

# St. John Neumann

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor: Rev. Robert W. Dillon**

**Parish Administrator: Rev. John S. Kostek**

**Parochial Vicar: Rev. Arnel Ranada**

**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday

9 AM - 4:30 PM

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM:**

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**MASS SCHEDULE:**

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

Monday - Saturday 9 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7 PM (Vigil Mass)

9 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:30 PM

**CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday 4 - 4:30 PM at the Parish Hall  
or upon request.



**BAPTISMS:**

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month at 2 PM. Baptismal Preparation Classes for parents are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Rectory Chapel.

**MARRIAGES:**

Couples should make an appointment with a priest at least six months before their planned wedding date in order to begin their marriage preparation and reserve a date for the wedding.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION  
OF ADULTS (RCIA):**

Calling all who are interested in becoming Catholic or completing the process of Initiation through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

The mission of this Society is to offer charitable service to those in our community who are in need.

**TEEN CLUB:**

Teen Club meets every Sunday in the rectory basement from 7 to 8:30 PM. All teens, grades 7 to 12, are welcome.

**PRAYER GROUP:**

Prayer Group meets Thursday evenings at 7:30 in the Rectory Chapel for recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by discussion.

**MINISTRY TO SICK/HOMEBOUND:**

Communion to the sick or elderly can be arranged by calling the rectory.

Anyone who will be going into the hospital should request the Sacrament of the Sick from one of the priests after Mass.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Every family in the parish should be registered and should be using the weekly envelopes. Kindly notify us if you change your address.

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**WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A PARISHIONER:**

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the Collection Basket. A registration form and temporary envelopes will be mailed to you shortly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week*

**Saturday, Feb. 4**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Kostek Frank Randello

**Sunday, Feb. 5**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Arnel Gloria F. Pollante

9:30 a.m. Fr. Arnel Special Intentions for the Aguilar & Gupta Families

11:00 a.m. Fr. Kostek Annette Leccese

12:30 p.m. Fr. Kostek Joseph & Frances Niemiec

**Monday, Feb. 6**

9:00 a.m. Carmela & Pietro Scalia

**Tuesday, Feb. 7**

9:00 a.m. Joseph Schettino

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

9:00 a.m. Ralph Sciangula

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

9:00 a.m. Judy Badalamenti

**Friday, Feb/ 10**

9:00 a.m. Wilfredo Valdes

**Saturday, Feb/ 11**

9:00 a.m. Thomas Dougherty

5:00 p.m. Fr. Kostek Gerard Gallagher

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Arnel Connie Venta

9:30 a.m. Fr. Arnel All Souls in Purgatory

11:00 a.m. Fr. Kostek Manuel Varela

12:30 p.m. Fr. Kostek People of St. John Neumann

**The Wine and Hosts for all Masses last week were offered in memory of *Nicholas & Carmela Ciocio* at the request of *Ida, Joe & Joseph Maniscalco***

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:** Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation should be registered in a parish and attend Mass regularly. Parishioners of this parish who are in need of a sponsor certificate should see a priest after the weekend Masses.



Julia Belisario, Joseph Botelho, James Cassamasina, Steven Daquieno, Carol DeCicco, Joseph Di Pietro, Vincent DiPietro, Bill Evans, Danielle Galvin, Nicole Gilsean, Diana Guida, Phyllis Illions, Joan La Chance, Jerry Langella, Helen Lombardi, John Luongo, Zachary Maddon, Grace Marchione, Ben Marfori, Bimboy Marfori, John Meade, Josephine Pellegrino, Rose Pergola, Carmen Pulizotto, Joseph A. Pulizotto, Josefa Purawan, Amanda Quesada, Vincent Rizzo, Cooper Ross, Joanna Roura, Dawn Stahlecker, Lisa Stahlecker, Edward Stoltzenberg, Philip Stropoli, Frank V. Suozzo, Nancy Toner, Madison Ursillo, John Valenti, Gianna Villani, Theresa Villiarolo, William Woods and John Zammit.

**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE:** *Last week's* attendance was: 568 adults, 213 youths, for a total of 781.

**MINISTERS' SCHEDULE FOR: Feb. 11 & Feb. 12**

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

5:00 p.m. L-Marie Trippiedi

EM-Jane Campbell

AS-AmeliaTsui/Thomas Andron

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

8:00 a.m. L-Nanie Capistrano

EM-Tita Capistrano

AS-Joseph Riotta

9:30 a.m. L-Colleen Greaney

EM-Charlie Ward

AS-Marlena & Joshua Dela Cruz

11:00 a.m. L-Gene Keeton

EM-Erick Talabucon

AS-Aliya & Connor Cutugno

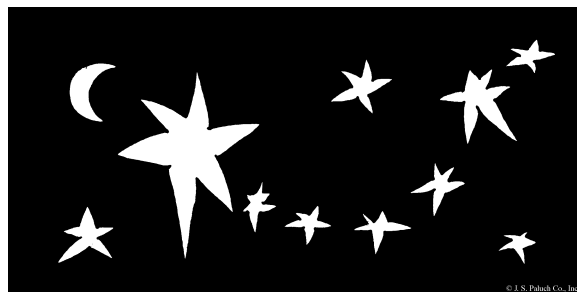
12:30 p.m. L-Maryann Tasiello

EM-Joanne Micciulla

AS-Matthew Innamorato

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10  
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32;  
 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 February 5, 2012**  
 [The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.  
 — *Psalm 147:4*



For the past couple of weeks now, the liturgy of the Word emphasizes the prophetic nature of our religion. In other words, our Blessed Lord commands us who are focused in faith to point the way back on track to others in the spirit of love. Today, however, the liturgy urges us to consider the missionary dimension of the Church in relationship to the spread of the Gospel. In this way the plan of God is fulfilled: The prophets of the Old Covenant spoke in order to keep alive the hope of the Messiah, foreseeing some aspect of truth; Christ came and *by giving Himself brought us every form of newness* in a clear and unmistakable way; the Savior then founded the Church so that the rescuing/salvific message might be spread over the whole world.

My dear friends in Christ, I'm not saying all this just because I'm trying to hold a pep rally for people struggling in an anti-Christian society. But, each one of you here, the faithful Christian is by his very makeup an apostle of and in the truth most pleasing to God. The mission of Christ is that of spreading the Gospel/His life and His teaching. It means taking the Good News to the very ends of the earth by people like us, latter day Apostles. This is the mission of the Church, which carries out our Lord's command: *Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole of creation.*

Let us ask ourselves today whether, in our own surroundings, in the places where we live and work, we are being true transmitters of the faith. Might I suggest strongly, that it would be very wise to have in your home a recent copy of the Catholic catechism as well as watching the Catholic Channel or EWTN TV. We have to ask ourselves, right now, whether we bring our friends to receive the Sacraments more frequently. Let us examine ourselves as to whether we feel the urgency of the apostolate (that is, actively promoting the Faith with the rest of the Church) as one of the demands of our calling to holiness. We really have to ask ourselves whether we feel the same responsibility as those first Christians did in our times where there is so much confusion and misinformation about our faith. It is all because the need today is no less great...*For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!*

**Fr. John Steven Kostek**

**BOOK FAIR:** The Sisters, the Daughters of St. Paul, who operate Pauline Book & Media Center at 64 East 38th St. in Manhattan, will be hosting a Pauline Book Fair at **SJN this weekend, after all Masses.** They have a wonderful selection of great Catholic books, CD's and DVD's for the whole family!

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection *next weekend* is for *Peter's Pence*, to cast the peace of Christ upon the world. Thank you for your generosity.

**WEEKDAY MASS AT MOTHER HOUSE:** Mass is offered at **12:00 Monday through Friday** at the **Presentation Mother House**, 419 Woodrow Road.

**PLEASE BRING YOUR LAST YEAR'S PALMS TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND - Feb. 11th & 12th**, so they can be burned in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

**PALM BURNING CEREMONY AND MARDI GRAS:** Immediately *after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sat., Feb. 18th*, we will have an outdoor palm-burning ceremony followed by a Mardi Gras celebration in the Rectory Basement. Our party—*New Orleans Style*—offers our last chance to celebrate before Lent. Come enjoy Carnival at SJN—light refreshments and party favors for all. Bring the kids!

**CATECHIST FORMATION CLASSES: Level II - Old Testament.** The remaining classes are *Wed., Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th and Feb. 29th from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Rectory Basement.* All REP teachers and aides are encouraged to attend, but anyone is welcome. Classes are free. Please call the REP office for more info and if you plan to attend.



**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Annual St. John Neumann Easter Egg Hunt will be **Sat., March 24th, from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon.** Tickets are \$8 per child advanced sale and \$10 at the door. Tickets will be on sale after Mass the weekends of March, 3/4 and March 10/11 and at Religious Ed classes. **For info, please call Nancy at (718) 966-7327.**

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL ALUMNI MASS:** Blessed Sacrament School, 1091 Forest Ave., is holding an Alumni Mass Celebration on **Sun., Feb. 12th, at 12:30 p.m.** Refreshments and a tour of the school will follow the Mass.

**MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT:** St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, NY, is holding a 3 night retreat for single men, ages 18 - 35, from **Holy Thursday, April 5th, thru Easter Vigil, Sat., April 17th.** The cost is \$50 per person - meals included. RSVP and Priest endorsement required by Mon., April 2, **For more info, email NYPriest@archny.org or call (914) 968-1340.**

**ST. FRANCIS CATHOLIC SINGLES:** The next gathering of St. Francis Catholic Singles for those in their 30s, 40s and 50s is **Thurs., Feb. 23rd, at 7:15 p.m.** at the St. Francis Friary, 500 Todt Hill Road. Cost \$5 minimum; \$10 appreciated. Back by popular demand — **Catholicism 102.** For more info, see the website: [www.sgspsi.org](http://www.sgspsi.org) or **call (718) 815-7255.**

**ZUMBA AT SJN!** Join us every **Wed. night** in the Parish Hall at **8:00 p.m.** for ZUMBA! The cost is \$7 per person per class. (This fundraiser is sponsored by the **St. Vincent de Paul Society of SJN** to benefit the needy in our community.)