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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday..... 10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

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Check the bulletin for any changes
390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday7:00 a.m.
Friday.....7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 5:00-5:25 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
Communities,*

*FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual
journey of hope:*

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

Annual Parish Goal

*Growing in the Love of the Lord
Through the Faith Formation of Each Member,
We Will Give Witness To and
Welcome All Segments of Our Larger Community*

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, September 18

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Holtmeyer, req.
Schuyler Family

Saturday, September 19

5:30 p.m. Anna Turley, req.
Ray Klacik

Sunday, September 20

8:00 a.m. Kathleen Bennett, req.
Mike and Mary Mastro
10:30 a.m. Louise Boehm, req.
Susan and Mike Griffin



Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 13 - Peter's Pence Collection /

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church & Office Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Confirmandi Return Mass/Celebrate Youth
2:00 p.m. Picnic
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, September 14 - The Exultation of the Holy Cross

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P (Office and Church Kitchen)

Tuesday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, September 16 - Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

Thursday, September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 p.m. Top O' the Barn Reception (Neumann Residence)

Friday, September 18 - Weekday - TAG SALE

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
8:00 a.m. TAG SALE
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal (Church Center)

Mass Schedule—September 19/20

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Youth Mass Reader
Altar Server	Youth Mass Altar Server Group
Ministers of the Eucharist	Claire Drzewiecki Bonnie Garcia, Lyle Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joe Sima Dorothy Sima, Cyndy Behrens
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jane Albert
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Anthony DeStefano
Ministers of the Eucharist	Marlene Milko, Kristin Gemma Mike Pagliuca, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca, 1 Needed



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III. Damian DeStefano & Caitlin Martha Olsen
III. Michael Brian Foley & Maya Mariam Joseph

Saturday, Sept. 19- Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr, BVM - TAG SALE

8:00 a.m. Tag Sale
8:00 a.m. Golf Outing (Minebrook Golf Club-Hackettstown)
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Youth & 8th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Church Center)

Sunday, Sept. 20 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Confirmandi Return Mass/Celebrate Youth
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
12:15 p.m. Foley/Joseph Wedding (Church Center & Grounds)



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Edwin Bianco, Mary Nanna, and Elizabeth Shack.**

Deceased: **Stephen Santangelo**, grandfather of Fran Ratsimor, **Edwin Bianco**, father of Jennifer Evanko, **Elizabeth Shack**, friend of Anne Germino, and **Mary Nanna**, mother of Frank Nanna. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord & comfort & support from family & friends.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Friends,

This Monday is the Jewish new year of *Rosh Hashana* that celebrates the creation of the universe and humanity. While a festive family meal will be enjoyed in every Jewish home, the most common Rosh Hashanah food custom is the dipping of apples into honey which is meant to signify the human desire for a sweet new year. The day is said to be the anniversary of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, and their first actions towards the realization of humanity's role in the world God created. Though scientists and many others will disagree that 5773 is the age of the universe as given in the Jewish calendar, a much larger point that all of us can appreciate is that Rosh Hashanah celebrates our common origin and destiny which Pope Francis has emphasized in his encyclical "Laudato Si (On the Care of our Common Home). In chapter two, titled "The Gospel of Creation," Francis leads us, step by step, through the call to care for creation that extends as far back as the Book of Genesis. Tracing the theme of love for creation through both the Old and New Testaments, he reminds us that God, in Jesus Christ, became not only human, but part of the natural world. Moreover, Jesus himself appreciated the natural world, as is evident in the Gospel passages in which he praises creation. The Pope affirms a strong sacramental view of creation: "soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God."

How blessed are we here at St. John's to experience that "caress of God" – with our 25 acres of green lush land, surrounded by foliage and wooded area touching the south branch of Raritan River! Our Parish picnic today is an opportunity for us to enjoy this connection with the earth and creation. How wonderful to be together as the family of God with our fellow parishioners to enjoy good fun and friendship, games and activities, food and drinks.

Did you know that today is Grandparents' Day? The purpose, according to the legislation that the Congress passed in 1978, is " ...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer." Let us thank all our grandparents for the positive influence they have on the grandchildren.

So let us all come together to enjoy the picnic, beginning with our famous 'Duck Race' at the river side. I pray that our own parish picnic will be not only a manifestation of the festive celebration of our unity and love as the People of God, but also an impetus and inspiration for all of us to support and move our Parish forward by participating in all our varied activities. What activity have you chosen to lead, volunteer or participate?

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS
(MEN, WOMEN, & TEENAGERS)

Saturday, September 19, 8:00am to 2:00pm
Minebrook Golf Club, Hackettstown



Reserve the date on your calendar (which is less than a month away) for the upcoming St. John's annual Golf Outing. We had a great turnout last year. **Hugh Mckenna (one of our parishioners) of Johnson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** has once again offered to the opportunity to win a brand new red Jeep Renegade for the Hole-in-One prize, which is parked at the entrance to our driveway.

To Register: Please sign in the on the registration sheet in the church lobby, or e-mail Bob Martalus at bob.martalus@gmail.com or call him at 908-439-3732.

Registration Fee: \$125 per golfer Sponsor a Hole Fee: \$125 (includes a sign)



PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, Sept. 13th
2:00 p.m. to dusk

Please join us for our Annual Picnic. Great day of fun for the whole family.

Bring hamburgers or hot dogs and rolls, enough for your family & guests, and a side dish or dessert to share.

Enjoy good food, good fun, good conversation. There will be outdoor inflatables, kid's games, water balloon toss, and volleyball. There will also be a fun family potato harvesting contest (all vegetables go to Elijah's Promise) and a self-guided walk through the labyrinth and much more! All activities take place behind the church!

Fr. Abraham assures us that we will have a photo-op with Pope Francis on the picnic day!

The Duck Race starts at 2:00 p.m.! Be prepared to get wet if you want to join the fun and catch the ducks.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For September 6, 2015

80 Donors Weekly \$3,751.00
47 Donors Yellow Brick Rd. \$1,498.00

For September 7, 2014

92 Weekly Donors \$4,544.00
47 Donors Yellow Brick Rd. \$1,760.00

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Christian Formation - Catechesis



CLASS MASSES

Once again, this year we would like to invite our religious education students in grades 3 through 8 to participate in a Class Mass. Each grade will have the opportunity to take part in the Mass as a class community. The students will arrive early on the day of their scheduled Class Mass. Fr. Abraham and/or Renee Ciszewski will lead an interactive and informative session prior to Mass, teaching the children about the Mass in terms that they can understand. These Masses will take place over the course of the school year during our regularly scheduled Mass times.

We encourage family and friends to attend Mass. The children will be happy to have you join them in prayer.

The first Class Mass will be for the 8th grade on Saturday, September 19th, during the 5:30 p.m. Mass.



FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation sessions will begin on Saturday, September 26th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center for those enrolled in the 1st Reconciliation / 1st Eucharist program. There will be a Parent Meeting at 9a.m. on October 18th in the Church Center Narthex.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN 9/13



Sunday morning (K-6) religious education classes begin September 13th at 9:00a.m. Classes will be held in the Office Center and the Church Center. Drop off will be at the office building for the morning classes. Please follow the arrows in the parking lot for this purpose. Please do not drop off at the church. Be patient as the students are dropped off and careful as you pass the church entrance as people are exiting from church. All should follow the arrows in the parking lot coming and going. Children staying for 10:30 Mass will be walked over to the church at 10:15 a.m. to meet up with their families. All others will be picked up in front of the office where they were dropped off. Again, in leaving the parking lot, please be careful of those coming to Mass. Thank you for your cooperation.

Junior High will also begin on Sept. 13, 6:00 p.m. in the Church Center. The session will begin with a parent meeting for all 7th and 8th grade parents.

The **Monthly Session** will begin on Monday, September 21st, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Center.

Social Ministry

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Service at the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen will take place this Monday, September 14 from 11am to 2pm. We are still in need of some meat casseroles. Please call Anne Germino or the office if you would like to volunteer to serve or provide a casserole.



SHOP RITE, A&P & KINGS CARDS

Thanks to **9 families** who purchased Shop Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,550.00**. The stores gave us **\$75.00** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.



NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

Second plantings of peas and beets are in and growing well. We have lots of nice pumpkins, a variety called "Musque De Provence" that are excellent for pumpkin pies. They will be used to make pies for the SHIP Thanksgiving meal in November. Kidney beans and cannellini beans have been harvested and shelled and were received with great enthusiasm at Elijah's Promise. The fence for the garden expansion will be installed on Saturday, October 17. Volunteers are needed. Join us for the fence raising, garden harvest and potluck lunch. The expansion area has been mowed and will be tilled next week in preparation. Come visit the garden and see the beautiful dahlias and sunflowers in bloom!

THE FUTURE OF A&P CARDS?

The news about A&P filing for bankruptcy should make us plan wisely about our use of the A&P cards we have been selling here at the Church. With the present uncertainty about A&P continuing beyond the end of this year, let us all make sure that we won't be stuck with unusable cards. Hence we will not be buying fresh



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY REFLECTION

By Marian Ditzel

Soon after we joined St. John's I was asked to help out with the Religious Ed program and had the opportunity to learn from and work with an incredible Religious Ed professional, Marilyn Wickel. She ensured the program was a faith-filled experience for my family and me. I remember coming to the parish office to fill envelopes and encountered Cathy Bennett with her son Tommy in a baby carrier. Cathy and I grew up together in the same town.

And then I found the Tag Sale! I LOVE the Tag Sale. I met Kay Dabrowski through my work at the Sale, a sister of a long term and dear friend. And I found the most awesome co-partner who became a dear friend, Sandra Aaron.

This Sale has had three components that are important to me: 1. It's a Green event. We receive many treasures that would be in a landfill if not for being seen and purchased by someone else to up cycle. 2. It's a community event. People count on our sale to get necessary, as well as, fun things. In 2008 -2009 when the economy took such a down turn our tent was consistently filled with people looking to buy things that would make their life easier. We had a gentleman stop on his way home from work to look at a bed we had for sale and he shared that his son was sleeping on the floor. You, the parishioners of St. John's, gave him a bed that day for his son. 3. Fundraising. We earn money to support the parish with all of the above. Some of the items you donate are so beautiful that we take them and use them in the Tricky Tray rather than sell them so inexpensively at the sale. The Sale has brought in thousands of dollars each year with last year's receipts being over \$6000. I love the Sale because it does something for the environment, for the local community and certainly for our parish.

VOLUNTEER REMINDER

Reminder to our wonderful volunteers who clean the church, water the plants, etc. Please check the calendar to make sure the church is not being used when you plan to volunteer. We have a busy fall – and even have 2 weddings! So please check the calendar or call the office to make sure things are 'all clear!'

TRICKY TRAY- DATE CHANGE - SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date - Friday, October 16th

The Tricky Tray is scheduled for Friday, October 16th. Mark your calendars and bring family, friends and neighbors.

We are asking for donations for our event. Some suggestions include; Toys, Games, DVD's, New/Unused Household Items, re-gift your unused Christmas or Birthday Gifts, Gift Cards from Target, Walmart, Shop-Rite or other Local Establishments. Leave donations in the Seton Room and fill out a donation form for a tax deduction.

Thank you, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A young mother complained to her friend about the difficulties contained in child rearing, especially the lack of peace and quiet rest. "What you need is a playpen to separate the kids from yourself," her friend suggested. So she bought a playpen. A few days later, the friend called to ask how things were going. "Superb! I can't believe it," she replied. "I get in the pen with a good book and the kids don't bother me one bit!"

A Mom was busy in the kitchen. She heard her 6-year old son call for her: "Mummy, Mummy! Do you know that beautiful vase in the dining room that's been handed down from generation to generation?" "Yes", she said. "What about it?" "Well, the last generation just dropped it."



TAG SALE 2015

We have already begun accepting items for the tag sale. Leave your donations under the tent.

Please remember **WE DO NOT ACCEPT** Clothing, Appliances, Air Conditioners, Old TVs, Stereos, Cribs, Computers, Monitors or Upholstered Furniture.

If you can help organize ahead of time or sell on sale days-please call Sandra Aaron 908-507-2378. If not...a prayer would help!!!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 13, 2015

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (MARK 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wednesday, Sept. 16 M. D'Avella

Wednesday, Sept. 23 D. Zigmantanis

Store Cards

Sept. 12 & 13

5:30 p.m. J. Eacovalle

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns

10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Sept. 19 & 20

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti

8:00 a.m. P. Nanna

10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 9/13 L. Livoti

Week of 9/20 M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

September 11 Team B

September 18 Team C

Altar Flowers

September 19 M. D'Avella

September 26 A. Germino

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Eugene Cifranic
Jean Crickenberger
Vicky Davids
Tino DeSantis
Ava DeTorre
Sophia DeVita
Anthony DeVito
Neal Ercolano
Paul Ferri
Gordon Furlong
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Fred Holub
Colleen Jijack
Diane Jackson
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Jan McLeavey
Michael McMahan
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Evelyn Murray
Fran Miceli
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Michael James Nonestied
Mary Lou O'Brien
Floyd Opdyke
Peter Ostapzuk
Linda Owens
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Earl Roberts
John Ryder
Bob Simms
Julie Suplee
Brian Travis
Sherry Whitford
Josh Wilkes
Caden Zane
Jill Zane
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so that we can remove them from the list. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Captain Baumann, Katherine, U.S. Army
HM Bullis, Christopher, U.S. Navy
Private, Linzer, Matthew, U.S. Army
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, U.S. Navy
SR O'Leary, Thomas, U.S. Navy
Captain Royal, Benjamin P., USMC
Ensign Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION: DWYL - not . . .

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." Mark 8: 27-35

Do what you love. Love what you do. Follow your passions. Do what you love and you'll never work a day in your life. Every college graduate entering the job market hears the "Do-what-you-love" philosophy. The late Steve Jobs articulated the "DWYL" credo when he told Stanford graduates in 2005: "You've got to find what you love . . . Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do." But is "do what you love" wisdom - or malarkey? Think of the great variety of work that allowed Steve Jobs to spend even one day as Apple CEO: his food harvested from the field, then transported across great distances. His company's goods assembled, packaged, shipped. Apple advertisements scripted, cast, filmed. Lawsuits processed. Office wastebaskets emptied and ink cartridges filled. (In the Name of Love" by Miya Tokumitsu, Jacobin)

So many "invisible" workers doing "unlovable jobs" (usually at "unlovable" wages) so that Steve Jobs and company could follow their passions. Like it or not, society depends on those taking on the unglamorous jobs of driving a truck, repairing broken water mains, cleaning bedpans, walking a guard post at some overseas military base. A college professor who counsels many undergraduates has come to question the "do-what-you-love" mantra:

"My father didn't do what he loved. He labored at a job he detested so that he could send his children to college. Was he just unenlightened and mistaken to put the well-being of others above his own personal interests? My father turned necessity into virtue . . . that taking the best care you can of your family is really a form of self-service. "The universally recognized paragons of humanity - the Nelson Mandelas, Dietrich Bonhoeffers and Martin Luther Kings - did not organize their lives around self-fulfillment and bucket lists. They, no doubt, found a sense of meaning in their heroic acts of self-sacrifice, but they did not do what they were doing in order to achieve that sense of meaning. They did - like my father - what they felt they had to do. "Our desires should not be the ultimate arbiters of vocation. Sometimes we should do what we hate, or what most needs doing, and doing it as best we can." (A Life Beyond 'Do What You Love' by Gordon Marino)

Doing for those we love often requires putting aside doing *what* we love; we experience meaning in what our work contributes to the common good and not the sense of fulfillment we celebrate for ourselves. That is the attitude of Jesus; that is the way of the cross. To be an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to intentionally seek the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. Only in "denying ourselves" in imitation of the servanthood of Christ do we experience the true depth of our faith; only

DO YOU ENJOY READING THE GOOD BOOK?

Why not consider becoming a Reader at Mass! We are looking for men, women and young adults who enjoy reading and want to take the next step and become proclaimers! Talk to Father Abraham after Mass.

Parish & Community News

WELCOME REV. KYLE & CAROLYN CUPERWICH

The United Methodist Church of Califon has a new Pastor: Rev. Kyle Cuperwich who was serving as a "Provisional Elder" in Bernardsville and Gladstone UMCs. Their Church website has this to say about him: *"Kyle is from central NJ and heard God's call to ministry while attending Ramapo College studying music. Kyle graduated Asbury Theological Seminary and has served on staff at Aldersgate in East Brunswick, as a leader of youth ministries in the Raritan Valley district, and currently serves on the Conference Board of Discipleship. Kyle is also active in the Order of Saint Luke NJ chapter. He is a gifted pastor, passionate about community ministry and mission, and experienced in ministry with children, youth, and young families."*

I had the joy of meeting with Rev Cuperwich a few weeks ago and discussed with him our Social Ministry's plan to have an evening of fellowship with all those associated with the "Top O'the Barn" which is supporting our Social Ministry. I was very happy to hear that his wife Carolyn is the music director of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Raritan, NJ. In the name of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann, I wish to extend a hearty welcome and fruitful ministry to Rev. Kyle & Carolyn Cuperwich.

GOOD NEWS ON ANNULMENT PROCESS!

Pope Francis issued a "motu proprio" (meaning, an authoritative document by the Pope's own initiative) radically reforming the marriage annulment process which was a laborious, costly and time-consuming saga that discouraged many good people from becoming full participants in the sacramental life of the church. The three main changes to be implemented are:

- Eliminating a second review before a marriage can be nullified.
- Giving bishops the ability to fast-track and grant the annulments themselves in certain circumstances -- for example, when spousal abuse or an extramarital affair has occurred.
- The process should be free, except for a nominal fee for administrative costs, and should be completed within 45 days.

These changes will become part of Catholic canon law on December 8, the beginning of Francis' declared "Year of Mercy." While reaffirming the "indissolubility of the marriage bond," the Pope made it clear that "charity and mercy demand that the Church, as mother, be close to her children who consider themselves separated."

POPE FRANCIS: WHAT MAKES A FAMILY HOLY?

First: the family prays.

...I would like to ask you, dear families: Do you pray together from time to time as a family? Some of you do, I know. But so many people say to me: But how can we? ...But in the family how is this done? After all, prayer seems to be something personal, and besides there is never a good time, a moment of peace... Yes, all that is true enough, but it is also a matter of humility, of realizing that we need God... all of us! We need his help, his strength, his blessing, his mercy, his forgiveness. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary! Praying the Our Father together, around the table, is not something extraordinary: it's easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents....praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: prayer. (to be contd...)

COORDINATOR FOR MEALS

We are looking for someone to take over the task of preparing the schedule for meals for Fr. Abraham. The schedule is put out every 3 or 4 months for meal preparation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. There is group of volunteers who prepare meals. If you are interested or would like to be added to the list to prepare meals please contact the office.

RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

New Jersey Right to Life will be selling Raffle tickets the weekend of Sept. 26/27 after all the masses.

Prizes are:

1st - 2016 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV
(value \$40,000)

2nd - \$1,000 Shop-Rite gift card

3rd - \$750.00 Shop-Rite gift card

4th - \$500.00 Shop-Rite gift card

Please help support the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Thank you .

AVAILABLE GIFT CARDS

We have the following Gift Cards available in the Office. If you would like to purchase any of them, call the office or stop in during the week.

Amazon	4	\$ 25 each
Amazon	3	\$100 each
Dunkin Donuts	5	\$ 10 each
Dunkin Donuts	5	\$ 25 each
Home Depot	6	\$ 25 each
Home Depot	4	\$100 each
Panera	6	\$ 5 each
Panera	4	\$ 10 each
Regal Cinema	10	\$ 10 each
Star Bucks	8	\$ 10 each
Target	4	\$ 10 each
Target	4	\$ 25 each
Target	2	\$ 50 each
Walmart	9	\$ 25 each
Walmart	4	\$100 each

There are other gift cards available that can be ordered. The order forms are available in the Narthex. You can drop it in the collection basket, mail it or drop it off at the office.

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