

**St. John Neumann Parish
Fourth Sunday of Lent
2023 A.D.**

Rosary 1/2 hr. before every Mass

Saturday, March 18th..St. John of God

4:00 p.m. †Michelle Lloyd

Sunday, March 19th.....St. Raymond

8:00 a.m. †Linda Mittleberger

†Richard M. Lev

†Leonard Beatty

†Frances Ianucci

Sunday, March 19th....St. John of God

10:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Mem-
bers of the Parish

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Daily-St. John of God

Monday, March 20th

9:00 a.m. †Lorraine Czekaj

Tuesday, March 21st

9:00 a.m. †Charles Rowe

Wednesday, March 22nd

9:00 a.m. †Frank Casey

Thursday, March 23rd

9:00 a.m. †Daniel and Helen McCall

Friday, March 24th

8:00 a.m. Rosary

8:20 a.m. Stations of the Cross

9:00 a.m. †Alice Stuhl

†William and Edith Alexander

†Michael Little

†Helen Thompson

† indicates Deceased



From Father King

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

Many of you can remember when the fasting regulations for Lent were much stricter than they are today. One regular meal and two smaller meals (that combined did not equal another meal) were the *most* anyone could lawfully eat on the weekdays of Lent. No meat on Wednesdays and Fridays. In the early days of the Church even stricter fasting was required. That is why on the 4th Sunday of Lent there was a break: "Laetare!," Rejoice! As the ministers of the Church wear rose-colored vestments all the faithful could indulge. Flowers were permitted on the Altar, even if it was only for one day. Lent may be difficult but we are halfway through: Easter is in sight.

I find Laetare Sunday to be a day of taking stock of how my Lent is going. *Have I kept my resolutions? Am I praying as I promised? Have I stayed away from the things I've given up or am I "sneaking" now and then? How generous have I been with my time, talent, and treasure toward those who are in need?* These questions aren't meant to shame me, but they can be good motivation to return to my desires back on Ash Wednesday to "Repent and Believe in the Gospel!" So, how are you doing?

God Bless you! **-Fr. King**



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR PARISH

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25th—4p.m.

***St. John of God:** Florence Statkiewicz, Richard Klineberger, Michaelina Mateut, Diane Salladino, Ralph Inforzato, Dolores Corcoran, Rita T. Pinto, Mark Catanoso, Bob & Alice Bello, Alex Meyers and Mary Hasson

Sunday, March 26th

***St. Raymond: 8:00 a.m.** Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

***St. John of God: 10 a. m.** For the Living and Deceased Members of the Dominican Order



Scripture Readings for the Week of March 20th

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Ps 89: 2-5,27,29; Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14,17-18; Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21,23; Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Our Weekly Collection

March 11th and 12th, 2023

Budgeted Income Needed	\$15,315.00
Offertory	\$ 8,974.00
Poor Box	\$ 243.00
Candles	\$ 74.00
Bingo Wed.	\$ 1,855.00
Bingo Fri.	\$ 1,624.00
Weekly Bingo Expenses	\$ 512.00

PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILIARY:

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**



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 McIrvine, Pat Murphy, Eleanor Myers, Frances Poserina, Ana Sarandoulis, and Paul Smargiassi



PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Krista Balderman, Leonard Beatty, Regina Bennet, Chuck Billington, 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, Bernie O'Donnell, 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 Williams



The **Office of the Diaconate** is holding a meeting to provide information and answer questions concerning the life and ministry of a permanent deacon. If you, or someone you know, believe that Christ is calling you to serve the Church as a deacon please attend this meeting:

When: March 30th from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Where: The Diaconate Center (15 N. East Avenue, Vineland)

Who: Any man ages 30 – 55

Please confirm your attendance by calling the Diaconate Office (856-583-2858) or emailing Linda.decosta@camdendiocese.org.

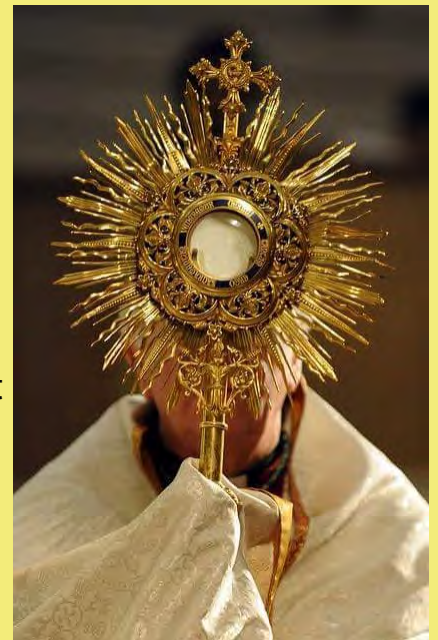


CHRISM MASS 2023

Bishop Sullivan invites the faithful of the diocese to join him and his priests for the Chrism Mass at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at Saint Agnes Church (Our Lady of Hope Parish) in Blackwood. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the priesthood and the occasion at which the bishop consecrates the sacred oils used in the sacramental life of the Church. Your presence and prayerful support will be greatly appreciated. If you are interested in attending, please call Pati at 609-884-1656, Ext. 302. She has room for three.

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

Lay Dominicans

We welcome visitors to our next monthly meeting on March 26th. We meet every fourth Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer and rosary in the Adoration Chapel at St. John of God Church and then attend 10:00 a.m. Mass. We conduct our meeting in the Parish Hall following Mass.

We also meet every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel to pray for our priests, our country, our unborn children and holy souls.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Lenten Reminder

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

Parish Pro-Life Ministry News

On Saturday, March 25th, 3:30 p.m., at St. John of God outdoor shrine to Our Lady, and in honor of the Annunciation, the rosary will be prayed. We will meet in the church if the weather is inclement.

On March 25th and 26th, Bishop Sheen spiritual adoption cards will be distributed at all Masses at both churches.



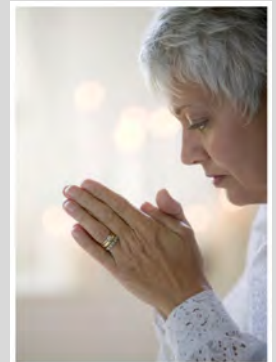
Upcoming: we will be distributing "baby bottles" to collect funds to help assist such agencies as the Jersey Shore Women's Center in Galloway who provide support and service for women and babies. We will al-so purchase items such as banners and signs to promote pro-life.

Exact date to be announced in a later bulletin.

Act of Contrition



Here are three "Acts of Contrition" to meditate on during this Lenten Season. They may be beneficial to your personal prayer or you may choose to use one of them when you make use of the Sacrament of Penance.



+++Father of Mercy, like the prodigal son I return to you and say: "I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your son." Christ Jesus, Savior of the world, I pray with the repentant thief to whom you promised Paradise: "Lord, remember me in your kingdom." Holy Spirit, fountain of love, I call on you with trust: "Purify my heart, and help me to walk as a child of light."+++

+++Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offense; my sin is before me always (Psalm 51:4-5)+++

+++Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 15:18, 18:13)+++

Thank you to all who have generously pledged and donated to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal (formerly, House of Charity). To date we have received pledges of 41% of our goal. This is wonderful just 4 weeks after the kickoff. If you have not yet done so, please consider giving to the Appeal. Every donation helps us to reach our parish goal of \$109,000 to be used to support the needy and fund Catholic Ministry in our community. If you have any questions, please call me at the office, ext. 307. -Fr. King

BINGO-WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

We need your help as a volunteer at Friday Bingo to be a seller before and during the session! Please call John Benigno at 609-600-2319 if you are interested. Also, this month we have a fifth Friday where we take the proceeds from sales and put them in our special account to aid anyone from our parish who has suffered any devastating loss. We don't always hear about these folks who are in need so please call the office, 609-884-1656, Ext. 302 to let us know. I also want to thank all our volunteers and all who come to play! We start to call at 1 p.m. on Mondays and 7 p.m. on Fridays. Your participation helps our parish meet our needs, especially during the winter months when expenses go up and attendance is down. One of the best advertisements is by WORD OF MOUTH! Tell your family and friends, better yet...bring your family and friends. Be sure to tell them we have a kitchen! Thanks again for all you do for us. Good luck!! **Father King**

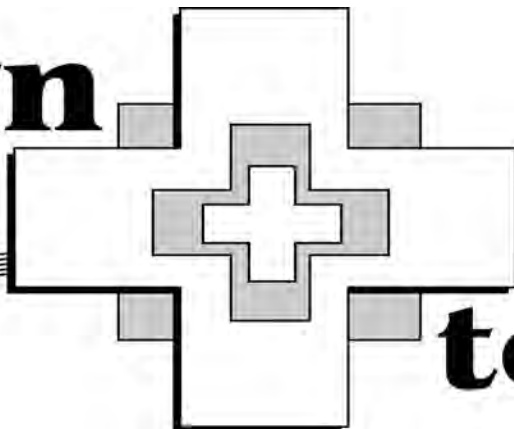
CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION



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.

The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in Atlantic City invite you to an **Unbound Conference** on Saturday, April 15 at St. Michael's Church in Atlantic City. Unbound is an approach to healing and deliverance that teaches people to recognize areas in their life that may be holding them back from a deeper relationship with the Lord. Fr. Giuseppe, a priest of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, will lead the conference which begins at 9:30 am. The event is free but pre-registration is required, please visit [Unboundnewburgh.eventbrite.com](https://unboundnewburgh.eventbrite.com) for more information.

Return



to God

We Remember Our Recently Deceased



Janet McMahan

Mary P. Mallo



Many Hands Make Work Lighter

We are approaching the time to decorate our churches. Please help if you can and call Janet Neill at 609-889-0828 or call the office at 609-884-1656, Ext 302.

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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 9:1-41

A man, born blind, was healed by Jesus. The blind beggar's eyes were opened to our world but also, more importantly to Jesus - the Light of the World. When the townspeople did not believe Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" *John 9:35*
The man replied, "I do **believe**, Lord", and he worshiped Him. *John 9:39*

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Believe... Jesus is the light of the world

He shines the light of His love on us so we don't live in darkness or sin.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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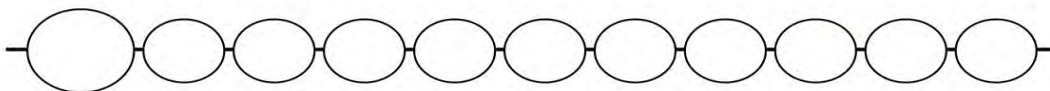
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**The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery -
The Carrying of the Cross**

Think about how Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross.

The blind man is no longer living in the dark - he has new eyesight and in his heart a new life in Jesus, he says, "I do _____, Lord".



Some people call struggles or difficult life situations a "cross to bear". Believe that Jesus, the Light of the World, will help you like he helped & healed the blind man. How can you be like Jesus & help others?

This week: Say an Our Father and color the large bead - say 10 Hail Mary's and color each small bead. End with Glory Be to the Father.