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NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome! Please stop by the parish office during our regular business hours to register. Registration forms can also be found on our website, sjnohio.com. We look forward to meeting you.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00AM

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 6:30PM

WEEKEND

4:00PM VIGIL MASS

SUNDAY

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM, AND 5:00PM (LIFETEEN)

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 5:30PM– 6:15PM

SATURDAY 9:00AM– 10:00AM

Parish OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00am –5:00pm

Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Call Parish Office

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesdays 9:30AM–6:15PM

BAPTISM: Celebrated the first and third Sunday of the month following the 11:30am Mass. Baptism Classes are every other month and are held on a Wednesday evening. Call the Parish Office for more information, or to register.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Weddings: Saturdays 1:00pm . The prospective bride and groom must make arrangements with one of the priests/deacons at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding.

FUNERAL: Please call the Parish Office

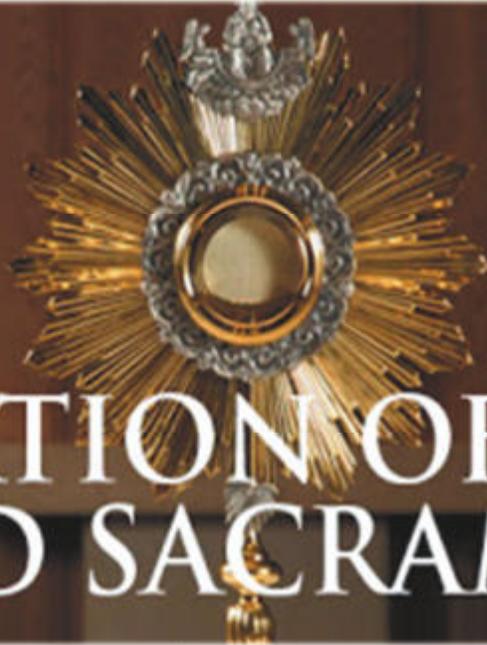
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday at noon. Kristen@sjnohio.com.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe November 22, 2020

Please join us for an evening of Adoration and Reflection to begin the Season of Advent

November 29th at 6:30pm
in the Church

LifeTeen Band to accompany Adoration.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASSES— NOVEMBER 21-22

Saturday

4:00pm.....Maria Baeli

Sunday

8:30amJohn & Pauline Perz

10:00am.....Lydia Rutti

11:30amRyan Brubeck

5:00pm.....Youth of our Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES— NOVEMBER 23-27

Monday

9:00am.....Thomas Russell

Tuesday

9:00am.....Ausflug & Maurer Families

6:30pmThomas Kowalski

Wednesday

9:00amCharles Arko

Thursday Thanksgiving

9:00am.....Mary Bruder

Thomas Nichols

Friday

9:00am.....Thomas Nichols

WEEKEND MASSES— NOVEMBER 28-29

Saturday

4:00pm.....Edwin & Helen Eink

Sunday

8:30amFlannery & Winter Families

10:00am.....John McConnell

11:30amDaniel DeLorenzo

5:00pm.....Youth of our Parish



Please keep these individuals in your thoughts and prayers.

- * FRANK HOPKINS * BOB SKULLY
- * GINNY KRIVOS * FATHER JOE MAMICH
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- * DIANE STEGMEIER * LEO POTONIC



THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26th, 2020

9am Mass at St John Neumann



A Mass will be offered on December 3, 2020 at 9:00 AM for all deceased members of the Legion of Mary. All are welcome.



Offertory Collection

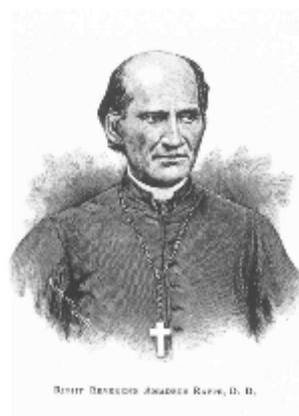
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Thank you for your generosity.

GUEST COLUMNIST

Father Patrick Spicer

This month of November, we are invited to pray for the dead and to offer our prayers to help those souls in Purgatory. Here at our Parish of Saint John Neumann, we have the names of all those who have gone on to our Lord near the Shrine to Our Blessed Mother. Its remarkably peaceful there. There is something powerful in the simplest things we can prayerfully do for the faithful departed. Lighting a Vigil and candle and visiting our loved ones at the cemetery are sacred Catholic traditions and speak to the power of Hope. In the spirit of this time of remembrance I would like to briefly discuss the very first bishop of Cleveland.



Louis Amadeus Rappe was born on February 2, 1801 in an area in Northern France near the German border. He was a farmer through and through, but suddenly entered the seminary later in life and was ordained to the priesthood in 1829. Father Rappe's first five years in his new vocation brought him to the Ursuline Convent. This was only a few miles from his hometown. Nevertheless, in the spirit of so many French missionaries before he and his generation, came to serve the people in America sailing out of Antwerp and landing in NYC sometime in 1839. He knew no English and so cleverly listened to the people while travelling the roads and the ships travelling America's elaborate canal systems. Finally, after arriving in Cincinnati a year later and was sent to Chillicothe (first capital of Ohio) where he gained a sufficient command of the language. It was April 23, 1847 when Rappe was appointed the first bishop of the newly created Diocese of Cleveland.

Its remarkable to think that someone could leave everything behind and never return to what was home. I wonder if he ever reflected on those words of Christ in Matthew's Gospel, "*Foxes have dens and the birds of the skies have their nests, yet the Son of Man has no where to lay his head.*"



Our first Confirmation Prep Night was held last week, marking the first step on their Confirmation journey! Father Barry spoke to the confirmandi, and then they participated in small group discussion. When asked how excited they were on a scale of 1 to 10 for Confirmation, they were brutally honest! One commented stated a 4 because she said, "It feels more like work, and I don't have a good understanding of it". Another person chose an 8 because she's excited to take the next step of her faith and develop a better relationship with Jesus. We expect a wide variety of answers, but we will work hard to meet their needs and help them to gain a better understanding of the sacrament. Father Barry concluded his talk with a chocolate milk analogy. What happens when you pour chocolate syrup into the milk? You must stir it in order to make it a true glass of chocolate milk. In the same way, we must stir the gifts of the Holy Spirit into action. When asked about this analogy, one middle schooler said, "after you get confirmed, you need to get 'stirred up' and go out and use your gifts and talents".

Thanksgiving Dinner Drive



Thank you to all of the people who donated dinners for our 11th annual Thanksgiving Dinner Drive! Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 350 dinners. The dinners were donated to the following places:

161—Strongsville Food Bank 70—St. Boniface Food Bank 82—LaSagrada Familia Parish
1—St. Vincent DePaul 36—Catholic Charities

Thank you to all of the volunteers without whose help this project would not be possible! Thank you to those who encouraged sign-ups after mass, to those who came on November 15th to help organize and load, to the many 8th graders who helped in various ways and to all of the drivers who transported the dinners to the Strongsville Food Bank. Your presence and help are always vital to the success this event. Your help, generosity and support mean so much! Thank you!!



As Kelly Kling, coordinator of the Strongsville Food Bank wrote, "Thank you to all of the angels at SJN parish. These families are able to enjoy a nice Thanksgiving dinner during this difficult time in which we are living!"

We felt very blessed to be a part of the Thanksgiving Dinner Food Drive this past Sunday. We would like to recognize and say a huge thank you to Ann Marie, the parishioners of St. John Neumann, all of the eighth graders and volunteers who made this drive successful. In the past, we have donated dinners, but had never been a part of the collection and distribution piece. As we entered the LAC Sunday morning, we had no preconceived notion of what this entailed. We just knew we were going to be working hard to organize dinners for those in need. Wow, what an eye opening experience! First, as always, Ann Marie had things very organized. Second, we were very impressed with the middle schoolers. They worked so hard braving the elements, smiling, not complaining; and making it look easy. The inside volunteers worked as a well-oiled machine; receiving the food, packaging the dinners, and placing the boxes in the correct spot for delivery. It was an absolute privilege to volunteer with these amazing people. Third, and most importantly, what absolutely blew us away was the generosity of the parishioners. St. John Neumann parishioners went above and beyond the requested items for the "Thanksgiving Meals". We all know 2020 has been a very different year, harder for some more than others. This willingness to help others in need was extremely evident in the donation of these dinners. We were absolutely blown away and incredibly touched by what we witnessed in the donations. When we volunteered, we knew we would be helping others. What we did not realize was how much the response from the parishioners would touch our hearts. We walked away yesterday with a very warm and wonderful feeling. God is Good and it was evident yesterday in amazing ways.

Bob and Shelle Campbell





STS. JOSEPH AND JOHN PRESCHOOL PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Beginning December 1st, Sts. Joseph and John Preschool will be accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. At this time, there are openings in both the 3 and 4 year-old programs.

The 3-year-old program meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am-10:30am (morning session) and 11:15am-1:45pm (afternoon session). The 3-year-old children must be three years old by August 31, 2021 as well as potty-trained.

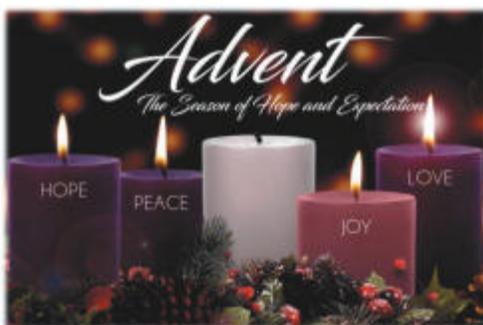
The 4-year-old children must be four years old by August 31, 2021 as well as potty-trained. The 4-year-old program meets on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00am-10:30am (morning session) and 11:15am-1:45pm (afternoon session).

Registration begins December 1st. Please go to our website at sjjschool.org to submit an application. Go to the Admissions tab and choose Register Now to create your account. Please contact Leah Armstrong at larmstrong@sjjschool.org or at 440-238-4877 ext. 101 with any questions.

Advent and Christmas Prayer Intention Ornaments

Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? Let us pray with you. You are invited to write a prayer intention during this upcoming Advent and Christmas Season. Beginning this weekend November 21st & 22nd, you will find paper ornaments in a basket in the main church foyer. Please take one and write your petition at your convenience (either here at SJN or in your home). Return your petition the first weekend of Advent, November 28th & 29th or after, to the large basket the in church foyer.

We will read a special petition at our daily and weekend masses during the Advent and Christmas season.



The season of Advent is fast approaching. It is a wonderfully meaningful time in the Church. However, this year certainly will be different as together we cope with the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. All of us have been experiencing changes at Mass and other liturgical and spiritual activities due to our need to be physically distant and safe in parish gatherings. With the current pandemic guidelines in place, the question remains as to how do we best prepare our parishes, our families and ourselves to celebrate Advent and Christmas with complete intention?

With this in mind, the Diocese of Cleveland is preparing a special resource page on its website, dioceseofcleveland.org, to offer everyone a variety of user-friendly material aimed at helping to make this Advent and Christmas meaningful.

This new webpage will provide educational, formational and liturgical materials to be used by families and individuals to deepen their preparation and appreciation of the birth of Christ. In addition, information about how to connect with livestreamed and on-demand Masses will be available as will inspirational resources to help us fully enter into this holy season and better prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with a welcoming heart.

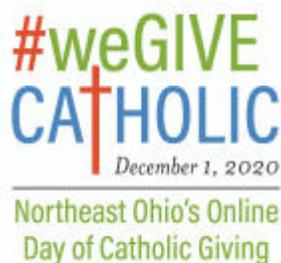
Watch for the new Advent/Christmas resources page posted on the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org, during the week of Nov. 23.



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Sts. Joseph and John School
will be participating in
WeGiveCatholic on Tuesday
December 1st. Please support
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From 12:00am -11:59pm,
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Your donation would be greatly appreciated.



The Saint John Neumann's Saint Vincent De Paul Society works in our parish community giving assistance to people on a temporary basis when emergencies occur or a need exists. All of our help is completely confidential and we are especially here to help families in our parish. If you need help or know of someone who could use our assistance, please call the parish office and a member of our team will reach out. The funds for this are provided by your donations through the "Helping Those in Need In Our Parish Community and the Diocese" envelope in our monthly envelope packet. We thank you for these donations because without them, our work would not be possible. God Bless You!



Since the Food Bank is not currently allowed to accept donations from large food drives, we thought it would be helpful to inform you of their needs so you can drop

off donations at your convenience while still helping the food bank. The food bank is most in need of cereal, canned vegetables and peanut butter and jelly. The food bank is open Tuesday through Thursday from 9:30am until 11am to accept your donations. Please do not bring items to the parish or parish offices, all items go directly to food bank.

MARTHA'S MEAL MINISTRY

Do you, or does someone you know, need help getting dinner on the table? Or ... do you like to cook? Martha's Meals is an outreach program that provides home-cooked meals to parishioners during times of need (surgery, illness, etc.) Meals are available on a short-term or ongoing basis, depending upon circumstances. We work around the schedules of our volunteers and our recipients! For more information, please contact Kelly Close at 216-650-5576 or keclose22@hotmail.com



Advent begins November 29th, 2020. The new *Today's Missals* are available in the church main foyer beginning this weekend November 21st & 22nd. We ask that each family only take **one** at this time to ensure enough for all. The copy that you take is yours to keep and bring to mass each week. Thank you!



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