

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:
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:
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 29

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

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

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

Sunday, April 3

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

**First Friday
Holy Hour**
April 1st - 7 p.m.
Church Center



Join us for an hour of Prayer
and Meditation before the
Blessed Sacrament.

Parish Calendar

Sun., March 27 – Easter/Spring Giving Tree Begins

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

Monday, March 28

OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Mtg. (Seton Room)

Tuesday, March 29

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

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, March 31

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

Mass Schedule—April 2/3

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server Olesiak Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Eileen McCabe
..... Violetta Olesiak, Joann Gardner

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Owen Stanski
Altar Server Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Tom Klawunn
..... Jane Klawunn, Debbie Kelemen

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Steve Gemma
Altar Server D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Marlene Milko
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Ron Pojedinec, Kristin Gemma
..... Shirley Pojedinec, Jane Albert, Mary D'Avella

Save the Date - Monday - May 2nd - 6pm - Parish Community Meeting

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.

Friday, April 1

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

Saturday, April 2

1:00 p.m. Raised Bed Install (Project Earth Garden)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sun., April 3 – Sunday of Divine Mercy / YBR Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church and Office Centers)
10:30 a.m. 4th Grade Class Mass - Welcome (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

Easter Blessings to you and your dear ones!

I read about an encounter Father Basil Pennington, a Catholic monk, once had with a teacher of Zen. Pennington was at a retreat. As part of the retreat, each person met privately with this Zen teacher. Pennington says that at his meeting the Zen teacher sat there before him smiling from ear to ear and rocking gleefully back and forth. Finally, the teacher said: *"I like Christianity. But I would not like Christianity without the Resurrection. I want to see your resurrection!"* Pennington notes that, "With his directness, the teacher was saying what everyone else implicitly says to Christians: You are a Christian. You are risen with Christ. Show me (what this means for you in your life) and I will believe."

We observed the penitential season of Holy Lent; we participated faithfully in all the liturgical services of Holy Week. Today as we cap it all with the celebration of Easter, we ask ourselves this question: Does Easter impact how we live? Are we truly excited about our faith in the resurrection of Jesus who has the capacity to transform our lives with his grace? If so, our Lenten practices and our Holy Week participation will have been meaningful. Yes, the words of St. Augustine uttered 1500 years ago, repeated by St. John Paul II, must be made our own: **"We are truly an Easter People, and Halleluiah is our song!"**

Happy Easter!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

EASTER JOY

We celebrate this Easter with Nancy Bauernfeind and Mark Schenck as they are received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday. Please welcome them as they begin their new journey practicing their new faith alongside of us. Let them be an inspiration to us to live our faith in our daily lives.

WANT TO MAKE ST. JOHN'S YOUR HOME?

If you come to Mass but have never officially registered – we hope you consider finding out more about St. John's. There are many events and opportunities you might be interested in and we would be happy to share with you more information about the parish so you feel at home. Contact France Kennedy on her cell 908-307-7879 for more information.



JOIN THE PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE AND HOLY DOOR OF MERCY

Saturday, April 9th, 2016

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 9th – a designated Holy Door of Mercy site. 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. If 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!

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!

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.

EASTER SUNDAY

March 27, 2016

"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ACTS 10:38)

On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

PRAYER MINISTRY

"You pray in your distress and in your need; would that you might "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:21



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

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

We are an
Easter
PEOPLE
and
hallelujah
is our song.
- ST. JOHN PAUL II


"...just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."
(Romans 6:4)


Happy Easter from the Office of Religious Education

TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM
Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Each Confirmation Candidate in CP111, along with a parent, will be attending "Because I'm Worth It," a Teen Outreach event on April 5, at 7:00 p.m., at Immaculate Conception School in Annandale. Please arrive at 6:30 p.m. to check in with Renee Ciszewski and to be seated with the rest of St. John's Confirmandi.

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.

 **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!

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-5th Grade Religious Education Parents and all our Catechists to attend one of the following parent meetings in the church center:

Sunday, April 10th - 11:30 a.m. OR Monday, April 11th - 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>.



SPRING GIVING TREE

The Spring Giving Tree has bloomed in the narthex! We will 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 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.

Please: **1. Take a tag from the Tree.**

2. Sign it out on the appropriate Log Sheet.

3. Purchase your gift, attaching the tag you took as the label.

4. Drop off gift in the narthex or Seton Room by Sunday, April 24th.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Ann Jarvis at 908-832-2162 or jjarvis@ccsjn.org. Thank you for your generous support!

PASSION & PURPOSE: MARRIAGE

April 16 2016 10am to 2:30pm—Tickets \$25 person

St. Joseph the Worker, 1879 Applewood Dr., Orefield, PA 18069 (Allentown)

Passion & Purpose for Marriage is not what you are expecting! First of all, don't worry, you will not have to share your feelings with a group. Come and enjoy acoustical music by George Lower and soak up what Dr. Allen Hunt has in store. Allen talks about the Five Love Languages, along with a variety of other topics and research bits, he combines everything into three very faith centered, compelling sections; The Five Things Women Need to Know about Men, The Five Things Men Need to Know about Women, and finally the Most Important Word in a Marriage...ant it's not Love. Allen's speaking style is bound to capture your attention; his humor will have you laughing, and all along the way learning more about every relationship in your life.

Because we all want a happy life. <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-for-Marriage-Orefield-PA-p/mr041616.htm>

EASTER REFLECTION: "The Liberators"

[The women] found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus . . . "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." Luke 24: 1-12

In his book **The Liberators**, author Michael Hirsch details the stories, impressions and reactions of American soldiers who liberated the Nazi concentration camps as they chased the last remnants of the Nazi army in the final days of World War 11. Hirsch also includes in his book the recollection of one of those liberated. Coenraad Rood was a 24-year-old Dutch Jew who worked as a tailor. He was arrested in 1942 and spent three years imprisoned at a number of camps. In January 1945, he lay dying in a covered ditch in the camp at Ampfing when the 14th Armored Division liberated the camp. Rood remembers:

"Suddenly, I heard my friend Maupy. I heard him speaking English, saying [to someone] 'go in there. My friend is dying. He should know that he is free before he dies.' [The trapdoor to the ditch] opened up and there was an American soldier there . . . I was laying in the dark, in the dirt, and he told me, 'come, comrade, you are free now.' And then I started crying. I try to get to him, but I was, like paralyzed . . . I was crawling on the ground, trying to get to the door. And then he picked me up by the collar of my little jacket [and] he was holding me. I remember I thought, 'Man, is the man strong!' . . . And he told me, 'You're free now. You understand? It's over.'" "As dirty and sick as I was, that soldier, that American soldier, kissed me. And I kissed him back, and he was holding me and took me [outside to ditch, into the light] and said, 'See? You are free now.' And he cried to." After the liberation, Coenraad Rood was reunited with his wife Bep, who survived the war in hiding. And they made a new life for themselves in the United States.

You are free; it's over - the words of American soldiers to the victims of the Holocaust. Why do you seek the living among the dead? - the angels ask of the women who come to the tomb on Easter morning. Easter is God's never-ending invitation to freedom, his raising us up from "tombs" of selfishness and fear and anger and hatred. In the many manifestations of his compassion and mercy around us, God picks us up and carries us out of our prisons and ditches. And, in turn, we become "liberators" ourselves, picking up others from among the "dead" and restoring them to life and hope. In raising his son from the dead, God vindicates the Gospel of his Christ. In the light of Easter's empty tomb, every moment of forgiveness, every triumph of justice over persecution, every insistence of goodness in the face of horrendous evil, every act of compassion (no matter how simple or small) proclaims the good news that Christ is risen.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A Sunday school teacher had just finished telling her third graders about how Jesus was crucified and placed in a tomb with a great stone sealing the opening. Then, wanting to share the excitement of the Resurrection, she asked: "And what do you think were Jesus' first words when He came bursting out of that tomb alive?" A hand shot up into the air from the rear of the classroom. Attached to it was the arm of a little girl. Leaping out of her chair she shouted out excitedly "I know, I know!" "Good" said the teacher, "Tell us, what were Jesus first words?" And extending her arms high into the air she said: "TA-DA!"

Former Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee was once asked if he believed in resurrection. "Of course I do," said Huckabee. "Dead people vote in every election we have in Arkansas. Resurrection is very real to us."

One lady wrote in to a question-and-answer forum. "Dear Sirs, Our preacher said on Easter, that Jesus just swooned on the cross and that the disciples nursed Him back to health. What do you think?" Sincerely, Bewildered. She got this reply: "Dear Bewildered, Beat your preacher with a cat-of-nine-tails, nail him to a cross; hang him in the sun for 6 hours; run a spear through his side...put him in an airless tomb for 36 hours and see what happens." Sincerely, Charles.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Grace, Mercy Peace

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have sung wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration and joy! By your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal you preach the Easter message every day. Thank you!

The Appeal has received pledges totaling \$33,417.20 from 105 parishioners. This represents 86.6% of our \$38,600.00 goal.



AQUIRE THE FIRE

The young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes & St John's, will be attending the young adult Seekers Retreat, Sunday, April 3, 2-7pm at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. This is a great opportunity to get away and refocus on God. There's a \$10 free will offering suggested. See more info at <http://www.diometuchen.org/seekers>.

The next meeting is Apr 10, 7pm, Old Church Hall/Our Lady of Lourdes, Whitehouse Station. Join our next service event Sat., Apr 16, 9am-12pm for RHA's 26th Annual Stream Cleanup. Sign up at RaritanHeadwaters.org/StreamCleanUp. In the optional section list "Acquire the Fire", choose Site 6: Spruce Run Reservoir-Clinton Township-Hunterdon County. To join the list serve or to find out more information about our events, email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., March 30 J. Santoro

Wed., April 6 S. Griffin

Store Cards

March 27

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns

10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

April 2 & 3

5:30 p.m.. E. McCabe

8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn

10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 3/27 B. Sobey

Week of 4/3 J. Sieber

Church Center Cleaning

March 25 Team F

April 1 Team A

Parish News

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

Easter Intentions

Deceased:

Edna Altavilla
 Thomas Altavilla
 Michael Altavilla
 Eleanor Angeline
 Querino Angeline
 John Aquino
 Eileen Armstrong
 Kathryn Bauernfiend
 Audrey Baumann
 Raymond Barrow
 Joe Berg
 Veretta Berg
 Lucille Bettinardi
 Clint Blanchard
 Kathrine Blythe
 Robert Blythe
 Michael Bock
 Gloria Brisson
 James Brisson
 Evelyn Brynildsen
 Harold Brynildsen
 Dorothy Byrne
 Mary Budz
 Edith Cangelosi
 Ralph Cangelosi
 Cordelia Cardinali
 Margaret Crescenti
 Angelo Cucchiara
 Jane DeVincenzo
 Josephine Dias
 Carmine Dominicus
 Marie Dominicus
 Henry Drucker
 Mary Drucker
 B.J. Eckert
 Frank Felitti
 Rose Felitti
 Edward Furlong
 Mary Gaskill
 Paul Geerinck
 Frances Gelone
 Anthony Gelone
 Sophia Goski
 Margaret Helbling
 Frederick Helbling
 Marianne W. Horn

Magdalena Jankauskas
 Albin Janks
 Linnea Angeline Janks
 Benny Jardeneuz
 Miriam Jardeneuz
 Gertrude Kaemmerer
 Harry Kaemmerer
 Ann Kalafut
 Joseph J. Kalafut, Sr.
 Bruce Kennedy
 Virginia King
 Agnes Kirsch
 Julia Kleensmith
 Tom Kleensmith
 Frank Kostecki
 Joseph Kuber
 Margaret Kuber
 Anna Kucharski
 Leroy Lance
 Betty Livoti
 Louis Livoti
 Mark Livoti
 Helen Lopata
 Myles Manning
 John J. McCabe
 Parents of Eileen McCabe
 Frances McCormack
 John McCormack
 Blanche Mikrut
 Concetta Mulhern
 John P. Mulhern
 Iriego Navarro, Jr.
 Iriego Navarro, Sr.
 Mary Nolan
 Annette Patterson
 Hunt Patterson, Jr.
 Tony Perez
 Anthony Piechowski
 Violet Piechowski
 Anna Pocius
 Bob Pocius
 Joseph W. Pujedinec, Sr.
 Florence Prandato
 Sylvio Prandato
 Ann Sofranko
 Michael Sofranko
 Jennie Stout

Jesse Stout
 Maureen Stout
 Frank Torczon
 Richard Torczon
 Veronica Torczon
 Concetta Troiano
 Jo Weferling
 Walter Weferling
 Anne Wickel
 Fred Wickel
 Fred A. Wickel, Jr.
 Maria Wiepzyński
 Stan Wiepzyński
 Becky Yaberry
 John Zelinka
 Marian Zelinka

Living:

Donna Zigmantanis
 Jack Zigmantanis

Deceased Members of:

Bambalan Family
 Barbone Family
 Battell Family
 Bennett Family
 Carlson Family
 Cole Family
 D'Armiento Family
 Gemma Family
 Janas Family
 Kelemen Family
 Lowcick Family
 Mansim Family
 McKenna Family
 Merriam Family
 Milko Family
 Mocariski Family
 Owens Family
 Pyskaty Family
 Royal Family
 Ruibal Family
 Schenone Family
 Souza Family

Souls of Purgatory

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!

Parish News

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
April, 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 YBR Collection 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM K-6 Catechesis-CC/OC 10:30 AM 4th Grade Class Mass - CC 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	4 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM K-5 Catechesis-CC/OC 10:30 AM 4th Grade Class Mass - CC 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	5 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 7:00 PM CP/II Teen Outreach-ICS 7:30 PM RCIA - UR	6 11:00 AM Calendar Mtg-DR 12:30 PM Staff Mtg. - DR 7:00 PM Bereavement Session - UR 7:00 PM Faith Group - DR 7:00 PM Faith Group - OCK	7 7:15 PM Player Ministry Enrichment - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells-CC	8 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 5:00 PM Cleaning-CC	9 11:45 AM Shrine Trip - Philadelphia 2:30 PM 1st Eucharist Session #5 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC
10 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM K-6 Catechesis-CC&OC 10:30 AM Mass (Heimall Baptism) - CC 11:45 AM K-5 Rel Ed Parent Mtg-CC 4:00 PM CHWC Meeting - CC 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	11 10:00 AM S.H.I.P - CCK/OCK 7:00 PM K-5 Rel Ed Parent Mtg-OC	12 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 3:00 PM Budget Mtg-DR 7:30 PM RCIA - UR	13 7:00 PM Faith Group - OCK	14 7:30 PM Music/Bells-CC	15 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 5:00 PM Cleaning-CC	16 5:30 PM Youth Mass-CC 6:30 PM Youth Night-CC
17 8:00 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy-NX 10:30 AM Mass - CC	18 3:00 PM Planting - Garden 6:00 PM K-5 Monthly Catechesis - CC/OC 7:15 PM Pastoral Council - UR	19 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 7:00 PM Property Mgmt Mtg-DR 7:30 PM RCIA - UR	20 7:30 PM Book Club - SR	21 7:30 PM Music/Bells-CC	22 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 5:00 PM Cleaning-CC 7:00 PM Willie Lynch Band-CC	23 2:30 PM 1st Eucharist Session #6 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC
24 Mother's Day Intentions 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM K-6 Catechesis-CC&OC 10:30 AM Mass - CC 11:30 AM Catechist Brunch-DR 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	25 7:00 PM Fundraising Mtg - OCK 7:30 PM Childrens Liturgy Mtg-SR	26 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 7:00 PM Commxions-OCK 7:30 PM RCIA - UR	27	28 7:30 PM Music/Bells-CC	29 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 5:00 PM Cleaning-CC 7:15 PM Baptism Program-CC	30 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - OC 9:00 AM Spring Cleanup-CC/CCG 5:30 PM Mass - CC

REASONS WHY WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

(1) Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead (*Mark 8:31; Matthew 17:22; Luke 9:22*). (2) The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday (*Luke 24:3*). Although the guards claimed (*Matthew 28:13*), that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by an armed, 16-member Temple Guard detachment. (3) The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in His Resurrection, in spite of His repeated apparitions, serves as a strong proof of His Resurrection. Their initial disbelief explains why the Apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (4) The transformation of Jesus' disciples **transformed men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion** (*Luke 24:21, John 20:19*), into **men who now were confident and bold witnesses to the Resurrection** (*Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:2*). (5) Neither the Jews and the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus. (6) The Apostles and early Christians would not have faced martyrdom if they were not absolutely sure of Jesus' Resurrection. (7) **The Apostle Paul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians to a zealous preacher of Jesus supports the truth of Jesus' Resurrection** (*Galatians 1:11-17, Acts 9:1, Acts 9:24-25, Acts 26:15-18*). (8) **The sheer existence of a thriving, empire-conquering early Christian Church, bravely facing and surviving three centuries of persecution, supports the truth of the Resurrection claim.** (9) **The New Testament witnesses do not bear the stamp of dupes or deceivers. The Apostles and the early Christians were absolutely sure about the Resurrection of Jesus.** Anglican bishop and New Testament scholar N.T. Wright has commented incisively that if Jesus had not been raised bodily from the dead, Christianity would never have survived as a Messianic movement. Wright says that the clearest indication to a first-century Jew that someone was not the Messiah would be his death at the hands of the enemies of Israel. That the Church of Christ endured as a Messianic religion is possible only on the assumption that the Crucified One was, nevertheless, objectively alive.



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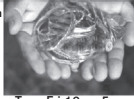
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