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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

Diocese of Metuchen
Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, Bishop
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..... Pastor
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398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday.....10:30 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.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 3

7:00 a.m. Mark Livoti, req.

Livoti Family

Friday, November 6

7:00 a.m. Jeanette Law, req.

Karen and Edward Verso

Saturday, November 7

5:30 p.m. Edward Simila, req.

Jim, Dawn, Nicole, Samantha

Sunday, November 8

8:00 a.m. Pat Arat, req.

St. John Neumann Church

10:30 a.m. Richard Carnrike, req.

France Kennedy

Mass Schedule—November 7/8

Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anita Sawczuk	
Altar Server	Uss Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Eileen McCabe	
	Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Chris Bitters	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Barbara Gates	
	Debbie Kelemen, Sharon Janks	
Sunday		Baptism
		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anthony DeStefano	
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Sobey, Kristin Gemma	
	Sheena Carew, Mary D'Avella, Marlene Milko	

Parish Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 1 - All Saints Day/Yellow Brick Rd Collection

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office and Church Centers)
- 9:00 a.m. Family Faith Connection-Grade 4 (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 11:30 p.m. Moms, Dads, & Tots (Narthex and Patio)
- 12:00 p.m. Nativity Play Rehearsal (Church Center)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, Nov. 2 - All Souls Day

- 7:00 p.m. All Souls Mass (Church Center)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

- 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)
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA (Upper Room)
- 7:15 p.m. Small Faith Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 - Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

- 12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
- 7:30 p.m. Small Faith Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, Nov. 5 - Weekday

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

Friday, Nov. 6 - Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
- 7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour (Church Center)

Saturday, Nov. 7 - Stewardship Weekend

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Convocation (Diocesan Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 6:30 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation Celebration (Church Center)

Sunday, Nov. 8 - Stewardship Weekend / Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Christmas Giving Tree Starts

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass - Pringle Baptism (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
- 12:00 p.m. Nativity Play Rehearsal (Church Center)



**Daylight Savings Time Begins
November 1st at 2:00 a.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: **Anna Larusso, BJ Eckart, Gus DeLucas, Nicholas DiProspero, and Mildred McCormick.**

Deceased: **Anna Larusso**, mother of Suzanne Larusso, **BJ Eckart**, cousin of Sharon Janks, **Gus DeLucas**, Uncle of Jim Simila, and **Mildred McCormick**, mother of Jude McCormick. 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,

Last week's Town meeting focused on the pastoral and financial health of our parish. When our mortgage was paid off, everyone heaved a sigh of relief. Yet to the surprise of some, we heeded the wise advice of our Finance Council and the Property Management Committee about the recurring expense for maintenance of our aging building and decided to continue the Yellow Brick Road Collection. What was really a surprise to the Town meeting attendees was when Fred Heimall, representing the Property Management Committee, recounted the expenses incurred for many of the renovations, repairs and replacements which were not easily visible! Yet significant amount of our contributions were used for Siding, Cupola, Front plaza, Window panels, Narthex skylights, Heat system/gutters/icing, and many more. Therefore in the discussion it was suggested that the parishioners be made aware of these major renovations through a "before and after" pictures of the same in the narthex.

Our Stewardship weekend is upon us. So our guest speaker for this occasion next weekend will be Fr. Charles Ssebalamu, Pastor of our sister Church of St. Mary's in Coeburn, VA. Please read his letter in today's bulletin and we will know how our monthly contributions from our grocery cards sales have been put to good use in this rural parish. We will have a Contribution basket kept in the Church for those of who wish to contribute to the needs of St. Mary's, Coeburn. This idea to invite Fr Charles was the proposal from our Stewardship Committee who do a great job in a very silent way. Under the able leadership of Anthony DeStefano, this Committee's longtime members – Sharon Lohrmann and Elizabeth Lacy – meet on a regular basis and chalk out plans and ideas for us to be a truly Stewardship Church. Please express your appreciation for the fine job they do, and prayerfully consider becoming part of that Committee

This coming Saturday we will also keep our Volunteer Appreciation evening. Last year it was well received - the great food and drinks certainly made it very inviting! Ours being a near-total volunteering parish, it is a celebration of all of us. Please do come and make it an evening of fellowship and celebration. Today's feast of All Saints is a happy reminder to us of the many saints who lived with and before us, making our lives meaningful. This feast also reminds us of our own call to holiness. No wonder, St Paul was fond of calling his parishioners "saints" as in 2 Corinthians 1:1: *"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia."* Coming together and celebrating our own God-given goodness of serving God in the People of God of our community is truly a sign of who we are – saints! Happy Feast to you all saints!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND - November 7th and 8th

Volunteer Appreciation after the 5:30 Mass on the 7th

If you haven't already received our Stewardship mailing, you should be receiving it any day now. We ask you to review the contents of the mailing and to join us at the Masses on November 7th and 8th for Stewardship Weekend. There will be a large basket at the entrance of the Worship Space for you to drop off your completed Time, Talent and Treasure forms from the packet. Also please let us know if you will be attending the Volunteer Appreciation Gathering. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SPECIAL MASS ON ALL SOULS DAY

On the night of All Soul's Day, Monday, November 2nd, there will be a special Mass, celebrated at 7:00 pm. If you have a deceased loved one whose memory you wish to honor in gratitude during the Mass, you are most welcome to attend. It will be nice to bring in a photograph of your loved one to be placed around the altar. You will have the opportunity to light a candle in thanksgiving for the gift of life God gave to your dear one/s.



WELCOME

HANNA ELISSE ERZ

We welcome Hanna to our faith and parish family. Congratulations to Kurt and Susanne and Kyle and Jordan in celebration of Hanna's baptism Oct 18.

MOMS, DADS, AND TOTS

Moms, Dads and Tots are invited to gather for some food, fun and fellowship, this Sunday, Nov 1, 11:30 a.m. after the 10:30 Mass. Text France at 908-307-7879 if you can make it or just drop in!

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

for speaking roles...3rd grade & older, this weekend, Sunday Nov 1st from 12:00-2:00.

First Friday

Holy Hour

November 6th - 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

GOD BLESS THE 2015 CONFIRMATION CLASS



On Saturday October 24, 2015 during the 5:30 Mass thirteen young men and women in our parish religious education program, celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Thank you to all those involved that helped make this a memorable celebration.

CONFIRMATION 2015



On Saturday, October 24, 2015, during the 5:30 p.m. Mass, Fr. Abraham celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers, as they have begun their faith journey sealed by the Holy Spirit. **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.**



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 samaritanspurse.org for further information.

CPIII PARENT-CONFIRMANDI MEETING

Monday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., Church Center

There will be a meeting of all CPIII students (8th graders) and their parents on Monday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Center. At least one parent should accompany their child.

6TH GRADE CLASS MASS

Please join our 6th Grade Religious Education students on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 10:30 a.m. as they celebrate their Class Mass. It is a wonderful chance to watch our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy by playing an active role during the Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION



The next First Reconciliation session will be on Saturday, November 14th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.

Social Ministry

WINTER IS COMING

With the upcoming feast day of Saint Martin of Tours in mind (Nov. 11) Social Ministry of St. John Neumann is having a coat drive for the month of November.

We're looking for donations of clean and gently used Men's, Women's and Children's coat of all sizes. Other items we will take are hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & blankets. The coats collected will be donated to various programs for dispersal.

In the Spirit of St. Martin who gave up half of his cloak to a poor man, share your warmth this winter with someone in need. Drop Off in Narthex or Seton Room. Thank you, God bless!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree will be up next weekend. Please consider taking a tag and buying a gift.



FINAL NOTES FROM THE GARDEN FOR 2015

It was a bit chilly on Saturday but hard work and enthusiasm kept us all warm as we raised the new fence around the expansion of the Project Earth Garden. While many worked outside on the fence, a wonderful crew in the kitchen put together the most amazing, delicious lunch that we all shared at noon. Many, many thanks to the 28 volunteers who came out to help. The raised beds for the community garden will be installed in the spring. There will be a sign up for all who are interested in having a bed to grow vegetables once the installation is complete. This week the last of the beets were dug and donated. The beds were mulched and the dahlia tubers were lifted and stored for the winter. Almost 2000 pounds of fresh food was donated this season to soup kitchens, food banks and local families in need. Pumpkins have been roasted and pureed and will be used to make pies for the Thanksgiving meal at SHIP in Somerville. Pickles made from the cucumbers, peppers and onions we grew are stored for our monthly service there as well. The overflow of carrots and beans were frozen and will also be used for the soup kitchen during the winter months. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the garden next spring!

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Do you know of anyone that would need a food basket during the holidays? Anonymity will be honored, and special food needs are also adhered to. Call Greg, 908-832-7322 / 908-338-7322, to discuss. Think out of the box and along the edges of society. Food lists are available in the Narthex. Food must be **returned by Nov. 15**, so it can be delivered the following weekend. Thanks for caring and responding to the call at the end of every Mass; **"GO AND SERVE ONE ANOTHER"**.

SUNDAY REFLECTION: Your "Litany of the Saints"

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5: 1-12a

Take a piece of paper - use today's bulletin, if you have to. Write on the paper or in the margin of the bulletin these words: *I thank my God for all my remembrance of you.* And write a name. You choose the name. Then write another name. And another name. And another. *I thank my God for all my remembrance of you.* Or go through your personal address book sometime. Or your Christmas card list. If you haven't updated it in a while, so much the better. As you run your finger down the names, pray those words: *I thank my God for all my remembrance of you.* Put a small mark near all the names you remember in gratitude.

Keep the list - because to you, it's more than a list. Every one of those names is a marker of your own life - they are the names of the people who have inspired you, taught you, supported you, loved you. Your list is your own "litany of the saints." Keep your list with you no matter what. Even if you have to give up your house, your car, your furniture, your computer and electronic devices, everything you own - keep that list with you always. In fact, when you leave this earth, take your list with you. Really. When you get to the gate of heaven, St. Peter or the welcoming angel is going to say, "Now, look, you went into the world with nothing, you've got to come out of it with nothing. What have you got there?"

And you'll say, "Well, it's just some names." "Well, let me see it," heaven's porter will ask. "Well," you'll say, handing it over, "it's just some names of folks I worked with and folks who helped me." "Well, let me see it," the spirit will insist. "This is just a group of people that, if it weren't for them, I'd have never made it here." You'll hand over the list, and St. Peter or the angel will smile and say, "I know all of them. In fact, on my way here to the gate, I passed a group. They were painting a great big sign to hang over the street. And it said, *Welcome Home.*" [Adapted from a sermon by Fred Craddock, in Craddock Stories.]

Today we celebrate the feast of all the saints - not just the "official" saints like the Elizabeth Setons and the Francises and the Thomas Mores and the Mother Teresas - but the saints we have known and who have lived among us, the "blessed" of the Gospel through whom God touches us and our world. Today is the festival when we honor the holy men and women who have walked among us and who have touched our lives by their humility and selflessness, their generosity and compassion. Let this day be a day to remember the people on our "lists," those we remember with gratitude for the blessings they have been to us; may the lives on our own "litany" of saints inspire us to follow the example of their grace-filled lives so that, one day, we may join their company in the dwelling place of God.



ACQUIRE THE FIRE - Young Adult Group

Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their next meeting on Sunday, November 8th at 7 PM. We will be meeting at one of our member's houses in Bedminster to prepare a meal for SHIP. For more information, please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org. Save the date for our next meeting on November 22nd. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

BEREAVEMENT ON TEMPUS RADIO WITH JOHN COLE

On November 19th, Jessie Flynn, a highly respected Certified Bereavement Counselor will be on Tempus with John Cole to talk about ways to manage grief and help others to do so. Jessie Flynn, provides group support counseling, individual counseling, lectures and workshops, as well as a Kids Cope with Grief Series. Tempus with John Cole can be heard on WDVR FM: 89.7, 96.9 Trenton, NJ, WPNJ 90.5 Easton, PA, and around the world via wvrfm.org.

ALL SAINTS DAY

November 1, 2015

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
(MATTHEW 5:3)

"Poor in spirit" is confusing for many of us. It simply means to place your trust in God, putting His will first and being strong in faith. As we celebrate the lives of the saints on All Saints Day, remember, we, too are called to be saints. Dial-ing down our own pride and ego and turning up the humility will help us on our path to sainthood.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GRACE, MERCY & PEACE

Realizing the unique gifts individuals with disabilities have to offer the Church and society, the **Ministry for Persons with Disabilities** actively invites differently abled people into full participation in the liturgical, sacramental and community life of the Church. The ministry also offers support for caregivers and encourages parishes to make every accommodation necessary to allow the inclusion of all people.

"THE BOYS NEXT DOOR"

Local Theater

Oldwick Community Players is a community theater group currently planning a production of "The Boys Next Door" written by Tom Griffin and directed by Christopher Rollings. "The Boys Next Door" is a poignant play about four men with various mental disabilities, who live in a group home supervised by a sincere but burned out social worker.

Performances are Nov. 12, 13 & 14 at 7pm at the Holland Township School, 710 Milford-Warren Glen Rd. Milford, NJ 08848. Wednesday, Nov. 11 is free of charge to Seniors. Tickets are \$15 for adults: \$12 for seniors and students & can be reserved by phone or on our website, Oldwickplayers.org. Phone: 908-832-2207; 908-638-9165 Email: canemetz@yahoo.com.

Parish News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Eugene Cifranic
Jean Crickenberger
Vicky Davids
Tino DeSantis
Sophia DeVita
Neil Ercolano
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
Richard Nacamuli
Michael James Nonestied
Mary Lou O'Brien
Floyd Opdyke
Peter Ostapzuk
Linda Owens
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Earl Roberts
Anne & Joe Sacco
Bob Simms
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Julie Suplee
Brian Travis
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



TASTING EVENT

Last Chance for Sale Tickets

"TASTING TICKETS for the 3rd Annual Tasting Event on Saturday, November 21, are on sale in the Narthex today and at the office during the week. The discounted \$30 Early Bird special ends November 4th."



COMMEMORATE A LOVED ONE-FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

You may have noticed the basket of flowers in front of the altar two Sundays ago. They were there to commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the death of a loved one.

Should you wish to have this for an event (wedding anniversary, birth, or death) of a loved one, please consider this beautiful tribute and contribute to the beauty of the church. Contact Anita Sawczuk at 832-7746 and she can help you arrange this.

DONATIONS FOR VETERANS

On Saturday, Nov. 14, St. John's will be transporting household items to Veterans Have North in Glen Gardner. The furnishings will be used by veterans who have completed the program and are transitioning to independent living quarters. Items needed (which need to be viewed prior for acceptability) are: bedroom furniture, living room furniture, dinette sets, tableware, pots and pans. If you have something to donate please call or text **Sandra 908-507-2378** or **Suzanne 908-581-1869**.

WANTED: MOVERS AND A TRUCK

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, November 14th between 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.** to help transport furniture to Veterans Haven North in Glen Gardner. Please call **Sandra 908-507-2378** or **Suzanne 908-581-1869** if you are able to help.



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.

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.

Parish & Community News



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.

LETTER OF FR. CHARLES—COEBURN, VA

Hello Fr. Abraham,

It's great to get this opportunity to write a few lines to you especially after the historical visit of Pope Francis to the United States. Hopefully his visit will bear lasting fruits to the Church, especially the Church in the States. Just wanted to touch base with you regarding my forthcoming visit on the stewardship weekend Nov. 7/8, 2015 and give you a brief picture of St. Mary Church, Coeburn VA.

St. Mary Church Coeburn VA was founded in 1955 by the Glenmary order of priests who came as missionaries to the region in the 1940s. A small mission church in the Appalachian mountains of far southwest Virginia, small but vibrant, alive, and missionary. This Catholic Church was originally built by the labor of the parishioners themselves with the help of the Glenmary Home Missioners and the St. Vincent DePaul Society of the diocese of Brooklyn, N.Y. but at the present date, there are no parishioners who would be able to provide all the needed support. Living the Catholic faith in the beloved but non-Catholic community seems to define the people of St. Mary's. Having such small membership the Parish can do little more, financially, than maintain the church buildings and provide liturgy.

A Catholic presence although in this rural Southwestern Virginia town where there is less than 1% of the population that is Catholic is important to maintain. This is what St. Mary's Church does. The population here began to decline with the economy in the 1960s as jobs were lost to automation in the coal industry and the closing of some mines. Many young people, left the region to find work. Young people don't stay because of a lack of employment. Your continued support as the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann has helped us maintain the Catholic presence in the area. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!! With your donations topped with the Home Mission grants we were able get a new roof and painted the interior of the Church. Repaired the bell tower. Our urgent concern and need is to work on the basement, water runs from the nearby hill into the basement and paying the utility bills.

. Looking forward to meeting with you and the Parishioners. Blessings.

Fr. Charles Ssebalamu, Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Coburn, VA



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A cranky woman was arrested for shop lifting. She gave everyone a hard time, from the store manager to the security guard to the arresting officer. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?" She replied: Just a stupid can of peaches. The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry and had forgotten to bring cash with her. The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied with a nasty tone: "6. But why do you care about that?" The judge then said, "Well Ma'am because I am going to give you 6 days in jail." Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something. He said, " What is it? " The husband said "She also stole a can of peas."

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For October 25, 2015

72 Donors Weekly\$4,358.00
16 Donors All Souls.....\$426.00

For October 26, 2014

86 Donors Weekly\$4,411.00
25 Donors All Souls.....\$592.00

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS

Thanks to **7 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$850.00**. The stores gave us **\$42.50** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Stewardship Committee will be running a 10,000 Villages sales the month of November. We can use a few volunteers to sell product after Masses. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you could help

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Parishioners are invited to a Spaghetti and Meatball Supper hosted by the Knights of Columbus the evening of November 14th. It will be held at the St. Joseph Church Hall (lower level) from 6 to 9. Flyers are available in the Narthex. Requested contributions are \$3 per child age 3 to 10, \$10 for adults and older children. Reservations are not required, proceeds benefit Council charitable activities.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tuesday, Nov. 3 J. Santoro
Wednesday, Nov. 4 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

Oct. 31 & Nov. 1

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

Nov. 7 & Nov. 8

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 11/1 M. Cangelosi
Week of 11/8 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

October 30 Team C
November 6 Team D

Altar Flowers

November 7 A. Sawczuk
November 14 A. Germino

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