

St. John Neumann Parish
Second Sunday of Lent
2023 A.D.

Rosary 1/2 hr. before every Mass

Saturday, March 4th.....St. John of God

4:00 p.m. † Michael Thaddeus Laganella
 † Linda A. Haines
 † Delores Catherine Leirer
 † Thomas and Jane Hoban
 † Harry Buskobitz
 † Bill Goetaski
 † Charles Rowe
 † Frank O'Neill

Sunday, March 5th.....St. Raymond

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

Sunday, March 5thSt. John of God

10:00 a.m. † Joanne Hetrick

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Daily-St. John of God

Monday, March 6th

9:00 a.m. † Angela Arabia

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 a.m. † James Walker

Wednesday, March 8th

9:00 a.m. Int. of George Wallace

Thursday, March 9th

9:00 a.m. † Frank Casey

Friday, March 10th

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:20 a.m. Stations of the Cross

9:00 a.m. † Antoinette M. Doherty
 † Antonina Gaspano
 † Charles Rowe
 † Kerri Glenn Byrne

† indicates Deceased



From Father King

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Last week I talked about the importance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This week I'd like to talk about some "changes" to confession. Every few years since 2011, there has been a newly published updated translation of one of the ritual books of the Church. After the new translation of the Mass we now have updated Baptism, Weddings, and Christian Initiation. Just last week the new translation of the Order of Penance went into effect. The changes are not dramatic. The new words are in **bold**.

God the Father of Mercies through the death and resurrection of His Son has reconciled the world to Himself and **poured out** the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God **grant** you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

It is only a few words but it is a good time for us to meditate on them. How has God given you pardon and peace when you have been reconciled in the past? When have you experienced an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that has led to conversion?

Along with the new translation of the prayer of absolution is a new formula for the Act of Contrition. Nota Bene! You don't need to update your act of contrition! As long as you say you are sorry and want to change (and will do the penance the priest assigns you) any words are fine. Stick with the ones you know! With that said, I do like the new one offered:

CONTINUED....

CONTINUED... *O my God, I am sorry and repent with all my heart for all the wrong I have done and for the good I have failed to do, because by sinning I have offended you, who are all good and worthy to be loved above all things. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid the occasions of sin. Through the merits of the Passion of our Savior Jesus Christ, Lord, have mercy.*

In the next few bulletins we will be publishing a different act of contrition each week. May they be beneficial to your prayer!

God Bless you!

-Fr. King

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 11th

*St. John of God: 4:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

***Sunday, March 12th**

*St. Raymond: 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Sanders

*St. John of God: 10 a. m. Cass Fleck, Maura Olivera, Anne Catherine Kerr, Edward Peters, Julia Szary, Louis Porto and Family, Marziale Guarna, and Frank Casey

Our Weekly Collection**

February 25th and 26th, 2023

Budgeted Income Needed	\$15,315.00
Offertory	\$11,199.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,685.00
Candles	\$ 130.00
Poor Box	\$ 270.00
Bingo Wed.	\$ 1,692.00
Bingo Fri.	\$ 1,601.50
Weekly Bingo Expenses	\$ 512.00



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 6th

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps79:8-9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21,23;Mt 23:1-12

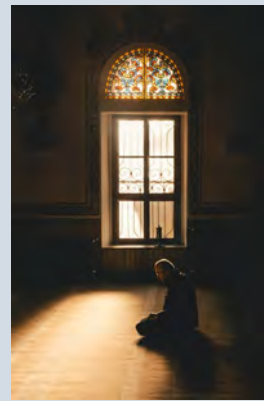
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps1:1-4,6; Lk16: 19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR PARISH

Parish Financial News! **

You may have noticed that our "Budgeted Income Needed" jumped from \$12,942.00 up to **\$15,315.00**. How did our expenses increase \$2,300 a week??? Well, the weekly "Budgeted Income Needed" is based on our annual budget divided by the 52 weeks of the year. I recently discovered that we had not changed the number in the bulletin since **APRIL 30, 2017!!!** As you can imagine, costs have increased **dramatically** in the past 6 years. Just think how expensive fuel costs have become in the past year! The new figure of **\$15k+** is based on our budgeted needs July 2022 thru January 2023 divided by the proper number of weeks. I also asked that the bingo expenses be placed on a separate line. I will do my best to keep our financial reports current and transparent. I thank everyone for their past and continued support and generosity toward our Parish of St. John Neumann.

-Fr. King

Easter Decorating!!! **Come get involved!**

As we being the season of Lent, our churches will look rather barren. However, we need to get ready soon to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection! Please sign up to be a part of decorating our churches during Holy Week. We will need help before and after Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and on Holy Saturday morning-afternoon to prepare for Easter. Green thumb optional! Please call Janet Neill at 609-889-0828 or leave a message at the rectory if you are interested. Thank you!

Dear Parishioners,
On Saturday March 25th, 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. 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**



St. John of God Feast Day **March 8th**

Following 9:00 a.m. Mass we will gather for light refreshments in the hall. Please join us.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Krista Balderman, Leonard Beatty, Re-gina 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, and Hank



Catholic Grandparents Association
for St John Neumann Parish

Grandparents,
The Catholic Grandparent Ministry is starting at our parish and our first monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 2:00 PM in St John's parish hall. This new ministry strives to build a community of support for grandparents and assist their efforts in passing on our faith to our families. For more information about the Catholic Grandparents Association please visit <https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org>. If you would like to join St John's Grandparent Ministry, please contact Paul and Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535.



Are you having difficulty getting to church do to mobility issues? Has someone you know been away from Mass due to illness? Do you or a loved one have a surgery coming up? Please call the rectory to arrange for a priest to come for the Sacrament of the Sick. Father will come to the home (or facility) to pray, anoint, hear confession, and give Holy Communion. 609-884-1656, Ext 302.

CONCERT FOR PEACE

Rudy Lucente on Organ

Helena Bew on Piano

FUN FOR ALL & ALL FOR PEACE

3pm Sunday 28th May 2023

St. John of God Church

680 Town Bank Rd; N. Cape May NJ 08204

FREE will donations to support peace in the Holy Land.

Refreshments and social following in the Hall



PARISH "LENTEN SACRIFICES" FOOD DRIVE
Since 2011

We are told by Jesus to feed the hungry. We can do this again by filling bags with non-perishable food to be taken to two food banks: Holy Redeemer and Catholic Charities. The bags will be handed out at St. Raymond Church and St. John of God Church, Saturday and Sunday, March 11th, 12th, 18th, and 19th. We bring them back to either church on March 25th and 26th, place them on the altar as our offering of sacrifice for those in need and give thanks to God that we are able to do this!! The bags for both our semi-annual food drives since 2011 have been donated by Duro Bags, for which we are grateful and we have collected multiple TONS of food!! God bless you. **-Fr. King**



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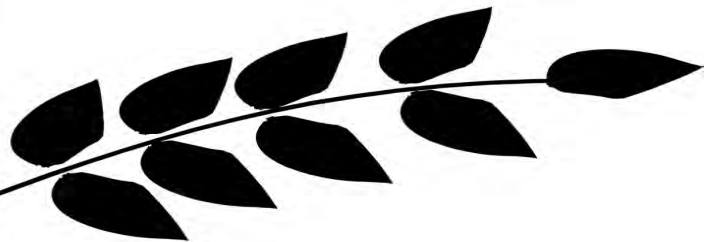
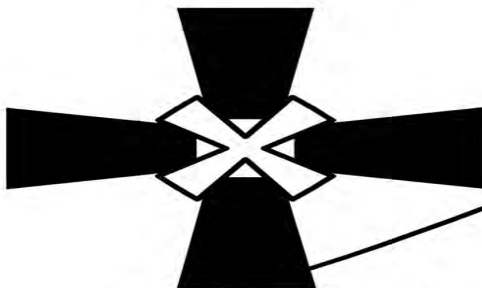
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Called...



to be holy

Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Lent | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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Believe... Obey God

Z J F D
P Q Y K
C M A W X B
O V H G U R

Find and write the missing letters not listed (from A to Z).

Answer: Listen

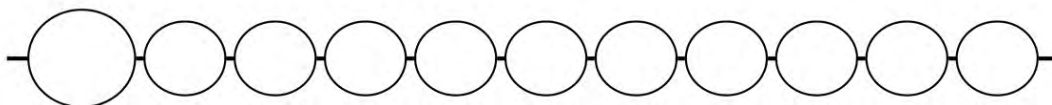
Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

_____ to him!" *Matthew 17:5*

The Second Sorrowful Mystery -
The Scourging at the Pillar

Think about this mystery before praying.
Jesus obeyed His Father and suffered for our sins.



This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with the Glory Be to the Father. Tell Jesus you are sorry for your sins.