

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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Mary Connolly
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Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
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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.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 a.m. Mitchell Mitelski, req.
Al Sterphone

Friday, January 8

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 9

5:30 p.m. Vivian Montalbano, req.
Mike and Sue Griffin

Sunday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Barbara Spottswood, req.
Harrison Family
10:30 a.m. Arlean Meck, req.
Mike and Sue Griffin



Parish Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 3 - The Epiphany of the Lord / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)

Monday, Jan. 4 - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Mtg (Seton Room)

Tuesday, Jan. 5 - Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Upper Room)

Wednesday, Jan. 6 - Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

Thursday, Jan. 7 - Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

7:15 p.m. Prayer Ministry with Speaker (Church Center)
NO Music/Bells

Friday, Jan. 8 - Christmas Weekday

NO MASS
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Saturday, Jan. 9 - Christmas Weekday

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

Sunday, Jan. 10 - The Baptism of the Lord / Together in Charity

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church and Office Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Mass Schedule—January 9/10

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Hugh Brace
Reader Jim Murray
Altar Server Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Violetta Olesiak
..... Lyle Garcia, Bonnie Garcia

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader Alexa Johnson
Altar Server Johnson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Barbara Gates
..... Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader Joann McNamara
Altar Server Cucchiara Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Donna Lance
Ministers of the Eucharist Kathy Kelly Pagliuca, Mike Pagliuca
..... Gloria Cucchiara, Marlene Milko, Sheena Carew

Wishing you
and yours
A safe and
Happy New Year

DEDECORATING

We will be dedecorating the Church on Tuesday, January 12th, starting at 6:00 p.m. If you can help please sign up in the Narthex or just show up. If this time doesn't work for you contact the office and we can arrange for your help at a time that is convenient for you.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Susan Gaydos, Sophie Goski, Austin Fisher, and Walter Menzie.**

Deceased: Susan Gaydos, friend of Cathy Bennett, Sophie Goski, sister of Ann King, Austin Fisher, student of Voorhees High School, and Walter Menzie, father and grandfather to the Menzie. 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,

Happy New Year! Did you begin the New Year in the right spirit? St. Paul gives an excellent piece of advice he practiced himself: "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13). The spirit he advocates is to be forward-looking at the possibilities that we have in the call of God in Christ Jesus. This is something that we can apply at the beginning of this New Year.

"Forgetting what lies behind" is an invitation to not dwell on the past failures, hurts and wrong choices but to learn from them in the light that Jesus brings into our lives. No doubt our desire is to be better persons, to live better lives, to make more healthy choices and to live with all in harmony and peace. "Straining forward to what lies ahead" is the promise of the fulfillment of our longings in Jesus. As we begin this First Sunday of the New Year together, let us remember that it truly is a New Beginning for all of us here in the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann.

Though today is the feast of the Epiphany, we also highlight the life of St. John Neumann whose feast is on 5th January. Read his interesting biography in this bulletin. True to the meaning of Epiphany, he made Christ known to the people of this region as he ministered travelling the whole of North-east! Let us get to know him and thus appreciate him more.

I will begin my vacation this week to India to visit my family. I will appreciate if you will say a prayer for my father who, at the time of writing this, is quite sick. I hope to spend some time with him as I will meet the rest of my family and extended family. In my absence, I am so very happy that Fr. Hugh Grace has promised to offer Mass on all the four weekends.

May the Blessings of Baby Jesus stay with us and our dear and near ones for the whole of 2016 and beyond!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

PRAYING FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Thank you for supporting each other in prayer. If you didn't get a chance to bring a card in for the family that you prayed for during Advent you can still do so! You can also stop by the Information Station in the Narthex and to pick up YOUR CARD from the box and discover who was praying for you! If they are someone you don't know, ask around and see if you can be introduced!



CHRISTMAS TREES AND DECORATIONS

We'd like to say thanks to Roger Malone, Mary and Pete Cangeliosi, Fred Heimall and Brandon Staten for putting up the new Narthex Christmas Tree. Also to everyone who came out to join us at the Christmas Decorating Party to help.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW JESUS?

If there is one person we should each get to know in a deeply personal way, it is Jesus. And the best time to get to know Jesus is right now. At all Christmas Masses, all families present were gifted Matthew Kelly's new book, *Rediscover Jesus*. Matthew Kelly, America's best-selling Catholic author and internationally acclaimed speaker, takes you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—the amazing friend who is going to help you answer life's tough questions. If you were away and did not receive your copy or are new to the parish, please see one of the greeters/ministers at Mass).

With Christmas Blessings from The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2016

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL BLESSING

The 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal continues until the end of the fiscal year, June 2016, so it's not too late to make a gift. Our goal is to have 100% participation. Please prayerfully consider supporting the appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

To date the Diocese has received pledges or payments totaling \$25,068 from 75 families which represents 64.9% of our \$38,600 goal.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis



CATECHIST ENRICHMENT SESSION

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

All Religious Ed catechists are invited to attend an enrichment session on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Drexel Room. Please come for coffee and conversation as we discuss the theme of God's Grace and Mercy. Resources for the Year of Mercy will be available.



BAPTISM

For anyone who is expecting or wants to have a child baptized please contact France at the office. We will be having the Baptism Preparation Class in this month which you attend prior to scheduling a baptism.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For December 20, 2015

88 Donors Weekly \$4,746.00
51 Christmas Flower Int..... \$1,136.00

For December 21, 2014

89 Donors Weekly \$4,090.00
6 Christmas Flower Int..... \$120.00

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS

Thanks to **19 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,725.00**. The stores gave us **\$136.25** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

REDISCOVER JESUS BOOK CLUB

Are you interested in joining others for a one evening discussion on our Christmas Gift 'Rediscover Jesus'? January 27th at the Church Center. You don't need to finish the book to come. More info to follow.

The blessings of peace,
the beauty of hope,
the spirit of love,
the comfort of faith

*May this be your gifts
this Christmas season.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Religious Education

Parish News



BECOMING WHOLE THROUGH PRAYER

A presentation by Jennifer Hinton, Diocese of Metuchen

Within each of us is a precious and unique God-shape, longing for connection and relationship. When we enter into Sabbath time, we dispose ourselves to the possibility of prayer that makes us whole.

- How might we adopt the stance that allows us to notice, discern and respond to the ever-present invitation from God?
- How does our wholehearted prayer nurture that God shape in us?
- How can we become more blessedly shaped for service to others?

This session explores what wholehearted prayer looks like, what gets in its way, how we can listen to the Lord, and how we can create the space in our lives to respond to the ever present invitation of God.

Thursday, Jan 7, 2016, Church Center, 7:15- 8:45 pm

The favor of a reply is appreciated but not required. Walk-ins welcome. 832-2513 or snj@ccsjn.org
The St. John's Prayer Ministry

BECOMING CATHOLIC...

Mark Schenck is one of our catechumen who was welcomed into the RCIA process through the Rite of Acceptance on Dec 19. Here he shares what prompted him to want to join the catholic faith. Please keep him in your prayers.

When Father Abraham asked me why I wanted to join the Church many thoughts came to mind. I quickly realized it was not one reason but many. Also the reasons have changed the more I learned.

Beth, my fiancé, is the one that really introduced me to the Church and to Jesus. It was such an important part of her life that I did not know much about. To be closer to her I started to come to Mass and listened to what was being said.

I certainly had my "idea" of what going to Mass every week would be like, and the truth is I was not very excited about it. As I continued to attend and started to meet the other parishioners I realized St. Johns was not the church that I had envisioned. The fellowship, sense of community and family was not what I expected to experience. I am overwhelmed how everyone here has welcomed and embraced me as one of their own.

I was surprised as anyone to find myself alone in my car with the radio off saying a prayer out loud for my children's safety and wellbeing. It was something I never did before or considered to be worthwhile.

Coming to the Church, learning about Jesus and listening to his words has made me a better person. I never thought it would happen, but I am thrilled to be part of St Johns.



GETTING TO KNOW OUR PARISH PATRON: SAINT JOHN NEUMANN!

As we celebrate St. John Neumann's Feast Day this week (the actual date is January 5th), we can learn more about him by reading the following from *Catholic Online*:

This American saint was born in Bohemia in 1811. He was looking forward to being ordained in 1835 when the bishop decided there would be no more ordinations. It is difficult for us to imagine now, but Bohemia was overstocked with priests. John wrote to bishops all over Europe but the story was the same everywhere no one wanted any more priests. John was sure he was called to be a priest but all the doors to follow that vocation seemed to close in his face.

But John didn't give up. He had learned English by working in a factory with English-speaking workers so he wrote to the bishops in America. Finally, the bishop in New York agreed to ordain him. In order to follow God's call to the priesthood John would have to leave his home forever and travel across the ocean to a new and rugged land. In New York, John was one of 36 priests for 200,000 Catholics. John's parish in western New York stretched from Lake Ontario to Pennsylvania. His church had no steeple or floor but that didn't matter because John spent most of his time traveling from village to village, climbing mountains to visit the sick, staying in garrets and taverns to teach, and celebrating the Mass at kitchen tables.

Because of the work and the isolation of his parish, John longed for community and so joined the Redemptorists, a congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to helping the poor and most abandoned. -John was appointed bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. As bishop, he was the first to organize a diocesan Catholic school system. A founder of Catholic education in this country, he increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to 100. John never lost his love and concern for the people -- something that may have bothered the elite of Philadelphia. On one visit to a rural parish, the parish priest picked him up in a manure wagon. Seated on a plank stretched over the wagon's contents, John joked, "Have you ever seen such an entourage for a bishop!"

The ability to learn languages that had brought him to America led him to learn Spanish, French, Italian, and Dutch so he could hear confessions in at least six languages. When Irish immigration started, he learned Gaelic so well that one Irish woman remarked, "Isn't it grand that we have an Irish bishop!" Once on a visit to Germany, he came back to the house he was staying in soaked by rain. When his host suggested he change his shoes, John remarked, "The only way I could change my shoes is by putting the left one on the right foot and the right one on the left foot. This is the only pair I own." John died on January 5, 1860 at the age of 48.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION

Great job by all the youth participants! Eighteen high school youth decorated the houses at Youth Nite on Dec 19. Madison D'Avella, Jess Brynildsen, Jeremy Hoffman, Dan Uss, Wendy King, Evalyn Maxwell, Mia Ranallo, Lauren Tabor, Jonathan Uss, Alexa Johnson, Morgan D'Avella, Bryan Stanski, Sam Brynildsen, Ciara Regan! The voters loved all the houses. The winner is Sam Brynildsen! Wonderful job - # 14. Wendy King (house # 5) had the next highest votes. There were 4 others who made houses -- but could not part with them and took them home to eat that night: Jack Ranallo, and Gwyneth Medea and Lauren Wagner, Elizabeth Upwood (and she had windows on her house!) Next Youth Mass and Youth Night is Jan 16.

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

☺ A well-worn one-dollar bill ☺ and a similarly distressed ☺ twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation. The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country. "I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean." "Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!" "So tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?" The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church..." The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Every Member A Minister Number of Families 291

Stewardship Responses

Sample Serve	9
Time & Talent	61
Treasure.....	29
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Jan.6	S. Griffin
Wed., Jan. 13	C. Behrens

Store Cards

Jan. 2 & Jan. 3

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

Jan. 9 & Jan. 10

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 1/3	J. Sieber
Week of 1/10	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

January 1	Team F
January 8	Team A

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
Eugene Cifranic
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
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
Linda Owens
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Anne & Joe Sacco
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

SUNDAY REFLECTION: One "Wise Man's" Epiphany!

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2: 1-12

Writer and spiritual director Kathleen Hirsch tells of a friend's "epiphany": He was bright and hard-working and blessed with incredible opportunities at a young age. He worked on Wall Street, and later moved on to become the principal in a small financial services company. When that didn't survive an aggressive wave of consolidation, he became president of a prestigious job-training program. At some point, he ran into conflict with his board, but there was another position waiting. He designed innovative programs, won national awards. But in an unexpected, final turn, he was fired.

He struggled for a time as a consultant, then found himself working at Starbucks. The new man on the team, this meant working split shifts, weekends, and holidays. He and his wife sold their house and moved into an apartment. Their social set vanished. Soon all that was left were his dogs and a weekly paycheck for making lattes for the people who once worked for him.

It was a time of realization, an "epiphany" of sorts: "My ego had gotten in the way," he told a friend later. "I'd stopped listening. The only thing I was focused on was my need to be successful." So he continued to make coffee, read - and attend Mass. He slowly and painfully dismantled his pride. He waited and watched. One day, the phone rang. It was as if someone had turned a light on in his life. He saw a path being offered him. More important, it was a path that would allow him to bring his gifts to a place where they were most needed.

Last Christmas was his first one in his new job: coordinating upwards of 15,000 volunteers to serve the hungry in his city. No fancy titles, no tinsel and champagne holiday parties, no large bonuses. On Christmas Day, he went to Mass, did some yoga, and served plates of food to people he had come to love. This is the Christmas he wanted: to be in touch with the real.

We all experience such "epiphanies" in our lives: moments of revelation and understanding, discoveries of possibility and potential, a new awareness of the love of God in our lives. In times both of great joy and accomplishment and of turmoil and disappointment, the love of God is manifested to us in the most hidden kindnesses, in the barely visible light of everyday compassion. In this New Year, may we follow the star of God's reconciliation and justice, enabling us to behold Emmanuel - "God in our midst" - in every experience of charity, consolation and forgiveness, whether given or received.



TOP O' THE BARN

We would, once again like to thank the Top o' the Barn for their very generous donation of \$2,000 to the St. John's Social Ministry. Without them so many things we do wouldn't be possible. Please remember that they take donations of clothes and other household items and you never know what treasure you might find there to treat yourself. They are located next to the Califon United Methodist Church at 15 Raritan River Road.



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Parish & Community News

YOUTH CORNER

Matt Martino: It was really nice that people from all over the world watched him here in our country. I think that it would be nice to see more people be spiritual and come to church more. It would be nice to see more people be kind. It was amazing to see how many people attended that were not Catholic. Hopefully, the Pope's visit has inspired many people across the country to get back to the church and to bring their kids to Sunday school, to pray together as a family, to care and love each other and their neighbors but to mostly have faith in God.

Oliver Kivett: One insight that the Pope spoke about was when he was talking about we are the seeds and how we should encourage and support good things to help them grow. Another insight I saw was when he spoke about faith. I also learned to listen to your elders, to stay compassionate and affectionate, and to remember that God has faith in us so we should have faith as well.

Hannah Nacumuli: The Pope inspires me to become a better version of myself. He taught me to be happy with everything I have and to treat everything as a blessing. Pope Francis is indeed a very loving and generous man. Spending much of his time helping and praying for those who do not have as much as I do and I am indeed lucky to live in a time like this.

MERCY QUOTE OF POPE FRANCIS

In today's Gospel, the Apostle Thomas personally experiences this mercy of God. ... Thomas does not believe it when the other Apostles tell him: "We have seen the Lord." ... And how does Jesus react? With patience: Jesus does not abandon Thomas in his stubborn unbelief ... He does not close the door, He waits. And Thomas acknowledges his own poverty, his little faith. "My Lord and my God!": with this simple yet faith-filled invocation, he responds to Jesus' patience. He lets himself be enveloped by Divine Mercy; he sees it before his eyes, in the wounds of Christ's hands and feet and in His open side, and he discovers trust.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Friday, Feb. 5, 7:00-10:30 (Snow date:

Saturday, Feb. 6, 7:00-10:30)



We'll offer a delicious homemade Italian dinner buffet, yummy dessert assortment, rockin' music from Mike Griffin's band, the GB's, and an interesting Silent Auction. Round up some friends and join us! The cost is \$35 per person, \$260 for a table of 8 and \$325 for a table of 10. We are happy to help you make up a table. Contact the office or Jim Murray at 832-5273 or jmurray@eclipse.net.

This event benefits our teens' Catholic Heart Workcamp experience. This summer we have over 80 volunteers traveling to Richmond, VA. Our youth follow Pope Francis' call to service!

If you cannot attend the dance or would like to help in some other way, please consider:

- Sponsoring a teen (\$350)
- Helping with set up/wait staff/clean up
- Donating towards our transportation costs or partially sponsoring a teen
- Donating to our Silent Auction. We love gently used items or even re-gifted items!

For more information, contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

PRAYER MINISTRY

"There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every person which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, make known through Jesus." Blaise Pascal

Please join us for the Quarterly

Prayer Enrichment Session:

Thursday, January 7th, 2016

7:15 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Church Center

NATIVITY PLAY - THANKS

To all who participated in the making of a heart-warming Nativity Play last Sunday, a very special Thank You for that gift of joy that you gave to so many people. Your hard work in performing in honor of the Lord's special day was everything the Lord could expect! You all were wonderful, from the very smallest... that little infant, our baby Jesus, to the younger cast (Little Angels & Drummer Boys) to the older ones (Archangels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary & Joseph, Elizabeth, Innkeepers, Soldiers, Priests, and Kings) the 'hidden' cast (Stage Crew, Lighting Crew, Helpers, & Narrators), to the "oldest and wisest" (the adult leaders, crafters, helpers and staff at St. John's). And a special thank you to my 'guardian angel,' Bernadette Andrejco! A thank you also to our families, fellow parishioners, and friends for your support and love in attending our Play to honor the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Mary Sorgi

Our Cast and Crew: Kristen Abeles, Teddy Abeles, Kate Anderson, Megan Anderson, Brandon Aulert, Sean Bernard, Jessica Brynildsen, Victoria Brynildsen, Elijah Carey, Jacqueline Carey, Kate Cookson, Lina D'Andrea, Kyle Erz, Jordan Erz, Wendy King, Emilia Kuhn, Carsyn Loescher, Beatriz Mansim, Felipe Mansim, Colleen McCord, Jude McCormick, Hannah Nacumuli, Olivia Osborne, Anne Parsons, Edgar Rafael Proano, Ezequiel Proano, Rafael Proano, Casey Roskowski, Daphne Roskowski, Chris Saam, Matthew Saam, Sheridan Sieber, Peter Sorgi, Brennan Taylor, Daniel Uss.



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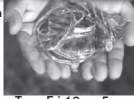
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