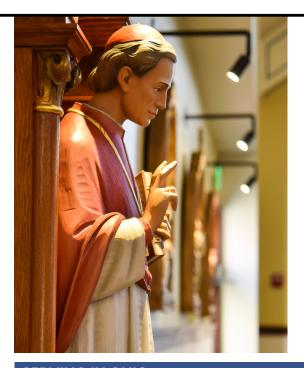


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WE CELEBRATE OUR PATRON: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, C.SSR

Feast Day: January 5



SERVING IN OHIO

In the fall of 1841, during his novice year as a Redemptorist priest, Neumann served at St. Alphonsus Church in Peru Township, Huron County, Ohio. At the parish, there is a Prayer Center located in a log cabin where Father Neumann likely celebrated Mass. When the cabin was relocated to its current site, a coin commemorating the December 8, 1854, declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary was found in the rafters. Bishop Neumann had attended the event in Rome and was likely the one to have sent the coin to the German immigrant family in Ohio. His deep devotion to Mary was one of the defining features of his spiritual life.

OUR PARISH

Our Parish is one of the first parishes to be named in his honor. Founded in 1977 as a mission parish of St. Paul in Westerville, it stands as a testament to the enduring legacy of this great saint.

HIS EARLY LIFE

John Neumann was born on March 28, 1811, in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, in what is now part of Central Europe. Though his name was German, Neumann considered himself Bohemian. His native tongue was Czech, but he learned German as a child and later became proficient in English, French, Gaelic, and Italian to better serve the immigrant populations in his ministry.

THE PRIESTHOOD

After studying for the priesthood in Europe, he was initially unable to be ordained there due to an oversupply of priests. Undeterred, he secured funds and, on February 8, 1836, left his homeland, crossing the Bohemian Forest amid snowdrifts as high as fourteen feet. On his journey, he passed through Munich, Strasbourg, Augsburg, and Paris before boarding "The Europe" in Le Havre, France. The ship reached New York Harbor on May 29, 1836, and on June 25, he was ordained a priest at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

PHILADELPHIA

During his tenure as Bishop of Philadelphia from 1852 to 1860, Neumann achieved numerous monumental accomplishments. He founded the first Catholic diocesan school system in the United States, built many parishes, established the Forty Hours devotion, wrote two catechisms, and founded a third order for women. Neumann was the first U.S. bishop and, to date, the only male U.S. citizen (naturalized in 1848) to be canonized a saint. He was officially canonized in 1977, and many miracles, particularly healings of children, have been attributed to his intercession.

After lunch on Thursday, January 5, 1860, Bishop John Neumann of Philadelphia felt unwell and decided to take a walk on a chilly winter day. Tragically, he slipped on the steps of a private residence and fell, passing away at 3:00 p.m. at the age of forty-eight. His sudden death was mourned throughout Philadelphia and by the many immigrant communities he had served, including those from Buffalo, New York; Peru Township, Ohio; Baltimore, Maryland; and beyond.

the RESCUE project

Winter Session Registration is NOW OPEN! Fewer than 100 seats remaining!

Deadline to register is January 7!

The six-week session will take place on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm, starting on January 16th, and will culminate in a final retreat on Saturday, February 22nd.

You can register at saintjohnsunbury.org or by scanning the QR code



THE MISSION OF THE 72

A ministry of active Catholics reaching out to nonactive Catholics, inviting them to rediscover their faith and return to the Church.

Would you like to reach out and invite your family members back to God's Church, but aren't sure how? Are you hesitant to take that step, worried you might alienate them, or have you tried before without success? This session is for you!

Come and See: January 25

Join us on January 25 from 10:00 AM to Noon at St. John Neumann Church to learn about this ministry and how you can become a disciple in your own family.

Discover ways to reach out and invite family members who have drifted away from the Church to return.

Visit saintjohnsunbury.org/mission-of-the-72 or scan the QR code to register.



Questions? Contact Deacon Carl Calcara at ccalcara@stjohnsunbury.org.





Have Questions about the Church?

Many in our parish—spouses, adult children, and relatives—join us in worship but have not yet been fully initiated into the Church. Others are Catholics seeking to deepen their faith beyond their younger years.

On Sunday afternoons, we gather to discuss various topics related to our faith and provide resources to help you make a decision for Christ and the Church. Check our online schedule and join us for an upcoming meeting; we would love to welcome you!



https://saintjohnsunbury.org/ becoming-catholic

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PAUL STOKELL, EVANGELIZATION DIRECTOR, at pstokell@saintjohnsunbury.org





Prayer of the Great Jubilee 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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Life Groups are invitations to a relationship with God through friendship with others.



A new women's group is starting on January 10th, and all women of the parish are invited to join! The group will meet weekly on Fridays at 9:00 am. They will be studying *Mary: Virgin, Mother, and Queen* by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ.

To join this Life Group or find one that works for you, visit saintjohnsunbury.org/life-group



SJNOUTREACH



BOUNTIFUL BACKPACKS SNACK & PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

We are collecting snacks and personal care items to support the Bountiful Backpack Program. Needed nonperishable food items include:

- Granola bars
- Protein bars
- Fruit snacks
- Crackers
- Applesauce
- Pudding
- Jell-O
- Trail mix

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BWFWS

As we prepare for the winter months, we ask for your continued support in stocking the shelves at the BWFWS Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity! Most-needed items include:

- Canned meat (chicken, pork, chili, beef stew)
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Canned potatoes & carrots
- Pasta sauce & all types of pasta
- Canned oranges & pineapple

- Soups
- Peanut butter (18 & 24 oz) & jelly
- Cake & brownie mixes

MERCY IN ACTION

We are collecting new and gently used blankets, tents, socks, hats, and gloves for homeless adults. Please place your donations in the bin located in the Hall of Saints!

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

There is a Respect Life Ministry meeting on January 6 at 10 AM in the Padre Pio Room, located in the basement of the Faith and Family Center. All are welcome to attend!



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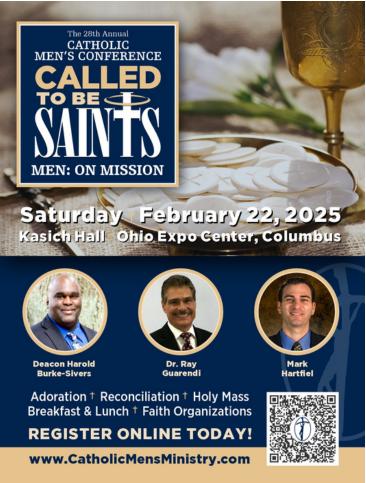
FAMILY OF FAITH THE MONTH AHEAD: JANUARY

Family of Faith is a ministry at St. John Neumann that supports parishioners throughout key life stages, from marriage preparation and matrimony to their children's sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, and Confirmation, as well as Youth Ministry through high school.

- 1/7/25 ROOT A: Attend Tuesday ROOT Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)
- 1/8/25 at 6:30 pm First Reconciliation Service for MEND/NOURISH students (Church)
- 1/12/25 NOURISH A: Attend Sunday NOURISH Session 1 with child, 10:30-11:30 am
- 1/14/25 NOURISH B: Attend Tuesday NOURISH Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm) 1/21/25 ROOT B: Attend Tuesday ROOT Session 1 with child, 6:30-7:30 pm (Pizza at 6:15 pm)
- 1/28/25 Attend MERCY Community Night (Grades 1-4), 6:00-7:30 pm

For more information, visit saintjohnsunbury.org/family-faith-formation-1







- RESPECT LIFE MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 AT 10:00 AM

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, 212 E. BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS Principal celebrant and homilist is Bishop Earl K. Fernandes. All are invited. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or 614-241-2540.

RESOURCES FOR JANUARY

9 Days for Life

January 16-24, 2025

Resources for the annual novena for the protection of human life are available at respectlife.org/9-days.

Please join us in praying this novena as we prepare to march for Life in Washington D.C. and commemorate The Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22nd.

WINTER SESSION

ST. JOHN NEUMANN FAMILY OF SUPPORT & HOPE

MONDAY EVENINGS 7:00 - 8:30 PM

> January 6 January 13 January 27 February 3 February 10





For more information or to sign up, please visit our website or scan the QR code. For questions, contact Deacon Carl at 740–965–1358, ext. 126.

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

"The Summit" is our high school program where each high schooler can learn and grow in their Catholic faith. We aim to help each other elevate our knowledge and love for Jesus Christ. We invite all high schoolers to join us at The Summit to experience fellowship, enjoy great food, play fun games, and spend time in prayer with the Lord.

Pate: January 5 Jime: 6:00 PM

Come join us as we embark on a journey of growth and community. Let's ignite our faith together! Spread the word, bring your friend. See you there!





Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany



Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany,
Catholics bless their homes by writing the
letters C, M, and B and the numbers of the year
on either side — so this year it would look like
"20+C+M+B+25." The letters stand for the
tradtional names of the three Magi: Caspar,
Melchior, and Balthasar. They also represent
the Latin blessing "Christus mansionem
benedicat," which means "May Christ bless
this house."

For the House Blessing, visit www.usccb.org/prayers/blessing-home-and-household-epiphany



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- St. Francis de Sales (Newark)

For high school, parishioners attend:

- Bishop Watterson
- St. Francis DeSales

Your support helps provide a Catholic education to our parish community!





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SCHEDULE

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed until January 6 at 11:30 am.

Sunday, January 5 **SCRIP**

K of C Sub Sales

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (Anna Tornes †)

10:30 am Confessions

11:00 am Mass (Rose Stein †)

12:15 pm OCI-FFC C

Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5

3:30 pm Confirmation Class - FFC

4:30 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

6:00 pm The Summit Youth Group HS -Youth Room & Chapel

Monday, January 6

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Mrs. Catherine Verville †)

7:00 pm Family of Support and Hope -FFC

Tuesday, January 7

10:00 am Donut Meeting

5:00 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Aurea Benfatti)

6:30 pm ROOT A - FFC

Wednesday, January 8

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Noreen Peddycord)

6:00 pm Good Samaritan Ministry

6:30 pm First Reconciliation - Church

Thursday, January 9

5:15 pm Confessions

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Mass (Patty Hensel)

6:30 pm Orientation for Leaders/Volunteers (Pt. 2)-FFC 9/10

Friday, January 10

10:30 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass (Tony Gernert)

Volunteer Luncheon

Saturday, January 11

Bountiful Backpacks Snack Drive

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Mass (People of the Parish)

Sunday, January 12

Bountiful Backpacks Snack Drive

Family Promise

8:30 am Confessions

9:00 am Mass (John Ronnebaum †)

10:30 am Confessions

NOURISH A - FFC Lower Level

11:00 am Mass (Stephanie Cohl "Healing")

12:15 pm Baptisms

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Sign Language Class - Parish Office Rooms 4&5

3:30 pm Confirmation Class - FFC

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5:00 pm Mass (Maryann Miller)

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Call the Parish Office at (740) 965-1358. If after hours, select the Emergency Line by pressing ext. 1.

BAPTISMS

Please contact Father Fox at frfox@stjohnsunbury.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: MONDAY AT NOON

Please send requests to kciacchi@stjohnsunbury.org.

CONFESSION

30 Minutes before Sunday Mass times. Tuesdays & Thursdays: 5:00-5:50 pm First Fridays: 10:00-10:45 am

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45 pm or by appointment.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration is located in the Chapel, unlocked hours are 7:00 am-7:00 pm.

MASS TIMES

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm Weekdays: Tuesday & Thursday, 6:00 pm Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11:00 am First Saturday of the Month: 9:00 am

WEDDINGS

Please call the Parish Office at least six months before the proposed wedding date.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our condolences to, and our prayers for, the Walsh/Brown families. Denny Walsh, brother of parishioner Mollie Brown, passed away December 19th. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

OFFERTORY

Thank you for supporting St. John Neumann's mission. Your generosity is vital to the success of our community.

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