

# St. John Neumann

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Mass:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 7:30, 9:00, 10:30a.m, 12:00, & 5:00pm

**Weekday Masses:** Monday - Friday 9:00am

**Evening Masses:** Tuesday & Thursday 6:30pm

## **CONFESSION**

Saturday 4:00–4:30 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30pm–6:15pm

**PARISH OFFICE:** 440-238-1770

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

M-F 9am –5pm & Sat. 9am– 12Noon

**Anointing of the Sick:** Parish Office to schedule

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesday 9:30a.m.–6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

**Baptism:** Celebrated the first and third Sunday of the month at 1:15 p.m. Baptism Classes are every other month on a Wednesday evening. Call the Parish Office for more information, or to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Weddings: Saturdays 1:00p.m. 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. Please email request to [Kristen@sjnohio.com](mailto:Kristen@sjnohio.com).

## *Second Sunday of Lent*

### *March 17, 2019*

Greetings,

"While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."

Sometimes we take for granted the power of prayer. Why does prayer seem to be so difficult? Many of us hope for some sort of change when we pray. Jesus shows us how transformative true union with the Father through prayer can be.

The main obstacle to effective prayer is preparation. How so? Do we prepare for prayer like a general preparing his army for battle? If this sounds strange consider these words on prayer from the Catechism which I have taken from the section on Christian prayer:

"Prayer is both a gift of grace and a determined response on our part. It always presupposed effort. The great figures of prayer of the Old Covenant before Christ, as well as the Mother of God, the saints, and he himself, all teach us this: prayer is a battle. Against whom? Against ourselves and against the wiles of the tempter who does all he can to turn man away from prayer, away from union with God. We pray as we live, because we live as we pray. If we do not want to act habitually according to the spirit of Christ, neither can we pray habitually in his name. The "spiritual battle" of the Christians new life us inseparable from the battle of prayer." (2725)

During this time of Lent we are called to focus our attention on prayer, fasting and almsgiving, these three pillars of Lent are meant to prepare our hearts for the Resurrection. Let us recommit ourselves to putting forth a greater "presupposed effort" to strengthening our conversation with our Lord through prayer!

God Bless,

*Father Barry*

### Treat your family to a **Lenten Family Night Out**

#### **Evening Prayer & The Strongsville Family Rosary**

The perfect way to strengthen your family, our Church and our Country. Make this Lent the best Lent ever. Protect your family, reform our society. Join in this powerful prayer to our Powerful Lady. How powerful? Our Lady of Guadalupe brought about the conversion of millions of Native Americans practically over night. She can do the same now for our Church and Country. She can form our families into holy families imitating The Holy Family.



**Thursday, March 21, 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Adoration Chapel**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS

### WEEKEND MASSES March 16-17

<b>Saturday</b>	
4:00pm .....	Reconciliation
5:00pm .....	David Weber
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30am .....	Parishioners
9:00am .....	Rozalia Shyjka
10:30am .....	Ruth & Donald Given
12:00pm .....	Priest Intention
5:00pm .....	Youth of our Parish

### WEEKDAY MASSES— March 18-22

<b>Monday</b>	
8:30am .....	Chapel—Rosary
9:00am .....	Leonarda Duane
<b>Tuesday</b>	
8:30am .....	Chapel—Rosary
9:00am .....	RoseAnn Gonnella
6:30pm .....	Agnes Gatz
<b>Wednesday</b>	
8:30am .....	Chapel—Rosary
9:00am .....	Josephine Lantz
<b>Thursday</b>	
8:30am .....	Chapel—Rosary
9:00am .....	Bernard Heiman
5:30pm .....	Reconciliation
6:30pm .....	Robert & Cynthia Golias
<b>Friday</b>	
8:30am .....	Chapel—Rosary
9:00am .....	Ryan Brubeck
9:30am .....	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
7:00pm .....	Stations of the Cross

### WEEKEND MASSES March 23-24

<b>Saturday</b>	
4:00pm .....	Reconciliation
5:00pm .....	Stephen L. Ragan
<b>Sunday</b>	
7:30am .....	Parishioners
9:00am .....	Jackie & Sam Vittardi
10:30am .....	Robert Blatnica
12:00pm .....	Christopher Celebrezze
5:00pm .....	Youth of Parish



Bev & Tom Stuckey, Jackie Reilly, Cynthia Klein, Frank Mangione, Bill Altstadt, Alex Rohde, Art Blanc, Jack

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**Eucharistic Adoration:** Tuesdays after 9 am Mass and concludes with Benediction at 6:15 pm. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed in our Chapel, all are welcome to spend some time in adoration praising Our Lord for so many blessings, and asking for help, guidance, and inspiration for ourselves and others! In the plastic holders in the back of the Chapel are small prayer folders entitled "Eucharistic Adoration: A Gift of Love" available for you to give to someone you're praying for. Please take advantage of this opportunity to let others know you're praying for them and their intentions!

## PRAY AND HEAL WITH US.....

### AVILA VOCATION HOLY HOUR

We meet the first Monday of the Month at 9am. We pray for vocations and pray the rosary. All are invited to attend.

**HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY:** Prayer Teams after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the first Saturday of the month and after 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. The Prayer Team will pray for you and your special needs.

**HEALING PRAYER BY APPOINTMENT:** If you desire deeper healing, are homebound, or unable to be prayed with after Mass, contact Mrs. Sandy Zorn, CPM, at [sandy@sjnohio.com](mailto:sandy@sjnohio.com) or call the parish office to make an appointment.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER:** The last Wednesday of the month in the Chapel at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray for needs as expressed through the Intercessory Prayer books and the website. The next intercessory Holy Hour is scheduled for March 27, 2019

### FACING CANCER THROUGH PRAYER :

All are welcome to come pray for cancer patients, survivors & caregiver. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the Meeting Rooms. We come together to pray for courage, hope and the peace that only God can give to those afflicted with this frightening disease. Prayers are located in the back of the Chapel for anyone that would like to pray at home for someone touched by cancer.



As you know, St John Neumann recently held our Parish Mission, to kick start our Lenten journey. We are blessed to have heard Sister Miriam Heiland S.O.L.T., speak to us on *Encountering the Heart of Christ, Hope and Healing in our Lenten Season*. Sister Miriam has graciously shared

with us her Forgiveness Meditation that we were guided through on the second evening. The meditation can be found on our website ([sjnohio.com](http://sjnohio.com)). Also, on our site you will find a link to Youtube, where all three evening's talks can be viewed. Sister Miriam referenced two books during her visit, they are: *Be Healed* by Dr. Bob Schuchts. & *Searching for and Maintaining Peace* by Jacques Philippe. Enjoy!



Come Pray the Rosary to end Abortion.  
Be a part of praying the Rosary in front of  
Planned Parenthood.

199550 Rockside Rd. Bedford, Ohio  
Saturdays in Lent at 2:00pm.

Questions call Harry Reagan GK  
(with SJN Knights of Columbus) 440-821-6520



## FAITH FORMATION PSR/EDGE

**Parish School of Religion (P.S.R.): Grades 1–5** meet at Saints Joseph & John School every Monday 6:30–8:00 p.m.  
**Edge: Grades 6–8** meet at St. John Neumann Church in the La Rocca Activity Center every Mon. from 6:45–8:15 p.m.

### PSR/EDGE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY:

March 18<sup>th</sup>: PSR/Edge

March 25<sup>th</sup>: No PSR/Edge (Strongsville's Spring Break)

### Going Deeper Events:

Students should participate in two different "Going Deeper Events". Here are the offerings for the month of March:

March, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:15: Adoration (Chapel)

March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00: Intercessory Prayer Group Holy Hour (Chapel)

### Thank you!! Thank you!! Thank you!!

Our middle schoolers would like to thank all of the parishioners who donated to our recent request for snack items, hand warmers and Ziploc bags and containers. Your generosity was **amazing** and allowed us to do all of the following:

- ✓ 75 Blessings Bags and 87 sandwiches and minestrone soup, celery and carrot sticks to feed 75 people for Catholic Worker Storefront
- ✓ 75 Ham sandwiches for Malachi
- ✓ 236 treat bags (filled with lots of goodies!) for Catholic Worker Storefront and Strongsville Food Bank
- ✓ 45 containers of chili for Strongsville Food Bank

Thank you again for helping us create this worthwhile service project. Your generosity will help others to know that they are loved!



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word provides an opportunity for preschool age children through those in second grade to develop an appreciation of the Word of God. This year CLOW will be offered on Sundays during the 10:30 am Mass. Children will be invited to the Gathering Room following the Introductory Rite and return at the Offering. If you have questions, please contact Michele Resek at [micheleresek@yahoo.com](mailto:micheleresek@yahoo.com).

No CLOW April 21, Last CLOW April 28



If you are in high school, we welcome you to SJN LT, a place where you will have the opportunity to grow in your relationship with God in a community of other teens and caring adults. We have fun, learn more about the Catholic Church, and discuss the impact of faith on all areas of a teen's life. **ALL** high school teens are welcome, regardless of church affiliation. For more information, contact [paul@sjnlifeteen.com](mailto:paul@sjnlifeteen.com).

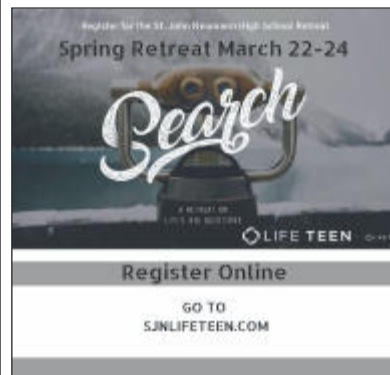
### THIS WEEKENDS LIFE NIGHT THERE IS NO LIFE NIGHT

**WHEN ARE LIFE NIGHTS?** Life Nights are Sunday's in the Gathering Room of the Church from 6pm to 8pm. They include dinner at 6pm. For a life night schedule go to our website [sjnlifeteen.com](http://sjnlifeteen.com).

### CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP (CYSC)

HUGE opportunity! Don't wait! St. John Neumann Life Teen has 17 spots for CYSC July 21-26. **Current 8th graders are welcome to join us.** High School youth groups from our area are going down to Catholic Youth Summer Camp during this week - which is going to be awesome! It will be a great week. Check out the video we posted on SJN's Facebook page and email Paul ([paul@sjnlifeteen.com](mailto:paul@sjnlifeteen.com)) if you want to reserve a spot. These spots are not easy to get. This camp is known to fill up in minutes. Help us spread the word and change the world. Thank you for your time!

### NEXT WEEKEND IS RETREAT



Registrations are now open for Spring Retreat 2019! Go to our website to register. [Sjnohio.com](http://Sjnohio.com)

### DO YOU WANT TO RECEIVE EVENT REMINDERS AND OTHER UPDATES FROM LIFE TEEN?

Sign up to be a part of our Flocknote messaging group. Flocknote will help you stay in tune with what opportunities Life Teen has for you! How can you become a part of this group? Just text sjnlt to 84576 and follow a few steps and you will be in our flock!



Instagram [lifeteen\\_sjn](https://www.instagram.com/lifeteen_sjn)

Twitter SJN Life Teen @LifeTeen\_SJN

### Up and coming events!

March 17th NO Life Night

March 22-24 - Spring Retreat

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW AS A PRAYING COMMUNITY****Monday– March 18**

10:00am.....NEP/RED– Al Anon

6:30pm.....PSR/EDGE

**Tuesday– March 19**

7:00pm.....AB-RCIA

7:00pm.....NEP-Cancer Prayer Group

7:00pm.....MAR-SC Book Club

**Wednesday–March 20**

1:00pm.....AB- Grief Share

5-8:00pm.....Evening of Confession

6:30pm.....LAR-Adult Choir

**Thursday–March 21**

9:30am.....Little Angels Room-Legion of Mary

5:30pm.....GR-Children's Choir

7:30pm.....GR-Praise &amp; Worship

7:30pm.....RED-SVDP

**Friday– March 22**

4:30-7:30pm.....LAC-Fish Fry

7:00pm.....CH-Stations of the Cross

**Sunday-March 24**

9:00am &amp; 10:30am.....CH-Prayer Teams

10:30am.....Children's Lit Word



We are Celebrating Sisters who serve in our diocese, Caring for the Caregiver & discovering more about Jesus' soul during his 3 days in the tomb. Find this and more in the current Northeast Ohio Catholic. Have you seen the new Diocesan website? Following the diocese on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram & the E-Newsletter? A great ways to stay in touch with what's happening around the diocese



Did you know that the **LEGION OF MARY** in our Parish....

- ◆ meets faithfully each week to pray and honor Mary with the Rosary and plan ways of serving?
- ◆ prays the rosary with residents from Altenheim every Monday at 4pm and brings them communion every Sunday?
- ◆ prays the rosary with residents and brings communion to the residents at Shumur Place every Friday at 10:00 am
- ◆ prays the rosary and brings communion to SouthWest Commons every Wednesday?
- ◆ prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet every Friday after 9am Mass
- ◆ visits the homebound
- ◆ visits Hospice residents

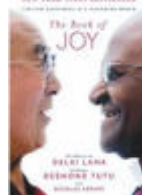
They also meet for Intercessory Prayer on the last Wednesday of the Month and attend the Avila Holy Hour for increased religious vocations on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.

We are most grateful to this faith group that often works behind the scenes bringing God's goodness and mercy to others. If you would like more information about the Legion of Mary and how to become a member, please call the Parish Office.



When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention. Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possess a power that our personal prayers do not. The Mass Intention Book for 2019 is available for scheduling, there are plenty of week day masses to be offered up for your loved one. Interested, please stop by the Parish office or call at 440-238-1770. The offering is \$10 per Mass

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**SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER****Social Concerns Book Club**

Our next book will be *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*, which documents a week long interview with the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. We will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm in the Marian Room. New members are always welcome!

**After School Program for Vulnerable Youth Looking for Help:**

The House of Champions, a ministry of three different orders of nuns, is an after school program on the near west side for vulnerable youth from St. Rocco, Urban, and Metro Catholic. Every day from 3-8pm they welcome about 8 grade school aged children and are looking for volunteers to help with homework, play with the children, and/or bring and serve dinner. Any length of time you can give is appreciated, and students, individuals and families are welcome. Contact Sr. Mary Kay Conkey, OSU at [nun4kids@yahoo.com](mailto:nun4kids@yahoo.com) or visit [houseofchampions.org](http://houseofchampions.org) for more info.



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## PARISH EVENTS

### FRIDAY FISH FRY

March 15th- April 12th 4:30pm- 7:30pm in the LAC  
Please consider volunteering, spots still open. Go to  
SJNohio.com, you will find the link to Sign up Genius.  
There you will be able to sign up.

**SJN HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** March 22-24  
**SEARCH: A Retreat on Life's Biggest Question**  
Register at [SJNLIFETEEN.COM](http://SJNLIFETEEN.COM)

### LENTEN DAY RETREAT

March 26th 9:45am & 7:00pm  
in the Gathering Room  
Movie: *I AM*  
HOSTED BY SISTER PAT  
\*No registration required



**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT**  
March 31st 11:30am-6:00pm

*Grace in the Desert*

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Graceinthedesert> or by calling the  
parish office at 440.238.1770  
RSVP by March 24th



You are personally  
invited to the  
**Evening of Confession**  
5-8 pm on Wednesday,  
March 20, 2019  
at all Catholic Churches  
in the  
Diocese of Cleveland.  
***"The joy of God is the  
joy of forgiveness."* –  
Pope Francis**

God's forgiveness, Francis said, "is a sign of his overflowing love for each of us: that love that gives us the freedom to stray, like the prodigal son, but that every day awaits our return with open arms; it is the love of the shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep; it is the tenderness with which each sinner is welcomed when he knocks at His door. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love. And his heart rejoices over every child who returns. He is celebrating because he is joy. God has this joy, when one of us sinners goes to him and asks his forgiveness... It is love of God and neighbor that brings fulfillment to all the Commandments. And this is the love of God, his joy: forgiveness. He waits for us always!"

You are invited to come and encounter  
Jesus through this Sacrament!



**THE VIKING VOICE**  
Notable News from  
Sts. Joseph & John School



Our 7th and 8th grade Power of the Pen team competed against 250 students from 21 different schools. 7th grader Samantha placed 11th out of all 7th grade writers. 8th graders Delia and Jenna placed 11th and 5th respectively out of all 8th grade writers. We are extremely proud of our students for representing SJJ so well. Great job, writers!

## START SAVING TREASURES FOR LIFE TEENS SUMMER GARAGE SALE!



### More Prayer Shawls Needed

Prayer Shawls or lap blankets are made by members of our Prayer Shawls ministry. They may be knitted, crocheted, or quilted.

They come in a variety of shapes, colors, and patterns and they are all beautiful. The person making the prayer shawl prays for the person who will eventually receive it. We hand out prayer shawls at Masses where the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is celebrated. On Friday, March 8 we gave out about 20 prayer shawls. Some went to people who came to the Mass, some went to individuals who were not able to attend, and some were taken to Altenheim. As a result many more prayer shawls are needed. If you are already part of this ministry, thank you for your work and please continue. If you would like to join this ministry, we need you. Marty Zachlin has quite a supply of yarn which has been donated for prayer shawls. If you would like to help, call or email Marty 440-238-2376 or [m615zachlin@aol.com](mailto:m615zachlin@aol.com) for more information. The prayer shawl group will meet on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm in the Abba Room. Please come if you are interested.





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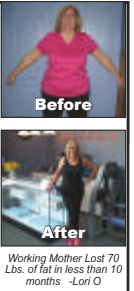
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