

# Hosanna

to the Son of David



*Blessed  
is he  
who comes  
in the name  
of the Lord!*

Matthew 21:7-9

*Hosanna  
in the  
highest!*

## 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  
www.diometuchen.org

Trustees:  
Mary Connolly  
Lyle Garcia

## *Our Parish*

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D. ....  
..... Pastor  
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....  
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus  
Earl Roberts .....Deacon

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**Worshipping at:**  
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(Church Center)

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:**  
390 County Road 513  
(Neumann Residence)

\*Check the bulletin for any changes\*

### **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday .....7:00 a.m.  
Friday .....7:00 a.m.

### **Reconciliation:**

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

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, March 22

7:00 a.m. Jean C. Murray, req.  
Jim and JoAnn Murray

### Thursday, March 24

8:00 p.m. Antoinette Hilger, req.  
Jarvis Family

### Saturday, March 26

8:00 p.m. Marcy O'Connor, req.  
France Kennedy

### Sunday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks, req.  
Sharon and Alan Janks  
10:30 a.m. George Hilger, Jr., req  
Jarvis Family



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, March 20— Palm Sunday/Diocesan Retired Clergy / Easter Flower Order Pickup

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church and Office Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - Bell Choir (Church Center)  
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Church Center Grounds)  
1:00 p.m. Memorial Service - Walter Ader (Church)  
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

### Monday, March 21 - Holy Week

### Tuesday, March 22 - Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
7:30 p.m. Bell Practice (Church Center)

### Wednesday, March 23 - Holy Week

7:00 p.m. Living Station Practice (Church/Drexel Rm)

### Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday

#### Holy Land Collection

6:00 p.m. Seder Meal (Church Center)  
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)  
9:00 p.m. Keeping Vigil (Seton Room)

### Friday, March 25 - Good Friday/Passion of the Lord Holy Land Collection/Office Closed at 12:00pm

1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (Grounds)  
3:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
8:00 p.m. Service (Church Center)

### Saturday, March 26 - Holy Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)  
9:00 a.m. R.C.I.A. Retreat (Neumann Residence)  
9:00 a.m. Decorate Worship Space (Church Center)  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Church Center)

### Sun., March 27—Easter/Spring Giving Tree Begins

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - Bell Choir (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule—March 24/25/26/27

<b>Holy Thursday</b>		<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader .....	Needed	
Altar Server.....	Upwood Family	
Music Minister.....	Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Gloria Cucchiara, Mary D'Avella Sharon Janks, Joann Gardner, Barbara Gates	
<b>Good Friday</b>		<b>8:00 p.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader (1) .....	Needed	
Reader (2) .....	Needed	
Minister of the Eucharist .....	1 Needed	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		<b>Easter Vigil</b>
		<b>8:30 p.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader (1) .....	Anita Sawczuk	
Reader (2) .....	Joann Gardner	
Reader (3) .....	Needed	
Altar Server.....	Needed	
Music Minister.....	Mary D'Avella	
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Lyle Garcia, Mary Connolly	
		3 Needed
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader .....	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server.....	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Sharon Janks Barbara Gates, Mary Connolly	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader.....	Anthony DeStefano	
Altar Server.....	Needed	
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Shirley Pojedinec	
		4 Needed

## RECONCILIATION

If you missed the opportunity to have individual reconciliation (confession) last week please contact the office or Father Abraham to set up a time.

## Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Helen Lopata, Walter Ader, Catherine Curtis, Emily Engallena, Patty D'Agastino, Betty Murnane, and John Papp.**

**Deceased: Helen Lopata**, aunt of Shirley Pojedinec, **Walter Ader**, husband of Sally (Graham) Ader, **Catherine Curtis**, mother of Willie Curtis, **Emily Engallena**, aunt of Mary Cangelosi, **Patty D'Agastino**, friend of the Brynildsens, **Betty Murnane**, parishioner, **John Papp**, friend of the Klawunn family, . May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

I have a priest friend who shared with me this story about comedian Yakov Smirnoff who was not prepared for the incredible variety of instant products available in American grocery stores, when he first came to the United States from Russia. He says, "On my first shopping trip, I saw powdered milk--you just add water, and you get milk. Then I saw powdered orange juice--you just add water, and you get orange juice. And then I saw **baby powder**, and I thought to myself, *What a country!*" Smirnoff is joking but we make these assumptions about Christian Transformation. We go to church as if we are going to the grocery store: **Powdered Christian**. Just add water and disciples are born not made. Unfortunately, there is no such powder and disciples of Jesus Christ are not instantly born. We must understand what it means to be a disciple. Does this mean that we should deny ourselves and take up the cross? YES, many times we are called to do that because that is exactly what Jesus said and did!

We are entering the most Holy Week of the year when we commemorate the message of sacrificial divine love: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John. 3:16). Paul reminds us: "Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

I invite us all to come and celebrate this unfathomable love of God for each one of us during the "Triduum" about which two of our parishioners have explained beautifully in this bulletin. Join the Church services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Sunday. Keep the schedule handy on your refrigerator and mark those events on your calendar. We will grow in greater knowledge of our faith when we attend these liturgical services. Come as a family and let this week help you grow closer to Jesus Christ who loves each one of us so much. May He enrich us and bless us.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



### EASTER FLOWER DECORATING

If you are interested in helping with the Easter flower decorating, inside and outside the church, please join us on Saturday, March 26 starting at 9:00am. Contact Mary Connolly with any questions at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com) or 908-930-0784.

### 2016 EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Mon. March 21	-	7:30pm	Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
Tues. March 22	-	7:00am	Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
<b><u>SACRED TRIDUUM</u></b>			
Thurs. March 24	-	<b><u>Holy Thursday</u></b>	
		8:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)
		9:30pm-12:00am	" <b>Keeping Watch</b> " (Seton Room)
Fri. March 25	-	<b><u>Good Friday</u></b> Passion and Death of the Lord	
		1:00pm	Living Stations of the Cross (Grounds)
		8:00pm	Service (Church Center)
Sat. March 26	-	<b><u>Holy Saturday</u></b>	
		<b>NO 5:30pm MASS</b>	
		8:00pm	Easter Vigil - (Church Center)
Sun. March 27	-	<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b>	
		8:00am	Mass (Church Center)
		10:30am	Mass (Church Center)

### VETERAN DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for the Veterans at VHN for the April 9th drop off date. We accept furniture (smaller scale to fit in apartments) and some kitchen items. These items must be approved and not be "projects." We also need drivers, trucks and movers. We have a small list of volunteers we will be calling, but can always use more for this or future dates. Call or text - Sandra (908.507.2378) or Suzanne (908.581.1869) to donate or can volunteer to help-thanks!

### EASTER VIGIL - RCIA

Please keep Nancy Baurenfiend and Mark Schenk in your prayers as they are received into the Catholic Church on Saturday at the Easter Vigil at 8pm. If you want to send them a card or note in support please drop it off in the Narthex or Seton Room this week.



### KEEPING WATCH

We will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for this special Mass. Afterwards you are invited to stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Seton Room. Adoration will be ongoing until midnight.

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# Christian Formation - Catechesis

## FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES



**Sat., April 9, 2:30 p.m.,  
Church Center**

The next session for the First Eucharist students will be on Saturday, April 9, at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Center. Please note that this session starts one hour earlier than previous sessions.

## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Please join our CP111 class as they enact the Living Stations of the Cross, Good Friday, March 25, at 1:00 p.m., on the Church grounds.

## CRS RICE BOWLS



Thank you to those families who participated in CRS Rice Bowl this Lent to benefit Catholic Relief Services. You may leave your rice bowl offerings or checks in the CRS Rice Bowl donation box in the narthex now through the first few weeks of the Easter season or anytime at the Office Center. Thank you!

## SPRING GIVING TREE



Watch for the Spring Giving Tree to bloom in the narthex soon! 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.

## BELL CHOIR



The Bell Choir will be joining the Music Ministry at the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday, March 27.



## A SPIRITUALITY OF IMPERFECTION

**"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. 2 Cor 12:9**

This verse conveys the theme for the workshop we Renee, Jo Ann and France, attended on Thursday offered in the Diocese of Metuchen called, "**A Spirituality of Imperfection**". It was facilitated by Kevin Dowd a doctoral student in theology and education at Boston College. He discussed the importance of tapping into our Catholic spiritual resources to combat the lure of the idol of perfection; that is prevalent in our society. Contemporary culture portrays perfection to our young people and our families as the ultimate goal toward happiness. The images in the media and magazines provide an unrealistic and false view of life. How do we help our young people develop a healthy spirituality? He offered several sensible and reasonable focus points for our parish youth faith formation and family life.

**"Assurance that we are not alone**, God is always with us. **Honor high ideals while providing a realistic framework**, each person has different gifts and talents. We honor God when we honor our gifts and talents as we **Move away from self center to community minded**. Have a **sense of humor** be happy as we live and share the Good News!" These are interesting points to reflect upon especially during this Year of Mercy.

## GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETING



Please join Fr. Abraham and Renee Ciszewski as they discuss with you the direction of our Religious Education Program at St. John's and how we need to Grow In Faith Together in the future. Fr. Abraham requests that all K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Parents and all our Catechists to attend one of the following parent meetings in the church center:

**Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - 11:30 a.m. OR Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - 7 p.m.**

This is a very important meeting that will affect us all positively. Refreshments and babysitting will be provided. **Please let us know if you will require childcare (832-2162) or by email renee@ccsjn.org**

## DOROTHY DAY: A SAINT OF MERCY FOR OUR TIME

**Presenter: Martha Hennessy**

**Thursday, April 21, 2016 - Morning and Evening Sessions**

**"Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life." (MV,2)**



Our world continually needs to hear the "voice in the wilderness" that calls us to encounter, conversion and discipleship in Christ. Martha will share her own work in the Catholic Worker Movement as well as the ever fresh vision of her grandmother, Dorothy Day, Servant of God, who dedicated her life to the face of God's mercy. The event will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, and will be held at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The event is free, but registration is required. For more information or to register, visit <http://diometuchen.org/mercy>.



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## WHAT IS EASTER TRIDUUM?

"Triduum" is a Latin word referring to a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast. Easter Triduum is the liturgical name for the last three days of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with Easter Vigil whereby we enter the joy of Easter Sunday. Here's a preview of how it is celebrated here at St. John's, as narrated by our parishioners Joann Gardner and Barbara Gates:

**Holy Thursday:** Our Sacred Triduum starts with the traditional Seder Meal on Holy Thursday, celebrated by the Confirmandi. These students enjoy the ritual meal that has been prepared by their parents. They are taught the meaning of the Seder meal (with bitter herbs, egg, lamb shank, salt and Elijah's Cup) according to the Hebrew custom.

If you have not attended a Holy Thursday Mass, you should try to be there. It is the time when the Oils of Chrism are presented to the Priest and Congregation after our representative has attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Metuchen and brings them to St. John's. During this Mass the priest performs the washing of the feet, a very humbling experience. As an extension of this act and to remind us that we all are Christ to one another, those whose feet were washed then wash the hands of the rest of the community. This practice, that is unique to St. John's, really makes us all participants in this sacred rite. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the beautifully flower-decorated Seton Room where parishioners come in turns to "watch and pray" with Our Lord until midnight.

**Good Friday:** In the afternoon our Confirmation students present the Living Stations of the Cross outside. This presentation is quite moving as parishioners follow the path of Jesus on the road to His death on the cross. The students enact vignettes at each station and the congregation join in prayer, song, and meditation along the way. The students always do a splendid job.

At night, there is a solemn service in the church. The atmosphere is somber with low lighting and music. We hear readings from the Old Testament and the Gospel (the Passion Narrative), and there is time for reflection during the intercessions. After the intercessions, we each venerate the cross with a bow or a kiss. This service is not a Mass because there is no consecration of hosts, but communion is received with the extra Eucharist from the Mass on Holy Thursday. At the end of the service, we depart the church in prayerful silence.

**Holy Saturday:** This is the day of prayer and waiting. The Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm when it is still dark. The congregation moves outside to the bonfire or the Easter Fire. It is truly spectacular. The flames rise to 50-60 feet high and there has been more than one time when the local fire company has arrived! We then process into the Church with the Paschal Candle lit. We use candles lit from the Paschal Candle and as the vigil progresses, the Church is flooded with light representing new life. It is at the Easter Vigil that the Catechumen and the Elect receive the sacraments of initiation as full members of the Catholic Church. It is a spiritually uplifting experience. Consider being a part of this most holy and inspirational time at St. John's.



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY - Palm Sunday Jokes



The six-year-old came home from Palm Sunday services proudly carrying his palm. Mom and Dad quizzed him on his Sunday school lesson for the day. He responded enthusiastically, "Jesus came to Jerusalem on a donkey. And the happy people waved their palm branches and sang, "O Susanna..."

Little Johnny was sick on Palm Sunday and stayed home from Church with his mother. His father returned from church holding a palm branch. The little boy was curious and asked why. His father explained, "You see, when Jesus came into town, everyone waved palm branches to honor him; so we got palm branches today." "Aw, shucks," grumbled Little Johnny. "The one Sunday I can't go to Church, and Jesus shows up!"

## PALM SUNDAY

March 20, 2016

**"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."**

(LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or the Catholic faith? How do you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance or worst yet, because you don't want your friends or family to think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue.

## LET'S NOT FORGET

### **Collection for Retired Priests**

The second collection today is for the Fund for our Retired Diocesan Priests. This collection is exclusively for the benefit of our 28 retired priests, as well as, our active priests upon their retirement. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for our retired priests who have been dedicated and faithful to their priesthood over the years. Let's not forget.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

**"...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints..."**  
*Ephesians 6:18*



Please join us for the Quarterly Prayer Enrichment Session  
Thursday, April 7, 2016  
7:15 – 8:45 PM  
Church Center

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### **Grace, Mercy Peace**

If you have yet to make your gift, please do so today! Your gift should be based on your means and circumstances – a private decision between you and God. This past year, thousands of local Catholics received services through **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen.**

**To date, the Development Department has received pledges & payments totaling \$33,417.20 from 105 parishioners. This represents 86.6% of our \$38,600.00 goal.**

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves  
 Eugene Cifranic  
 Bill & Ginny Ciszewski  
 Jean Crickenberger  
 John D'Almeida  
 Vicky Davids  
 Tino DeSantis  
 Sophia DeVita  
 Neil Ercolano  
 Paul Ferri  
 Gordon Furlong  
 Sophie Geist  
 Fred Holub  
 Barbara Jiroushek  
 Lou Livoti  
 Dick McCall  
 Jan McLeavey  
 Christine Meyer  
 Fred Moser  
 Evelyn Murray  
 Fran Miceli  
 Beau (Bernice) Mills  
 Michael James Nonestied  
 Mary Lou O'Brien  
 Floyd Opdyke  
 Linda Owens  
 Nilsa Perez Parsons  
 John Pfeufer  
 Larry Riley  
 Anne & Joe Sacco  
 Theodore Semper  
 Noah Skinner  
 Michael Slivka  
 Julie Suplee  
 Madeline S. Vigilanti  
 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

## AM I A DONKEY CARRYING CHRIST?

An interesting as well as challenging old fable tells of the colt that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The colt thought that the reception was organized to honor him. "I am a unique donkey," this excited animal might have thought. When he asked his mother if he could walk down the same street alone the next day and be honored again, his mother said, "*No, you are nothing without Him who was riding you.*" Five days later, the colt saw a huge crowd of people in the street. It was Good Friday, and the soldiers were taking Jesus to Calvary. The colt could not resist the prospect of another royal reception. Ignoring the warning of his mother, he ran to the street, but he had to flee for his life as soldiers chased him and people stoned him. Thus, the colt finally learned the lesson that he was only a poor donkey without Jesus riding on him. **As we enter Holy Week, today's readings challenge us to examine our lives to see whether we carry Jesus within us and bear witness to him through our living or we are Christians in name only.**

## BURY THE DEAD

Last week Father Abraham wrote about the Corporal Works of Mercy. The last one was burying the dead. We don't speak much about dying and funerals. But it is a work of mercy to be with others while they are grieving. We have a small parish, and not that many funerals, but there is a small group of parishioners that are present at funerals. They act as Eucharistic Ministers, greeters, altar servers, and represent the parish for the family who has lost a loved one. We celebrate with families at the baptism of their children, it is also good to be there when someone leaves this life and is born to eternal life. A funeral manifests both the pain and grief of loss as well as the celebrating the person's life. There are other ways we can be present for families, especially as many of our parishioners experience the death of a family member who is not a parishioner of St. John's. If you would like to become part of the consolation ministry please contact France. Very little commitment is needed, and yet a simple act can be so meaningful. How are you extending God's mercy to the world?

## AUCTION

Want to have some fun this spring and be involved? We would love your help with the Auction! We will have a planning meeting on Sunday April 3 at 11:30am in the Church Center— please join us!

## JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE PHILADELPHIA

*Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 Confirmandi on their annual pilgrimage to the recently renovated St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia on April 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 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](mailto: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!

## Easter Intentions

### Deceased:

Edna Altavilla	Magdalena Jankauskas	Frank Torczon
Thomas Altavilla	Albin Janks	Richard Torczon
Michael Altavilla	Linnea Angeline Janks	Veronica Torczon
Eleanor Angeline	Benny Jardeneuz	Concetta Troiano
Querino Angeline	Miriam Jardeneuz	Jo Weferling
John Aquino	Gertrude Kaemmerer	Walter Weferling
Eileen Armstrong	Harry Kaemmerer	Anne Wickel
Kathryn Bauernfiend	Bruce Kennedy	Fred Wickel
Audrey Baumann	Virginia King	Fred A. Wickel, Jr.
Raymond Barrow	Agnes Kirsch	Maria Wiepzyński
Joe Berg	Julia Kleensmith	Stan Wiepzyński
Veretta Berg	Tom Kleensmith	Becky Yarberr
Lucille Bettinardi	Frank Kosteci	John Zelinka
Clint Blanchard	Joseph Kuber	Marian Zelinka
Kathrine Blythe	Margaret Kuber	
Robert Blythe	Anna Kucharski	
Michael Bock	Leroy Lance	
Gloria Brisson	Betty Livoti	
James Brisson	Louis Livoti	
Evelyn Brynildsen	Mark Livoti	
Harold Brynildsen	Helen Lopata	
Dorothy Byrne	Myles Manning	
Mary Budz	John J. McCabe	
Edith Cangelosi	Parents of Eileen McCabe	
Ralph Cangelosi	Frances McCormack	
Cordelia Cardinali	John McCormack	
Margaret Crescenti	Blanche Mikrut	
Angelo Cucchiara	Concetta Mulhern	
Jane DeVincenzo	John P. Mulhern	
Josephine Dias	Iriego Navarro, Jr.	
Carmine Dominicus	Iriego Navarro, Sr.	
Marie Dominicus	Mary Nolan	
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### Living:

Donna Zigmantanis  
Jack Zigmantanis

### Deceased Members of:

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Ruibal Family  
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Souza Family

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### For March 13, 2016

80 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,168.00  
44 Easter Flower Intentions. .. \$911.00  
5 Donors Yellow Brick ..... \$260.00

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Yellow Brick Road ..... \$1,720.00  
Monthly..... \$4,340.00  
Easter Flower Intentions ..... \$195.00  
Retirement Fund Clergy ..... \$365.00  
Holy Land ..... \$220.00  
Easter..... \$1,015.00

## ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

**April 30th - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please consider helping out with some of the necessary cleaning, maintenance and repairs around the Church, Office, Residence and grounds. Lunch will be provided. We can use your help for all or any part of the day. Sign up sheets will be out on April 2nd. If you have any questions, please Sharon in the office.

## SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS



Thanks to **16 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,275.00**. The stores gave us **\$111.75** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

Tues., March 22 A. Sawczuk  
Wed., March 23 D. Zigmantanis  
Wed., March 30 J. Santoro

### Store Cards

#### March 19 & 20

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti  
8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski  
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

#### March 27

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns  
10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 3/20 M. Cangelosi  
Week of 3/27 B. Sobey

### Church Center Cleaning

March 18 Team E  
March 25 Team F



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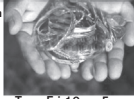
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