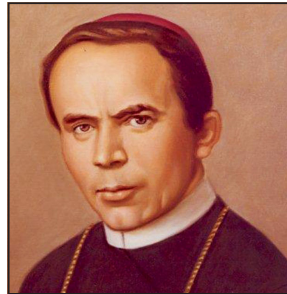


# Who Is St. John Neumann?

John Neumann was born in Prachatice, Bohemia (modern-day Czech Republic) on March 28, 1811. He was an exceptional student, and was fluent in Spanish, French, Italian, English, German, and his native Bohemian.



He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of New York in 1836 and began his ministry among the isolated communities of German Catholics around Buffalo, NY.

Neumann joined the Redemptorists in 1842, becoming the first to profess vows in the New World. In 1852, after serving as pastor of several parishes in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, Neumann was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia.

As bishop, Neumann established close to 90 parishes and founded the nation's parochial school system. He also welcomed several new orders of religious women into his diocese to serve in the schools, including the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

On January 5, 1860, Neumann died on a street in Philadelphia at the age of 48, and was buried in the basement crypt in St. Peter's Church. Pope Paul VI beatified Neumann in 1963 during the Second Vatican Council, and he was declared a saint in 1977. Neumann is considered a patron saint of immigrants and sick children.

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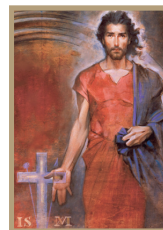
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# Neumann Year

2011-2012

Activities  
for Dioceses,  
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## Visit the Shrine

During the Neumann Year, we invite you to visit the final resting place of this saint. Come learn about his life and ministry, pray at the Shrine, and tour our museum.

For information or to schedule a tour, call the Shrine at 215-627-2386 or visit [stjohnneumann.org](http://stjohnneumann.org).

## Neumann Nights

Spend an evening with Our Lord and St. John Neumann by hosting a Neumann Night. These evenings of reflection, preached by a team of Redemptorist missionaries, include a presentation on the life and spirit of St. John Neumann, a Holy Hour, and the chance to venerate a significant first-class relic of the saint.

To schedule a Neumann Night at your parish, call 877-876-7662.

## Parish Missions

Let the Spirit that inspired St. John Neumann move you to discover the depths of God's love. Experience the Redemptorists' dynamic, down-to-earth preaching style firsthand by hosting a parish mission. Missions are typically three to four days long. Redemptorist missionaries will be preaching Neumann-themed missions throughout the Neumann Year.

Some scheduled missions include:

Dec. 4-8, 2010:  
St. John Neumann Parish  
Bryn Mawr, PA

Dec. 11-15, 2010:  
St. John Neumann Parish  
Merrimack, NH

To schedule a Neumann Year mission at your parish, have your pastor contact the mission coordinator at [missions@redemptorists.net](mailto:missions@redemptorists.net) or call 877-876-7662.



## Saturday Retreats

No time for a weekend retreat? Then spend a quiet morning at the Shrine of St. John Neumann in Philadelphia. Retreats are held on the first Saturday of each month and include Mass. Each month's talk will focus on an aspect of Neumann's life and spirituality.

For more information call 877-876-7662 or visit [redemptorists.net/neumann](http://redemptorists.net/neumann).



## Weekend Retreats

Take some time away from the hustle of daily life. Join us for a weekend at our retreat houses in New York and New Jersey and learn more about St. John Neumann's life and spirituality. Our retreat houses are:

- Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua, NY (an hour south of Rochester; 585-394-5700)
- Mount St. Alphonsus, Esopus, NY (just north of Poughkeepsie; 845-384-8000)
- San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch, NJ (east of Trenton; 732-222-2731)

For more information about Neumann retreats, call one of our retreat houses or visit [redemptorists.net/neumann](http://redemptorists.net/neumann).