

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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## 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*

## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

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Lyle Garcia

## *Our Parish*

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..... Pastor  
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....  
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus  
Earl Roberts .....Deacon

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398 County Road 513  
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.  
First Friday Holy Hour .....7:00 p.m.

### *Worshipping at:*

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

### *Weekday Masses:*

Tuesday .....7:00 a.m.  
Friday .....7:00 a.m.

### *Reconciliation:*

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

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, September 29

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Felisa Santiago, req.

Laura Mullen

### Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m. Kay Bennett, req.

Dennis & Debbie Kelemen

10:30 a.m. Leroy Lance, req.

Marie & Roger Malone



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, Sept. 27 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Catechetical Sunday

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office and Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 11:30 a.m. Community Coffee - Sponsored by Reled (Narthex)
- 3:45 p.m. Jr. High - Mass with the Pope and Catechesis (Church Center)

### Monday, Sept. 28 - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruis and Companions, Martyrs

- 7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
- 7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Planning Meeting (Seton Room)

### Tuesday, Sept. 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 12:00 p.m. Office Closed
- 12:30 p.m. "Vibrant Parish" (Our Lady of Lourdes-WHS))

### Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

### Thursday, Oct. 1 - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

- 7:00 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

### Friday, Oct. 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 3:00 p.m. DeStefano/Olsen Wedding (Neumann Res. Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule—October 3/4

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant ..... Rev. Anthony Arockiadoss  
 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

### Saturday, Oct. 3 - Weekday

- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, Oct. 4 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yellow Brick Road Collection

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office and Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass-Abeles & Cerniglia Baptisms (Church Center)
- 11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Luncheon (Office Center)
- 5:30 p.m. CPII Parent Candidate Meeting (Church Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

*The Office will be closed on Tuesday  
September 29th from 12 to 5 p.m.*

### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Colleen Jijack, Bob Patterson, Stephen Santangelo, Edwin Bianco, and Elizabeth Shack.**

**Deceased:** **Bob Patterson**, dear friend of the Pojedinecs and Satens, **Stephen Santangelo**, grandfather of Fran Ratsimor, **Edwin Bianco**, father of Jennifer Evanko, and **Elizabeth Shack**, friend of Anne Germino. 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,

Everyone is talking about it! I mean the Papal visit! Catholics, non-Catholics and other people of various persuasions are talking about the Pope. We are living a whole week of direct evangelization by Pope Francis. His message and his actions are devoured, dissected, discussed and debated by the world. Praise God for this opportunity for furthering the message of Jesus Christ.

Even prior to the arrival of the Pope, polls indicated that a large majority of Catholics agree the direction of the church has changed at least somewhat under the leadership of Francis. And over all, according to a NYT/CBS poll, eight in 10 Catholics approve of the direction Pope Francis is leading it, including a majority who approve strongly. Approval is higher still, at nine in 10, among Catholics who attend Mass at least once a week. And it ranges from 74 percent among political conservatives to 87 percent among moderates. More than six in 10 Catholics, moreover, view him favorably; a mere 3 percent view him unfavorably, while the rest have no opinion. That is a far higher level of favorability than expressed for Pope Benedict at the end of his papacy, and is more similar to Pope John Paul II's rating at points in his time leading the church.

But the actual papal visit and all the events associated with his visit are bringing about a whole new level of enthusiasm on matters related to faith and religion. Today's culmination with the Papal Mass in Philadelphia, where he prays with and addresses an estimated one million and a half, is something of a spiritual rejuvenation for all of us. May we continue to be inspired with this event so that our personal life becomes transformed, our family life becomes more contented, and our parish community becomes more alive. Thank you Holy Father!

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## FALL INTO FAITH

### *Small Faith Groups*

You are invited to try the parish Small Faith Groups. Meetings will begin the week of Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> and continue for just 6 weeks. Our Faith Groups discuss readings and reflections from the gospel. Small groups of 6 to 12 people, meet for six weeks on a specific night of the week. You would attend the night of the week that works best in your schedule. We are hopeful we can form a parents of young children/babies as the High School Youth Group has volunteered to provide babysitting. Father is also interested in hosting a group so please advise if you want to join his group. Contact France at 908-307-7879 anytime, or [francekennedy99@gmail.com](mailto:francekennedy99@gmail.com) or fill out a green card in the Narthex.

## AN INVITATION TO THE RCIA

Here at St. John's we are beginning the RCIA this month. Why not prayerfully consider joining the RCIA and experience a new and enriched meaning to your life through renewed faith and love. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process whereby new members join the Catholic Church. The RCIA is specifically designed for the following: 1) Those adults who have never been baptized and who want to inquire about the Catholic faith. 2) Those adults who have been baptized into another Christian tradition (Lutheran, Episcopalian, Methodist, etc.) who want to inquire about the Catholic faith. 3) Those baptized Catholic adults who have not completed the Sacraments (Eucharist or Confirmation). 4) Any Catholic wanting to have a deeper understanding of what we believe. If you fit into any of these categories or have a friend or relative who does, please contact **France at [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org)** This invitation is precisely that – an invitation! Your acceptance carries no obligation or commitment – just come and inquire. We welcome you and pray that the Lord will bless your journey of faith.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 27, 2015

***“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” (MARK 9:41)***

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

## First Friday Holy Hour

September 4<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m.  
Church Center



Join us for an hour of Prayer  
and Meditation before  
the Blessed Sacrament.

## *Parish Contact Information*

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# Christian Formation - Catechesis

## **8TH GRADE CLASS MASS AND YOUTH MASS**



Thank you to all the eighth grade students who enthusiastically participated in the celebration of Mass on Saturday, September 19th at 5:30PM.

## **COFFEE AND COMMUNITY**



**Sunday, September 27,  
11:30 a.m., Church Center**

Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on September 27 for coffee and community sponsored by Religious Education. It's a great way to kick off the school year!

## **CPII PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING**

**Sunday, October 4, 5:30 p.m.**

There will be a meeting of all CPII students (7th graders) and their parents on Sunday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Center. This meeting will take place immediately prior to the Junior High catechesis session that evening. At least one parent should accompany their child.

## **LIVE STREAM OF THE PAPAL MASS IN PHILADELPHIA**



The presence of Pope Francis at the World Meeting of Families in our country is a joyful moment for millions of Catholics and people of good will.

**The Papal Mass will be "streamed live" in the Church Center on this Sunday September 27, 2015 starting at 3:45p.m.** All are invited to attend this special Mass. **Jr High students are required to attend.**



## **CONFIRMATION 2015**

**Saturday, October 24, 5:30 p.m., Church Center**

We are pleased to announce that Fr. Abraham will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John's on Saturday, October 24, 2015, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

A banner display of our 2015 Confirmandi is in the Narthex of the Church Center. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation this October. They are: Nicholas Brezina, Jessica Brynildsen, Michael Cucchiara, Madison D'Avella, Gwendolyn King, Colleen McCord, Caroline Petrie, Mia Ranallo, Maria Ratsimor, Kyler Rudin, Bryan Stanski, Lauren Tabor, and Richard Wellbrock.



## **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

The next First Reconciliation session will be on Saturday, October 17th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center. There will be a Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 18th in the Church Center Narthex.

## **STATUE OF MARY HOME VISITATION PROGRAM**



Our parish has a Statue of Mary available for home visitations beginning in October, the month of the Holy Rosary, and continuing throughout the year. Parish families may host the beautiful 21" statue of Mary in their homes for a two-week period. During this time, we encourage family prayer as you spend time with Our Lady. To schedule a visit, please fill out and return the form below and return to the Office of Catechesis or call 908-832-2162.

### **Statue of Mary Home Visitation Sign Up**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Visitation Date Preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

## Social Ministry



### **NOTES FROM THE GARDEN**

An enthusiastic group of young people harvested 228 pounds of potatoes last Thursday. Thanks to Jonathan Uss, Jason Solomon, Brooke Solomon, Jack Evanko and Devin. Thanks also to Karen Hopkins and Darien Gilman for assisting. The largest potato contest ended in a tie. Jason and Brooke both dug a potato weighing 1 lb 4 oz! All of the potatoes were donated to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Three types of pumpkins were harvested, roasted and frozen to make pumpkin pies for the Thanksgiving meal at Ship. Progress continues on preparations for the garden expansion. Supplies were delivered and corner posts set last week. Please join us on October 17 for the fence raising and harvest celebration. Contact Anne Germino at [socialministry@ccsinj.org](mailto:socialministry@ccsinj.org) for more information or to volunteer.

## TAG SALE 2015

Once again, St. John's rallied by having a successful tag sale! We made more room in basements, provided others with the basic home necessities and made a contribution to the financial wellness of St. John's. ( \$ 5733.45)

Many many thanks to Suzanne Kosakowski (co-chair-she just didn't know it), Cathy (second co-chair) & Tom Bennett, Patti Rittman, Brian Rittman, Mary Connolly, Kay Dabrowski, Ray Klacik, Linda Caprio, Marybeth & Bill Harrison, Pete & Mary Cangelosi, Father Abraham (great pricer-takes direction well), Sharon Janks, Kerri Caldaro, France Kennedy, Marian (my tag sale guru) & Russ Ditzel, Fran & Arminda Barbone, Andy Kozlowski (official photographer), Doug Hingos, Cate O'Brien, Emma Evanko, Cate Evanko, Nina Lewis, Taylor Jamieson, our tent committee, our Sunday pack-up crew and the Lebanon Township Police Force. All these generous people supported me both physically and emotionally and made this event viable!!!

This is the last year that I will be chairing the tag sale. I have taught religious ed, chaired poinsettia sale, co-chaired wine tasting and tricky tray with Marybeth Harrison and tag sales with Marian Ditzel. The tag sale has been the most challenging. It is very time consuming with the necessary cleaning and sorting of the donated items before sale. It can take a physical toll with the moving of furniture, and working very long hours in any kind of weather!

With that said....every fundraiser that I have been associated with - Wayne Infusino has had our back and he has gone above and beyond his "job". I just want to say that I appreciate his positive attitude, his work ethics and the fact he didn't throw me out of the Carriage house when he wanted to! Next fundraiser is tricky tray-please help any way you can!!  
Sandra St. Amour Aaron

## SHARE A JOKE WITH THE POPE!

A new digital campaign, "Joke with the Pope," is encouraging people to submit jokes -- no dirty ones, please -- as part of a contest to fund charitable causes, sanctioned by the Catholic Church, that help the world's less fortunate. Between now and October 2, anyone -- not just Catholics -- can post a written joke or upload a brief video of themselves telling a joke to JokeWiththePope.org. Contestants choose one of three causes to support: helping street children in Buenos Aires, Argentina; housing the homeless in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; or feeding the hungry in Nairobi, Kenya. A panel of judges, with the possible help of actor-comedian Bill Murray, will choose a winner October 5. The funniest joke may even get shared with the pontiff himself. According to the Pontifical Mission Societies which created the campaign, Pope Francis said: *"I like to laugh. It helps me to feel closer to God and closer to other people. When we laugh with each other -- and not at each other -- God's love is present in a special way. I invite you to share your joy with a laugh! God longs for you to be happy!" the pope said. "Share your jokes and your funny stories: the world will be better, the Pope will be happy and God will be the happiest of all."*

A handful of celebrities, including magician David Copperfield and TV weatherman Al Roker, have already submitted videos of themselves telling jokes. Conan O'Brien offered this: "The California drought is so bad, people in Napa are asking the pope to change the wine into water."

The Rev. Andrew Small, national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States, said the "Joke with the Pope" campaign is a way to spread laughter and unite people while helping the world's neediest communities. The campaign is also a tribute of sorts to Pope Francis, who has a well-documented sense of humor. "Humor is something that we all share -- every culture, every people," Small said. "If you can tell a joke and laugh at someone else's joke, it shows there's a certain level of comfort with one another." Religious jokes and even pope jokes are welcome. But contestants must respect limits of decency. In other words, don't submit a joke you wouldn't tell in front of the pope!

## 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 .

## DISCOVER ST JOHN'S

If you are interested in joining St John's please contact France at the parish office 908-832-2513 and join us at our luncheon on Oct. 4 after the 10:30a.m. Mass.



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

Wednesday, Sept. 30 J. Santoro  
Wednesday, Oct. 7 A. Sawczuk

### Store Cards

#### Sept. 26 & 27

5:30 p.m. J. Gardner  
8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn  
10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

#### Oct. 3 & 4

5:30 p.m. E. McCabe  
8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn  
10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 9/27 B. Sobey  
Week of 10/4 J. Sieber

### Church Center Cleaning

September 25 Team D  
October 2 Team E

### Altar Flowers

October 3 M. D'Avella  
October 10 M. Connolly

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Eugene Cifranic  
Jean Crickenberger  
Vicky Davids  
Tino DeSantis  
Sophia DeVita  
Paul Ferri  
Gordon Furlong  
Sophie Geist  
Fred Holub  
Diane Jackson  
Frank Kosteci  
Lou Livoti  
Mildred McCormick  
Jan McLeavey  
Michael McMahon  
Christine Meyer  
Evelyn Murray  
Fran Miceli  
Beau (Bernice) Mills  
Louis Nacamuli  
Michael James Nonestied  
Mary Lou O'Brien  
Floyd Opdyke  
Peter Ostapzuk  
Linda Owens  
Nilsa Perez Parsons  
John Pfeufer  
Earl Roberts  
Noah Skinner  
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

## **ON THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE POPE**

### ***What are the most common mistakes reporters make in covering the pope?***

Sometimes reporters make mistakes in terminology. E.g., calling a building a "Cathedral" when it is actually a "Church" or a "Basilica." Another example would be getting the names wrong regarding items of clothing the pope wears, such as labeling the outer vestment he wears at Mass a "robe," whereas the correct term is "chasuble." Sometimes reporting will reveal lack of familiarity with the terms Catholics use in regard to aspects of the Eucharistic liturgy. For example, a reporter might write, "The Pope distributed wafers at the Mass." Catholics wouldn't use that term; they would say, "The Pope distributed Holy Communion" or "The Pope distributed the hosts" or ". . . distributed the Eucharistic bread."

Another mistake is to make point-blank dogmatic statements such as "The Church teaches such-and-such," as if everything is black and white and of the same level of importance. This fails to take into account the nuances of Catholic belief, our understanding that any theological statement is an attempt to express a deeper reality, as well as our understanding of the "hierarchy of truths," i.e., that different beliefs vary in their relation to the foundation of the Christian faith.

### ***What are the most common mistakes reporters make in covering the Catholic Church in America?***

The Catholic Church is as complex and multi-faceted as are the American people. Don't paint the Church as a monolithic institution. It is made up of people. So it should come as no surprise that such a diverse and large group of people don't think or act in lock-step fashion.

*I sometimes feel as if there is not one, but really two Catholic churches in America. A more conservative, traditional church, observant and aligned with the hierarchy. And a kind of "Reform" Catholic Church that favors things like the ordination of women. How do you feel about that analysis?*

That analysis is way too simplistic. Some people are "conservative" regarding some things and "progressive" regarding others, and vice-versa. Similarly, the hierarchy is not all of a piece or all cut from the same cloth. You'll find that Catholics can disagree with or question certain approaches and styles or decisions made by Church officials, but we remain united as a family in the fundamentals of the faith, bonded in our love for God and nourished by our participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Francis talks about how the proclamation of the gospel must first of all provoke fascination and attraction and make hearts burn, rather than becoming 'obsessed with the transmission of a disjointed multitude of doctrines to be imposed insistently'.— he's saying that unless we first proclaim the saving love and mercy of God and help people become convinced of that, none of these other teachings can be properly heard at all. Yet, he is rooted deeply in the beliefs of the Catholic Church. He has called himself a 'Son of the Church'. He says, 'I have a dogmatic certainty: God is in every person's life. God is in everyone's life'.

## **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

# Parish & Community News

## 2015 GOLF OUTING RECAP

It was a great late sunny summer day, with 35 golfers participating from St. John's and guests from outside the parish. We had an early 8am shotgun start and we were treated to a big bag of bagels and cream cheese compliments of Gary Porto. At the conclusion of the golf we all enjoyed a delicious lunch buffet by the Minebrook Golf culinary staff. The multiple pitchers of beer enhanced the lunch and added to the post golf camaraderie.

We would like to again thank Hugh **McKenna of Johnson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** in Hackettstown, who provided the new car for the Hole-in-One contest. **Steve & Nancy Bauernfeind** volunteered to be the spotter for the hole-in-one contest. **Gary Porto** also made up the mulligan vouchers with Father Abraham's picture on them to add a little of divine forgiveness to offset some errant golf shots.

**The event this year raised a total of \$ 2150. and we would like to say thank you to all of the participants who played in this year's event. This year we also had a host of sponsors including: Fedway Associates (Rob Sansone), Tony's Bistro, Nichola's Pizza, Brasserie 513, Brook Run Farm, Echwood Cleaning, Califon Wine & Spirit, Bourbon Street Wine & Spirits, Maggie/Peter Baumann, and Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mary Connolly).**

The 1st place team at 12 under par was Team Porto (Gary, Nick, George, Glenn). 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at 8 under went to KOC team of Kevin Loughney, Ron Seidorf, Gary Orlando, Ken Whalen. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place team at 6 under was the team of Mary/Mike Connolly & Joe Hulseman. Longest drive went to Joe Costantino (men) and Judy Ross (women). Closest to the Pin was Mike Exley (men) and Karen Porto (women). Various golf items and Minebrook gift certificates were awarded to the respective winners. Also Minebrook provided a voucher for a future round of gold. We all look forward to another great outing next year!

Submitted by Bob Martalus----Golf event coordinator

## POPE FRANCIS: WHAT MAKES A FAMILY HOLY?

*First, the family prays (see bulletin #36?)*

*Next, the family keeps the faith (see bulletin #37?)*

*And the Pope's final point: the family experiences joy.*

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of "homework". Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves. A patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences. But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony, self-centredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Dear families, always live in faith and simplicity, like the Holy Family of Nazareth! The joy and peace of the Lord be always with you!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**For September 20, 2015**

86 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,715.05

**For September 21, 2014**

92 Weekly Donors ..... \$4,684.00



## SHOP RITE, A&P & KINGS CARDS

Thanks to **10 families** who purchased Shop Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards the last week, totaling **\$975.00**. The stores gave us **\$48.75** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

## CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2016

**Sun., June 26th - Fri., July 1, 2016**

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