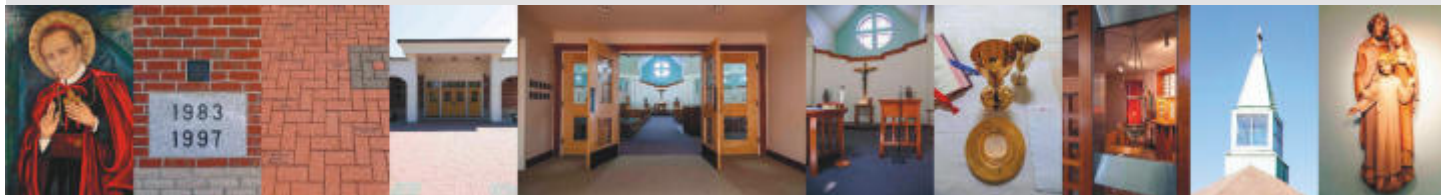


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
January 23, 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.

MIRACLES

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. —1 Cor 4:20

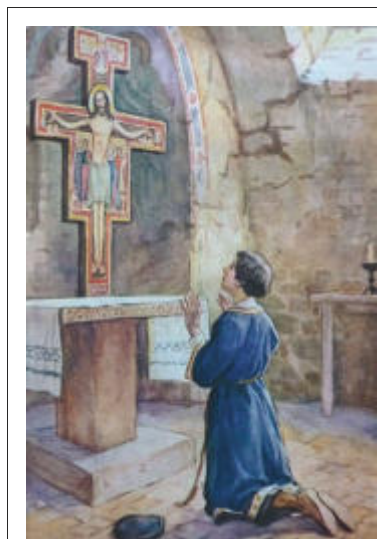
The following are excerpts from Thomas of Celano's (d. 1260) second Life of St Francis of Assisi (d. 1226). At the end, he briefly details a number of miraculous cures attributed to the St Francis' intercession.

HUMBLY imploring the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will, in order to arouse and promote the devotion of the men of this time, and to strengthen the faith of those that are to come, set down briefly but truly, under the guidance of Christ, the miracles which (as has been said) were read before the Lord Pope [St] Gregory, and proclaimed to the people.

In Christ's name here begin the miracles of our most holy father Francis.

+ There was in the territory of Narni a boy whose leg was so bent back that he could only walk by the help of two sticks. He was a beggar, and after having been oppressed with this grievous infirmity for several years he did not know his own father and mother. But by the merits of our most blessed father Francis he was delivered from the said trial in such wise that he could go freely anywhere without the support of sticks, praising and blessing God and his Saint.

+ Another boy from Montenero lay before the doors of the church where the body of St. Francis rests, for several days, being unable to walk or to sit up, for from the waist down he was deprived of all strength and of the use of his limbs. But one day, having been brought into the



THE CRUCIFIX OF SAN DAMIANO
by P. Subercaseaux Errazuriz (d. 1956)



church, after touching, the sepulcher of the most blessed father Francis he came out sound and whole. And the little boy himself used to say that while he was lying before the tomb of the glorious saint, a young man stood before him over the tomb, clad in the habit of the brethren and carrying pears in his hands, who called him, offered him a pear, and encouraged him to rise. The boy took the pear from his hands and answered, "See, I am bound together and cannot get up at all." Then he ate the pear that had been given him and stretched out his hand for another, which the same youth was offering him. Again he urged the boy to get up, but he did not do so, feeling himself held down by his infirmity. But as he was stretching his hand out for the pear, the young man after giving him the pear took his hand, led him out, and disappeared from his sight. The boy, seeing that he was made whole, began to cry aloud, showing to all what had been done in him.

- + A woman named Sibyl who had suffered from blindness of the eyes for several years was brought sorrowing to the sepulcher of the man of God: but on recovering her former sight she returned home rejoicing and exultant.
- + There was a lad who fell down from a certain very high place where he was staying and lost his speech and the use of all his limbs. After being three days without eating or drinking, or perceiving anything, he was thought to be dead. But his mother, seeking for the aid of no physicians, entreated blessed Francis to heal him. And so, having made her vow, she received him alive and whole, and began to praise the Savior's omnipotence.
- + Another lad named Mancino, sick unto death, and given over by all, called, as well as he could, on the name of blessed Francis and instantly recovered.
- + A boy of Arezzo named Walter, suffering from continual fever and tormented by two abscesses, who had been given over by the doctors, was restored to his wished-for health by his parents' making a vow to blessed Francis.
- + A citizen of Todi suffered so terribly from gouty arthritis that he could neither sit down nor rest. The violence of the disease gave him such constant chills that he seemed reduced to nothing. He called in doctors, he multiplied baths, he used many medicines, but none of these things could give him relief. But one day, in the presence of a priest, he made a vow in order that St Francis might give him back his former health: and so, after offering prayers to the Saint, he presently found his former health restored.
- + At Castel della Pieve was a poor beggar-boy who had been entirely deaf and dumb from birth. Now his tongue was so extremely short that it seemed to several who had examined him many times as if

it had been cut off. One evening he came to the house of a man of the same place who was called Mark and asked for shelter by signs, as the dumb are wont to do, for he leaned his head sideways on his hand so as to make the man understand that he wanted to lodge with him that night. The man gladly received him into his house and willingly kept him with him, for the boy was a competent servant. He was a sharp boy, for though deaf and dumb from the cradle he understood by signs all he was told to do. When the man and his wife were at supper one night and the boy was waiting on them, the man said to her, "I should consider it the greatest of miracles, if blessed Francis gave hearing and speech to this boy." And he added, "I vow to the Lord God that if blessed Francis shall deign work this, I will for his sake hold this boy most dear and provide for him all his life long." When the vow was finished, wondrous to relate, the boy spoke straightway and said, "St Francis lives," and then looking behind him, he said, "I see St. Francis standing up there and he is coming to give me speech." And he added, "What therefore shall I say to the people?" Mark replied, "You shall praise the Lord and shall save many men." Then Mark arose in great joy and exultation and published before all men what had been done. All who had seen the boy speechless before ran together, and, filled with admiration and amazement, gave humble praise to God and blessed Francis. The boy's tongue grew and became fit for speech, and he began to utter properly formed words as if he had always spoken.

- + There was a lad at the fortress of Greccio who had lost his hearing, his memory, and his speech, nor could he understand or perceive anything. But his parents, having great trust in St Francis, made a vow to him with humble devotion on behalf of the lad; and when the vow had been fulfilled he was richly endowed by the favor of the most holy and glorious father Francis with all the senses he had lacked.

To the praise, glory, and honor of Jesus Christ our Lord whose kingdom and empire endures firm and immovable throughout all ages. Amen.

L A S T W E E K

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (9 Jan 2022)
offering is posted on parish bulletin board.

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 22 (Sat), 5:30 PM St John Neumann Parishioners
Jan 23 (Sun), 10:00 AM Don Vanecek (req. by Sue Willard)

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

23 Jan, SUNDAY — 2nd Week of Ordinary Time

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

24 Jan, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

25 Jan, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

26 Jan, WEDNESDAY

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

27 Jan, THURSDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

28 Jan, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

29 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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Tune in and live your daily life through the lens of God's word!

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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PARISH NEWS

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Text > "SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576 (message and data rates may apply)

— TAX NOTICE —

If you would like a statement of your 2021 contributions to the parish, please fill out the CONTRIBUTIONS REQUEST CARD (located alongside the bulletins in the foyer) and place it in the collection basket. You can also request a statement by emailing us your:

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

— AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. This past quarter (Jul-Sep) we received \$81.93 from the AmazonSmile Foundation. To participate, go to:

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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