

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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Trustees:
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Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
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..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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(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:
390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Check the bulletin for any changes

Weekday Masses:

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

Reconciliation:

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 8

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 11

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 12

5:30 p.m. Anna LaRusso, req.
St. John Neumann

Sunday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Frank Felitti, req.
St. John Neumann

10:30 a.m. Daniel Levins, req.
Karen & Edward Verso



Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 6 - Fourth Sunday of Lent/YBR Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church & Office Centers)
10:30 a.m. 5th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Lunch (Office Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, March 7 - Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:15 p.m. Communal Prayer (Upper Room)

Tuesday, March 8 - Saint John of God, Religious

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Faith Group (Church Loft)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Faith Group (Houses)
7:30 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Upper Room)

Wednesday, March 9 - Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

10:30 a.m. Faith Group (Church Loft)
11:00 a.m. Calendar Meeting (Drexel Room)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Board Meeting (Seton Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, March 10 - Weekday

7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, March 11 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (provided by Connxions Ministry)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)

Saturday, March 12 - Weekday

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

Sunday, March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent Easter Flower Offering

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)

Mass Schedule—March 12/13

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Donna Lance
.....	Mary Connolly, Joan Eacovalle
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allen Piechowski
Altar Server	Evanko Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Sharon Janks
.....	Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	David Geerinck
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jane Albert, Kristin Gemma
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Gloria Cucchiara, Mike Pagliuca

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Catherine Curtis, Betty Murnane, John Papp, Frank KostECKi, Brian Travis, and William Sepe.**

Deceased: Catherine Curtis, Mother of Willie Curtis, Betty Murnane, parishioner, John Papp, friend of the Klawunn family, Frank KostECKi, Uncle of Sharon Janks, Brian Travis, nephew of Eileen McCabe, and William Sepe, Uncle of Rich and Bob Sepe. 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,

Can you list the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy? This Holy Year of Mercy is an ideal time for us to revisit what the Church teaches us about 'works of mercy' which are of two kinds: Corporal (that is, bodily) and Spiritual. Both kinds are ways we can practice the merciful love of God towards our fellow humans. Let me focus today only on the Corporal Works of Mercy.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists seven Corporal Works of Mercy as found in the Bible:

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| (1) Feed the hungry | (5) Visit those in prison |
| (2) Give drink to the thirsty | (6) Care for the sick |
| (3) Clothe the naked | (7) Bury the dead |
| (4) Shelter the homeless | |

The first six of these are listed in the Biblical parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25:31-46). They are the criteria by which Christ will judge people. Those who have done these good deeds will go to Heaven: those who have failed to do them will not. The seventh, 'Burying the Dead' was added as early as the third century to bring the number up to seven which is biblically important. The burial of the dead was chosen for inclusion because it is highly praised in the Book of Tobit (Tobit 1:17-19).

These corporal works of mercy give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. The United States Catholic Catechism for Adults calls them "charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs." They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life. While we strive to practice each of these corporal works of mercy, we do not need to limit ourselves to its obvious meaning. Thus feeding the hungry includes not only supporting food pantries and volunteering at soup kitchens, but also educating ourselves about world hunger and taking care not to waste food. Sheltering the homeless includes not only supporting and/or volunteering at a homeless shelter, but also advocating for public policies and legislation that provide housing for low-income people.

How wonderful to see that our Parish of St. John Neumann is truly a great model of practicing corporal works of mercy. I'm truly proud of the strong sense of social outreach that our parish has been practicing in the past. This tradition is happily continued under the leadership of the Social Ministry.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Mathew, Swindler, Heimall, and Mario / Rosario Families!

In addition to the Mathew Family, John, Cindy and their children, Alton, Marion and Philip who were welcomed on Feb 14 at the 10:30 Mass, Kathleen Swindler was welcomed at the 5:30 Mass on Feb 20. And more good news, both Shaun, Shannon and their son Declan, Heimall and Laura Mario and her fiancée Chris Rosario were introduced to the parish this past Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Some of you might remember Shaun Heimall – son of Fred and Kristen, all grown up with his own family. Likewise, Laura Mario has been a member with her parents, Louise and John Mario and now joins as an adult as she and her fiancée plan for their upcoming wedding. Check out their photos in the narthex so you can recognize them and introduce yourself.



EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Watch your mail for the Easter Flower order form or pick a form up in the narthex. The orders need to be returned by March 10th and the flowers can be picked up on the weekend of March 19th and 20th after all the Masses. If you can assist with this fund raiser or if you have any questions, contact Sharon 908-832-2513 or sjanks@ccsjn.org.



SOUP & STATIONS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Soup Supper, 6 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 7 p.m.
Church Center

Please join us for a simple meal of soup followed by the Stations of the Cross, as we embark on our Lenten journey together in prayer and fellowship. Soup, bread, salad and drinks will be provided by our ministries; however, you are welcome to bring a meatless soup to share. R.S.V.P. sjn@ccsjn.org if you plan to attend.

A different Ministry will be providing the food for each week in Lent. We'd like to thank Connxions Ministry for hosting this Friday, March 11th.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

Religious Education Program



MONTHLY FAMILY CATECHESIS

Monday March 14
6PM Church Center

Adult formation will be Session Two of Jeff Cavins Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. If you have not picked up your workbooks, please pick them up in the Seton Room.

NEW AT ST. JOHN'S?

If you want to join the parish – join us for a Discover St John's lunch this Sunday at 11:30 after the 10:30 Mass. We will share information about the parish, as well as salad and pizza. Contact France Kennedy on her cell 908-307-7879 if you have any questions.

CHWC VALENTINE DINNER DANCE UPDATE

Thank you again to everyone who has been a part of our fundraising for Catholic Heart Workcamp 2016. Our total to date from the Valentine Dinner Dance and individual donations is \$9769! As I have said in the past, this has a threefold benefit. First, we had a wonderful community gathering as a joyful people. Secondly, we are able to keep the trip affordable and make it possible that all who want to attend are included. Most importantly, our teens go and make a difference in the communities they serve. They will descend upon Richmond this summer and be like a boulder dropped from a helicopter in the middle of a large lake. They will make a spectacular splash but will never get to see or be recognized for the longer lasting ripple effects of their actions. And that will be okay with them!



FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Sat., March 19, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

The next session for the First Eucharist students will be on Saturday, March 19, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.



HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY

"God shows himself ever rich in mercy, ever ready to treat his people with deep tenderness and compassion."

Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2016

As we journey through Lent, we continue to pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world by participating in CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls can be returned at any catechetical gathering in March or in the box that will be in the narthex the weekend of Palm Sunday. Thank you for your continued participation! Visit csrricebowl.org to learn more.

Pastoral Council

PASTORAL COUNCIL

February 22, 2016 Minutes

After praying and sharing the Sunday Gospel through the Lectio Divina way, the following items were discussed and/or decided upon:

- Suggestions for outreach to our Young Adults as well as college students would be passed onto Connixions Ministry.
- All appreciated the successful participation at the Soup & Stations on Lenten Fridays. The Pastoral Council will coordinate the one on March 18th.
- In order to have some time for fellowship after the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, a suggestion is to have some light refreshment/water.
- The Council was very glad at the Lenten Faith Groups' experience with the book, "Holy year of Mercy" with reflections from the homilies of Pope Francis. Many good positive comments were received about the book "Rediscover Jesus" that we gave to all at Christmas.
- The Finance Council is seriously looking into ways and means to stabilize our Parish finance health.
- Time has come for beginning the process of discernment to get new Pastoral Council members in the place of the three who will retire this year.
- Kiosk style Slides are shown before Mass to publicize liturgical events. Plan is under way to set up a small screen in Narthex to publicize other events
- "24 Hours for the Lord," the initiative of Pope Francis will be observed in our parish on the evening of Friday March 4, and in the morning of Saturday, March 5.
- Connixions Ministry is preparing to hold a Healing Mass in our parish, combining it with our Saturday 5:30 Mass.
- Two organizations, Food for the Poor and Cross Catholic Outreach, asked permission to address the parish to promote their ministry. Considering the commendable work of our Social Ministry as well as our own financial difficulties, the Council agreed that we could wait for another year for considering such requests.
- The initiatives St. John's Prayer Ministry has taken were affirmed and encouraged.

The Council evaluated our meeting and concluded it with a short prayer.

WHY CONFESSION?

During this Holy Year of Mercy, we will hear a lot about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Here's what a blogger has written about this Sacrament:

Penance, aka confession, is the sacrament of the forgiveness of sin. You can't beat it for convenience. It's available practically whenever. Tell a priest you want to go to confession and you'll get his attention. One bishop I know was cornered on an airplane. Another passenger figured out what was going on and asked if he could confess too. It must have been an interesting game of musical seats. An interesting question for priests might be: Where was the strangest place you ever administered the sacrament of penance? The answers I've gathered include "in a sports bar, at a graduation party" and "on the golf course, walking up the fairway." Confession has benefits. Here are two:

1. Confidentiality guaranteed. There's nothing like confessing your sins to someone guaranteed not to tell anyone else. Sometimes you need to talk in absolute confidence. Even under subpoena, a priest can't tell anyone what's said to him in confession. He can't even hint at it. Now that's confidentiality.

2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed – even if it's your own.

Like to read the rest? Look out for the next issue of our bulletin.

INTERESTED IN MEDITATIVE PRAYER?

Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer. It does not treat Scripture as texts to be studied, but as the Living Word. *Lectio Divina* has four steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. First a passage of Scripture is read, then its meaning is reflected upon, followed by prayer and contemplation. The focus of *Lectio Divina* is not a theological analysis of biblical passages but the sharing the peace of Christ rather than "dissecting" it. The Prayer Ministry will sponsor *Lectio Divina* this Monday from 7:15 to 8:15pm. Try it and see if this form of prayer meditation is rewarding to you.

Social Ministry



GARDEN RAISED BED INSTALLATION

Installation of the raised beds in the new Community Garden at St. John's will begin on Saturday, April 2. Boy Scout James Weber presented the project last weekend at all the Masses. Thank you to all who so generously supported James as he completes this work to earn the Eagle Scout Rank. Even if you missed the presentation, you can still help. Join us on April 2 to install the beds (details to follow) or you can make a contribution and drop it off at the Church Center Office. Make checks payable to "Project Earth Garden". Thanks for your support.



SPRING GIVING TREE

Watch for the Spring Giving Tree to bloom in the narthex on Easter weekend! We will once again be supporting: **Safe in Hunterdon**, which provides shelter for women and their children who suffer from abuse; the **Center for Great Expectations**, which assists homeless pregnant women throughout their pregnancies; and the **Samaritan Homeless Interim Program**, which offers a free meal three times a week to anyone who is hungry without having to justify their need. Please help spread Easter joy to those who benefit from these three organizations by being generous in your support.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 6, 2016

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan."

(JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir will be joining the Music Ministry at the 10:30 Masses on both Palm Sunday, March 20th and Easter Sunday, March 27.

PRAYER MINISTRY

"If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough."

Meister Eckhart



Please join us for the next Communal Prayer Session
Monday, March 7, 2016,
7:15 – 8:15 PM
Office Center, Upper Room

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The food is coming in nicely for the Easter Food Drive and it is needed and appreciated. Thanks Ministers !
This weekend we will post our Easter Food Drive Sign-up sheets at the Social Ministry station in the Narthex.
This is a great opportunity for families to participate together either in packing Friday or delivering food Saturday.

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Our next service to the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville is Monday, March 14 from 11am-2pm. If you can provide a casserole or would like to come and help serve, contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsin.org.

COME EXPERIENCE THE LIFE-CHANGING EFFECTS OF GOD'S MERCY!

The Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Evangelization would like to invite you to a three day encounter with God's Mercy during this Jubilee Year.

The event starts on Thursday, March 31st at 7pm with a reflection entitled, "God's Mercy: the Beating Heart of the Gospel" and concludes on Saturday April 2nd with the Vigil Mass for the Feast of Divine Mercy.

There will be vibrant preaching, compelling testimonies, prayer opportunities, music and much more.

For more information, call 732-562-1990 ext.1634.or go to: www.diometuchen.org/evangelizationevents

Thursday March 31: 7-9pm

"God's Mercy: the Beating Heart of the Gospel"

Friday April 1: 7-9pm

"Mercy: The fundamental Law that Dwells in the Compassionate Heart"

Saturday, April 2 : 8:30 am - 6pm

- "Mercy: the Road that Leads to the Father"
- "Open Wide the Door to Mercy"
- "Take up the Joyful Call to Mercy"
- Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy

Please keep the Sick of the Parish in your prayers.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY REFLECTION: The first step

The parable of the prodigal son: " . . . we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again . . . " Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Why would you apologize to the man who murdered your sister?

Jeanne Bishop found herself in that position. Twenty-five years ago, David Biro, then a high school student, murdered Jeanne's sister, Nancy, her husband, Richard, and their unborn child, in their home; the teenager later bragged to a friend about the killings, which led to his arrest and conviction. David received a mandatory life sentence - but changes to sentencing procedures mandated by the Supreme Court meant David could be eligible for a resentencing hearing.

After a long struggle, Jeanne had forgiven David, said his name, even prayed for him. But Jeanne, a lawyer, had no idea if she could support David's release. "He's still remorseless," Jeanne told a friend. "How do you know that?" he responded. "You don't know that. You've never even spoken to him." Jeanne was stunned. He was right. Jeanne writes in her book **Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer:**

"I had spoken about the murders and forgiveness all over the world . . . I had written articles about forgiving David Biro, given speeches at churches and schools and conferences. But one person I had not told: *him*. Never once had I communicated my forgiveness to David Biro. I had waited all these years for him to apologize to me. I saw it now with startling clarity: I had to apologize to him, for never telling him that I had forgiven him. I had to go first."

And so Jeanne did. In a letter to David Biro, she wrote about how she spoke and wrote publicly about "how I have forgiven you for killing my family members. I never conveyed that forgiveness to you directly; I am sorry for that . . . It was wrong to tell other people and not the most important person of all: *you* . . . "

David wrote back. Jeanne was so nervous that she asked a friend to read the letter first. "It's good," he said, and read the 15-page letter to Jeanne.

"I know that for a long time you and your family have been looking for me to confess to the murders I committed years ago," David began. "Of course, as you know in the past, I have always maintained my 'innocence.' Well, for a lot of reasons which I'll get into in a little bit, I think the time has come for me to drop the charade and finally be honest. You're right, I am guilty of killing your sister Nancy, and her husband Richard. I also want to take this opportunity to express my deepest condolences and apologize to you."

They were words that Jeanne never thought she would hear. "It was beyond anything, I could have asked for - and I knew, even as I heard his apology, that it would not have come if I had not gone first. The time I spent waiting for that apology! That was the price I paid for my coldness toward Biro, for holding myself aloof. I understood for the first time what Jesus was saying to us about apologies: *You go first. Don't wait.*

Forgiveness and reconciliation are the cutting edge of the Gospel. In the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus holds up the boy's father as a model of such forgiveness. The father runs - runs! - to greet his son and embraces him before the boy can get out one word of his carefully-rehearsed speech; the father welcomes his son home with no recriminations, no conditions, no rancor. The father has never lost hope in his son's return; his love has survived the hurt and anguish of his son's walking out. Despite the hurt his irresponsible son has caused, the father takes the first step in the long road to reconciliation that they - including the older brother - will walk together. Only in breaking down the walls of estrangement we erect, only in healing what divides us, only in crossing the chasms that separate us from one another can we dare to call ourselves disciples of Christ.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our CPIII class as they enact the Living Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m., on the Church grounds.

PHONE NUMBERS IN EMERGENCY

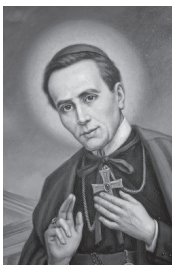
Dial direct; no need for operator assistance!

When in sorrow.....	call John 14
When men fail you.....	call Psalm 27
When you have sinned.....	call Psalm 51
When you worry.....	call Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	call Psalm 91
When God seems far away.....	call Psalm 139
When your faith needs stirring.....	call Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful.....	call Psalm 23
When you grow bitter and critical.....	call 1 Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out.....	call Romans 8:31
When you want peace and rest.....	call Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God.....	call Psalm 90
When you want Christian assurance.....	call Romans 8:1-30
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....	call Psalm 67
When you want courage for a task.....	call Joshua 1
When you think of investments and returns.....	call Mark 10
If you are depressed.....	call Psalm 27
If your pocketbook is empty.....	call Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people.....	call 1 Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind.....	call John 15
If discouraged about your work.....	call Psalm 126
If self pride/greatness takes hold.....	call Psalm 19
If you want to be fruitful.....	call John 15
For understanding of Christianity.....	call 2 Corinthians 13
For a great invention/opportunity.....	call Isaiah 55
For how to get along with fellow humans.....	call Romans 12
For Paul's secret to happiness.....	call Colossians 3:12-17

JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE

PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, April 9th, 2016



In announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis called Catholics to embark on “a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion.” Bishop Bootkoski adds, “there are many simple but impactful ways to foster this inner conversion,” including “a pilgrimage to a shrine or significant place.” In that spirit, we would like to invite all parishioners to join the Confraternity on their annual pilgrimage to the recently renovated St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia on April 9th. The tour includes an inspirational talk and a film, a

visit to the shrine, upper church (St. Peter the Apostle) and museum. There is no charge for this tour, only free will donations to the shrine if you are so inclined. If you are traveling on your own, you can meet our group at the shrine (1019 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA) no later than 1:30 p.m. that day. If you are interested in carpooling from the church parking lot, please contact Jo Ann Jarvis at 832-2162 or jjarvis@ccsjn.org. We are so fortunate to have the shrine of our parish's patron saint nearby; we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to join us on this pilgrimage!

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Join the fun at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 19, after the 10:30 Mass! There will be ‘hidden’ eggs for ages 1-10. Bring your baskets if you have them—but we will have bags available if you forget. Be prepared for weather—dress for outside temperature and wet grass! We will have separate hunting grounds to accommodate the ages.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For February 28, 2016

86 Donors Weekly.....\$4,511.50
41 Donors Snow/Heat.....\$892.00

For March 1, 2015

96 Donors Weekly.....\$5,765.27

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS



Thanks to **12 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,425.00**. The stores gave us **\$71.25** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., March 9 C. Behrens
Wed., March 16 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

March 5 & 6

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

March 12 & 13

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 3/6 B. Lee
Week of 3/13 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

March 4 Team C
March 11 Team D



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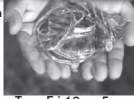
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