

**St. John Neumann Parish**  
**2022 A.D.**  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Rosary 1/2 hr. before every Mass**

**Saturday, February 11th-St. John of God**

**4:00 p.m.** † John Monaghan  
† Richard Gallagher  
† Kelly McKenna  
† Bernice McLaughlin  
† Joseph “Tippy” Falcone  
† Kenneth Garrison  
† Mary Jane Wissman  
† Frank Casey  
† Gina and Robert Kepp  
† Elmer & Margarite Poncheri  
† Bernice Inforzato  
† Josephine Ritchie  
Int. of Margaret Wallace  
Int. of Pat & Mike Stelacio  
(57th Wed. Ann.)

**Sunday, February 12th-St. Raymond**

**8:00 a.m.** Living and Deceased Mem-  
bers of the Parish

**Sunday, February 12th-St. John of God**

**10:00 a.m.** † Charles McGlinn

**Daily-St. John of God**

**Monday, February 13th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Kendall Ryan

**Tuesday, February 14th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Dan McGranaghan

**Wednesday, February 15th**

**9:00 a.m.** Int. of Michael Delaney, Jr.

**Thursday, February 16th**

**9:00 a.m.** † William & Edith Alexander

**Friday, February 17th**

**9:00 a.m.** † Jack Beck  
† Martha Mello  
† James “Jimbo” Miller  
Int. of June Shields

† indicates Deceased



***From Father King***

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

February 24, 2022 was a terrible day in world history. Vladimir Putin ordered a special operation to “take back” a section of sovereign Ukraine for Russia. The week before, February 10-17, I had been in Western Ukraine for the priestly ordination of a dear friend and the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday of a religious sister. Though the political situation was tense then, I didn’t image what was to come.

Next week will be the one year anniversary of this Russian invasion. I do not say “war” because the war started 9 years ago when Russia invaded Eastern Ukraine and illegally annexed the Crimean Peninsula. Between 2014 and 2022 over 14,000 Ukrainians were killed in this war. Thousands more have perished since.

On Sunday February 26 I will give a presentation on the religious history of Ukraine. I will discuss the advent of Christianity around the year 988, the rise of the Orthodox Faith, reconciliation, and the origins of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. I will also explain how faith has played a major role in the current conflict.

The presentation will begin at 3pm in St. John of God Church and will last approximately 1 hour 15 minutes including questions. God Bless you and Pray for Ukraine!

***-Fr. King:***



## Our Future Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 18th

St. John of God: Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

### Sunday, February 19th

St. Raymond: 8:00 a.m. Margaret Dooley

\*St. John of God: 10:00 a.m. Charles Rowe, Charles McGlenn, Joan Burns, Anna Peters, Louis Porto & family, Bill Spilker

Around the Parish 

## Our Weekly Collection

### FEBRUARY 4TH & 5TH, 2023

Budgeted Income Needed	\$12,942.00
Offertory	\$11,245.05
Poor Box	\$ 313.00
Candles	\$ 75.00
Bingo	Wed. \$ 1,612.00
Bingo	Fri. \$ 1,864.50

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Krista Balderman, Leonard Beatty, Regina Bennet, Ray Clothier, Pat Ellis, Maryann Fortuna, Thomas Frisoli, Billy Gray, Michael Gray, Oliver Gray, David James, Kenny Klemm, Rosemary Klemm, Peter Kosinski, Peg Lipsett, Jay Lloyd, Jerome Marshall, Brian Matthews, Jr., Brian Matthews, Sr., Eileen McCarty, Joe Mulcahy, Gloria Porto, Donna Marie Riggi, Sal Riggi, Jacob Rivera, Jackson Rivera, Peggy Roberts, Mary Rothwein, Anna Marie Scavetti, June Shields, Mike and Valerie Szymenera, Clare Thompson, Marie Walsh, Irene Weger and Hank Williams.



### Parish Hosts and Wine

In Celebration of  
Ed and Claire James  
on their 68th Wed. Anniversary  
Requested by Ed and Claire



## Scripture Readings for the Week of February 13th

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1,8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a,2, 3ac-4, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116: 12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29; Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

### **PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND:** Robert



Balbirer, Rita Chester, Gloria Cromley, Patricia Dimino, John Dooley, Marie Eagan, Barbara English, Mary Kennedy, Maryann MacFarlane, Anne McFadden, Margaret McIrvin, Pat Murphy, Eleanor Myers, Frances Poserina, Ana Sarandoulas, and Paul Smargiassi.

### **PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY:**

Tech. Sgt. Matthew T. Martino, USAF  
James Matthews, US Army  
Brian Ivers, Jr. USAF  
CTR3 Elizabeth Pepper, USN  
Pvt. Sean Sylvester Army Airborne  
SA Julianna Mendo, USCG

**Bring them  
safely home, Lord**



### St. John of God Vigil Light

In Memory of  
Salvador Riggi, Sr.  
Requested by  
Salvador Riggi, Jr. and  
Andrea Noto

## *Prayer for healing Victims of Abuse*



*God of endless love, ever caring, ever strong, always present, always just: You gave your only Son to save us by his blood on the cross. Gentle Jesus, shepherd of peace, join to your own suffering those in pain of all who have been hurt in body, mind, and spirit by those who betrayed the trust placed in them.*

*Hear the cries of our brothers and sisters who have been gravely harmed, and the cries of those who love them. Soothe their restless hearts with hope, steady their shaken spirits with faith. Grant them justice for their cause, enlightened by your truth. Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### **REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE**

An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and /or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement.

For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call

**1-800-964-6588**

## **Something to Think About**

### **What is Ash Wednesday?**

### **What does it mean to Us?**

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer. It takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it, too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Alternatively, the priest may speak the more traditional words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. All Catholics from 18 to 59 years of age are obligated to fast unless a medical condition requires them to eat. All Catholics from 14 years of age and older are obligated to abstain unless medical conditions prohibit them from doing so. Many Catholics choose not to dine out or go shopping and some remain home. Feasting is highly inappropriate. It is not required that a person wear the ashes for the rest of the day, and they may be washed off after Mass. However, many people keep the ashes as a reminder until the evening.



*Immense is the wisdom of God*

## **Mass Schedule for Ash Wednesday**



**9:00 a.m.**—St. John of God

**7:00 p.m.**—St. Raymond  
*There is a special time for CCD students to receive ashes at St. Raymond.*

## **Lenten Reminders**



Every Friday Stations of the Cross will be recited at 8:20 at St. John of God and 7:00 p.m. at St. Raymond.

## **“Soup’s On” Ministry**



Thank you all who have supported our Parish ‘Soup’s On’ Ministry with your time, talent and treasure. We are especially grateful to the Knights of Columbus who have approved a monthly financial support to our pantry. Our volunteers meet two times a month on Tuesday mornings from 8:45 to 10 am and make 3 large pots of soup, individual bags of vegetables and fruit, and salads for Branches, a church run outreach for the homeless and the needy. Since the pandemic, some of regular helpers have not returned. We are looking for helpers to help fill the bags with vegetables and fruit, and pare the vegetables for the soup. Sound like something you would like to do? Our next gatherings will be February 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Please know you are welcome!

Email or call me to let me know you are coming. We also take walk in's :)

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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! S. Kathleen

Dear Parishioners,



On Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Bishop Sullivan and the Diocese of Camden will celebrate a one day Eucharistic Congress. This will take place at the Freedom Mortgage Pavilion on the Camden Waterfront. Gate will open at 8:00 AM. Mass with The Bishop at 9:00 AM. Then there will be talks and activities in both English and Español leading until the end of the day at 3:00 PM. There is no admission

for this event: food vendors will be available or one can bring their own lunch. Please call the office or email Pati at [patisparks@parishofstjohnneumann.org](mailto:patisparks@parishofstjohnneumann.org). if you are interested in attending. Once we have a count we will begin working on transportation. More information to follow. This will be a once in a lifetime event for our local church.

***Please consider attending.***

***-Fr. King***

## First Reconciliation Students

Congratulations to the following students who received their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 4th at St. Raymond Church.

Gia Ahern  
Thomas Collins  
Jason Dominguez  
Zharick Lemos  
Adrian Perez

Axel Bolanos  
Alexa Cruz  
Sonya Evans  
Gael Lopez  
Osvaldo Perez

Bryden Bolanos  
Adriana Dominguez  
Benjamin Kervran  
Keydem Osorio  
Elizabeth Roque



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#### Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, following the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us of the ten commandments. Love God and all He created.

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Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.

MATTHEW 5:19



#1



#2



#3



#4



#5



#6



#7



#8



#9

#10

The Ten Commandments are written on these sweet candy hearts just in time for Valentine's Day! Color the hearts, then cut them out - keep them for yourself or share them with the people you love.