



February 24, 2019
The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church

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HOLY EUCHARIST (THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS)

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM; Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 AM

Thursday and Saturday: 8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced in Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday after 8:00 AM Mass until 9:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays.

MATRIMONY

Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

CONFIRMATION

Please contact the Director of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the Eighth Grade.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

HOLY ORDERS

If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a Catholic priest, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Vocations (302-573-3113) or speak to the Pastor; if you believe you are being called to the Diaconate, please call Rev. John Grasing (302-573-2390).

SACRAMENTALS

For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Attached to this bulletin you'll find a brochure announcing liturgies and other activities for the upcoming Lenten season. It's hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is a mere ten days away! Lent gives us the opportunity to make a "retreat" even in the midst of our daily lives. To that end, St. John Neumann parish will host a number of events to help provide support as you engage that retreat; see the brochure for more details. Also, check out the Media Rack in the Gathering Space. I've recently restocked it with Lenten prayer aids for parishioners of all ages.

One of the events you'll find is our annual "Lenten Dinner" of soup, salad, pizza and fellowship on 22 March. I need your help with this in two ways.

First, if you've never attended one of our Lenten dinners, I'd like to ask you to consider coming this time. Usually we get 50-75 people at this event, and that's great, but how much greater it would be if we had 150 people! Think about coming, and think about inviting a friend to come with you. It's always a great evening, and it's a way to meet those folks with whom we worship each week but maybe never run into outside of Mass.

Secondly, I need someone to step up and volunteer to coordinate the dinner and maybe some other events in the future. One of the questions I frequently get is "Father, why don't we have more parish dinners?" Well, to be honest, it's because it's been very hard finding people to do the coordination. We have some wonderful and generous cooks in our parish. But putting on a parish dinner requires coordinating the purchasing of food and paper goods, getting the cooks together to prepare the food, lining up people to serve the meal, setting up the room and cleaning it afterwards, welcoming people as they enter and selling tickets at the door, and advertising the event so as to get a decent crowd. It sounds like a lot, and it is, but lots of people are willing to help out with the different tasks. The key is to have a strong organizer to make sure everything is in place. If you have the skills to do this (and the personality, frankly, because some people just have an easier time getting others to become involved), please consider volunteering to serve in this capacity. You'd be making a great contribution to the life of our parish.

On another note, I'd like to thank those parishioners who have responded to my plea to create an advanced "usher" cadre. I still need more. If you are able to help with this, please call the Parish Office and give the receptionist your name, email and best phone number. You can also send that information to me directly.

Thank you for everything that you do around here. It is a tremendous joy to minister to you.

God bless you, always!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Father Joe Cocucci".

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci
Pastor

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses/Services for the Week

Saturday, 23 February	Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr (M)
8:30 AM	Vernon Shiflett
4:00 PM	William Charles Fanning
Sunday, 24 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM	Joanne Morris (Living)
10:00 AM	People of the Parish
11:30 AM	Jack Barrett
Monday, 25 February	
8:00 AM	Ed Gemmel
Tuesday, 26 February	
8:00 AM	Richard Burns
Wednesday, 27 February	
8:00 AM	Tim Foley
Thursday, 28 February	
8:30 AM	Jay Moyer
Friday, 1 March	
8:00 AM	Joseph Weingarden
Saturday, 2 March	
8:30 AM	Greg Scott Graziano
4:00 PM	Lennie Rinaldi
Sunday, 3 March	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:30 AM	William Charles Fanning
10:00 AM	Rosemarie Dicianna
11:30 AM	People of the Parish



Come and see. Are you searching for a Church to call your own? Do you struggle with questions about life, death, suffering, hope, forgiveness, love, God? Sessions exploring these and other issues in relation to our Catholic faith are being held. Ask about inquiry meetings by contacting Nancy Groves 410-208-2854 or ngroves@stjnrc.com

Catechetical Day “Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”

Catechetical Day (“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ”) with Bishop W. Francis Malooly will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at St. Thomas More Academy. Bishop Malooly will individually recognize DREs and Catechists celebrating significant anniversary years. The day includes refreshments beginning at 8:30AM and lunch at 12 noon. The presenter is Father Christopher Walsh. The day concludes at 2:00PM. The final registration deadline is March 1, 2019. Please go to www.cdow.org/CatecheticalDay2019 to find out more about the day and how to register.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



This week the Tabernacle Candle is burning for the intention of Dorothy Walker.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of February 24, 2019

Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38
Monday:	Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday:	Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday:	Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
Thursday:	Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
Friday:	Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
Saturday:	Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
Next Sunday:	Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



INCLEMENT WEATHER AND MASS

If Mass should be cancelled due to inclement weather, we will change the Mass schedule message. Please call the main office number, **410-208-2956** and push “1” for the Mass schedule. We will also post the cancellation on the parish website: www.stjohnneumannrcc.com If schools are closed in Worcester or Wicomico counties because of snow, the morning weekday Mass will be cancelled.



CAMP ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC BOYS AND GIRLS SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Learn more about Camp St. Charles by joining us for lunch, a tour, a ride on the giant swing and an opportunity to meet the staff! For over 60 years, thousands of children have been making friends, learning to work together and developing an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, paddling on the river, making art projects and lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. Fully accredited with the American Camp Association and certified by the State of Maryland, Camp St. Charles has been run by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers and Lay Salvatorians for over 60 years. New families may save on tuition by registering at our open house. For more information, directions and to sign up for an open house, see our website: www.campstcharles.org or call us at **301-934-8799** or email director@campstcharles.org.



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God

cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.



PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Come join the St. Jude The Apostle garden committee at the Philadelphia Flower Show on Friday, March 8, 2019! This year's theme is "FLOWER POWER", the Power of Flowers. Tickets are \$65 and includes admission, bus fare and driver's tip. The bus will leave St. Jude's parking lot at 11AM and return around 8PM. For tickets and information, please call Jean Stewart at **302-644-2890**.



February is Stock the Pantry Month for Catholic Charities!

Participate in Catholic Charities semi-annual "Stock the Pantry" project throughout the month of February! One in five families often must choose between making a rent or utility payment and buying food. In a single month, Catholic Charities distributes approximately 15,000 pounds of food throughout the Diocese! You can support our most vulnerable neighbors by making a donation of non-perishable food items. Drop off items like canned meats, soups, fruits, vegetables; boxes of pasta, cereal, baking mixes; jars of peanut butter and jelly; coffee, tea and powdered milk at any Catholic Charities location. Catholic Charities will also accept gift cards to local grocery stores or cash donations. You can find the nearest Catholic Charities service center at www.cdow.org/charities, or call 302-655-9624. Those in need of food assistance should call the nearest Catholic Charities location.



Listen to the **Catholic Forum** podcast every week. A new program debuts every Sunday morning at www.cdow.org/CatholicForum, or search "Catholic Forum" on **Apple, Spotify, or iHeartRadio** podcasts. *Next Sunday, March 3rd, Mr. Gene Donnelly, former Director of Communications for the Diocese of Wilmington, will look back at the Bishop Robert E. Mulvee's ten-year service to the Diocese.* For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, links and more, "Like" **Catholic Forum** on **Facebook** at www.facebook.com/catholicforum.

Our Sesquicentennial Year is ending!
Diocesan 150th anniversary closing Mass on
March 3rd.

You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Closing Mass on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Saint Elizabeth Church, 809 South Broom Street in Wilmington. Gather with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the conclusion of our year-long anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

Rachel's Vineyard Catholic Retreat

The next retreat is May 3-5, 2019 at Malvern Retreat House. The retreat weekend is a beautiful opportunity for emotional and spiritual healing for any woman or man who has struggled with abortion. For more information, contact Nan Freeman at 302-333-1904 or visit www.rachelsvineyard.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY

6 March 2019

8:00 AM Mass

6:00 PM Liturgy of the Word

There will be distribution of ashes at the 8:00 AM Mass and also during the Liturgy of the Word at 6:00 PM.



Stations of the Cross will be held every **Friday** during Lent at **11:00 AM.**

A Prayer to My Guardian Angel

Angel of God, my guardian dear,
to whom God's love entrusts me here,
ever this day be at my side
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Angel sent by God to guide me,
be my light and walk beside me;
be my guardian and protect me;
on the path of life direct me.
Amen.



Parish Giving

Offertory Collection for February 16/17

Envelopes	\$ 5495
Loose	\$ 2719
Total	\$ 8214
2nd Collection—Maintenance	\$1675
Monthly E-Giving	\$ 6302

RAFFLE WINNER



We congratulate Gina Glasso of Philadelphia, PA who was the winner of \$270 on February 19, 2019.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Are you tired of writing weekly checks and remembering your offertory envelope? Do you want to help our parish go GREEN and save on mailings, printings, postage, etc. Then, sign up now for Electronic Giving. Many of our families have taken advantage of this easy to use system to contribute to our parish ministries. If you are interested, please call Deacon Charles Weschler in our Business Office and he will sign you up!



Parents DON'T FORGET that we have Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday during the school year at the 11:30 AM Mass. We hope that you will encourage your children to attend each week.

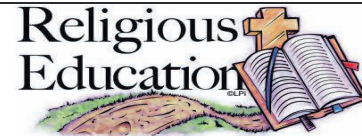
PARISH GROUPS

Divine Mercy - The prayers for the Three O'clock Hour of Great Mercy, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross are held each Tuesday morning following morning Mass. Come join us.

Lay Carmelite Community meets the second Wednesday of every month from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the church library. Anyone interested, please call Jim Walsh at **302-945-9146**.

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul meets the second Monday of the month at 1:00 PM in the church library. Are you or someone you know in need of help? The St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. John Neumann Parish is here to assist you. Please call the Parish Office at **410-208-2956** if you know of anyone who could use a helping hand.

Widows/Widowers Support Group - *For everything there is a season...a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance, (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4).* Our widows/widowers support group invites you to join Cindy Ostrowski and Jo Alexander the second Monday of each month at 2:00PM at Jo's home. **Please call Cindy (410-208-6424) or Jo (410-208-3858) for more information.**



Parents of 2nd Graders: Our next gathering will be our 1st Reconciliation Workshop on Saturday, March 2nd at MBS from 9AM—12 Noon. Both a parent and your child receiving the sacrament must attend.

Confirmation 2019: Our next gathering will be Sunday, March 10 from 12:30—2:00PM in the Church library. Still looking for some of the assigned projects that were due as well as completed sponsor forms.

Key Passage: Jesus said, "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those that hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6:27-28)

Adult: What has allowed you to overcome obstacles and forgive someone who has hurt you?

Child: When has it been hard to forgive someone who has hurt you? What did you do?

Marriage—Sacrament of Enduring Love: "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things...(1 Cor. 13:7) Which of these characteristics does your beloved especially have? "So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13) Appreciate each other today and every day.

Parenting Pointers: "It is easier to build a child than to repair an adult." (Marilyn Krock, Caring Family Resources) Think about this the next time you're tempted to say, "Later, dear" or "Can't it wait" or "We'll do it tomorrow (or next week)".



You Are Invited!

Interest/Information Night
Wednesday March 20 at 6PM in SJN library

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From the desk of Mark J. Record, Principal...

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We are currently accepting enrollment applications for the 2019-2020 school year for students entering pre-K 3 through eighth grade. There are limited openings throughout our grades and we want to first extend this information to our supporting parishes.

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IMPORTANT DATES

March 2nd 15 Year Gala, 6:00-11:00 p.m.

AROUND OUR COMMUNITY



Knights of Columbus News
410-524-7994
9901 Coastal Highway

The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men dedicated to the church and the community. For information about membership call the number above. Our meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Bingo is every Friday night. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., refreshments are available, and Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus meet the third Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at Columbus Hall. Membership consists of practicing Catholic women over eighteen. Come join us or call Joan DeMarco at 410-250-0963 for more information.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians – (LAOH) meet the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Catholic Center, 144th Street & Sinepuxent Avenue, Ocean City. For more info call Mary Rosenhagen at 267-210-3351.

Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) meet at 10:00 AM at Columbus Hall (100 Street in Ocean City MD) on designated Saturdays, except in July and August. The AOH is an organization of Catholic men of Irish decent. For membership and meeting information, contact Patrick Gibbons at 410-208-6122.

The Polish American Club of Delmarva meets at the Columbus Hall from 2-4pm the second Wednesday of the month. Come join us if you are of Polish or Slavic descent. No meetings June, July and August. Call Helen Sobkowiak 410-723-2639 or Maryann Lula 410-250-2548 for more information.

The Sons and Daughters of Italy in America Ocean City Lodge is a fraternal organization of women and men of Italian descent. The Lodge promotes Italian customs and traditions, donates to local charities, awards scholarships to high school students of Italian descent and offers its members an exciting variety of social activities. They meet at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month (September – June, except for December) at Columbus Hall, 100th Street, Ocean City, Bay side, behind St. Luke's Church. For more information call Rita Tindall, Membership Chair, (410-208-9698) or visit the website, www.sonsofitalyocceancity.com.

VOCATIONS

Can you be the message? St. Paul reminds the Corinthians (and us) that we bear “the image of the heavenly one” because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. Still, so many people have never heard that good news! So many others have heard it but remain unconvinced that they bear “the image of the heavenly one!” Priests, religious women and religious men spend their lives trying to help people experience God’s tremendous love. Are you willing to spend your life in that mission Let’s talk about it. Call or write Father Norman Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113, vocations@cdow.org) Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

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