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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
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398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

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.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 23

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, November 26

7:00 a.m. Halina Fisch, req. Violetta,
Jarek, Matthew & Caroline Olesiak

Friday, November 27

7:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Saturday, November 28

5:30 p.m. Margaret Sevi, req.
Mary and Mike Connolly

Sunday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Anna Turley, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks
10:30 a.m. Leroy Lance, req.
Cyndy and Bill Behrens



Mass Schedule—November 21/22

Saturday	Youth Mass	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	David Geerinck	
Altar Server	Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Martalus	
.....	Barbara Martalus, Anita Sawczuk	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Allan Piechowski	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jane Klawunn	
.....	Sharon Janks, Tom Klawunn	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server	DeStefano Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Debbie Kelemen	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Anthony DeStefano, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca	
.....	Mike Pgliuca, Gloria Cucchiara, Kristin Gemma	

Parish Calendar

Youth Mass is on Saturday, November 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 15 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K - 6 Catechesis (Church and Office Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Faith Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Mass - 6th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover SJN's Luncheon (Office Center Kitchen)
12:00 p.m. Nativity Play Rehearsal (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, Nov. 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin

6:00 p.m. Monthly Catechesis (Church & Office Center)
7:15 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, Nov. 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. RCIA (Upper Room)
7:30 p.m. Small Faith Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, Nov. 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft) (Last Yoga for Season)
7:00 p.m. Exploring Grief and Loss (Upper Room)
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Faith Group (Drexel Room)

Thursday, Nov. 19 - Weekday

Set up Boxes for Food Pack Up (Church Center)
7:15 p.m. Prayer Ministry (Upper Room)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, Nov. 20 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Food Pack Up (Church Center)

Saturday, Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Food Deliveries (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Wine, Food and Chocolate Tasting (Church Center)

Sunday, Nov. 22 - Campaign for Human Development Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - 6th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
12:00 p.m. Nativity Play Rehearsal (Church Center)



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Michael McMahon, Anna Larusso, BJ Eckart, Gus DeLucas, and Nicholas DiProspero.**

Deceased: Michael McMahan, brother of Noreen Ranallo, Anna Larusso, mother of Suzanne Larusso, BJ Eckart, cousin of Sharon Janks, and Gus DeLucas, Uncle of Jim Simila. 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,

The presence of Fr. Charles Ssebalamu, from our sister parish of St. Mary's in Coburn, VA, was the highlight of our Stewardship Weekend and Volunteer Appreciation celebrations. The homily and the pictures he shared during the Mass as well as the personal chats many of you had with him during the fellowship over coffee/food made us realize how blessed we are in comparison to that parish that's struggling to exist. That is the reason, I believe, for your generosity: the voluntary offering from last Sunday to be sent to St. Mary's is a handsome amount of \$1611.00, with another \$467.75 to be added from our grocery card sales! I'm grateful for that spirit of goodness and sharing in our community. The Stewardship Committee and the Parish Staff who coordinated this weekend's program together with other men and women of good will deserve our gratitude and appreciation in a special way.

We Christians know that the source of our life is God. The origin, meaning and goal of our life can be found in the Holy Bible which is the revelation of God. Yet what is the role Bible plays in our daily living? We need periodic reminders to make us more aware of the supreme importance of the Word of God in all that we do. For a week from today (November 15–21), the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in **National Bible Week** in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "**The Bible: A Book for the Family**," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families. Hence this is an opportune time for us to do something about the importance we need to give to the Bible:

As Individuals: Begin and/or end the day with a short passage from the Bible.

Many do it already and they are benefiting the fruits of that practice;

As a Family: Do a Bible Enthronement. To show that God is at the center of their lives, many families enthrone the Bible, the Word of God, in a visible place in their homes. By placing the Sacred Scriptures in a prominent place decorated with flowers and art, and by gathering at this spot for daily prayer, families show that God is present and active through his Word. If it is difficult for the family to gather daily for prayer, at least do the Enthronement so that it becomes a visible reminder to us about the importance of the family. Please see in this bulletin the prayer that can be used for this Enthronement.

As a Community: Next Sunday we will hear a short testimony from one of our Parishioners about what the Bible says about stewardship. As we just celebrated our Stewardship Weekend, it will be a timely reminder to us of God's expectations from us about being a good steward. It could also be a reminder for those of us who have yet to return our Stewardship forms.

Let us take to heart the words of the Psalmist: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105).

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

BEREAVEMENT ON TEMPUS RADIO WITH JOHN COLE

On **November 19th**, from **5 to 7pm**, **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 wvdrfm.org.

EXPLORING GRIEF AND LOSS

November 18, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

A preview and discussion of a series of bereavement workshops beginning in January. The sessions will focus on the impact of life affecting loss, unanticipated and anticipated major change. Individuals who have experienced the passing of a family member, friend, or have faced or are facing divorce or sudden job loss are welcome, as well. This will be an exploratory session describing the agenda and plans for the coming workshops, soliciting suggestions, and the preview of session content. John Cole, a parishioner and helping professional will be the presenter and facilitator of this support effort.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2015

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL GRACE, MERCY & PEACE

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, served 59,000 people of all faiths last year through more than 100 programs in eight service areas. Your financial support is needed to help meet the growing demand for shelters and transitional house, basic needs assistance, individual and family counseling, youth services and disaster relief. Please extend a helping hand to those who have been hit with the hardships of life with your sacrificial gift.

DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S

Are you new to St. John's? Please join us for a Discover luncheon to find out more about the parish. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 15th, 11:30am. Contact France at 908-832-2513 or fkenney@ccsjn.org to respond.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

Religious Education Program

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Saturday, December 5

The Holy Communion class will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m., in the Church Center. A reception for the children and their families will follow.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child pamphlets were sent home with all students in Religious Education. If your family would like to put together a shoebox gift for a needy boy or girl, please follow the directions in the pamphlet and return your shoebox to the narthex or office center **no later than Monday, November 16th**. The Jr. High will be holding its own OCC Packing Party during their gathering on November 15th. All parishioners are invited to participate. Please contact Jo Ann Jarvis or visit samaritanspurse.org for further information.

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.

Social Ministry

NEW EYES FOR THE NEEDY

Glasses for those in need

Is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1932 which provides new prescription eyeglasses for U.S. residents and distributes used glasses to the disadvantaged in developing countries. The Social Ministry is very happy to announce the donation of 140 pairs of glasses to the New Eyes organization last week. Your continuous support and generosity makes it possible for poor children and adults in the U.S. and around the world to see clearly. You can find more information about this great organization at the Social Ministry Board located in Narthex. Thank you!



Stewardship

A Way of Life

WINTER IS COMING

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

We're looking for donations of clean and gently used Men, Women & Children coats, all sizes. Other items we will take are hats, gloves, mittens, scarves & blankets. The coats collected will be donated to various programs for dispersal. Drop Off in Narthex or Seton Room. Thank you, God bless!

FOOD DONATIONS, PACK-UP AND DELIVERY

We will be accepting food donations right through Thanksgiving and until the Christmas delivery. Please help us either with food or a food card from Shop-Rite. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex placed at several locations for Pack-Up and Delivery and remember if you don't sign up as a volunteer, WE DO WEICOME WALK-INS. Pack-Up will be on November 20 @ 6:30PM and Delivery will take place on November 21 @ 8:00 AM. We do welcome children at both events and you will find that it's a great experience in Ministry for them. It's helpful for you to discuss the Who's and Why's with them as they participate.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex. We need your help to make a difference in the lives of so many challenged by their circumstances. We are supporting six different organizations this year: Anderson House, Freedom House, Little Brook Nursing Home, Newton's Guest House, SHIP and St. John's individuals and families in need. Some tags have more than one gift listed, feel free to purchase one or more of the gifts on the tag.

1. **Take a tag from the Tree.**
2. **Sign it out on the appropriate Log Sheet.**
3. **Purchase and wrap your gift, attaching the tag you took as the label.**
4. **Leave your gift in the Narthex or Seton Room by Sunday, December 6th.**

If you have any questions, contact Karen Porto 908-832-9820 or kporto@aol.com. Thanks for your generous giving!

GREETING CARDS FOR GROCERIES

A parishioner, whose hobby is to create various greeting cards, has embraced the spirit of stewardship by putting her cards on sale in the Narthex to raise funds for the St. John's food pantry.

You can choose from Birthday, Thank You, Baby or General for \$3 per card or you can pick four cards for \$10. If you pay by check make check out to St. John Neumann, Memo: food pantry. If you pay by cash just put the money in the box marked "Cards for Groceries". This is where checks can go too.

Hopefully you will find cards to meet your Greeting needs so you can be supporting our Food Pantry as well. Go shopping in the Narthex after church today! (90% of proceeds go directly to Food Pantry purchases.)

MORE IDEAS FOR NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

Theme: The Bible, a book for the Family

Dust Off That Family Bible!!

Many homes have a family Bible tucked away on a shelf. Bring it out, and make it visible. Ensure that children have age-appropriate Bibles at their bedside for prayer and for story time. Seek out Scripture stories in audio formats. Ask your parish catechetical director or pastor for suggestions on where to locate resources.

Show Reverence

Communicate in word and action that the Bible is a special book, worthy of reverence. When reading the Bible, handle it carefully, modeling to the family that it is God's holy Word. Enthroned the Bible in a special room or in a corner set aside for family prayer. Place the Bible on a piece of cloth (use the colors of the liturgical season) on a small table with a candle or vigil light. Gather around the Bible each day for a short family prayer.

Link Parish and Home

Don't let what happens in church stay in church. Do your best to bring the Word home each week, making connections between the liturgy and the home. Read the weekly Scriptures before or on the way to Sunday Mass (find the daily liturgical readings, both in text and as a podcast, at the USCCB Web site, www.usccb.org). Promote active listening at weekly Mass by asking children what they heard in the homily and discussing how it applies to the family. Bring home a favorite song or a refrain to sing during family prayer.

Be Creative

Teach your family scriptural "mantras"—short phrases taken from the Bible, quietly repeated over and over (i.e., "The Lord is my light and my salvation," "Fear not, for I have redeemed you," "I have called you by name," etc.). Use these mantras as part of family prayer and meditation. Place love notes with Bible verses in your children's school lunch bags or under the pillows on their beds. Look for other ways to keep God's Word in front of them.

Lectio Divina

The ancient practice of *Lectio Divina*, the "holy reading" of the Scriptures, is a method of scriptural prayer encouraged for all. This process involves reading biblical passages slowly and reflectively, allowing them to shape and transform our lives. This method can be prayed individually or be learned by the entire family and made part of the life of the home. (A longer description of *Lectio Divina* is available at www.usccb.org/bible/nationalbibleweek.cfm).

EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER!

We want to thank all our parishioners who come and share in their faith with the parish community at the liturgy. Coming to Mass is participating in stewardship. Sharing your time with others in prayer is the beginning of living 'Every Member a Minister'. Thank you to those who could attend the Volunteer Appreciation night last weekend. It was a nice evening of fellowship. We encourage parishioners to look at the stewardship forms that they received or pick one up at Mass. Please check off some manner of participation in one of the many activities or ministries. If you have any questions contact the office.

COME JOIN THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Children's Liturgy Planning Committee is looking for some new members. If you have young children, join them one Sunday during the Children's Liturgy session and see if this is something you might be interested in. Join this committee and be involved in planning the Homilies that are shared with the children at their Children's Liturgy Gatherings during 10:30 Mass. The committee meets in the Seton Room on the last Monday of every month from 7:30pm-9:00pm. If interested in contributing to this worthwhile ministry contact Regina DeStefano at 908-713-6839.

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

😊 **Funny Bible Quotes** 😊

Q. Where is the first math homework problem mentioned in the Bible?

A. When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah; he was floating his stock while everyone was in liquidation.

Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?

A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet. (profit)

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

A. No, just an apple

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?

A. He only had two worms

Q. Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?

A. When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court.

Q: Where is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?

A: When God gave Moses two tablets.

Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

A. It's Christmas, Eve

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?

A. God drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

PRAYER MINISTRY

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.

-St. Therese of Lisieux

Please join us for the next Communal Prayer Session:

Thursday, November 19th.

7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

Office Center, Upper Room

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
Christine Meyer
Evelyn Murray
Fran Miceli
Beau (Bernice) Mills
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
William Weimer
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

ENTHRONING THE BIBLE IN YOUR FAMILY

Enthroning the Bible in your home is easy. Simply pick a place where the Bible can be honored. The Bible should be placed where it will be seen regularly, but the location should be apart from the noise and confusion of the family entertainment center. Place the Bible, opened to a favorite passage or the readings of the day (these can be found at www.usccb.org/bible), on a table or shelf. Decorate the area around the Bible with a cloth, flowers, and/or a candle—whatever makes sense to you. Use these **four simple steps** when you gather as a family to enthrone the Bible:

Step 1: Read one of these passages loud by a member of the family:

Matthew 4:17-23 *Jesus calls and heals through the power of his Word.*

Mark 4:1-20 *The Word is like the seed.*

Luke 4:14-21 *Jesus proclaims the Word in Nazareth.*

John 1:10-14 *Jesus is the Word of God and the light of the world.*

Step 2: After the reading, place the Bible in the place prepared for it. All bow deeply before the enthroned Bible and the parent says this prayer:

We have heard your words, Jesus.

They give us joy and bring light and truth into our lives.

Your presence gives us peace in our troubled and divided world.

Let your Word create in our hearts a deep desire for you.

Be with us in our hearts and homes, in our community and country.

Give us your Holy Spirit to help us to understand your Word.

We enthrone now this Holy Bible in our midst.

Make your Word the center of our lives.

May your Word inspire all that we think and say and do.

May your Word bind us together in unity with each other and with you, today and forever.

Response: Amen.

Step 3: All say this prayer:

We promise to respect the Word of God in our midst.

We shall read and reflect on it as a family of God.

May we draw from it inspiration for our decisions, strength for our work,

and comfort in suffering.

Jesus, help us to be faithful to our promise,

you who live forever and ever. Amen.

Step 4: Now recite the Our Father & conclude with a sign of peace & love.

SUGGESTIONS

Have you noticed the suggestion box in the entrance to the narthex? We get suggestions time to time and see if it is something we can act upon. There was a request for the church to be open so people could visit when they want. It is hard to leave the whole church open always but we do options available for anyone to pray when they want. We have the outdoor labyrinth at the far left of the property, we also have a bench in the Mary Garden which is behind the white fence at by the kitchen entrance to the church. The gate opens into a small garden which Ray and Nadine Fotta have recovered from the weeds. That same garden offers access 24 hour access to the Icon room, an atrium area for contemplation and also leads to the Eucharistic Chapel. This Chapel holds the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle and is truly the soul of the church building. For your sacred time to pray – all are welcome.

FALL FAITH

Thank you to all our participants in the Fall Small Faith Groups. This week is the last week of our 6 weeks for many groups. There are a couple of groups that have one more week.

We hope you found it to be enriching. If you enjoyed it, share something you found worthwhile with some friends and encourage them to try the next session at Lent. Please contact the office if you have any suggestions.

Parish & Community News

YOUTH CORNER!

(Our Junior High students attended the Papal Mass simulcast in our Church on September 27. Here is the next installment of excerpts from the reflections they wrote. More will follow.)

Nina Lewis: The advice that was given by the Pope's word through God were lessons that I plan on taking and practicing in my daily life. First, he says, "Faith opens windows to the presence of the Spirit." Having faith in people and having faith in everything you do, will make you happy and content with the work you have accomplished. The next valuable lesson to understand is when Francis says, "How are we trying to live our lives...what kind of life do we want to leave for our children...it is up to the Spirit who challenges us." I chose these words out of the many exceptional lessons to be learned and observed, because these lines touched me emotionally. Although I am a child, when I heard this, I immediately thought of my future children. What I do now affects them. I feel it is vital as a Catholic to continue our faith by having these memorable moments in Church which in turn become lessons learned for generations.

James Quartuccio: The Pope is such an amazing person because of what he does for everybody; he enlightens people; he enlightened me for what he taught me. He says small gestures go a long way. I can relate to that because my parents always taught me to give small gestures as simple as please or thank you or even I'm sorry. I think those are so important in life for you to be able to say that; it shows that you care. Pope Francis also inspired me. He told me that Jesus will always love me, he will always care for me no matter what. I think that's so important to know that Jesus loves me unconditionally. The Pope's Mass touched me, inspired me, and taught in so many ways. I thought that this Mass was amazing to watch and a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to learn about the Catholic religion.

Sarah Upwood: Pope Francis spoke about many insights and inspirations; however, there were two that I really liked. The first one is that anyone can do miracles in God's name. It means that anyone can do good things and help other people in the name of God. I found this very inspiring. The second one is faith opens a window to the Holy Spirit. This means that if you have faith in God, a window to the Holy Spirit will open up for you. Both of these insights were very wise and knowledgeable. Another thing I learned is that that a good way to measure love is to see if in your own home you shout, or speak with kindness. I may use this in my daily life to measure the love in my family. These lessons are useful in my everyday life and I will use them.

3RD ANNUAL TASTING - NEXT SATURDAY, Nov. 21st, 7:00 p.m.



See the insert for a sampling of the delicacies planned. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex today and at the office during the week. They will be available at the door, but your ADVANCE PURCHASE helps us to plan food quantities. Tickets are \$35."



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 22nd at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889). One of the OLL parishioners will be speaking about the impact of her faith on her life. For our Dec 6th meeting, we will be attending the young adult Seekers Retreat from 2 - 7 PM at the Loyola House in Morristown sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen and Trenton. For more information, visit <http://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/formation-and-leadership/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/seekers/>. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For November 8, 2015

83 Donors Weekly \$4,832.00
12 Donors Yellow Brick Rd \$533.00
St. Mary's, Coeburn \$1,286.00

For November 9, 2014

82 Donors Weekly \$4,531.00
12 Donors Yellow Brick Rd \$540.00

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS



Thanks to **10 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,100.00**. The stores gave us **\$55.00** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL

Rehearsal for the Nativity Play will take place this Sunday Nov. 15 for ALL cast members: Kindergarten & older. Note: Kindergarten to 2nd grade (Little angels & Drummer boys) will rehearse for the first hour **only** (12-1pm). The remainder of the cast (including tech crew and stage crew) will rehearse for the entire time from 12:00 -2:00pm.

MOMS, DADS, AND TOTS

If you have children under the age of 5 and would like to join the Moms, Dads & Tots Group—contact moms-dadsandtots@ccsjn.org. Plans are underway for upcoming events and we need your feedback.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Nov. 18 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

Nov. 14 & Nov. 15

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

Nov. 21 & Nov. 22

5:30 p.m. D. Zigmantanix
8:00 a.m. M. Kearns
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 11/15 M. Proano
Week of 11/22 J. Sieber

Church Center Cleaning

November 13 Team E
November 20 Team F

Altar Flowers

November 14 A. Germino
November 21 K. Heimall

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