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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

Worshipping at:

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

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday7:00 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday..... 5:00-5:25 p.m.

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, October 20

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Ellen Schwabe, req.

Anthony and Rose Mastroianni

Saturday, October 24

5:30 p.m. Marcy O'Connor, req.

Mary and Mike Connolly

Sunday, October 25

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks, req.

The Janks Family

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



Parish Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 18 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Propagation of the Faith

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis-Grade 3-Family Faith Connection
- 9:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Narthex)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Youth Mass - Erz Baptism (Church Center)
- 12:00 p.m. Private Party (Church Center)
- 2:45 p.m. High School Youth Group Corn Maze Trip
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Nativity Play Tryouts (Church Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, Oct. 19 - Saints John DeBrebeuf and Isaac Jouques, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

- 6:00 p.m. Monthly Catechesis (Office/Church Center & SR)
- 7:15 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA (Drexel Room)

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Church Center Loft)
- 10:30 a.m. Small Faith Group (Narthex)
- 7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Small Faith Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, Oct. 21 - Weekday

- 10:00 p.m. Deanery Meeting for Religious Education (Church)
- 6:00 p.m. Parish Community Forum with Pizza (Church Cntr)

Thursday, Oct. 22 - Blessed John Paul II, Pope

- 7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)
- 7:30 p.m. Small Faith Group (Upper Room)

Friday, Oct. 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Church Center)

Saturday, Oct. 24 - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

- 3:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation - Session #3 (Church Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation Mass and Celebration (Church Center)

Sunday, Oct. 25 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time and All Souls Intentions

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Health Screening (Narthex)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 4:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Pumpkin Carving (Church)
- 4:00 p.m. Golden Anniversary Mass (Cathedral)

For Yoga this week Contact Ana Giametta at
ana.giametta@gmail.com



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Mildred McCormick, Evan Murray, and Bob Patterson.**

Deceased: Mildred McCormick, mother of Jude McCormick, Evan Murray, and Bob Patterson, dear friend of the Pojedinecs and and Statens. 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.

Mass Schedule—October 24/25

Saturday	Confirmation	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	David Geerinck	
Altar Server	Needed	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Joann Gardner	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Donna Torczon, Mary Connolly	
.....	Gloria Cicchiara, 2 Needed	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anita Sawczuk	
Altar Server	Johnson Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joe Sima	
.....	Sharon Janks, Barbara Gates	
Sunday	Baptism	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Joann McNamara	
Altar Server	Souza Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mary D'Avella	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Ron Pojedinec, Marlene Milko	
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Sheena Carew, Dick Wickel	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Dear Friends,

Last Sunday afternoon I was invited to give a homily at the "Celebration of Marriage" held at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway. Nearly 70 couples celebrating their anniversaries (the oldest had their 67th and the youngest couple had not yet reached their 1st !!) came together for renewing their wedding vows during that celebration. I congratulated Fr. Arlindo Paul Da Silva, the Pastor, and all the couples present, for this initiative which was going to be an annual feature in that parish. What a beautiful practice that other parishes can emulate!

It is good for us to be aware of and talk about the Synod on Family, now taking place in Rome. In the opening session, Pope Francis addressed the delegates and said that the Synod is "a walking together with a spirit of collegiality and synodality, adopting the pastoral and doctrinal zeal, the wisdom, the frankness, and always putting before our eyes the good of the Church, of families and the supreme law of Christ." The discussions of each of the three weeks of the Synod are based on one of the three sections of the *instrumentum laboris*, or working document: a) "Listening to the challenges of the family" b) "Discernment of the family vocation" and c) "The mission of the family today." In the spirit of dialog, the synod participants will listen to the experiences and perspectives of many experts and testimonies of different couples. Please read in this bulletin a beautiful testimony of a couple from India (wife is Catholic, husband is Hindu) whose struggle in their inter-religious married life is very revealing and inspiring.

As the Synod is discerning what the Holy Spirit is asking of the Universal Church, our parish community is also making every effort to listen to the Holy Spirit regarding matters that are important to us. This week's Town Meeting is meant to share details about the financial and pastoral health of the parish and to have a dialog about a greater involvement and stewardship by all of us in promoting the good health and smooth continuity of our parish. I invite all of us to attend this important "Parish Pizza Fellowship" at 6 pm this Wednesday. Let us remember what Pope Francis said in his final remarks before returning home from Philadelphia: "This land has been blessed with tremendous gifts and opportunities. I pray that you may all be good and generous stewards of the human and material resources entrusted to you."

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY!

World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world."

Offerings from Catholics from every parish all over the world are collected this day and they become vital to the missionaries serving in 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Our generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances, especially to the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe. Thank you in advance for your prayers and generous support offered to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday.

BAPTISMS OF THEODORE ABELES AND JULIA CERNIGLIA



Baptized into the Faith
Congratulations to Theodore Ellis Abeles and Julia Michele Cerniglia, who were baptized Sunday, Oct 4. We join their parents Kristen and Dave Abeles and Lauren and Ryan Cerniglia and their siblings Susie Abeles and Ryan Cerniglia in celebration, welcoming Julia and Teddy to our faith and our parish family.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2015

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CORN MAZE TRIP

Sunday, October 18th - 2:45 p.m.

Interested in the Corn Maze Trip. RSVP to email or call 908-307-7879. Parents—we need drivers.

BELL CHOIR

If you want to join the Bell Choir Contact Ron Pojedinec at 908-537-6241. Practices for Christmas Bells Thursday nights at 7:30pm.

MOMS, DADS, AND TOTS

Moms, Dads and Tots are invited to gather for some food, fun and fellowship Nov 1 11:30am – after the 10:30 Mass. Text France at 908-307-7879 if you can make it.

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Social Ministry

FREE HEALTH SCREENING

On Sunday, October 25, St. Peter's Community Mobile health Services will provide blood pressure screening, blood sugar screening and nutritional counseling from 9am-11am in the narthex. Come after the 8 am Mass or prior to the 10:30 am Mass to take advantage of this free health screening and health information fair. See the poster in the Narthex for more information or contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org.



OUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES

We promised last week that we would provide a list of all items required for our food drives, and rather than put it into the bulletin, you can find these lists in the Narthex at the Social Ministry station. Please take one home and kindly refer to it as you do your own food shopping

We hope this will assist you in making Thanksgiving and Christmas wonderful holidays for 8 families and 16 elderly persons who are out on the edge.

We are also in the process of establishing drop off centers, so that it will be more convenient for you to make your donations. We welcome any suggestions from the community regarding this, and will have more information next week. Thank you and God Bless!

OUR "CHANGE FOR CHANGE" PROMOTION

Just a reminder that our "CHANGE FOR CHANGE" program is going well. Please remember that there will always be containers available in the Narthex. Each container brings us close to or hits the mark for us to provide a \$25.00 food card for those in need.

Christian Formation - Catechesis

Religious Education Program



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Parishioners are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child and prepare a "shoe box" full of presents for a needy child. These will be delivered to poor children around the world along with a booklet in the child's own language telling them about the birth of Jesus, His life and how He saved us. This is an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus and bring joy to a child. All K-6 Religious Education students will be given a brochure with detailed instructions on how to make their "shoe box" present. These will be collected at catechetical gatherings or can be dropped off in the narthex no later than November 15th. Jr. High will be holding its own OCC Packing Party during their gathering on November 15th. Extra brochures are available in the narthex for any parishioner wishing to participate in this program. Please contact Jo Ann Jarvis or visit samariantspurse.org for further information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



There will be a Parent Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on October 18th in the Church Center narthex.

The next First Reconciliation session will be on Saturday, October 24th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.



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.



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 to the Office of Catechesis or call 908-832-2162.

Statue of Mary Home Visitation Sign Up

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Visitation Date Preferences: _____

TESTIMONY OF AN INDIAN COUPLE AT THE SYNOD

Penelope, the Catholic wife: *I am married a little over 38 years. In Jan 2016 it will be 39 years complete. Wow! I can't believe it myself. I owe it to God's Grace only and He is the third person that holds us together. Though we are an inter-faith, inter-community couple, My husband a Hindu and I Catholic but with our educational and social backgrounds being very similar, we managed to have a great harmony in our relationship along with the many trials and sufferings we have experienced.*

The success of an Inter-faith marriage between two peoples has to be such, that the catholic spouse should not be asked to give up his or her faith. My husband understood this before taking the decision of marrying me. In return I gave him the option to follow his own faith.

This religious freedom made the path of our marriage smooth and successful. Then came the birth of our two children who accompanied me to church and attended regular Sunday School, but were not baptized. It was my husband's desire that both our children should be allowed the freedom of choosing their own religion and I accepted it with a very large lump in my throat. We have to thank the many mentors who helped us in our family. The differences of religion were never a deterrent to us, for little magic words like compromise, humility and sorry helped us to lose our ego and live for the other.

Would we make the same choices today? Sure. No other way! Is there someone out here who Knows - how a perfect marriage take place. We are still learning and understanding our marriage every day. If not for my husband's tolerance and love of Christianity and my love and understanding of where he comes from, we would never been able to celebrate our life and inter-community differences. Thank you Your Holiness Pope Francis and this distinguished Assembly for inspiring us to share our personal memoirs of our life with You.

Ishwarlal Bajaj, the Hindu husband: *I was born in a Hindu family with highly educated parents with my mother being a doctor of medicine and my father an engineer. My parents made the decision of sending me to a Protestant school where from an early age I assimilated Christian values and elements of the faith which was novel but yet deep and inspiring. I met my wife Penelope, a devout and committed Catholic whose mother was a principal of a school whose father was a doctor of medicine too and an officer in the Indian Army.*

We both decided to get married 38 years ago with not much of an opposition from our families. I realized there were differences in religion, and since my wife was keen in following the Catholic faith, I was happy to allow her - her religious freedom. After a while, I began attending the Holy Eucharist and was full of admiration at its contents. I felt at ease with the homily and the celebration being in a language - English I was familiar with. I then began attending a theology course, entitled "Wellsprings", which my wife Penelope organized and conducted for the laity of the Archdiocese of Mumbai. Through my attendance of the program for seven years I assimilated the teachings of Jesus Christ and got into a deep understanding and love of Scripture. I questioned, I pondered and finally decided to get baptized on our silver wedding anniversary thirteen years ago.

My Baptism elevated our marriage to a higher spiritual level with a much better understanding of our relationship with one another. This motivated and encouraged my son and daughter who themselves decided at the age of 28 and 32 to embrace the Catholic faith, thus completing the fabric of a unified Catholic family.

DIVORCE AFFECTS EVERYONE... IT HAPPENS, AND IT HURTS

It happens... and it hurts.... Here's a program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, that is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. The group will be meeting Wednesday evenings for eleven weeks.

PLACE: St. James Church, Pastoral Center, 184 S. Finley Ave., Basking Ridge
DATES: October 21, 2015 to January 27, 2016; **TIME:** 7-8:45pm, **Contact** Ro Bersch 908-313-5947 or 908-470-0678, Fee \$25, Pre-Registration is required.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For October 11, 2015

74 Donors Weekly \$3,633.00
11 Donors Yellow Brick Rd.... \$450.00

For October 12, 2014

79 Weekly Donors \$4,589.46
9 Donors Yellow Brick Rd.... \$365.00

October Automated Giving

31 Donors Monthly \$4,365.00
22 Donors Yellow Brick Rd. \$1,660.00
11 Donors Prop. of Faith \$170.00
12 Donors All Souls \$205.00

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS



Thanks to **16 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,825.00**. The stores gave us **\$91.25** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

NATIVITY PLAY

Tryouts Oct 18 - 3 p.m.

This year St. John's invites all youth K-12 to participate in a scripted Nativity Play to be held Dec 13th. There are various opportunities to participate. For grades K-2, simple roles (drummer boys or angels) are available. For 3rd grade and older - main character memorized roles are available. Additional roles for 6th through 12th grade include narrators, stage crew, and tech crew. Adult help is also needed. Tryouts Oct 18, from 3-4 p.m. Please contact Mary Sorgi msorgi@gmail.com

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GRACE, MERCY & PEACE

"Lay people are not merely the clergy's collaborators, but rather share in the responsibility of the Church's ministry," said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Through the building of awareness and collaborative relationships, the **Office of Lay Ministry & Leadership** exists to recognize, support and resource the gifts of committed lay persons as well as to educate, form and empower them to respond to various needs in the contemporary Church. **Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps build strong parishes by supporting this vital ministry.**

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 KostECKi
Lou Livoti
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

PRAY FOR THE SYNOD ON THE FAMILY

The Ordinary Synod of Bishops began last Sunday, October 4 and will run through October 25. The theme of the Synod is "The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and the Contemporary World." This is an extremely important moment in the life of the Church and for the future of the Christian family. That's why we all need to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit upon the Synod participants. In fact, earlier this year, Pope Francis invited everyone, including himself, cardinals, bishops, priests, men and women religious, lay faithful to pray for the synod:

"We are all called to pray for the Synod. This is what is needed, not gossip! I also call to prayer those who feel distant or who are no longer used to it. This prayer for the Synod on the Family is for the good of everyone. "The Church, as a mother, never abandons the family, even when it is downhearted, wounded and humiliated in so many ways. Neither when it falls into sin nor moves away from the Church; she will always do everything to try to care for and heal it, to call it to conversion and to reconcile it to the Lord. If this then is the task, it is clear how much prayer the Church needs in order to be able, in every age, to carry out this mission! Prayer full of love for the family and for life. Prayer that can rejoice with the rejoicing and suffer with the suffering."

SILVER & GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

We wish to congratulate and celebrate the following members of our parish who are celebrating twenty-five years of marriage. Especially this time of the Synod on families we are happy that these couples have reached this wonderful achievement Kathy and John Altavilla, Sue Petrone and Leo Janas, Patty and Frank Nanna, Stacy and John Niemiec, Rene and Marc Osgood, Donna and Richard Wellbrock. In addition we are twice blessed with two couples who are celebrating fifty years of marriage. Joan and Lou Eacovalle and Elaine and John Mulhern. This is indeed remarkable and we ask God's blessing on each of these couples and their families.

"BECAUSE I'M WORTH IT"

Each year in our diocese, over 2,500 eighth grade and high school students participate in the "Because I'm Worth It" event sponsored by the Office of Respect for Life. Busloads of energetic youth gather to hear renowned speaker Pam Stenzel's chastity presentation. In a rally-like atmosphere, Stenzel captivates her audience with the serious physical, medical and emotional repercussions of sex outside of marriage. It is very powerful and, in many cases, life-changing. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to underwrite the cost of the chastity education outreach to our youth. The theme for 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal is: Grace, Mercy & Peace!



FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

Saturday, November 7, 2015
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center,
Piscataway, NJ

After the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, how are we to continue our mission of love and pastoral care to families we encounter through our ministries, in our daily lives and in our own homes? Pope Francis tells us, "The family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. The family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society."

You are invited to participate in a day of faith formation, enrichment, education and networking at this year's Faith Formation Convocation. You can view the full brochure of workshops on the diocesan website at diometuchen.org. We will be registering as a group from St. John's and arranging car pools. For more information or to register with our group, please contact our office center at 832-2513.

Parish & Community News

PARISH FELLOWSHIP MEETING (with Pizza)

This is a reminder-invitation to our Parish Meeting on this Wednesday, October 21, starting at 6 pm. There is free pizza, salad and baby sitting available!

The topic for this gathering will be "Pastoral Approach to Stewardship." The Finance Council and Fr. Abraham will present and facilitate this topic and discuss the steps the parish has taken to provide for the successful future operation of St. Johns. This is in keeping with the desire to have transparency in all aspects of the operation of the Parish. A question and answer session will follow. So don't forget to come to the Parish Pizza Fellowship meeting at 6:00 p.m. (dessert available all night).

DIOCESAN AWARDS TO OUR TEENS!

Rev. Edmund Luciano, III, the Diocesan Director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, sent me this information: "On behalf of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, CONGRATULATIONS! Claire Jarvis and Owen Stanski have been nominated as recipients of the 2015 Diocesan Youth Award. This award honors our high school teens for their outstanding faith and service to their community, school and/or parish. A Certificate of Recognition will be presented by Bishop Bootkoski during a special Mass that will take place at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, on October 18, 2015 at 5:30 pm."

Hearty congratulations to Claire and Owen. Hope this recognition will give them greater enthusiasm to continue their leadership roles in our parish. We are thankful to these as well as other youth who are actively leading as good role models.

VETERANS DAY SERVICE - NOV. 11TH

Lower Valley Presbyterian Church - Nov. 11th, 7:00 p.m.

Our parish of St. John's is proud to be at the forefront of the ministry to our Veterans and their families. Remember the first ecumenical gathering of fellowship and prayer hosted here in our Church two years ago to honor and thank those who have served in the military? A similar service of appreciation will be held on Wednesday November 11th at 7:00 PM hosted by Rev. Chad Rodgers and the Community of the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church. The service will be followed by light refreshments and coffee. Please join us as we together show our support for the loyal service of our veterans. Lower Valley Presbyterian Church is located at 445 County Road 513 in Califon. If you wish to attend and/or give a helping hand, please contact St. John's Veterans Outreach Coordinator Barbara Martalus at 908-439-3732.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Here's a good papal joke that's been around for a while: The Pope was taking a limousine to the airport. Since he'd never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. The reluctant chauffeur pulled over along the roadside, climbed into the back of the limo, and the Pope took the wheel. The Pope then merged onto the highway and accelerated to over 90 mph to see what the limo could do. Suddenly, the Pope noticed the blue light of the State Patrol in his side mirror, so he pulled over. The trooper approached the limo, peered in through the windows, then said, "Just a moment please, I need to call in."

The trooper called in and explained to the chief that he had a very important person pulled over for speeding. "How do I handle this, chief?" asked the trooper. "Is it the Governor?" questioned the chief. "No! This guy is even more important!" "Is it the President?" asked the chief. "No! Even more important!" "Well, who the heck is it?" screamed the chief. "I don't know, sir," replied the trooper, "but he's got the Pope as his chauffeur!!"

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YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

Sunday Oct 25 4 - 7pm
Food, Fun and Faith!

ACQUIRE THE FIRE

Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their Fall kickoff meeting on Sunday, October 25th at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889). Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wednesday, Oct. 28 D. Zigmantanis

Store Cards

Oct. 17 & 18

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m. D. Royal

Oct. 24 & 25

5:30 p.m. D. Hingos
8:00 a.m. M. Kearns
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