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John 20:29

Blessed are those
who have not seen
and yet believe.



Divine Mercy

Jesus,
I Trust
in You

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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398 County Road 513
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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, April 5

7:00 a.m. Emma Waizenegger, req.
Greg Cooper

Friday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Walter L. Ader, req.
Mary Connolly

Saturday, April 9

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

Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Debbie Medina, req.
Stanski Family
10:30 a.m. Elizabeth Shack, req
France Kennedy



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, April 4 - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 p.m. Deanery Pastoral Council Orientation (Drexel Rm)

Tuesday, April 5 - Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

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

Wednesday, April 6 - Weekday

11:00 a.m. Calendar Meeting (Drexel Room)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Drexel Room)

Thursday, April 7-Saint John the Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:15 p.m. Prayer Ministry Enrichment (Church Center)

Friday, April 8 - Weekday

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

Saturday, April 9 - Weekday

11:45 a.m. St. John Neumann Shrine Trip (Philadelphia)
2:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Session #5 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule—April 9/10

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

Sun., April 10 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Church and Office Centers)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Heimal Baptism (Church Center)
11:45 a.m. K-5 Parent Meeting Religious Ed (Church Center)
4:00 p.m. CHWC Meeting (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)



FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to memorialize a loved one, celebrate a birth or anniversary with flowers for the altar, call Anita 832-7746 to arrange for this.



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, and Emily Engallena.**

Deceased: **Helen Lopata**, aunt of Shirley Pojedinec, **Walter Ader**, husband of Sally (Graham) Ader, **Catherine Curtis**, mother of Willie Curtis, and **Emily Engallena**, aunt of Mary Cangelosi. 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,

Easter is such a foundational feast of our faith, that the Church continues to celebrate it for about seven weeks. Each of these Sundays is named 2nd Sunday of Easter, 3rd Sunday of Easter, etc. The power of Easter has transformed the face of the earth as believers began to increase and Christianity began to spread all over the world. The early Christians themselves were the best missionaries to their own neighbors and friends, sharing the power of the Resurrected Jesus to bring about change of hearts. It still continues to happen in our own times.

Last Sunday, Mother Angelica, the foundress of the famous Catholic TV network EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) passed away at the age of 92. Her humble initiative grew into a mighty media empire. In 1981, Mother Angelica launched Eternal Word Television Network, which today transmits 24-hour-a-day programming to more than 264 million homes in 144 countries. The religious network broadcasts terrestrial and shortwave radio around the world, operates a religious goods catalog and publishes the National Catholic Register and Catholic News Agency, among other publishing ventures. Thus Mother Angelica is a media giant who, in the words of Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia, *"succeeded at a task the nation's bishops themselves couldn't achieve. She founded and grew a network that appealed to everyday Catholics, understood their needs and fed their spirits. She had a lot of help, obviously, but that was part of her genius."* Let us thank God for the life of Mother Angelica and the gift of EWTN which, through its Catholic programs, benefits millions around the world.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday – a feast instituted by St. John Paul II, in order to realize the depth of the mercy of God for each one of us personally. Sister Faustina who had revelations about this desire from Jesus wrote the words of Jesus in her diary entry # 206: *"On the day of My feast, the Feast of Mercy, you will go through the whole world and bring fainting souls to the spring of My mercy. I shall heal and strengthen them"*. May the Resurrected Lord help us experience his mercy as we keep the season of Easter.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

EASTER JOY

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

HOUSE BLESSING!

WHY NOT YOURS THIS EASTER SEASON?

A wonderful custom, prevailing in many parts of the world, that some of us have found very meaningful in the past few years, Fr. Abraham is offering this again this year. The Easter House blessing, a short prayer with family members, is a happy reminder of the Easter blessings that we are called to live. If you feel drawn to this lovely practice, contact the office to arrange a mutually convenient day and time; this will enhance your appreciation of the Catholic way of life.

ROLE OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After the Easter season the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistry, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptism may be lit from them. In the celebration of funerals, the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate that the death of a Christian is his own Passover. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside the Easter season.

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. Please sign up in the Narthex, or just show up. We appreciate your help for all or any part of the day. If you have any questions, call Sharon in the office 908-832-2513.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 3, 2016

***"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'"* JOHN 20:21**

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world to share His peace and Good News, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. We should look for opportunities to share His peace with our brothers and sisters not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, you will receive the peace of Christ.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

Religious Education Program

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.

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**



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!



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!

Social Ministry

EASTER FOOD DELIVERY THANKS!

Thanks to our community where "Every Member is a Minister" our Easter Food Delivery was a success. Because of this, we were able to supply 19 elderly individuals and 10 families with food and groceries.

We first want to thank the entire Social Ministry Team for all of their effort that went into this project. Also, Stacy Niemiec and her daughter, Sarah for picking up all of the donated perishables from Shop-Rite in Clinton. Special thanks also to the Cantelmi family as well as the Ranallo family for all of their assistance with the pack-up after Stations of the Cross on Friday evening. The turn out after the Stations was extraordinary with help from all ages. I'm sorry to say the sign-up sheets weren't used and consequently we don't have a list of all that attended this family driven event. On Saturday, Charlie and Melissa Fortenbaker, Bill and Debbie Hunt, Rene' Osgood, The Evanko tribe of ladies, The Cantelmi family and a few others delivered all of the food and had a chance to meet some of those in need. A special note of thanks is deserved by Jeremy Hoffman who assisted behind the scenes as well as on stage during the preparations and the on-going activities. Again, we apologize to anyone who did help and finds their name missing from this thank you list.

SUNDAY REFLECTION: The Work of Peace

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When their father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, the family was devastated. But the kids immediately rallied around their mother and, together, talked through the difficult road that lay ahead. Mom realized she couldn't do this alone - and appreciated the fact that this was not only her husband but their father, too, and that they should be part of his care. And her children were adamant that, no matter what the difficulties and challenges they faced, their love for their dad was total and unwavering. With humility and gratitude and grace, they worked as one, consulting with doctors, arranging for help and care, and dividing up responsibilities. There were no "turf wars" or hurt feelings. This was about Mom and Dad and enabling them to live their final days with dignity and happiness. Despite the painful "long goodbye" they would experience in caring for their husband and father, this family was at **peace**.

The graffiti was discovered by the janitor on Monday morning, scrawled on one of the school's restrooms. The racist words and images were ugly and vicious. Of course, no one admitted to the vandalism. The students who were the targets of the graffiti were outraged and were ready to shut the school down; but the majority of students dismissed the graffiti as a stupid, insensitive prank and that everyone was taking it way too seriously. Before tensions escalated any further and outsiders could make things worse, the principal and teachers went to work. They organized small-group listening sessions where students of different races and ethnic backgrounds could talk about the disrespect and indignities they experience; similar meetings were held for parents, as well. It was eye-opening - and difficult to listen to; but, over time, students and teachers came to understand the pain and struggles experienced by many minority students in their school. A big step forward: the following weekend, a group of students organized on their own to remove the graffiti and repaint the restroom. Much work remained to be done to heal the school, but they managed to carry on in **peace**.

On Easter night, Jesus greets his terrified disciples with "Peace." But the peace of the Risen Christ is more than just the absence of conflict, more than just the quiet, unchallenged acceptance of another's heartless behavior or selfish expectations. Christ's peace is the hard work of loving when it is most difficult to love, of putting aside one's own disappointments and

Easter Intentions (additional)

Deceased:

Lawrence Best
Louis & Theresa Eacovalle
Mildred Healy
Ann Kalafut
Joseph J. Kalafut, Sr.
Alice & Benjamin Kanzler
William & Dorothy Lambert
Joseph W. Pojedinec, Sr.
Edward Power
Anna Sima
Bartolo Testa

Members of:

Campbell Family
Ferns Family
Palmer Family

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

St. Therese of Lisieux



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



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

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

Store Cards

April 2 & 3

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

April 9 & 10

5:30 p.m.. J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 4/3 J. Sieber
Week of 4/10 C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

April 1 Team A
April 8 Team B

ALTAR FLOWERS MEMORIALS



The **Altar Flower Ministry** is always interested in having additional volunteers. We are currently putting together our schedule for April to August. If you'd like to give it a try for even one weekend we are happy to guide you through the process. Also, if anyone would like to memorialize a loved one with an arrangement please be in touch and we can assist in coordinating the contact and picking up the flowers from a local florist. For more information, please contact Mary Connolly (908-930-0784 or mandmconnolly@gmail.com). Thanks!



EASTER HUNTING THANKS

Our youngest parishioners were scampering after Easter Eggs on Palm Sunday – hidden outside around the church. Fun was had by all. Thanks to bunny helpers: Mia Ranallo, Lauren Tabor, Jess Brynildsen, Jack Ranallo, Andrew Ranallo, and Owen Tabor as well as the bakers who brought goodies for Pastoral Council's Community Coffee for all to enjoy.

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

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.

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!



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 Confraternity 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!

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.

AUCTION

If you are new or been here and have never worked on the auction – we invite you to come join us. It is great fun preparing for a wonderful parish event. We will have a planning meeting on Sunday April 3 at 11:30am in the Church Center—please join us!

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in our Holy Week and Easter Celebration. We appreciate the Music Ministry for what they add to our worship at each of these special Masses as well as the inclusion of the Bell Choir. The Environment Committee who prepare the worship space for the various liturgical experiences of Holy Week. The extra hands that came to clean and explode the church into Easter Joy, the Plant Waterers who help keep the flowers and plants healthy for our visual offering in prayer, the Cleaning Teams who work week in and week out to clean the church and keep our costs down, and the Liturgical Ministers who serve at the Masses as Readers, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. Consider how you would like to be involved in these behind the scenes ministries.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Some Easter Announcements:

Baptisms: After Easter, the North and South ends of the church will be utilized. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Bible Study: Richard, my friend's little grandson came home from Sunday School and I asked him what they had studied. His reply was, 'Nothing.' So I asked him, 'Didn't you study Jesus?' Richard's reply was, 'No, he wasn't even there.'

Benefits: Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

Refund: Salvation guaranteed – or your sins cheerfully refunded!

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>



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WEEKLY COLLECTION

For March 27, 2016 (Easter)

41 Donors Weekly\$2,125.00
20 Donors Holy Land\$616.00
145 Donors Easter\$13,051.00

For March 29, 2015

94 Donors Weekly\$4,538.00
64 Donors YBR\$1,781.00

For April 5, 2015 (Easter)

38 Donors Weekly\$1,037.00
10 Donors Holy Land\$475.00
147 Donors Easter\$12,257.74

SHOP RITE & KINGS CARDS



Thanks to **6 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,000.00**. The stores gave us **\$50.00** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.



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.



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