

January 23, 2022 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 8th 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,

The Diocese of Wilmington is one of only five dioceses in the United States that have territory in more than one state.

The Diocese of Cheyenne covers the state of Wyoming along with parts of Yellowstone National Park that actually fall in Montana and Idaho.

The Archdiocese of Washington contains five of Maryland's counties (Calvert, Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's and Saint Mary's) in addition to the District of Columbia.

The Diocese of Norwich comprises four counties in Connecticut (Middlesex, New London, Windham and Tolland) and Fishers Island (in New York's Suffolk County).

The Diocese of Gallup is made up of four counties of New Mexico (San Juan, McKinley, Cibola, and Catron), parts of four other counties in that same state (Rio Arriba, Sandoval, Bernalillo, and Valencia), and two counties in Arizona (Navajo and Apache) which are mostly Native American reservations.

So what makes a diocese a diocese? It's simply an ecclesiastical district under the supervision of a bishop appointed by the Holy Father.

Each diocese is divided geographically (for the most part) into parishes. A microcosm of the Body of Christ, the parish is a community, a home, a source of nourishment, a place of comfort, a port in the storm and a light in the darkness. Doubtless other descriptions are applicable.

Each parish in our Diocese is led by a pastor, a priest whom the Bishop assigns to tend to the spiritual well-being of the parishioners and other responsibilities. Each parish also has two "lay trustees." These are people elected by their fellow parishioners to serve one-year terms as legal representatives of the parish, along with the pastor, the Bishop, and an appointee of the Bishop. Elections for lay trustees generally occur in January each year. This past year, John Cosentino and Connie Rutherford served St. John Neumann parish as trustees.

In order to prepare for the 2022 trustee election, I'm asking for your help. If you are interested in submitting your name or the name of another registered parishioner for the trustee ballot, please call Marilyn Low in the Parish Office by Thursday morning, 27 January. A ballot will be published the weekend of 6 February and the election will take place the following weekend.

Thanks in advance for your help.

May God bless you, now and always!

Rev. Joseph MPR Cocucci, KHS Pastor

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ONGOING HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS

Please remember that if you feel ill staying home is perfectly acceptable and, in fact, can be an act of charity towards our other parishioners. In that same spirit, please cover your mouth while coughing or sneezing. Mass attendees over the age of 5 who are not vaccinated for COVID-19 must wear a mask; all others are encouraged to be masked while attending Mass. Thank you.

Masses for the Week

Saturday, 22 January

4:00 PM William C. Fanning Sunday, 23 January THIRD SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM People of the Parish 11:00 AM Richard Hill

Monday, 24 January Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop,

Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of

the Ponzio Family

Tuesday, 25 January THE CONVERSION OF SAINT

PAUL THE APOSTLE

9:00 AM Tom Lears

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Friday, 28 January

Doctor of the Church Vincent Briana Simmons

9:00 AM Saturday, 29 January

> 4:00 PM Jennie Messana

Sunday, 30 January FOURTH SUNDAY IN

ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Robert Freeman 11:00 AM People of the Parish

This week the Tabernacle Candle is burning for the intention of Tony Smith.





Offertory Collection for January 15/16 **Envelopes: \$7,814** Second Collection: \$682

The Second Collection this weekend, January 23rd, is our Fuel Offering.

RAFFLE WINNER



We congratulate Joe Castagna of Ocean City, MD who was the winner of \$200 on January 17, 2022.

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WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022 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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-

30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/ Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk

4:21-30

Prayer For the Gift of Life

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy.

> We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the family and friends of Agnes Kollar who passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all thefaithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

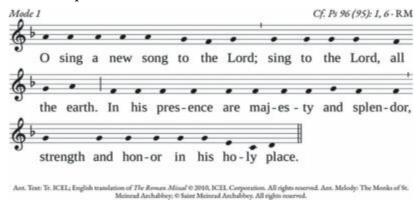
Prayer to My Guardian Angel

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



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: Neh 8: 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it —for he was standing higher up than any of the people—; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep"— for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

Responsorial Psalm: Cf. Jn 6: 63c; V Ps 19 (18): 8, 9, 10, 15 · L *Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

Gospel: Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.

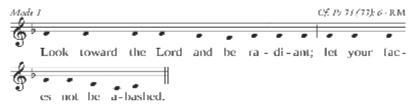
Gospel: Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21 (cont.)

He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

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:



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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.

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: Christine Kaufman, 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.

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).



From the desk of Trinette Stillman, Principal...

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- Excellent team leadership, interpersonal, and organizational skills.
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment.

Interested individuals should send a cover letter and resume to: tstillman@mbscs.org or Most Blessed Sacrament Catholic School, Attn: Trinette Stillman, Principal.



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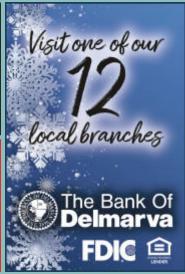


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