The Parish of St. John Neumann

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

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil......4:00 pm (St. John of God)

6:00 pm (St. Raymond, May - Sept. only)

Sunday.....8:00 am (St. Raymond)

10:00 am (St. John of God)

12:00 PM in Spanish (St. Raymond) 7:00 pm in Spanish (St. Raymond)

Monday 7:00 pm in Spanish (St. Raymond)

Thursday 7:00 pm in Spanish (St. Raymond, followed with

Adoration)

First Saturday......9:00 am (St. Raymond, with Holy Hour following)

Daily, Mon. - Fri......9:00 am *(St. John of God)* Holy Days......9:00 am *(St. John of God)*

7:00 pm *(St. Raymond)*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday, 2:30 - 3:30 pm at St. John of God Church
Every Wednesday prior to 9:00 am Daily Mass at St. John of God
Every Thursday following 9:00 am Mass at St. John of God
First Saturday following 9:00 am at St. Raymond
Confession also available by appointment with a priest at the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents or legal guardians are welcome to call or make an appointment at the office for baptismal preparation. Infant baptism is offered to children aged 7 and younger. 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.

LETTER OF ELIGIBILITY/SPONSOR CERTIFICATE

Parishioners who need a letter of eligibility or a certificate to stand as a godparent or sponsor must make an appointment with Father King. He can be reached at ext. 307 or james.king@camdendiocese.org.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. John of God Chapel, Town Bank Road Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm (only if office is open) Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30 pm St. Raymond Church

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 homebound. 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

After two years of religious education, baptized children receive their First Holy Communion, usually the first weekend in May.

Confirmation is offered for those who have been baptized and received their First Holy Communion after several more years of instruction. Confirmation is usually administered when the young person is in the 8th grade. Please call Sr. Kathleen at the Religious Education office 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 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 https://camdenpriest.org.

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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.

Ongoing Religious Education

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sr. Kathleen Nuckols, IHM

Grades 1 to 8: Tuesdays at 4:30 - 5:45 pm & Wednesdays at 6:00 - 7:15 pm at the Parish Life

Center, St. Raymond Church

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call Sr. Kathleen at the Religious Education 609-886-7460, for more information. You may also contact Father King.

Important Information

Office: 609-884-1656

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Fax: 609-898-0673

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Website: www.parishofstjohnneumann.org

St. John Neumann Parish Fourth Sunday of Easter 2024 A.D.

Rosary 1/2 hr. before every Mass

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

Saturday, April 20th

4:00 p.m. † Ed Iames Sunday, April 21st

10:00 a.m. † Louis Porto & Family

† Cleve Laswell

† Charles Rowe

† Gene Bieniecki

† Florence Bieniecki

† Stewart Chace

† Gary Rudy

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Sunday, April 21st

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

DAILY—ST. JOHN OF GOD

Monday, April 22nd

<u>9:00 a.m.</u> Intentions of the Catholic Grandparents Association

Tuesday, April 23rd

9:00 a.m. † Frederick Joseph Geisert

Wednesday, April 24th

9:00 a.m. † Catherine Sheehan

Thursday, April 25th

9:00 a.m. † Vincent Piccirilli

Friday, April 26th

9:00 a.m. † James Witalec

† Elaanne Nicole Brown Cullars

† indicates Deceased

South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

As of April 16th, we have added \$2,220 to our parish total to date, that of \$99,729. This means that we are 91.5% to our goal. Thank you for your generosity and sacrifice!



From Father King

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Christ is Risen!

Today I will be continuing to answer questions about the Eucharist that have come in the box in the back of our Churches.

Today's question: If I don't have total belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist but I continue to receive Holy Communion, is that okay? Or will it help me if I continue to receive Holy Communion?

The first thing that we need to remember is that the Eucharist is supernatural. That means that it is something beyond the natural order. St. Thomas Aquinas famously wrote that our senses fail us, what we see, touch, taste appears to be bread. But it is by faith, trusting in the words of Jesus, that we can believe.

In other words, Christ is "hidden" under the appearances of bread and wine. If our doubts come from not being able to comprehend, then we pray for greater faith and trust as the father in Mark 9:24 cried out to Jesus, "I believe! Help my unbelief!" Many of us are in this condition, praying for greater faith as we seek understanding. When we say "Amen" in response to "The Body of Christ," we are saying that we believe. Our "Amen" can be true even if we are struggling.

However, if one is choosing not to believe, "I reject this teaching," then it is dishonest as well as sinful to continue to receive Holy Communion. If one is just going through the motions, then one should not come forward to receive.

Perhaps it would be good to forego receiving Holy Communion for a week or two and use that time to pray for a greater belief (still attending Mass of course). In daily prayer, make acts of faith asking God for strength. Finally, we can read more about the Church's teaching on the Holy Eucharist as a way to grow.

Christ is Risen Indeed!

-Fr. King

I devoutly adore you, hidden deity,

Who are truly hidden beneath these appearances... Sight, touch, taste all fail in their judgment of you, But hearing suffices firmly to believe.

I believe all that the Son of God has spoken; There is nothing truer than this Word of Truth.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND OUR PARISH

Our Future Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27th

*St. John of God: 4:00 p.m. †Dan McGranaghan, †Kenneth Garrison, †Elizabeth Haas, †Robert Starr, †Tim Shriver, †Anthony Joseph Turtzo, †Kay Partlow, †Jerry Mulville

Sunday, April 28th

*St. Raymond: 8:00 a.m. †John Cafagna *St. John of God: 10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Our Weekly Collection

Collection for 3rd Sunday of Easter 4/13/2024-4/14/2024

Budgeted Income Needed \$19,445.87 Weekly Bingo Expenses \$512.00 Total Budgeted Expenses \$19,957.87

 Offertory 4/13/2024-4/14/2024
 \$11,708.33

 2nd Collection
 \$1,099.00

 Candles
 \$327.00

 Bingo Wednesday, April 10th
 \$1,857.00

 Bingo Friday, April 12th
 \$1,734.75

 Total Income
 \$16,726.08

 NET
 \$(3,231.79)

 Poor Box
 \$183.00

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Eileen DeFazio, Scott McNeill, Rosemary Pearce, Peg Lipsett, Kathleen Conner, Joe Mulcahy, Linda Cramer, Maryann Fortuna, Brian Matthews, Jr., Brian Matthews, Sr., Annamarie Scavetti, Donna Marie Rig-

gi, Armand Savino, Tom Frisoli, Nancy & Tom Ferry, Robert Harmon, Daniel Durkin, Kevin Whitney, Kay Turney, Jim Kelly, Edna McCann, & Mary Ann O'Sullivan.

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 21st

Monday

Acts 11:1-18; Ps42:2-3, 43:3-4;

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Banns of Ordination to the Diaconate

The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D. announces that he intends to ordain Mr. Timothy Stephen Mulranen and Mr. Thomas Kristopher Piro to the Sacred Order of Deacon on Saturday, the 11th day of May, 2024 at Saint Joseph Church, 126 44th Street, Sea Isle, New Jersey.

The faithful of the Diocese of Camden are asked to pray for these men and for the young men of their parish who are being called by God to service in the Church. At the same time the faithful are obliged to reveal impediments to sacred orders, if they know of any, by contacting their pastor before the ordination in accord with the norms of cc. 1043 and 1051.2 of the Code of Canon Law.

Mary Immaculate, patroness of the Diocese of Camden, intercede for these men and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood here in South Jersey.



Mr. Timothy Mulranen Mr. Thomas Piro

Our "Ask" for April

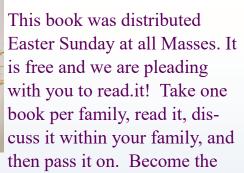
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There is a box in the vestibule in which to place your questions on the Eucharist. Appropriate questions will be published for response.

God bless you and your family.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations—April 21, 2024

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

God our Father.

From eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race.

Pour forth, we beseech You,

Your Holy Spirit upon our families,

that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied.

Lord Jesus, give us holy priests:

To offer up the sacrifice of the Mass;

To lead the little ones to You;

To strengthen the faith of believers;

To preach the Gospel to all peoples;

To bring forgiveness to sinners;

To feed souls the

Bread of Life;

To comfort the suffering & dying, and
To spread Your Kingdom in our midst.
Mary, Mother of our
High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us

an increase of holy

priests. Amen.



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PRAY FOR OUR ACTIVE MILITARY

Maj. Reed Combs, US Army Brian Ivers, Jr. USAF

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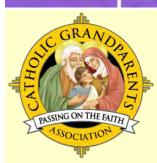
and families of children with ASD or IDD gather to celebrate our annual Mass of Welcome & Inclusion.



To volunteer as a greeter, lector, cantor, usher, or altar server or to let us know you are attending the reception following the Mass in Culliney Hall, please RSVP to:

jkelly@stdamienparish.com | 609-399-0648 ext. 108

APRIL 28 10:30 AM St. Frances Cabrini Church St. Damien Parish 114 Atlantic Avenue Ocean City, NJ



The Catholic Grandparents' ministry builds a community of support for grandparents and equips them with tools to bring their families closer to Christ. All grandparents are welcome to attend our next meeting which will take place on Monday, April 22 at

9:45am (after the 9am Mass). Please enter the door of St John Neumann's Parish Office, and we will meet in the large conference room. We look forward to seeing you for Mass, fellowship, and prayer with our fellow grandparents.

For more information about the Catholic Grandparents Association, visit https://

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org. If you would like to attend this session or have any questions, please contact Mary Kay Dunne at 610-724-6535 or email: southjerseygrands@gmail.com.

Join <u>Lay Dominicans</u> for Morning Prayer (Liturgy of the Hours) and Rosary every 4th Sunday of the month. Next meeting is <u>April 28th at 9am</u> in the Adoration Chapel, St. John of God campus. Join with us for Rosary on <u>Thursday evenings at 5:30pm</u> in the St. John of God Adoration Chapel. The world needs our prayers. Visit www.laydominicans.org for info.

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- The Camp Veritas volunteer policies are modeled after national standards for Safe Environment procedures, both ecclesial and secular.
- For more information or to register your child please contact Fr. Cesar 609-884-1656 x305.



Thanks to Each and Every One who helped decorate St. John of God Church for Easter! Clergy, parishioners, visitors and myself appreciated the time and effort for the beautiful displays. I would NOT have been able to complete it without the committee members that have been faithful throughout the years and new members that come each time when needed. It is so nice to see the togetherness, effort and creativeness in our Parish. I hope to see you at the next decorating event!

Janet Neill



Denise Marie Bryan

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