

The Parish of *Saint John Neumann*

680 TOWN BANK ROAD • NORTH CAPE MAY, NJ 08204

The Parish of Saint John Neumann serving the Catholic community in Lower Township, by the bay, invites you to share your time, talents and treasures where miracles DO happen.



December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS SCHEDULE

St. John of God Church

680 Town Bank Road
North Cape May, NJ 08204

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4pm & Sunday 10am

Daily Mass 9am

Holy Day 9am

Confession:

Saturday 2:30pm-3:30pm;

Wednesday Prior to 9am Mass;

Thursday Following 9am Mass, and by appointment.

Adoration:

Chapel, after daily Mass until 2pm

(No Adoration if Parish Office is closed).



St. Raymond Church

800 Bayshore Road
Villas, NJ 08251

Weekend Masses:

Sunday 8am (English)

Sunday 10am (Spanish)

(May through September)

Sunday 12pm (Spanish)

(October through April)

Sunday 7pm (Spanish)

First Saturdays 9am with Exposition following Mass; Confession from 9:30am-10:30am and Benediction at 10:30am.

Daily Mass in Spanish:

Monday through Friday, 7pm; Thursday 7pm with Exposition, Confession & Benediction following. Confession also 6pm-6:45pm prior to 7pm Masses and before the 10am and 12pm Sunday Masses.

Holy Day Vigil (English) 5pm

Holy Day (Spanish) 7pm

Regional Hispanic Ministry Office
(located at St. Raymond campus)
Monday, Thursday & Friday 5pm-9pm
Tuesday & Wednesday 8am-12pm
609-886-1759

Staffed By

Reverend James H. King.....Pastor, ext. 307
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Parochial Vicar/Hispanic Ministry
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Barbara Lamoureux.....Business Manager, ext. 305
Jim Blank.....Music Director, ext. 302
John Dever.....Property Manager, ext. 308
Nina Giacoma.....Parish Secretary, ext. 302
Sr. Kathleen Nuckols, IHM.....DRE & Ongoing Rel. Ed.
609-886-7640
Sr. Joanna Ralph, IHM.....DRE Assistant
Sr. Anne Lafferty, IHM.....Associate for Latino Ministry
Sr. Marie Horstmann, IHM.....Associate for Literacy

Registration

Any family or individual who is not registered in the parish and wishes to join is welcome to register with us. Please be sure to notify your current parish if you are transferring and request a letter from your current pastor. Please notify the office if you live elsewhere or if you are moving from the parish so that we can assist you. Registration is important for eligibility certificates and parish records.

Religious Education

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sr. Kathleen Nuckols, IHM

Grades 1 to 8: Tuesdays at 4:30pm-5:45pm &
Wednesdays at 6pm-7:15pm at the Parish Life Center,
St. Raymond Church.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
(RCIA) - Please call Sr. Kathleen at the Religious
Education office (609-886-7640) for more
information. You may also contact Fr. King.

Contact Information

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Website: www.parishofstjohnneumann.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9:30am-12pm; 1pm-4pm.

Sacraments

RECONCILIATION - Every Saturday, 2:30pm-3:30pm at St. John of God; every Wednesday prior to 9am daily Mass at St. John of God; every Thursday following 9am Mass at St. John of God; First Saturdays at St. Raymond following 9am Mass; also Monday and Thursday evenings after Mass (Spanish). Confession also available by appointment with a priest at the Parish Office.

BAPTISM - Parents or legal guardians are welcome to call or make an appointment at the office for baptismal preparation. The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated either after or during one of the Sunday Masses. Godparents will need an eligibility certificate from their proper pastor.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - If someone is seriously ill, hospitalized, preparing for surgery, or failing due to advanced age, they are welcome to call for a priest for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Please call the office for arrangements. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring Communion to the home-bound. The sick will be remembered in the bulletin for four (4) weeks; longer if requested to continue.

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF

EUCARIST AND CONFIRMATION - Please enroll your child in our Religious Education Program. Sacraments are given when the parish assesses that the child is ready, usually in the 2nd and 8th grades and after a minimum of 2 years of religious formation. Please call Sr. Kathleen for more information.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - The future bride or groom may contact the parish office requesting to be married. Marriage preparation usually takes 9-12 months. Please speak to or email one of the priests to confirm a date and arrange preparations.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS - If a man from our parish feels he may be called to the priesthood or diaconate, he is invited to speak with Fr. King or Fr. Cesar to explore this calling or call the Office of Vocations: 856-583-2864, or visit: camdenpriest.org.

FUNERALS at either church upon request of the family (typically 10am Viewing, Mass at 11am, burial to follow).

**Parish of St. John Neumann
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Rosary - half hour prior to Mass**

**ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH
Saturday, December 20th**

4:00pm Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, December 21st

10:00am †Alice & Edward Stuhl
†Dan McGranaghan
†Deceased Members of the Zaccagni Family
†Ferdinando & Maria Capasso
†Stanley Lev
†Bill Murphy
†Ray Flickinger

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Sunday, December 21st

8:00am †Deceased Members of the Hochman, Faver & Zajac Families and Eric Geisheimer

DAILY—ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

Monday, December 22nd

9:00am †Phyllis Catanoso

Tuesday, December 23rd

9:00am †Anthony Catanoso

Wednesday, December 24th

9:00am †Frederick Joseph Geisert



All Christmas Masses celebrated for the Living and Deceased Members of the Parish (see schedule)

Thursday, December 25th

9:00am †Robert P. Horoschak, Jr.
†Eric Geisheimer
†Marguerite & Edward Wadlinger
†Ronald Gaiser
†John Gabrys, Sr.
†Bill Murphy
Peace and Comfort for Adrienne Geisheimer



From Father King

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Glory to Jesus Christ!

This is a selection from +Pope Benedict XVI's Urbi et Orbi message of 2012:

“Kindness and truth shall meet; / justice and peace shall kiss. / Truth shall spring out of the earth, / and justice shall look down from heaven. / The Lord himself will give his benefits; / our land shall yield its increase. / Justice shall walk before him, / and salvation, along the way of his steps” (Ps 85:11-14).

Today these prophetic words have been fulfilled! In Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, kindness and truth do indeed meet; justice and peace have kissed; truth has sprung out of the earth and justice has looked down from heaven. Saint Augustine explains with admirable brevity: “What is truth? The Son of God. What is the earth? The flesh. Ask whence Christ has been born, and you will see that truth has sprung out of the earth ... truth has been born of the Virgin Mary” (En. in Ps. 84:13). And in a Christmas sermon he says that “in this yearly feast we celebrate that day when the prophecy was fulfilled: ‘truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven’. The Truth, which is in the bosom of the Father has sprung out of the earth, to be in the womb of a mother too. The Truth which rules the whole world has sprung out of the earth, to be held in the arms of a woman ... The Truth which heaven cannot contain has sprung out of the earth, to be laid in a manger. For whose benefit did so lofty a God become so lowly? Certainly not for his own, but for our great benefit, if we believe” (Sermons, 185, 1).

“If we believe”. Here we see the power of faith! God has done everything; he has done the impossible: he was made flesh. His all-powerful love has accomplished something which surpasses all human understanding: the Infinite has become a child, has entered the human family. And yet, this same God cannot enter my heart unless I open the door to him. Porta fidei! The door of faith! We could be frightened by this, our inverse omnipotence. This human ability to be closed to God can make us fearful. But see the reality which chases away this gloomy thought, the hope that conquers fear: truth has sprung up! God is born! “The earth has yielded its fruits” (Ps 67:7).”

My prayer this Christmas season is that we may all find it in our hearts to be good soil!

God bless you! Merry Christmas!

-Fr. King

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 27th

*St. John of God: 4pm

†Sister Marie Cella, SSJ

Sunday, December 28th: 10am

Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

***St. Raymond: 8am**

†Anne Hill; †Patricia Dever; †Richard Barnes; †Barbara Ernst; †Ruth Vazquez DeJesus



With Parish Giving you can use a credit or debit card or automated checking account withdrawals. No more searching for the checkbook or Sunday morning stops at the ATM machine. Give it a try!



PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Kevin Whitney, Brian Matthews, Sr.,
Brian Matthews, Jr., Donna Marie
Riggi, Baby Girl Layla, Christine

Bailey, Danny McGeehan, Claire Panebianco,
Gene Sicilia, Tom Romanino, Stephen Salerno,
Michael Hartley, Carol Lennox, Madeline Reilly,
Editha Paggao, Cecelia Rey Moore, Mackenzie
Butler, Anthony Bianchino, Jessica Hamilton,
Francis Meehan, Raymond DiMarino, Sheila &
George Robinson, Kathleen Lucas, Raymond
Bianchino, Maria Guarna, Catherine Desiderio,
and Elizabeth Blair DeLacey.

(If you or a loved one would like to be included in this list, kindly call the office. Names of the sick will appear for one month.)

Our Weekly Collection

Collection for 12/13/2025-12/14/2025

Budgeted Income Needed	\$20,140.00
Weekly Bingo Expenses	\$ 900.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$21,040.00

Due to time constraints in the publishing schedule during the holidays, the Collection Report will appear in the January 4th bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!



Fourth Week of Advent

ANNUAL COAT DRIVE

Please begin going through your closets, as we sponsor once again our annual **Coat Drive**. Receptacles will be available in the vestibules of both churches in which to place your clean and gently used or new winter coats. We are collecting ALL sizes (especially children's) for those less fortunate. Please check pockets before donating, and thank you in advance!



*The Vigil Light at St. John of God this week
burns in loving memory of
Charles P. Gushue
at the request of Pat Gushue.*

*The Parish Hosts at St. John of God this week are dedicated to the loving memory of
The Deceased Members of the
McDonnell Family
at the request of Jim & Jackie McDonnell.*

*The Vigil Light in the Chapel at St. John of God this week burns in loving memory of
Catherine & Wes Hipple
at the request of Jim & Jackie McDonnell.*



PARISH FEAST DAY PARTY

We will start off the new year right as a parish family! It's the feast day of St. John Neumann on January 5th, but we will celebrate it the day before, honoring our patron by sharing a **covered dish meal** together on **Sunday, January 4th, at St. John of God Parish Hall from 2pm-5pm**. Like last year, we ask that you please call the office to advise of the number attending from your family, and what dish you will be bringing. This will help us to plan more efficiently. (We can also suggest items for you to bring to balance out the menu items of others.)

Last year we had a wonderful afternoon together and enjoyed some delicious food! It is truly a good time. Please join us!



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 21st

Sunday

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

Monday

1 Sm 1:24-28; (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22



Prayers for Our Priests

We are in need of volunteers to pray for our priests. If you can spend one hour a week praying for our priests, please call Pat Stelacio at 267-566-5574. If you are only available occasionally, please sign-up to be a substitute. We really need you!



PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Maj Reed Combs, US Army
MSgt. Matthew T. Martino, USAF

James Matthews, US Army

Col David M. McAlroy, USAF

YN2 Julianna Mendo, USCG

CTR3 Elizabeth Pepper, USN

Lt Col Wade H. Smith, US Army

Ryan M. Sylvester, USAF

Lt Col Ryan P. Wade, USAF

1st Lt Zachary Long, US Army

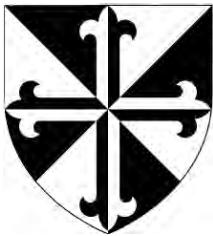
Capt Sarah Turse, USN

Spec Aidan J. McGlinn, US Army

Lt. Col Patrick Tierney, USMC

Capt Colin Yabor, PAARNG

Bring them safely home, Lord.



Please join Lay Dominicans the 4th Sunday of each month for Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) in the Adoration Chapel, St John of God Church at 8:45am. **Our next meeting is December 28th.**

Thursday evenings we gather for the recitation of the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 5:30pm in the Adoration Chapel, St. John of God Church. We welcome all! We will NOT meet December 25th nor January 1st!

Join us for Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) on Tuesdays at 8am, also in the Adoration Chapel.

Any questions?

Ask Kate - holycownj@comcast.net

OR

Bernie - bmmpoma@gmail.com



Adoration Schedule

Monday thru Friday: 9:30am-2pm

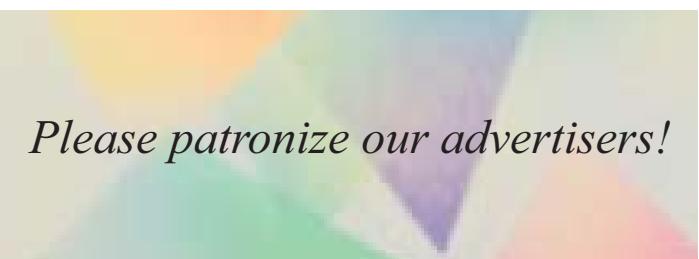
Chapel Open: Mon-Fri, 8am–2pm



If you would like to experience the beauty and peace of weekly, committed Eucharistic Adoration, please call the Parish Office at 609-884-1656 to be put on the schedule. **We have openings to be filled! We need you!!**



There are other ways of honoring your beloved dead or the intentions of the living besides having a Mass offered for them. You may also sponsor altar flowers as well as dedicate the altar wine, hosts, and vigil lights at each church location. Call the office for more information at 609-884-1656.



Turn Your RMD into a Blessing!

Age 73 or better? Your generosity can go further!

If you're taking Required Minimum Distributions from your IRA, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)—a wonderful way to support God's work while reducing your taxable income.

Your QCD can directly benefit:

St. John Neumann Parish - sustaining our spiritual home;



Our Church Building & Ministries - maintaining sacred spaces for worship;

St. Vincent de Paul Society - serving Christ in our neighbors.

The blessing is twofold: You fulfill your RMD requirement AND make a tax-free gift up to \$105,000 annually. It's stewardship that serves both heaven and earth!

Contact your IRA administrator to arrange a direct transfer, or speak with our parish office for guidance. We're here to help!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

Set-a-Plate for Jesus total count as of
December 8th, 2025:
**10,670 meals donated by St. John
Neumann parishioners!** ❤️

Paver Project

Don't you think it would be a great idea to purchase a paver to honor a special family member, a living relative, even a family name, maybe one in memory for someone special who has passed away.



Pavers can be purchased
1 Paver \$130.00
2 Pavers \$250.00
3 Pavers \$325.00
4 Pavers or more
will be \$75.00 for
each paver.



The pavers will be placed by
the Blessed Mother Grotto
St. John of God Campus

Please contact Coleen by email
at cleszcynski47@gmail.com,
text or phone 609-224-4300
leave a message and she will get
back to you.

**Please be advised that all applications are subject to
approval before any paver will be printed and
installed



BINGO—Wednesdays at 1pm and Fridays
at 7pm at St. John of God Parish Hall.

You have to play to win!

Due to the holidays, BINGO will resume on
Wednesday, January 7th!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the
family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

(Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia*, 325)

**WISHING YOU AND YOURS
A HOLY AND BLESSED
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

