue llevado al cielo. Le rindieron homenaje y luego regresaron a Jerusalén con gran alegría, y estaban continuamente en el templo alabando a Dios. (Lc. 24:46-53)

Abrió las Escrituras.

Fue Jesús mismo quien se constituyó en «Educador» de sus discípulos: «Así está escrito: que el Cristo padeciera...». Los discípulos acababan de conocer al Señor Jesús resucitado. Habían comido pescado asado con él. A la luz de este acontecimiento, Jesús les abrió la mente a los discípulos para ayudarles a comprender que lo sucedido formaba parte de un plan de amor, del plan de salvación.

Revestidos de lo alto

La partida de Jesús coincide con el don del Espíritu Santo, que capacitará a los discípulos para ser testigos de lo que habían visto y oído, y para hacerlo con alegría: «Volvieron a Jerusalén con gran alegría, y estaban continuamente en el templo alabando a Dios». Los discípulos abandonaron el miedo y la timidez que los habían alejado de la cruz. Ahora encontraron la valentía para seguir haciendo presentes las obras maravillosas del Señor Jesús a través de su alegría y su valiente testimonio.

Conversión y perdón de pecados

El contenido de su testimonio fue la alegría de que Dios es amor, es misericordia. Esa es la fuerza que puede ayudarnos a cambiar de rumbo, abandonar una vida de pecado y orientarnos hacia una vida cualitativamente mejor.

Hacia Betania

Betania se encuentra al este de Jerusalén. Allí se esperaba el regreso de la Gloria del Señor (cf. Ez. 43:2; 11:23). Ahora, Jesús se prepara para ascender al Padre, no sin antes haber sacado a sus discípulos afuera. Este gesto

evoca la acción de Dios al liberar a su pueblo Israel. El evangelista Lucas intenta conectarlo con ese episodio, haciéndonos comprender que todo encuentra su plenitud en Jesús.

Una nueva forma de ser

El texto de los Hechos nos ofrece algunas coordenadas teológico-espirituales para comprender el misterio que celebramos. En Hechos 1:11, el texto dice que Jesús fue llevado arriba. Destaca que fue una acción de Dios. Una nube lo ocultó de su vista (v. 9) evoca la imagen de la nube en el monte Sinaí (Éx. 24:15), la nube sobre el arca de la alianza (Éx. 33:9) y, por último, la nube en el monte de la Transfiguración (Mc. 9:7). La Ascensión de Jesús al cielo, por tanto, no es una “separación”, sino una forma diferente de ser. Él explica por qué los discípulos estaban “llenos de alegría” (cf. Lc. 24,52). Porque Jesús murió, resucitó y ahora ascendió, las puertas del Cielo están abiertas, las puertas de la vida eterna. La “nube de fe” que envuelve nuestras vidas hoy no es un obstáculo, sino un camino a través del cual podemos tener una experiencia viva y verdadera de Jesús, pues tenemos la certeza de que si él resucitó y ascendió al cielo, nos espera el mismo destino, pues él es la primicia (cf. 1 Co. 15,20).

Iglesia en movimiento

No esperamos el último día con los brazos cruzados, ni nos encerramos en nuestras casas. Sino que, como nos recuerda Jesús, esperamos el último día dedicados a una misión que llega hasta los confines de la tierra. “Recibirán poder cuando el Espíritu Santo venga sobre ustedes, y serán mis testigos... hasta los confines de la tierra” (Hch 1,7ss). Nos fortalece la promesa de Jesús: “Y les aseguro que estoy con ustedes todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo” (Mt 28,19), donde Jesús es nuestro Dios, Dios con nosotros (cf. Éx 3,12), Emmanuel (cf. Mt 1,23; Is 7,14).

Y aunque la fidelidad de los discípulos a veces fallara, la fidelidad de Dios hacia nosotros nunca falla. Por eso, el camino de la comunidad y de cada discípulo de Jesús Resucitado está siempre abierto a nuevas perspectivas y posibilidades, porque nada es imposible para Dios.

(vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays)

Bendiciones,
Padre Mike

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.



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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MONDAY,
MAY 26, 2024

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THE MUSEUM,
GIFT SHOP,
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SHRINE OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED**

**9:30 AM MASS ONLY
IN THE LOWER SHRINE CHURCH
AND NO CONFESSIONS**



THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

THE 49TH ANNUAL SANTACRUZAN FLORES DE MAYO

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

MASS: 11:30AM

PROCESSION: 12:30PM

CELEBRANT: VERY REV. JOHN KINGSBURY, C.Ss.R

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Homelessness has no place

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten Drive! Depaul USA's residents were very grateful for the much needed supplies and hygiene items. As we head into the summer, St. Peter's will have monthly St. Francis Inn volunteer dates.

The first two are on May 24th and June 7th. The time commitment is 11am to 1:15pm.

Please reach out to Rachel Barber at rbseuss@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering

The Holiness Conference

Sponsored by the National Shrine of St John Neumann and I Thirst Ministry in Philadelphia 6/20/2025 - 6/22/2025
Admission is free. Free will offerings will be accepted.



Friday June 20th: in the Shrine Church: 6:30 p.m. Rosary; 7:00 p.m. Healing Mass with Father Pio Mandato who will pray over the people with a relic of Padre Pio



Saturday June 21st: starting in the Shrine Church: 6:15 p.m. Holy hour led by Michael Corsini; 7: 15 p.m. Saints Alive: contemporary Catholic music led by founder Gus deSimone, and fellowship with light refreshments in the St John Neumann Center



Sunday June 22nd: starting in the Upper Church: 12:30 p.m. Mass followed by Corpus Christi procession in the streets led by Bishop Bruce Lewandowski, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore; 2:00 p.m. fellowship and lunch in the St John Neumann Center
Your RSVP is REQUIRED for this indoor event



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