

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.



October 18, 2026 - Twenty-ninth 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 6pm (Spanish)

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

Daily Mass in Spanish:

Thursdays at 7pm with 6pm Exposition, Confession & Benediction prior to Mass.

Confession on Sundays at 11:30am and 5:30pm prior to Mass.

Holy Day Vigil (English) 5pm

Holy Day (Spanish) 6pm



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
Mary McWilliams.....Business Manager, ext. 304
Nina Giacona.....Parish Secretary, ext. 302
Jim Blank.....Music Director, ext. 302
John Dever.....Property Manager, ext. 308
Ryan D. Franklin.....DSF 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 SACRAMENTAL FORMATION
Ryan D. Franklin.....609-886-7640
dsf@parishofstjohnneumann.org
Grades 1 to 8: Classes take place at the Parish Life Center, St. Raymond Church. Class times for the upcoming school year: Tuesdays, 4:30pm-5:45pm and Wednesdays, 6pm-7:15pm.

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.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; Fridays at 7pm prior to 8pm Mass in 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 after the 4pm Vigil Mass at St. John of God or after the 7pm Sunday Mass at St. Raymond. 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 DSF 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
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Rosary - half hour prior to Mass**

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

Saturday, October 17th

4:00pm †Eugene Woturski, Sr.

Sunday, October 18th

10:00am Living and Deceased Members
of the Parish

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Sunday, October 18th

8:00am †Rev. Fr. Gregg Hickey
†Ann Heap Helverston
†Theresa Ann Russomano Mendez

DAILY - ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

Monday, October 19th

9:00am †Mary Ann O'Sullivan

Tuesday, October 20th

9:00am †Denise Snyder

Wednesday, October 21st

9:00am †

Thursday, October 22nd

9:00am Special Intention - Conversion of
Family Members

Friday, October 23rd

9:00am †Rose Marie Gallagher
†Patrick Walsh
†Fred C. Letterio
†Catherine Broder
†Rev. Mother Alice Anita
Special Intention

*A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE
SUNDAY READINGS*

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly
Most Holy Name Catholic Church
Garfield, NJ

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 18th, 2026**

“I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the Lord and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that from the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me.”... “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

On the day of my baptism, I was called by name and began my relationship with God. Since then, I ask myself, ‘how well do I know my loving God?’ For many we know about God but our goal and task is to know Him personally, to foster that relationship when He first called me. May I find Him in the scripture, in the sacraments, in His quiet voice in my prayer today.

**I HAVE
called you by NAME
YOU ARE MINE**

CURRENT NEEDS OF OUR FOOD PANTRY



Paper towels, Maseca flour, coffee, tea, juice\juice boxes, black beans (bagged), children's snacks and cereals. We welcome excess from your gardens. Our pantry is at St John of God Parish Hall and open Thursdays 2pm-5pm. All are welcome!!

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 24th

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

†Rose M. Parissi-Lev; †Doris Aichele; †Ed Jurewicz; †Helen & Tom Harbora; †Susan & Bob Maxwell; †Charles Manley; †Mark Haber; †Patricia Adams; †Anne McKernan; †William Duffy; †Veronica Kendra; Int. of Catherine Desiderio on her 90th Birthday

Sunday, October 25th

***St. Raymond: 8am**

Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

***St. John of God: 10am**

†Fr. James M. Perrelli and Ronald J. Perrelli

Our Weekly Collection

Offertory 10/10/26-10/11/26

1st Collection	\$ 11,594.29
2nd Collection	\$ 1,384.73
Candles	\$ 308.00
Bingo - 10/7/2026	\$ 2,425.00
Bingo - 10/9/2026	\$ 2,453.00
Total Income	\$ 18,165.02
SVdP Poor Box	\$ 186.00



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!

Next week's second collection is for the School Subsidy.



Do you need prayer? Besides our published Sick List, we have a **Prayer Chain Ministry**. The organizer calls the volunteers with the requests and they, in turn, call other volunteers. We accept prayer requests from all faiths and all situations, not just illnesses. The names remain on the Prayer Chain until we are told to remove them. Please contact Andrea Noto at 609-287-8619 to add names to the Prayer Chain or to become a volunteer.

Catechesis for Adults

Father Hostios' catechism class for adults (OCIA) has begun! It takes place **every other Wednesday from 5pm to 6pm** (next class is October 21st). The class will meet in the Large Meeting Room at the Parish Office. This class is intended for those who have not received all/any of their sacraments and wish to be in full communion with the Church. Anyone wishing for a "refresher course" on their faith is also welcome to attend. Please bring your bible and a notebook.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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, Francis X. Meehan, Mary Lou Czescik, Scott McNeill, Michael Ali, Tom Lafferty, Tom McCrone, Karen Podeszwa, Father Fritz, Nancy Riedlinger, Linda Pineno, Catherine Desiderio, Pat Stelacio, Frank Flanagan, Robert Wineburg, John Hasson, Skip Gorman, Bonnie Gorman, Maryrose Blaney, Carl Nichols, Rick Beare, and Baby Remer.



(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.)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our parish's Christmas Bazaar will soon be upon us! Have you helped us out before? Will this be new for you? We'd love to have your help with this big parish fundraiser. If anyone is interested in joining the Christmas Bazaar Committee, assistance is needed before, during and after the Bazaar – making auction baskets, selling tickets in the kiosk, etc. If you would like to help, or if you have any questions, please contact Janet Neill by email at tojneill@comcast.net or 609-602-3884 (evenings only please).



Scripture Readings for the Week of October 18th, 2026



Sunday

Is 45: 1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

Monday

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday

Eph 3:2-12; (Ps) Is 12:2-3, 4c-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

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 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 **October 25th, 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



Men's Spirituality Conference

"Becoming Laborers for God's Harvest"

Saturday November 14, 2026

Register Today

manupsouthjersey.com

The ManUp South Jersey Men's Spirituality Conference is a one-day retreat featuring nationally famous Catholic Speakers, Exhibitors, Inspiring Music, Eucharistic Adoration, Optional Breakouts, Breakfast, Lunch, Opportunities for Confession, and More!

This year's theme, "Becoming Laborers for God's Harvest" is a reminder that we are called to know our faith, live our faith, and share our faith with others.

Want to become the man that God created you to be? Want to become the man that your family needs you to be? Then join us on Saturday November 14th.

Paul VI High School Conference Center in Haddon Heights, NJ.

Register Today!

Go to: manupsouthjersey.com

Enter Promo Code PB10 to Receive a \$10.00 Discount

PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEWS!

<https://a.co/0fW83ZNU>

IT'S EZ-PEASY!!



Did you know that our St. Vincent de Paul Society members are making it VERY easy for you to order food items for our Parish Food Pantry? Type the above into your browser or else hover your smartphone camera on the QR code above - you will be taken straight away to our Amazon page. It will list specific food items that are currently in demand in our Parish Food Pantry. You can order straight from Amazon and have it delivered to the parish - DONE! If you're not sure how to do this, please stop in the office and Nina will give you a quick lesson. No shopping or heavy lifting required! Many thanks to **Bill Doyle** for setting this up for the benefit of our parishioners and those in need.



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



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 Mass at St. John of God Church on Town Bank Road in North Cape May. We meet in the Parish Office, in the large conference room at 9:45am. The next in-person session is scheduled for Monday, October 26th. If you can't attend during the day, then please consider joining our Catholic Grandparents' Zoom call. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19th at 7pm. Contact Mary Kay Dunne at southjerseygrands@gmail.com to register or, for more information, call 610-724-6535.

The Parish Hosts at St. John of God this week are dedicated to the loving memory of
Mary Ann O'Sullivan
at the request of Frank O'Sullivan.



The Parish Wine at St. John of God this week is dedicated to the loving memory of
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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
Capt Colin Yabor, PAARNG

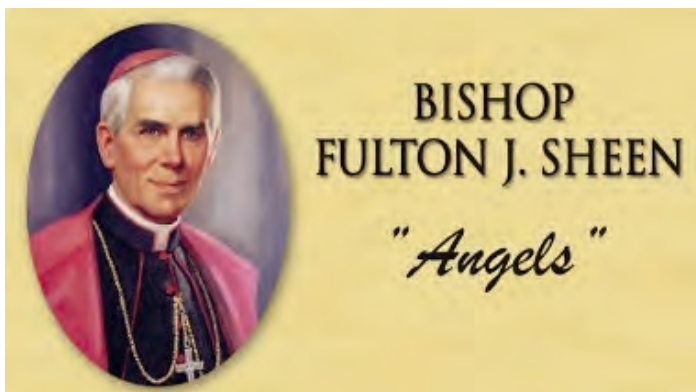
Bring them safely home, Lord.



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! We haven't heard from anyone in quite a while. Do you have any favorite podcasts you can recommend to others? Please do. Thank you!

In this compilation of three episodes from his classic television program, "Life is Worth Living," Bishop Fulton Sheen delivers his thoughts on various elements of the Catholic Faith with his ever-present humor, animated presentation, and captivating mode of speaking. In the first segment, "Angels," Bishop Sheen explicates the nature of angels and the meaningful role they play in our world.



In the second, "The Touch of Your Hand," Bishop Sheen delves into the beautiful truth that through His love, God makes us lovable, and we can effect this same transformation in our neighbor. Lastly, in "Caring," Bishop Sheen insists on the need to love our visible neighbors, and through these caring acts, love our invisible God.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday November 7, 2026

Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage



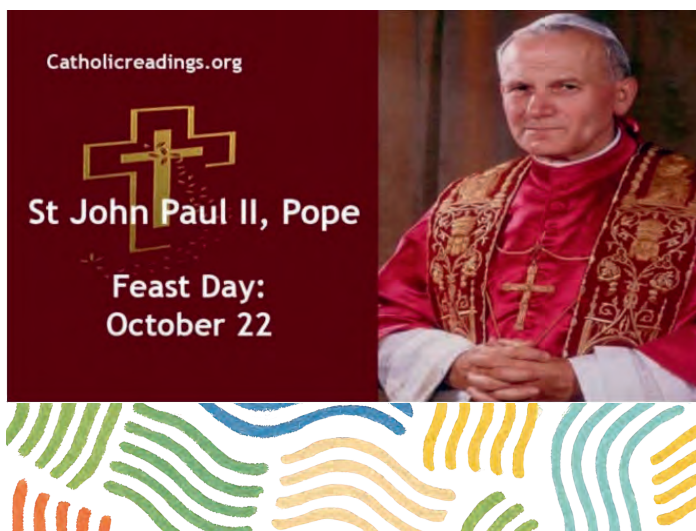
To the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Washington, D.C.

As in past years, the Diocese of Camden will host a Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on **Saturday, November 7th**. We will now sponsor only one bus. Tickets are \$35/per person. **Morning departure time is 5am** from the St. John of God parking lot (west side), and departure from the Basilica is 4:15pm. There will be a rest stop on the way down and one on the way back (the bus has a rest room as well), and an opportunity to purchase refreshments. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or to purchase something at the basilica cafeteria. Please call the office to sign-up: 609-884-1656. **Payment is due by October 23rd.** Thank you!

Set-a-Plate for Jesus total count as of
October 14th, 2026

**11,506 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 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!** Paver Update! Our first round of pavers has finally been installed! Over the next week or two, weather and work schedules permitting, those whose pavers have been installed will receive an email with a picture of their paver or a letter with a photo.

We'll also be working on submitting the next batch, which will include a large number of pavers. We'll continue to keep everyone updated as we move forward!

Thank you all for your patience and support throughout this entire process. We truly appreciate it!

The FUNdraising Committee

In the Gospel of Matthew 5:3–12, we read the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus teaches the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor, those who mourn, the merciful, the peacemakers, and all who seek to live with humble and faithful hearts.

We are charged by Jesus to live the Beatitudes and many of us do through our volunteer time, by supporting our church and various ministries and organizations.

What if you felt called to go deeper—to follow the example of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati and become, in a fuller way, a man or woman of the Beatitudes? The St. Vincent de Paul Society offers a meaningful way to answer that call. We invite you to attend one of our meetings, spend time in fellowship, and see whether you feel called to serve our neighbors who are poor, suffering, or mourning.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (canceled for this month), and on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the large meeting room in the church office. Upcoming meeting date is **Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm.**

At each meeting, we share prayer, fellowship, and refreshments, and there is always meaningful work to do—extra hands are warmly welcomed.



We are still looking for a few volunteers for our **PowerPoint Ministry**. Have you been wanting to share your talents with the parish but haven't

figured out how? This is something you can be taught to do very easily, and it is also something that is VERY important to all of our liturgies. Please contact the Parish Office to find out more at 609-884-1656. Thank you! **WE REALLY NEED YOU.**

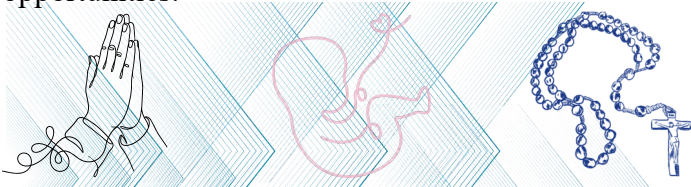
Adoration Schedule

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!!**

PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Each October, the Church observes Respect Life Month. This year's theme is Mary, Mother of Life, highlighting her role as a model for respecting life at all stages and in all circumstances. We are asked to participate through prayer (Novena on USCCB website Oct. 22-30), through reflection, staying connected (contacting political leaders) and through action. The USCCB website offers many opportunities.



40 Days for Life Campaign (9/23-11/1)

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. They seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life and thus end abortion. Our participation with this group will be as follows: Vigil at Planned Parenthood (Absecon) - we have committed to stand and pray outside the abortion facility every Wednesday beginning 9/28 to 10/26 from 10am to noon. Again, we will leave from St. Raymond Church parking lot about 9am, and hope to be back by 1pm.

If you have interest in either event, contact Mike Beck at 609-889-5037.



COMEDY NIGHT



Our Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council #3546 presents "It's Comedy Time!" - a dinner and comedy show, to take place on **Saturday, October 24th**, at St. Raymond Knights' Hall, 800 Bayshore Road in Villas. Tickets are \$50/each. Doors open at 5pm. Dinner (salad, chicken parm, pasta, vegetable medley and dessert) begins at 6pm (beer and wine are **included** with your meal), and the show starts at 7:30pm, featuring: Norman Klar, Taylor Mason, and Tony Parlante. It is always a delicious and fun night out. Don't miss it! Contact Bill for tickets at 609-423-0288.

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 a yudar 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.

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



de Octubre 11 a Octubre 17
Las Lámparas del Santuario arden por:

San Raymond

Sacerdotes del Mundo

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Jacob Abarca Vargas

Nuestra Señora Inmaculada

Fr. César Pirateque

de Octubre 18 a Octubre 24
Las Lámparas del Santuario arden por:

San Raymond

Miguel de Jesús Gonzalez

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Rodney Rodriguez

Nuestra Señora Inmaculada

Angel de Jesús Gonzalez

Nuestra Colecta Semanal

XXVI Domingo Ordinario: **\$1,648.00**

XXVII Domingo Ordinario: **\$1,644.00**

¡Gracias por su generosidad!

SACRAMENTOS

BAUTISMO: Los padres o tutores legales son bienvenidos a llamar o hacer una cita en la oficina para la preparación del bautismo. El Sacramento del Bautismo se celebra después o durante una de las misas dominicales.

PREPARACIÓN PRIMERA COMUNIÓN Y CONFIRMACIÓN: Los padres o tutores legales pueden inscribir a sus hijo en el programa de educación religiosa, pueden solicitar información a Ryan Franklin o en la oficina del Ministerio Regional Hispano.

MATRIMONIO: La futura novia o novio puede ponerse en contacto con la oficina del Ministerio Regional Hispano para solicitar Matrimonio. La preparación del matrimonio suele tardar entre 9 y 12 meses.

INTENCIONES

Ofrecemos intenciones de Misa por un año más de vida, salud, protección, aniversarios y eterno descanso. Acércate a nuestra oficina y con mucho gusto anotaremos tu intención.

Cualquier duda, llámanos al (609) 886-1759



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 3 EL SACRAMENTO DE LA EUCARISTÍA

1333 En el corazón de la celebración de la Eucaristía se encuentran el pan y el vino que, por las palabras de Cristo y por la invocación del Espíritu Santo, se convierten en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Fiel a la orden del Señor, la Iglesia continúa haciendo, en memoria de Él, hasta su retorno glorioso, lo que Él hizo la víspera de su pasión: "Tomó pan...", "tomó el cáliz lleno de vino...". Al convertirse misteriosamente en el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo, los signos del pan y del vino siguen significando también la bondad de la creación. Así, en el ofertorio, damos gracias al Creador por el pan y el vino (cf Sal 104,13-15), fruto "del trabajo del hombre", pero antes, "fruto de la tierra" y "de la vid", dones del Creador. La Iglesia ve en el gesto de Melquisedec, rey y sacerdote, que "ofreció pan y vino" (Gn 14,18), una prefiguración de su propia ofrenda (cf Plegaria Eucarística I o Canon Romano, 95; Misal Romano).

1334 En la Antigua Alianza, el pan y el vino eran ofrecidos como sacrificio entre las primicias de la tierra en señal de reconocimiento al Creador. Pero reciben también una nueva significación en el contexto del Éxodo: los panes ácidos que Israel come cada año en la Pascua conmemoran la salida apresurada y liberadora de Egipto. El recuerdo del maná del desierto sugerirá siempre a Israel que vive del pan de la Palabra de Dios (Dt 8,3). Finalmente, el pan de cada día es el fruto de la Tierra prometida, prenda de la fidelidad de Dios a sus promesas. El "cáliz de bendición" (1 Co 10,16), al final del banquete pascual de los judíos, añade a la alegría festiva del vino una dimensión escatológica, la de la espera mesiánica del restablecimiento de Jerusalén. Jesús instituyó su Eucaristía dando un sentido nuevo y definitivo a la bendición del pan y del cáliz.

1335 Los milagros de la multiplicación de los panes, cuando el Señor dijo la bendición, partió y distribuyó los panes por medio de sus discípulos para alimentar la multitud, prefiguran la sobreabundancia de este único pan de su Eucaristía (cf. Mt 14,13-21; 15, 32-29). El signo del agua convertida en vino en Caná (cf Jn 2,11) anuncia ya la Hora de la glorificación de Jesús. Manifiesta el cumplimiento del banquete de las bodas en el Reino del Padre, donde los fieles beberán el vino nuevo (cf Mc 14,25) convertido en Sangre de Cristo.

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