



CHRISTMAS

St. John Neumann

1811-1860

January 5



A native of Bohemia, John entered the seminary and was nearing ordination when he departed for the United States. He joined the Redemptorists and served as a priest in New York, Maryland, and Pennsylvania. In 1852, he was named the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. He founded more than fifty churches and greatly expanded Catholic education.

John had a fondness for immigrants and knew six languages. His pastoral zeal was evident up to his last moments of life. While doing errands, he collapsed and died in the street at age forty-eight.

