

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.



July 5, 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 12pm (Spanish)
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



PARISH OFFICE

680 Townbank Road
North Cape May, NJ 08204
609-884-1656

Regional Hispanic Ministry Office
(located at St. Raymond campus)
Monday thru Friday: 6pm – 9pm
Saturday: 9am – 2pm
609-886-1759

Staffed By

Reverend Jaime Hostios.....Pastor, ext. 307
jaime.hostios@camdendiocese.org

Reverend Philemon Okoh, CM.....In Residence
Barbara Lamoureux.....Business Manager, ext. 305
Jim Blank.....Music Director, ext. 302
John Dever.....Property Manager, ext. 308
Nina Giacona.....Parish Secretary, ext. 302
Vacancy.....DRE & Ongoing Rel. Ed.....609-886-7640

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

Vacancy

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 the Religious Education office (609-886-7640) for more information. You may also contact Fr. Hostios.

Contact Information

Office: 609-884-1656

Fax: 609-898-0673

Email: stjn-ncm@camdendiocese.org

Website: www.parihofstjohnneumann.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

EUCHARIST 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 our DRE 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 Fr. Hostios 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. Hostios 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
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary - half hour prior to Mass

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

First Saturday, July 4th

4:00pm † Jackson H. Sturm

Sunday, July 5th

10:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

First Saturday, July 4th

9:00am Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Sunday, July 5th

8:00am † Jackie Dever
† Winne Verna
† Ralph "Ed" Smith
† Thomas R. Yabor
† Mary Pierce
† Thomas Keenan

DAILY - ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

Monday, July 6th

9:00am † Helen & Rocco Caruso

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00am † Mary Jane Wissman

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00am † John L. Doherty

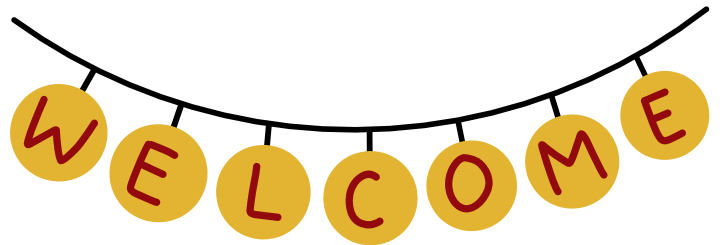
Thursday, July 9th

9:00am † Thomas & Jane Hoban

Friday, July 10th

9:00am † Ralph & Eva DiGiuseppe
† Nick & Giocontina DiGiannantonio
† Eric Geisheimer
† Fiorindo & Anna DiFelice
† Mike Stelacio

god bless
AMERICA



Father Jaime Hostios!



Please welcome our new pastor, Father Jaime Hostios! Father Hostios, originally from Bogota, Colombia, comes to us from Camden's St. Joseph Pro-Cathedral Parish, where he was pastor. Father was ordained at Our Lady of Lourdes, Glassboro, in 2007 and is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University in South Orange. He served in Atlantic City, primarily ministering to Hispanics, for seven years before being assigned in Camden. He became a U.S. citizen in 2016.

In 2019, Father Hostios wrote a book about his parish patron, St. Joseph. "This work has three goals: one, so people can know more about Joseph; two, to develop a devotion to him; and three, recognize him as the protector of the church," Father Hostios says. "Saint Joseph Between the Divine and the Human" is currently available on Amazon in the Spanish language (an English translation is in the works for future release). Welcome, Father!!

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 11th

***St. John of God: 4pm**

†Michael Gabrys; †Sandra Bonner; †Deceased Members of the Zaccagni Family; †Victoria Masci; †Anne Kugler; †Lila Gillespie; †Sr. Mary Agnes Warner; †Michael Thaddeus Laganella; †James Jude McWhorter; †Brenda O’Byrne; †Linda Russo

Sunday, July 12th: 10am

†Thaddeus Szambelak

***St. Raymond: 8am**

Living and Deceased Members of the Parish



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!



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Kevin Whitney, Brian Matthews, Sr., Brian Matthews, Jr., Donna Marie Riggi, Baby Girl Layla, Christine Bailey, Gene Sicilia, Tom Romanino, Stephen Salerno, Carol Lennox, Madeline Reilly, Editha Paggao, Cecelia Rey Moore, Mackenzie Butler, Elizabeth Blair DeLacey, Louise Kennedy, Harry Finnegan, Eileen McCarty, Francis X. Meehan, Mary Lou Czescik, Scott McNeill, Michael Ali, Tom Lafferty, Nancy Smargiassi, Brandon Rosica, Tom McCrone, Karen Podeszwa, Nancy Riedlinger, Tom & Diane Neill, Michael Fleshman, Terry Fleshman, Harold Livingston, Father Fritz, Margie Woerner, Jennifer Martelli, Kathy Lucas, Walter Blewitt, and Jessica Hamilton.

(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

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

Offertory 6/27-6/28/2026

Due to the July 4th holiday publishing schedule, the Collection Report will be delayed and published in next week’s bulletin. Thank you for your understanding!

The 2nd Collection next week will be for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.



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 **July 26, 2026**. 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. All are welcome! The world needs our prayers.

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

Any questions? Ask Kate: holycownj@comcast.net

OR

Bernie:

bmpoma@gmail.com



Have you purchased your Dining Out Raffle Ticket yet? Huh? What are you waiting for?

Scripture Readings for the Week of July 5, 2026



Sunday

Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

Monday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-7b, 8-10; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

Friday

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday

Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

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Have you watched any video presentations on Formed?

If so, what did you think? We are looking for parishioners who would like to offer their review of the shows/films/audio-books Formed has to offer and to recommend them (or not) for others. Just a few lines will do the trick. Thumbs up or down? Please email your reviews to: secretary@parishofstjohnneumann.org

We would love to hear from you!
Thank you.

Beginning in 1914 and ending on the eve of World War II, this epic story follows the coming of age

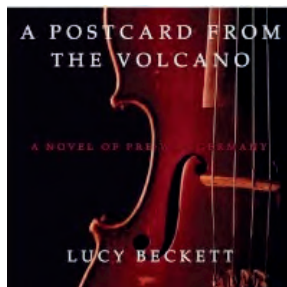
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and early manhood of the Prussian aristocrat, Max von Hofmannswaldau. From the idyllic surroundings of his ancestral home to the streets of cosmopolitan Breslau menaced by the Nazi SS, Hofmannswaldau uncovers the truth about his own identity and confronts the modern ideologies that threaten the annihilation of millions of people.

A Postcard from the Volcano opens with the outbreak of World War I and the Prussian pride and patriotism that blind the noble von Hofmannswaldau family to the destruction that lies ahead for their country. The well-researched narrative follows the young count as he leaves home to finish his education and ends up a stranger in the land of his birth.

Both intelligent and sensitive, Beckett's prose explores the complex philosophical and political questions that led Europe into a second world war, while never losing sight of a man whose life is shaped by his times.

A deeply moving historical novel that shows the horrific impact that two world wars had on whole countries, and how individuals struggled to deal with the incredible challenges presented by such devastation.



...the principles of our being and government are our parents and our country, that have given us birth and nourishment. Consequently man is debtor chiefly to his parents and his country, after God.

St. Thomas Aquinas



Dine Out on Us – Raffle Ticket Sale!

Imagine dining at amazing restaurants without ever worrying about the bill. Now you can. For just \$25, you can enter a raffle for a chance to win an incredible dining prize!:

- 1st Prize: \$2,500 in restaurant gift cards**
- 2nd Prize: \$1,000 in restaurant gift cards**

Two lucky winners will be drawn at the Knights of Columbus Breakfast on **Sunday, July 5th** at St. Raymond's Campus Hall.

Enjoy meals at a variety of local favorites, whether it's a special night out or a casual bite. Every ticket brings you one step closer to dining your way around town. Stop by after any Mass this weekend and see a member of our FUNdraising Committee to purchase your tickets!

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 Pat Granieri at 215-808-5530 to be put on the schedule. **We have openings to be filled! We need you!!**

The Flowers adorning the Altar at St. John of God this week are in loving memory of
Jackson H. Sturm
at the request of the Sturm Family.



The Flowers adorning the Altar at St. Raymond this week are in loving memory of
Danny McGeehan
at the request of Eileen McGeehan.



The Vigil Light at St. John of God this week burns in loving memory of
Jackson H. Sturm
at the request of the Sturm Family.



The Parish Hosts at St. John of God this week are dedicated to the loving memory of
Jackson H. Sturm
at the request of the Sturm Family.



The Parish Wine at St. John of God this week is dedicated to the loving memory of
Jackson H. Sturm
at the request of the Sturm Family



We have good news for Grandparents/Godparents: There are now two options for you to join our monthly Catholic Grandparents gatherings.

You can attend in-person on the 4th Monday of the month after the 9am daily Holy Mass at St. John of God Church. We meet in the Parish Office, in the large conference room at 9:45am. The next in-person session is scheduled for **Monday, July 27th**. If you can't attend during the day, then please consider joining our Catholic Grandparents' Zoom call on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (July 13th). Contact Mary Kay Dunne at southjerseygrands@gmail.com to register or, for more information, call 610-724-6535.

Vital Spirituality for Grandparents: The Key to Healthy Aging

All Catholic Grandparents are invited to attend this one-day retreat on Monday, September 21, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at The Marianist Retreat Center in Cape May Point, NJ. This special day will include a keynote speaker along with interactive, small group discussions, and concludes with Holy Mass. The cost is \$55 per person and includes lunch. For more information or to register please contact Mary Kay Dunne at southjerseygrands@gmail.com or call 610-724-6535. Space is limited so please register early.

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
Capt Colin Yabor, PAARNG

Bring them safely home, Lord.

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 cleszczynski47@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**

NEWS! The pavers have arrived! They just need to be installed. Arrangements are being made. Purchasers will be notified upon installation of their respective pavers.

LOST RING FOUND!

Did you lose a ring in church last month? A woman's ring was found and turned in. If this could be yours, please call the office at 609-884-1656. We would love to reunite you with your ring. Thank you!

Set-a-Plate for Jesus total count as of June 15th, 2026

11,277 meals donated by St. John Neumann parishioners!



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 sexual 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.

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente há sido establecido por

la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía. Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al: 1-800-964-6588.



NO ONE KNOWS GOD



EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS

CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR FOOD PANTRY



Paper towels, Maria cookies, shelf stable milk, canned fruit, juice bottles and boxes, spaghetti, yellow mustard, saltine crackers. We welcome excess from your gardens. Pantry open 2pm-5pm every Thursday. All are welcome!



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!

The Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society in our parish is part of the National Holy Name Society organization and is open to Catholic men of all ages. The main obligations of each member is to promote reverence for the sacred names of God and Jesus. The essential obligation of a Holy Name member might be summed up in the first petition of the Our Father, "Hallowed be thy name." Our members are active in many of our parish ministries and, as an organization, we help support other ministries. The Chapter meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2pm in the large meeting room at St. John of God campus.



We also publicly proclaim our love for Jesus Christ by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion as a group at the 10am Mass on the second Sunday of each month at St. John of God.

We hope to increase our numbers so, if any gentlemen are interested in joining or if you would like more information about the Holy Name Society, please contact Jerome Marshall at: m1968jerome@gmail.com

BINGO



Wednesdays at 1pm
and Fridays at 7pm at
St. John of God
Parish Hall.
You have to play to
win!

I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should
be blithe and strong,
The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or
beam,
The mason singing his as he makes ready for work, or
leaves off work,
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat,
the deckhand singing on the steamboat deck,
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the
hatter singing as he stands,
The wood-cutter's song, the ploughboy's on his way
in the morning, or at noon intermission or at sundown,
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young
wife at work, or of the girl sewing or washing,
Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none
else,
The day what belongs to the day—at night the party
of young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious
songs.

-Walt Whitman

A Summer Week-long Catholic Family Vacation Retreat



Marianist Family Retreat Center A Seaside Retreat in Cape May Point, NJ



Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 22 til the end of August.

Note: there is a special week for Single-parent families, July 14-19.

Cost* for the week: \$235/pp ages 8+; \$165/pp ages 2-7; under 2 free. *Cost includes meals, room, program, beach tags and more!

Financial Aid is available - see website for more details & photos.

Join together with other families for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities.

Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** (beach is only 1/2 block from our house) are part of all family retreats.

To sign-up or for more information:

www.capemaymarianists.org or email:

mfrc2capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

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Gospel Today

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 11:25-30

Blessed are the children and child-like who are open to receiving the Word of Jesus. Living His Word will give peace and rest.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up,
down or diagonally.

Some of the words are
listed two or three times,
can you find them?



- Blessed
- Children
- Open
- Receiving
- Praise
- Father
- Lord
- Heaven
- Earth
- Living
- Word
- Jesus
- Knows
- Peace
- Revealed
- Come
- Burdened
- Take
- Learn
- Meek
- Gentle
- Humble
- Heart
- Rest
- Find
- Yoke
- Upon
- Easy
- Light

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A	E	L	R	K	A	D	O	L	S	N	A	G
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de Julio 5 a Julio 11
Las Lámparas del Santuario arden por:

San Raymond
Adriana Cristina Serrano
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
ED Familia Torres Puerta
Nuestra Señora Inmaculada
Fr. César Pirateque Serrano

de Julio 12 a Julio 18
Las Lámparas del Santuario arden por:

San Raymond
Elder Gonzalez
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
ED Familia Sheller
Nuestra Señora Inmaculada
Mateo Perez

Nuestra Colecta Semanal

XI Domingo Ordinario: **\$1,971.00**
XII Domingo Ordinario: **\$1,635.00**

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

¡FELICITACIONES A NUESTROS CATEQUISTAS!



Con gran alegría felicitamos a **Claudia, Elizabeth, Diego y Juan**, quienes han culminado exitosamente sus estudios de Teología.

Damos gracias a Dios por su dedicación, esfuerzo y compromiso en su formación, así como por su generoso servicio a nuestra comunidad. Que este logro sea una bendición en sus vidas y una herramienta para seguir anunciando el Evangelio con sabiduría, fe y amor.

Nos unimos en oración para que el Señor continúe guiando sus pasos y fortaleciendo su vocación al servicio de la Iglesia.

¡Muchas felicidades por este importante logro!

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Inspírate con toda la información que hay para ti. En **ESPAÑOL**



Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica

Los Siete Sacramentos de la Iglesia

Bautismo, Confirmación, Eucarística, Penitencia, Unción de los enfermos, Orden Sacerdotal y Matrimonio

Capítulo Primero

Los Sacramentos de la Iniciación Cristiana

Artículo 2 EL SACRAMENTO DE LA CONFIRMACIÓN

1305 El "carácter" perfecciona el sacerdocio común de los fieles, recibido en el Bautismo, y "el confirmado recibe el poder de confesar la fe de Cristo públicamente, y como en virtud de un cargo (quasi ex officio)" (Santo Tomás de Aquino, Summa theologiae 3, q.72, a. 5, ad 2).

IV QUIEN PUEDE RECIBIR ESTE SACRAMENTO

1306 Todo bautizado, aún no confirmado, puede y debe recibir el sacramento de la Confirmación (cf CIC can. 889, 1). Puesto que Bautismo, Confirmación y Eucaristía forman una unidad, de ahí se sigue que "los fieles tienen la obligación de recibir este sacramento en tiempo oportuno" (CIC, can. 890), porque sin la Confirmación y la Eucaristía, el sacramento del Bautismo es ciertamente válido y eficaz, pero la iniciación cristiana queda incompleta.

1307 La costumbre latina, desde hace siglos, indica "la edad del uso de razón", como punto de referencia para recibir la Confirmación. Sin embargo, en peligro de muerte, se debe confirmar a los niños incluso si no han alcanzado todavía la edad del uso de razón (cf CIC can. 891; 893,3).

1308 Si a veces se habla de la Confirmación como del "sacramento de la madurez cristiana", es preciso, sin embargo, no confundir la edad adulta de la fe con la edad adulta del crecimiento natural, ni olvidar que la gracia bautismal es una gracia de elección gratuita e inmerecida que no necesita una "ratificación" para hacerse efectiva. Santo Tomás lo recuerda:

«La edad del cuerpo no prejuzga la del alma. Así, incluso en la infancia, el hombre puede recibir la perfección de la edad espiritual de que habla la Sabiduría (4,8): "La vejez honorable no es la que dan los muchos días, no se mide por el número de los años". Así numerosos niños, gracias a la fuerza del Espíritu Santo que habían recibido, lucharon valientemente y hasta la sangre por Cristo» (Summa theologiae 3, q. 72, a. 8, ad 2).

Iglesia Católica. Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica. 2.ª ed., Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1997.

GRACIAS A TODA LA COMUNIDAD

A todos los miembros de esta maravillosa parroquia de St. John Neumann y St. Raymond: sacerdotes, feligreses y amigos, Con profunda gratitud y sincero aprecio por la efusión de amor que nos brindaron en la Misa de despedida, la cena y las colectas, deseamos expresar nuestro AGRADECIMIENTO. Les aseguramos que nuestras oraciones por usted y sus seres queridos continúan, familias e intenciones. Que Dios continúe bendiciendo su generosidad y los invite a SER La luz de Cristo en nuestro mundo.

Los echaremos de menos, pero los llevaremos en nuestros corazones y recuerdos dondequiera que estemos.

Con cariño en el Inmaculado Corazón de María, las hermanas Anne, Jo Anna, Marie y Kathleen.



DESDE EL 05 DE JULIO

NUEVO HORARIO

Sacrificio Santa Misa Dominical
Iglesia Saint Raymond

DOMINGO 12:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.

¡Demos la bienvenida a nuestro nuevo párroco, el Padre Jaime Hostios!

El Padre Hostios, originario de Bogotá, Colombia, viene de la Parroquia Pro-Catedral de San José en Camden, donde se desempeñaba como párroco. Fue ordenado sacerdote en Nuestra Señora de Lourdes, Glassboro, en 2007 y se graduó del Seminario de la Inmaculada Concepción en la Universidad Seton Hall en South Orange. Sirvió en Atlantic City, principalmente con la comunidad hispana, durante siete años antes de ser asignado a Camden.

Oración al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús

Oh Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, fuente de todo consuelo, te adoro, te amo y, con vivo dolor de mis pecados, te ofrezco este pobre corazón mío. Hazme humilde, paciente, puro y del todo obediente a tu voluntad.

Concédeme, buen Jesús, que viva en ti y para ti. Protégeme en medio del peligro, consuélame en mis aflicciones, dame salud del cuerpo, ayuda en mis necesidades temporales, tu bendición en todas mis obras y la gracia de una santa muerte. **Amén**



16 DE JULIO

Oracion

Flor del Carmelo,
vida floreciente,
esplendor del cielo,
sólo tú eres la Virgen Madre.

Madre suave
y sin miedo,
a tus hijos sé propicia,
estrella del mar.

Raíz de Jesse,
que produce la flor,
concédenos
quedarnos contigo para
siempre.

Lirio cultivado
entre las altas espinas,
conserva puras
las mentes frágiles y da ayuda.

Armadura fuerte
de los combatientes,
la guerra está en marcha:
pon el escapulario como
defensa.

En la incertidumbre
danos consejos,
en la desgracia,
desde el cielo imparte consuelo.

Madre y Señora
de tu Carmelo
de esa alegría
que te embriaga sacia los
corazones.

Oh llave y puerta
del Paraíso,
haz que lleguemos
adonde estás coronada de
gloria.

Amén.

La Memoria litúrgica de Nuestra Señora del Carmelo fue instituida para conmemorar la aparición de la Virgen, el 16 de julio de 1251, a San Simón Stock. En el Primer Libro de los Reyes se cuenta que el profeta Elías se reunió en el monte Carmelo con algunos hombres para defender la pureza de la fe de su pueblo, y ganó un desafío contra los sacerdotes del ídolo Baal. Además, según la tradición, la Sagrada Familia se detuvo en este monte a su regreso de Egipto.

Inspirándose en Elías, se establecieron en el monte Carmelo grupos de monjes que seguían la regla de San Basilio; se encuentran testimonios de ello en el s. XI, cuando los cruzados llegaron al lugar. Hacia 1154, el noble francés Berthold, que había llegado a Palestina con su primo Aimerius de Limoges, patriarca de Antioquía, se retiró al monte Carmelo, y decidió reunir a los ermitaños para que hicieran vida cenobítica. Los religiosos construyeron una pequeña iglesia en medio de sus celdas, dedicándola a la Virgen María, y tomaron el nombre de Hermanos de Santa María del Monte Carmelo. La orden del Carmelo adquirió así sus dos rasgos distintivos: la referencia a Elías y el vínculo con María Santísima.

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