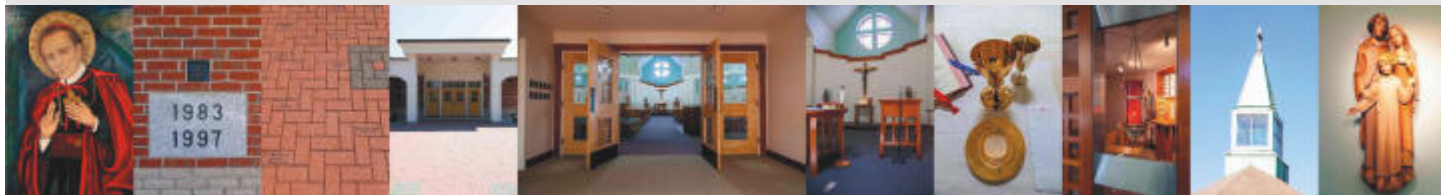


# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
January 16, 2022

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) ..... 5:30 PM  
Sunday ..... 8:00 AM  
Sunday ..... 10:00 AM  
Sunday (Labor Day thru Memorial Day) ... 6:00 PM  
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) ..... 12:15 PM

## CONFESSION

Saturday ..... 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

## BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

## MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

## VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

## NEVER PRO, NEVER CON

Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it. —Prov 22:6

Both excerpts below are from Memoirs of the Oratory of St Francis de Sales (1815-1855) by St John Bosco (d. 1888) who'd dedicated his life and priesthood to the betterment and education of street children, juvenile delinquents, and other disadvantaged youth. He recounts the attempts by those without and within the Church to subvert the gospel and its demands in favor of prevailing political sentiments. He would have none of it.



IN those days [1848] a strange event took place which caused no little upset to our meetings. People wanted our humble Oratory to take part in public demonstrations which were being staged in cities and towns under the name of national festivals.

Those who took part in them and wished to make a public display of their patriotism parted their hair in the middle and let it fall in curls in the back; they wore tight-fitting jackets of various colors, and a national flag, a medal, and a blue cockade on the breast.

Thus attired, they went in procession singing anthems to national unity. The chief promoter of these demonstrations was Marquis Robert d'Azeglio.

He sent us a formal invitation. Despite my refusal, he sent us whatever we would need to make an honorable appearance with the rest. A spot was reserved for us in piazza Vittorio, amongst all the organizations of whatever name, purpose, and condition. What was I to do? To refuse was to declare myself an enemy of Italy. To acquiesce would mean accepting principles which I judged would have disastrous results.



SAINT JOHN BOSCO



"My Lord Marquis," I answered the above-praised d'Azeglio, "this family of mine, these boys who come here from all over the city, are not a corporation. I would make a laughingstock of myself were I to pretend to make my own an institution which depends entirely on civic charity."

"Exactly. Let civic charity know that this newborn work isn't against modern institutions. That will work to your advantage. Support for your work will increase. The city council and I myself will give you generous help."

"My Lord Marquis, it is my firm system to keep out of anything political. Never pro, never con."

"What do you want to do, then?"

"To do what little good I can for abandoned youngsters, using all my powers to make them good Christians in regard to religion, honest citizens in civil society."

"I understand all that," replied the marquis. "But you're making a mistake. If you persist in this principle, everybody will abandon you, and your work will become impossible. One must study the world, understand it, and shape both old and new institutions to the needs of the times."

"Thank you for your goodwill and the advice you offer. Invite me anywhere that a priest can exercise charity, and you'll find me ready to sacrifice life and means. But I want now and always to remain outside politics."

That renowned nobleman went away satisfied. From that day on he had no further dealings with us. After him many other laymen and priests deserted me. More than that, I was left quite alone after the incident I am now about to relate.

ON the Sunday following the festival just mentioned, at two in the afternoon I was at recreation with the youngsters.

One of them was reading L'Armonia when the priests who usually came to give me a hand in the sacred ministry appeared in a body. They were decked out with medals and cockades and carried a tricolor flag. Worse, they had a copy of a truly immoral newspaper called L'Opinione. One of them, a man of respectable zeal and learning, came right up to me. Noticing the boy reading L'Armonia beside me, he sneered, "This is outrageous! It's time we finished with this rubbish." With that, he grabbed L'Armonia from the boy's hand, tore it into a thousand pieces, threw them on the ground, spat on them, and stomped all over them.

Having thus freely expressed his political fervor, he stood facing me. "Now this is a worthwhile paper," he said, thrusting L'Opinione in my face. "This paper and no other should be read by every true and honest citizen."

His manner of speaking and acting took my breath away. Not wishing to compound the scandal in a place where good example should be given, I limited myself to asking him and his colleagues to discuss such matters in private and amongst ourselves only.

"No, sir," he answered. "No longer should anything be either private or secret. Let everything be brought into the clear light of day."

At that moment the bell called us all to church. It summoned also one of those priests, who had been

charged with preaching a short sermon on morality to the poor youngsters. But on this occasion it was really immoral. Liberty, emancipation, and independence resounded through the whole sermon.

I was in the sacristy, impatient for a chance to speak and put an end to this disorder. But the preacher left the church immediately after finishing the sermon, and no sooner was benediction given than he invited priests and boys to join him. Heartily intoning national songs and passionately waving the flag, they marched straight to the Mount of the Capuchins. There a formal promise was pronounced not to go back to the Oratory again unless they were invited and received with all their national insignia.

While all this was going on, I had no way to express either my thoughts or my reasoning. But I was not afraid of anything that clashed with my duty. I let those priests know that they were strictly forbidden to come back to me. The boys then had to report to me one by one before they were readmitted to the Oratory. Everything ended well for me. None of the priests tried to come back. The boys apologized, pleading that they had been misled and promising obedience and discipline.

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### LAST WEEK

Mary, Mother of God (1 Jan 2022), \$2,080.00  
Baptism of the Lord (2 Jan), \$7,034.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 15 (Sat), 5:30 PM	St John Neumann Parishioners
Jan 16 (Sun), 10:00 AM	Don Vanecek (req. by Sue Willard)

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The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

16 Jan, SUNDAY — 2nd Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Mass  
10:00 AM | Mass  
6:00 PM | Mass  
7:00 PM | Adoration

17 Jan, MONDAY

12:15 PM | \*No Daily Mass

18 Jan, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

19 Jan, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)  
10:00 AM | Faith Sharing  
12:15 PM | Daily Mass RESUMES

20 Jan, THURSDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

21 Jan, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry  
12:15 PM | Daily Mass or Adoration

22 Jan, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group  
9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)  
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)  
4:00 PM | Confession (w/ Visiting Priest)  
5:30 PM | 5:30 Mass

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### — DAILY MASS NOTICE —

Fr. Glasgow will be attending a course beginning later this week. There will be no daily Mass from Thursday (Jan 6) thru Monday (Jan 17). Daily Mass will resume on Wednesday, Jan 19.

### BIBLE IN A YEAR

Join Fr. Mike Schmitz beginning January 1, 2022 whose 365 daily BIBLE IN A YEAR podcasts will guide you through the Bible (each episode is about 20-25 minutes). There is no cost, although Ascension Press offers materials in support of the Bible study. For more information:

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the collection basket. You can also request a statement by emailing us your:

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Statements will go out in February. Your financial support, especially during the past few months, has been very much appreciated!

*Celebrating*  
**40** *Years*

Bishop Peter Libasci will be with us on Sunday, January 30th for the 10:00 AM Mass to celebrate the 40th ANNIVERSARY of ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

Luncheon follows in the Parish Hall



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### — AMAZON SMILE —

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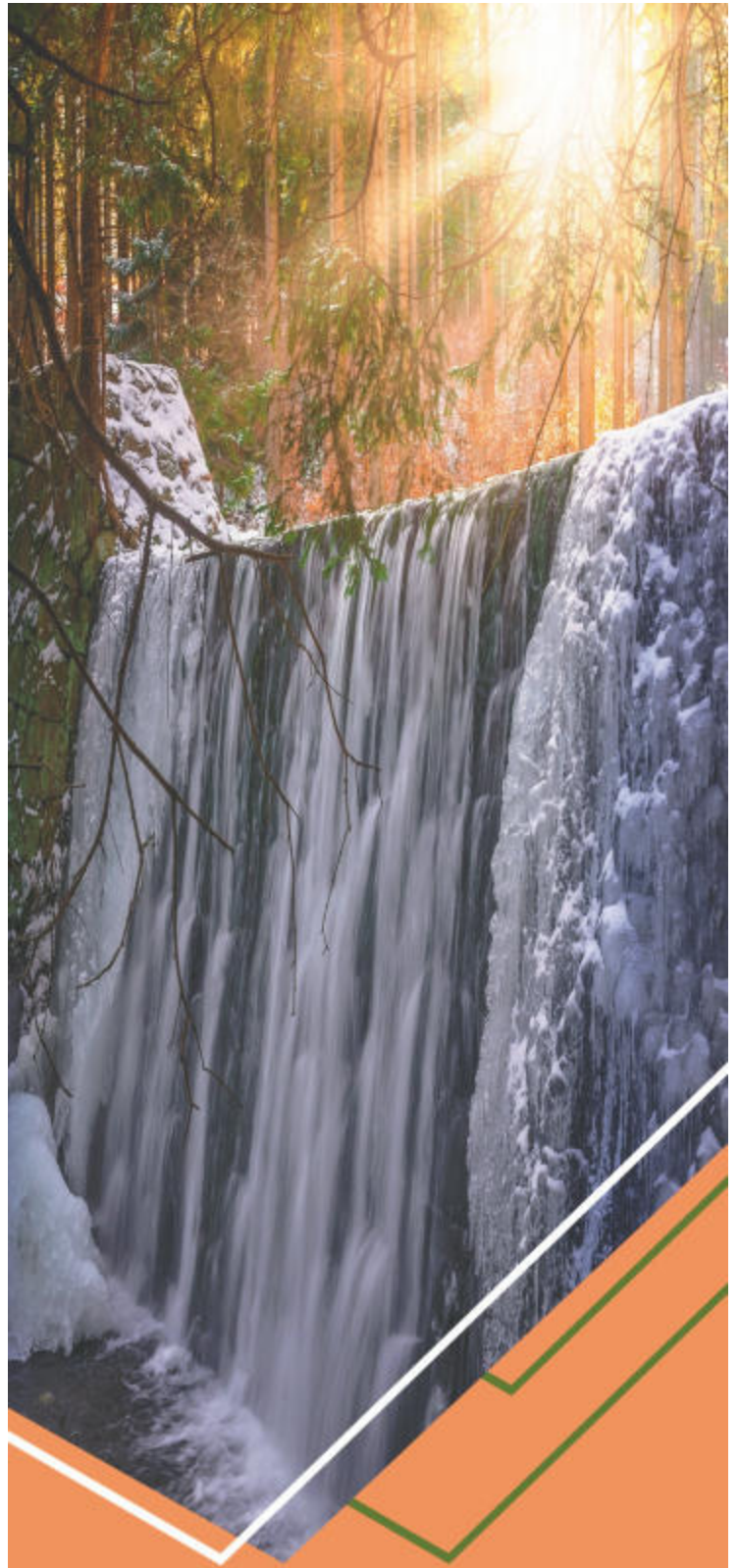
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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a

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