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# St. John Neumann



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## Roman Catholic Parish

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LIVING GOD'S WORD

*St. John Neumann Parish is a gathered people, acting in word, sacrament, witness and service toward all, with gratitude to God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Brother with the Holy Spirit our Guide.*

**Pennsylvania Charitable Trust**

**Dec. 11, 2016**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

### **Mass Schedule**

*Saturday: 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)*

*Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM*

*Weekdays: 9:00 AM*

*Holy Days: 7:00 PM (Vigil),  
9:00 AM, 7:00 PM*

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*9:30 -10:00 AM Saturday or by appointment*

### **Sacrament of Baptism**

*Celebrated on the last Sunday of every month or during Mass by appointment only. Parents are to attend Baptism preparation classes; for class information please call the Rel. Ed. Office.*

### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*We welcome those who are interested in becoming Roman Catholic Christians, through a program of formation and prayer. Contact the Parish Office for more information.*


### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

*Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to wedding date. Marriage preparation is required.*

### **Parish Membership**

*New parishioners are always welcome! Please call the Parish Office so we may welcome you into our community.*

**Be patient,  
brothers  
and sisters,  
until the coming  
of the Lord.**



**See how  
the farmer waits  
for the precious  
fruit of the earth,  
being patient with it  
until it receives  
the early and  
the late rains.**

**James 5:7**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Sunday, Dec. 11**     Sorting & Distribution of Sharing  
Tree Gifts  
Bread Sale  
10:30 AM     Youth Choir practice

**Monday, Dec. 12**  
1:30 PM     Appalachia Christmas stockings  
7:00 PM     Sts. John & Paul Penance Service  
7:00 PM     Monday School  
7:00 PM     Teen Led Bible Study

**Tues. Dec. 13**  
7:00 PM     MOMS  
7:00 PM     Six Steps to Sanity

**Weds. Dec. 14**  
9:00 AM     World Vision  
6:00 PM     The Light is on for You  
6:30 PM     Ignite

**Thurs, Dec. 15**  
9:45 AM     Scripture Study  
1:00 PM     Miryam's Shelter  
7:00 PM     St. Alexis Penance Service  
7:00 PM     Adult Choir

**Friday, Dec. 16**

**Sat. Dec. 17**



### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sat. Dec. 17, 5:30 PM** J. Howard, E. Marshall, K. Masters, G. & E. Mandl, S. Urso, C. Kelley  
**Sun. Dec. 18, 8 AM** C. Balsley, A. Guzzetti, M. Kohler, A. Betancourt, E. Deutsch, P. Zmenkowski, K. Buzzard  
**9:30 AM** - K. Deken, B. & R. Romig, A. Jones, R. Miller, S. Schneider, R. Cox  
**11:30 AM** - C. & F. Mazur, D. Huber, R. Full, S. Noel, A. Janosco

### **LECTORS**

**Sat. Dec. 17, 5:30 PM** M. Decker, S. Losco  
**Sun Dec. 18, 8 AM** D. Chappel, J. Kohler  
**9:30 AM** M. Caputo, M. Conroy  
**11:30 AM** P. Turkovich, C. Browne

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

**Sat. Dec. 17, 5:30 PM** Dosch Family  
**Sun. Dec. 18, 8 AM** M. & H. Mannion, N. Bridges  
**9:30 AM** T. Deken, L. Jezerc, J. Dougherty  
**11:30 AM** C. Noel, J. & C. Kocent

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**     Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:**     Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;  
Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:**     Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:**     Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30

**Friday:**     Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

**Saturday:**     Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17

**Sunday:**     Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec. 10**  
9:00 AM     Inds. on the SJN Prayer List  
5:30 PM     Evelyn Olszewski (Julia Kilyk)

**Sunday, Dec. 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 AM     For the People of SJN Parish  
9:30 AM     Virginia Robson (Phil & Nora Bell)  
11:30 AM     Ron Chufo (Mark & Carole Shepard)

**Monday, Dec. 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
9:00 AM     Dolores Lang (Paul)

**Tuesday, Dec. 13, St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**  
9:00 AM     Evelyn Olszewski (Linda Morgano)

**Wednesday, Dec. 14, St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church**  
9:00 AM     Mary Gill (Clare & Dan Mazzarini)

**Thursday, Dec. 15**  
9:00 AM     Richard Yokim (Weidinger Family)

**Friday, Dec. 16**  
9:00 AM     Lois Doerflinger (Family)

**Saturday, Dec. 17**  
9:00 AM     Eger Waldeman (George & Elis. Mandl)  
5:30 PM     John David Parks (Iris & Jim Parks)

**Sunday, Dec. 18, 4th Sunday of Advent**  
8:00 AM     Dolores Lang (Full Family)  
9:30 AM     Helen E. Scalise (Jackson Family)  
11:30 AM     For the People of SJN Parish

### **Reverend Albin C. McGinnis, Ext. 20**

Pastor & Trust Adm.     Pastor2@stjohnneumannpgh.org

**Richard Caruso, Ext. 23**, Permanent Deacon  
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**Lisa Rind, Rel. Ed. Secretary, Ext. 12**

**Barbara Stokes, Ext. 13**

Dir. for Rel. Ed., Family & Sac. Ministries

**Kelly Reed, Ext. 16**

Dir. for Rel. Ed., Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

**Julie Amatangelo, Ext. 15** Director of Youth Ministry

**Jessica Bucci, Ext. 10**, Director of Music Ministry

**Andrew James, Ext. 11**, Facilities Manager

**Sr. Caritas Marshall, ext. 18**, Elderly Outreach Min.

**Larry Badaczewski, Ext. 56**, Pastoral Counselor

**Sue Bodziach, Ext. 14**, Protecting God's Children

**Child Abuse Hot Line 1-800-932-0313**

### Dec. 4

Operating	\$11,202.50
Church Alive	6,237.50
Parish Share	7,554.00
Light of Life	1,147.00
Rel. Retirement	1,045.00
X-mas candy	1,873.54
Marriage Prep	725.00
Misc.	<u>937.00</u>
	<b>\$30,721.54</b>

## PARISH NEWS



### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This Wednesday, **Dec. 14 from 6-9 pm**, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in every parish in the Diocese. Now is the time. God is waiting to offer you forgiveness, healing and peace. The light is on and the confessional door will be open.

### SHARING TREE - TODAY - SUNDAY DEC. 11 GIFTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY 12:30 PM



The sorting & bundling of gifts will begin immediately following the 11:30 Mass. Please plan to stay & help. Also, the collection box is in the back of the church for donations after all Masses.

### ATTENTION - ALL SERVERS

Please stop in the Sacristy after Mass this week-end & sign up if you are able to help serve at Christmas Eve, Christmas Day & New Year Day Masses. Thank you for the time you give to help our parish. It is truly appreciated!

### DECORATING THE CHURCH



So many homes are decorated for Christmas now. But in the church we keep Advent in focus until Dec. 18, the Fourth Sunday! Can you plan to help us on that Sunday to prepare the church for Christmas? We need many hands to move things into place. BUT before that hectic Sunday, we need people who could straighten out the artificial trees and check the lights, etc. If you can help, please call Barb Stokes to say when you are available. The trees are waiting in Bovard Hall for you!

### ADVENT, A DIFFICULT SEASON



For all the high drama that may surround Advent in the Church, the truth is that we have a hard time getting involved in the mystery of this season because of all the excitement about Christmas. Waiting is a counter cultural experience, especially here in the US. The problem lies in the waiting, which none of us are good at. Waiting can be exhausting. It dulls us, anesthetizes our minds and our spirits. Waiting is for somebody else but not me. My time is too important. Waiting is wasting time, wishing one were someplace else, doing something else...anything else. Nothing worthwhile happens in waiting. Waiting is boring.

Now we have to compare it to the waiting as a pregnancy, like Mary's. All of a sudden there is nothing else you can do but wait. That has to be enough. Watch and Wait. Let this Advent be different. Slow down.

### ON MISSION MODELS

For those of you who expressed interest in the models being presented by the diocese as we move forward with On Mission for the Church Alive, our parish team worked on furthering a model that we felt the Diocese needed to see and consider. It is another possibility with the rest of Model 40 that had Sts. John & Paul and St. Ferdinand stretching down toward the Ohio River. Our parish ended up with St. Sebastian, St. Teresa, St. Athanasius and Incarnation of the Lord. The new model would incorporate parishes within the I-79, I-279 and 65 corridors including St. John Neumann, Assumption in Bellevue, Sacred Heart in Emsworth and St. Mary's in Aleppo. This model would allow better use of our gifts to be shared with a larger diversified area. It seems to follow the reasoning behind the reorganization better, in that we do not just become bigger and richer and still exist, but looks for ways to benefit those around us. The establishment of a new single parish would meet the 21 criteria of the proposed changes as well. Fr. Al

### ADVENT IS HERE

Take a look at ALL the resources in the lobby. We have activities for young families, booklets for teens & spiritual reflections for all ages. Find something for yourself, your family, grandkids. Be sure to check out the magnets for your car & advent calendars of all sizes and shapes!

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sts. John & Paul - Dec. 12

St. Alexis - Dec. 15

St. Alphonsus - Dec. 19

### ALL PENANCE SERVICES BEGIN AT 7 PM

SJN PARISHIONERS are welcome to attend any of the above Penance Services. The parish priests of these parishes participate in all of the Services.

### STOCKING STUFFING



We will be stuffing stockings for the children in Preston Co, WV tomorrow, **Monday, Dec. 12th at 2pm in Bovard Hall.** All are welcome. No sign up needed. Any time you have to donate will be greatly appreciated.

### SJN CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, SAT. DEC. 24  
4:00, 8:00 & 11:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 25  
8, 9:30 & 11:30 AM  
(Regular Sunday schedule)

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. JAN. 1  
(Regular Week-end schedule)



## ST. JOHN NEUMANN MINISTRY OF PRAYER

We invite you to take some time during Christmas week to slow down and reflect on the birth of our Savior. Come join us at a prayer service and benediction on December 21 at 7:00 p.m. We will pray for everyone on our St. John Neumann Prayer list ([stjohnneumannpghprayer.blogspot.com/](http://stjohnneumannpghprayer.blogspot.com/)). Jesus calls each of us to "pray always and never lose heart". Respond to your call by joining in prayer for the many names who are on the list and for all those struggling during this Christmas season.

## BREAD FOR OTHERS



TODAY, we offer you an opportunity to take home some delicious bread for your family. We ask you to leave a donation for it so we can send the money to the Catholic Relief Services to feed the poor in other countries where there is no bread or rice or milk. Please help so others can simply survive in this world.

## OPLATKA



These special Christmas wafers are now available at the Advent display. They are a wonderful Christmas tradition no matter what nationality you claim. Take a look at them and read the story and maybe make this part of your Christmas meal this year. Donation is \$3.

## SJN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

If you would like your Christmas Offering directed to either Church Alive or Parish Share, please note such on your envelope or check and we will direct your contribution that way. **Also, contributions to the Children's Youth Christmas are credited against our diocesan parish share obligation, so please do not forget this second Christmas collection.** We thank you for your continued generosity to SJN Parish

## ADOPT A FAMILY

As we start to prepare for Christmas, we will be doing the Adopt a Family program again this year at SJN. We have a number of families on the North Side that are tremendously poor but working very hard to make ends meet. Many do not want to participate in the charities that we support through the Sharing Tree program. Through a local homeless ministry, we have been able to get info on about 35 families that need help. The amazing thing about these families is no matter how much they struggle, they seem to try to do the right thing. Often times the dynamics (specifically number of family members) change (usually increasing) due to trying to help other people out. If you think this might be something your family/small group would like to take on, please contact Cathy Vollmer at [cathy.vollmer@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.vollmer@gmail.com). We have made some minor modifications to ensure that all families have gotten adopted. **We would be looking for gifts to be returned no later than Dec. 18.**

## SHARE THE JOY OF CHRIST - THIS MONDAY

Disciples of Jesus! Take time this Advent to reflect on your calling to bring Christ's love to others. Deacon Rick & Victoria Sheridan will lead discussion on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *A Joy that is Shared* during Monday School in Bovard Hall. **The dates are Dec. 12 & 19.** Come to experience "a renewed encounter with Jesus Christ" that will enrich all those you meet and serve. Contact Victoria at [vs Sheridan68@gmail.com](mailto:vs Sheridan68@gmail.com) for more info. You need not buy the book.

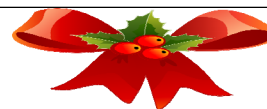


## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The SJN Singers will be entertaining residents at Arbors III on **Weds. Dec. 21 at 2 pm.** We will carpool from SJN departing at 1 pm & returning by 3:30 pm. Singers are encouraged to dress in holiday outfits. All are welcome to sing with us. Contact Mike at [conroy1603@gmail.com](mailto:conroy1603@gmail.com)

## EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Dec. 25 issue - all announcements due Dec. 15  
Jan. 1 issue - all announcements due Dec. 19



## JESSE TREE

Family plays an important role in preparing for Christmas. Some memories are joyful and some are sad and some just bittersweet. All of them important to who we are & where we are going. The Jesse Tree this week reminds us of some family faith history that we often forget. Family journeys are not all peace and pleasure—we have some rough spots too. The prophets call us this **THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT** to remember God's promise and love. We've added a "symbol" ornament to remind us of God's work with God's people thru the gift of prophecy that is represented by the rose and the candle as a sign of God's light and beauty in the words of the prophets. So we begin by naming these prophets in our faith family.

1. Elijah - he challenged the prophets of false gods in his time. God sent down fire and the people repented.
2. Isaiah - one of the greatest prophets who foretold the Messiah's coming and urged the people to live PEACE by turning their swords into plowshares.
3. Jeremiah - 600 years before Christ the people forgot God's word and power. Jeremiah lived God's word (the Book) and trusted God's abiding love (the heart)
4. Daniel - the lions could not destroy Daniel as he was faithful and protected by God
5. Nehemiah - it was time to rebuild Jerusalem and reclaim the homeland so we use the trowel and spear for this work with God.
6. Zechariah and Elizabeth end this week of symbols/memories and call us into a new time. They listened and prayed against all odds and became the parents of John the Baptist. Even today we see the way God's word thru the prophets gives us a powerful message. Be attentive and hear!

## SOCIAL

### SJN SINGLE WOMEN'S GROUP

#### P O T L U C K     D I N N E R

All divorced, widowed and single women of the parish are invited to join us for a potluck dinner on **Saturday, December 17**. We'll meet immediately after the 5:30pm vigil Mass. Call or email Kathy Osterrieder at 412-760-4709 or [kathy.osterrieder@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.osterrieder@gmail.com)

### OVER 50's CLUB



Our next luncheon will be on Dec. 19th. This will be our Christmas catered luncheon. The price is \$13.50. The menu is on the sheet given to you in Nov. Your response must be in by Dec. 12, so we know how many to order for. Please send your reply to Audrey Szmed or put in the 50's box. The entertainment will be the Tuesday Gospel Singers. We will have the 50/50 raffle and some door prizes. We will start this luncheon at 11:30. We hope to see all of you there!

### VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS



The Women's Guild is hosting their annual Christmas Tea Party for the residents at Vincentian Personal Care Home at 111 Perrymont Rd. on Tuesday, December 13 at 2:00 p.m. Besides the Tea and homemade Christmas cookies, there will be live music and singing with a special visit from Mrs. Claus. New volunteers are always welcome to join us. For more info, please call Connie at 412-367-8684.



## MISC.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few good men and women to help us with counting the Sunday collection after Mass each week. If you are willing to give a few hours of your time after the 9:30 Mass every couple of months, please call Mike Conroy at 412-364-7342.

### MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION FOR YOURSELF!

How many of us have begun every New Year with a list of resolutions only to find that by February we have broken them all? Join Professional Coach and parishioner Jane Rahenkamp for a 3-session program at the Northland Library to explore the possibilities of significant change in the New Year and the best way to make sure you incorporate those changes into your everyday life in 2017. **The sessions are scheduled for January 5, 12 and 19 beginning at 7:00 PM for a low cost of \$100.** The price drops to \$75 if you join with a friend. Contact Jane at [jane.rahenkamp.pc@gmail.com](mailto:jane.rahenkamp.pc@gmail.com) or 412.337.1416 to sign up or for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### ENCOUNTER – High School Youth Ministry

**Dec 18 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party.** Wear your ugly Christmas sweater and bring a \$10 grab bag gift to share!

**Dec 17-18 – Last Minute Bake Sale.** Love to bake? Contact [julie@sjnyouth.org](mailto:julie@sjnyouth.org) to get info. Like to eat? Stop by Bovard Hall after any Mass!

**Dec 22 - Christmas XLT** Eucharistic Adoration, praise & worship 7pm – all are welcome! A perfect way to spend some time with Our Lord before we celebrate Christmas.

**Dec 23 – SJN Christmas Caroling.** Contact Victoria [vsheridan68@gmail.com](mailto:vsheridan68@gmail.com) for more info.

## SPIRITUAL

**SJN Women's Retreat - Save the Date**  
**Saturday, January 14, 9 am to 4 pm**  
**With parishioner Jane Rahenkamp**  
**Call a friend & come!**

### SOMETHING FOR HIM UNDER THE TREE?

Did you get the message that a gift certificate toward a SJN Men's Retreat weekend is a GREAT gift idea? If this is a first retreat for him, you will also be giving him a "NUDGE" to try the experience - **"Make known to me your ways, Lord"** - on March 10-12, 2017. After the weekend in Lent, he WILL thank you again. Contact St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center office or Andrew James (ext.11) for details.

### SJN STEPHEN MINISTRY - AFTERCARE

Stephen Ministers are members of our parish who receive special training to provide one-to-one Catholic care to people in our parish who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss & many other life difficulties. **A new training class will begin Jan. 10.** Contact Deacon Rick or Richard Cox at [stephenministrysjn@gmail.com](mailto:stephenministrysjn@gmail.com) or 412-366-2020, x 23.

### MEAL FOR MIRYAM'S

Call Laurie Reese (724-935-0362) if you can provide a side dish (vegetable, starch, dessert) at home & bring to church by Dec.15 (1 PM).

### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The question put to Jesus in the gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to sitcoms, movies, video games and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?