

**January 16, 2022**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## *St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Church*

A Parish of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

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### **HOLY EUCHARIST (THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS)**

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:00 AM

***Sunday and Holy Day Masses will continue to be livestreamed, along with the Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning Masses.***

Holy Days of Obligation: As Announced in Bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration: Will resume soon.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM and by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally the first Sunday of the month.

**MATRIMONY:** Please contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of desired date and prior to making any arrangements for the wedding reception. Weddings are celebrated on Saturdays.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please contact the Coordinator of Religious Education (410-208-2854) for information. Confirmation is conferred in the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

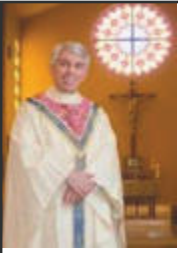
**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please inform the Parish Office about parishioners who need this sacrament as soon as their illness becomes serious.

**HOLY ORDERS:** If you believe you are being called by God to serve the Church as a Catholic priest, please contact Father Norman Carroll, Director of Vocations (302-573-3113) or speak to the Pastor; if you believe you are being called to the Diaconate, please call Rev. John Grasing (302-573-2390).

**SACRAMENTALS:** For the renewal of marriage vows and the blessing of homes, religious articles, automobiles, boats, and other appropriate items, please contact the Pastor.

***Please take this bulletin home with you.  
Do not leave it in the pew. Thank You.***

## SAINT JOHN NEUMANN ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

This past week the Diocese of Wilmington issued updated guidelines in response to the rising numbers of positive Covid-19 cases in our area. I present them below with my own notes in red:

Clergy and volunteers are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED**, to obtain COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. I, Deacon Charlie and Deacon Dave have all been fully vaccinated (at least by today's definition) and have received our boosters. Clergy who assist from time to time have also been fully vaccinated.

Clergy and Liturgical ministers at all parishes are encouraged to wear masks, except when speaking publicly. While the Diocese is "encouraging" this, I am asking that all our liturgical ministers see this as a "directive." Only the presiding priest will be exempt, since he is speaking throughout most of the Mass.

Parishes are to encourage all attendees to be masked while attending Mass. I realize that many of you have begun to wear masks in church again, even though it has not been required. For the time being, I think that's a prudent decision. For those who have not been wearing a mask at Mass, whether you are vaccinated or not, I encourage you to start wearing a mask inside the church building.

Mass attendees over the age of 5 who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 **must** wear a mask. This is serious guidance from the Diocese, and I urge you to take it seriously. If you are not vaccinated, you must wear a mask while inside the church building. This also applies to unvaccinated children ages 5 and up. Children under the age of 5 do not need to wear a mask.

No parish should be checking the vaccine status of those attending Mass, but rely on the individual's compliance with these guidelines. In other words, we depend on you to honor the diocese's protocols.

Ministries and non-liturgical parish activities should be carefully evaluated and, if possible, held virtually or with limited contact. This effort includes third-party use of facilities, such as Scouts, community groups, etc. Parishes should consider rescheduling in-person social gatherings scheduled for January or February to later in the year. At least through the end of February, there will be no meetings held on our property. The church will be open for sacraments and for prayer.

Parishes should carefully evaluate the safety of continuing with choirs. If parishes determine the choir can safely perform, then their use should continue. If a parish deems it unwise to continue with choirs, then only a single cantor should be used. For the time being, we will continue with the ministry of a single cantor at each weekend Mass.

Clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must carefully adhere to proper hand sanitization following the distribution of communion on the tongue. At the same time, I am asking that all people who receive Holy Communion at Mass consider receiving in the hands. When a person receives on the tongue, the minister must then pause the line in order to sanitize his or her hands. Sometimes several people in a row receive on the tongue; please consider the minister and the effects of repeated sanitizing on his/her hands. Also consider the stress you might be putting on the minister who has no idea whether or not you are vaccinated or have momentarily non-apparent symptoms. We are living in strange times – but they are temporary. Please help us out. The choice remains yours.

Parishes may continue to make holy water available in fonts. We're ahead of the game here; in April of 2021 we installed "touchless" Holy Water dispensers.

Filled hand sanitizing dispensers should be available at entrances. You'll find sanitizer near the main entrances of the church. All the same, I encourage you to bring your own small bottles of sanitizer, if possible, and use that. If you are out shopping and see a good deal on hand sanitizer – and would like to buy and donate some to the parish – feel welcome to do so.

Clergy should be mindful about social distancing and hand shaking when greeting parishioners before and after Mass. We are a warm and affectionate parish, and many of us are in the habit of greeting each other with an embrace. For the time being, let's hold off on that. In addition, as a temporary measure we will not observe the optional "exchange of peace." I will still offer you the peace of the Lord, and you will still offer it back to me, but for the time being members of the Assembly will not exchange it with each other. This is temporary. Now, a word about holding hands during the "Our Father": Over a year ago, this liturgically incorrect practice was abandoned in the Diocese of Wilmington. We announce that before every weekend Mass. Still, there's a bit of hand-holding that still takes place. I usually assume that this is being done by people who have come in late and have not heard the announcements before the beginning of Mass. Please do not hold hands during the Lord's Prayer; at that moment, we are focusing on Our Father and not on each other. Holding hands causes our bodies to be acting differently from what our souls and voices are trying to do.

Parishes may wish to consider devoting a section of the pews for those who would prefer socially distanced seating, reserving every other pew, etc. **With the current number of people attending each Mass, there seems to be sufficient space for people who wish to remain socially distant, especially towards the front of the church (hint).**

Each parish should effectively communicate safety measures to parishioners and visitors. **I'm publishing this in our bulletin this weekend and have sent it out to participants in our "remind.com" system already. Copies will also be available in the Gathering Space.**

Please pray for our bishop and for all our priests and deacons. A number of our priests have recently had to deal with Covid-19 themselves, along with other health-related issues. Given the small size of our presbyterate, this can be seriously problematic, especially in a year when one of our relatively young pastors is on medical leave and another has recently been deployed to Qatar for military service. Pray for an increase in priestly vocations, too, as well as for relief from this virus.

God bless you, always!

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS  
Pastor

**Masses for the Week**

<b>Saturday, 15 January</b> 4:00 PM	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday, 16 January</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Robert Lowe Troopers of 101 <sup>st</sup> Airborne, Pathfinder 160 <sup>th</sup> Division Don Ragsdale, Patrick Bohan, Ron Reynolds, Thomas Kukowski, Dave Winkle and Guy Fearn
<b>Monday, 17 January</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Saint Anthony, Abbot</b> Eva Ledsinger
<b>Tuesday, 18 January</b> 9:00 AM	Vincent Dannes
<b>Friday, 21 January</b> 9:00 AM	<b>Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</b> James Michael Higgins
<b>Saturday, 22 January</b> 4:00 PM	William C. Fanning
<b>Sunday, 23 January</b> 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> People of the Parish Richard Hill

Offertory Collection for January 8/9

Envelopes: \$12,747

Second Collection: \$1,028

The *Second Collection* this weekend, January 16<sup>th</sup>, is for the Catholic University and Catholic Communications.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

The parish office will be closed **Monday, January 17, 2022** in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.**

**WEEKLY READINGS**

Readings for the week of January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/  
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/  
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/  
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11,  
12-13/ Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5 -  
7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1  
Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



This week the Tabernacle Candle is burning for the intention of the Palecko Family.



**RAFFLE WINNER**

We congratulate Deanna Lowe of Berlin, MD who was the winner of \$200 on January 10, 2022.



**Prayer to My Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love entrusts me here,  
ever this day be at my side  
to light, to guard, to rule and guide.

Angel sent by God to guide me,  
be my light and walk beside me;  
be my guardian and protect me;  
on the path of life direct me.



**Entrance Antiphon**

Mode 1 Ps 66 (65): 4 · GR, RM

All the earth shall bow down be-fore you, O God, and  
shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

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**Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**First Reading:** Is 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 96 (95): 3;  $\Psi$  1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 · L

*Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.*

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12: 4-11

Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophecy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

**Gospel:** Jn 2: 1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from —although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

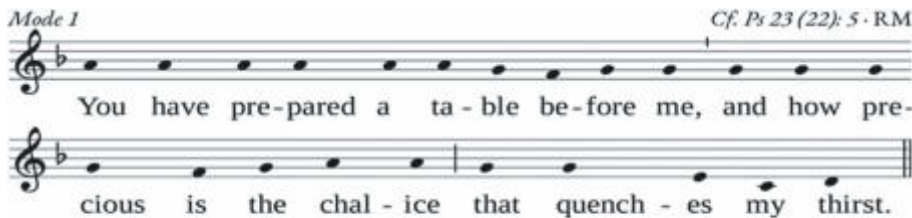


**The Profession of Faith:**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Communion Antiphon:

Mode 1 Cf. Ps 23 (22): 5 · RM



You have pre-pared a ta-ble be-fore me, and how pre-cious is the chal-ice that quench-es my thirst.

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*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*



1. Songs of thank-ful-ness and praise,  
 2. Man-i-fest at Jor-dan's stream,  
 3. Sun and moon shall dark-ened be,

1. Je-sus, Lord, to Thee we raise, Man-i-fest-ed  
 2. Proph-et, Priest, and King su-preme; And at Ca-na,  
 3. Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee, Christ will then like

1. by the star To the sa-ges from a-far;  
 2. wed-ding guest, In Thy God-head man-i-fest;  
 3. light-ning shine, All will see His glo-rious sign:

1. Branch of roy-al Da-vid's stem In Thy birth at  
 2. Man-i-fest in pow'r di-vine, Chang-ing wa-ter  
 3. All will then the trum-pet hear; All will see the

1. Beth-le-hem; An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed,  
 2. in-to wine; An-thems be to Thee ad-dressed,  
 3. Judge ap-pear; Thou by all wilt be con-fessed,

1. God in man made man-i-fest.  
 2. God in man made man-i-fest.  
 3. God in man made man-i-fest.

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**An Act of Spiritual Communion:** My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



**Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Saint Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,  
by the power of God cast into hell  
Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl throughout the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.



**2022 50/50 RAFFLE  
52 Chances to Win in 2022!**

**Thank you** to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. Tickets can still be purchased at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Also, there are packets (12 tickets/packet) and individual tickets with return envelopes available in the gathering area. Drawings take place every Monday throughout the year. All proceeds benefit Parish Religious Education Programs. We are grateful for your support! **Tickets are 1 for \$20, 3 for \$50, 7 for \$100 or 12 for \$150.**

 **Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the family and friends of Rosemary Purcell and Thomas Sullivan who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER AND MASS**

The best way to be informed about weather-related cancellations of Masses or other parish events is to sign up for St. John Neumann’s “Remind.com” service. This allows the Pastor to send out important notifications by email or by text to everyone who participates. In the event of inclement weather, you can also call the main parish number (410-208-2956) and select **Option 3** (Church Closing Due to Inclement Weather) to find out if Mass has been cancelled; a recorded message will alert you to that cancellation. In addition, you can check the parish website ([www.stjohnneumannrcc.com](http://www.stjohnneumannrcc.com)).



**Religious Education:** Parents remember to stay updated on the remind app.



**REMEMBERING THE SICK  
OF THE PARISH**

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Christine Kaufman, Paul Krieger, Joanne Lohrey, Rose Mary McAleer, Ed Nichols, Bill Novy, Jim Ward, Darlene Ward, Mary Weber, Mary Whitcomb and all those whose names appear on the *Parish List of the Sick*. If you would like someone added to the *Parish List of the Sick*, send your request to **sjnprayforus@gmail.com**. Privacy protocols require you to obtain permission before submitting a name other than your own.

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