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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. James F. Checchio,
JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus

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..... Pastor
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398 County Road 513
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Saturday Vigil Mass.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday.....10:30 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:

Tuesday.....8:00 a.m.
Friday.....7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, July 29

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 30

5:30 p.m. Catherine Curtis, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Nicholas DiProspero, req.
Barbone Family

10:30 a.m. Helen Deliso, req.
Maureen and Richard Sepe



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 24- Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Ona/Sapio Baptism (Church Center)

Monday, July 25 - Saint James, Apostle

7:00 p.m. Fundraising (Office Kitchen)

Tuesday, July 26 - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:15 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Kitchen)

Wednesday, July 27 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
6:30 p.m. Summer Garden Faith Group (Garden)

Thursday, July 28 - Weekday

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, July 29- Saint Martha

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church Center)

Saturday, July 30 - Saint Peter Chysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality (Office Kitchen)
2:00 p.m. Wedding: Steven Novak & Greer McCarthy
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, July 31- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mass Schedule—July 30/31

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Torczon
.....	Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Jane Klawunn, Tom Klawunn
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Steve Gemma
Altar Server	Brisson Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Ana Giametta, Anthony DeStefano,
.....	Marlene Milko, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca, Mike Pagliuca

WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE MASS?

Join our wonderful team of Readers, Altar Servers, and Eucharistic Ministers! You will serve when it is convenient for your schedule. And you participate at the Mass time you choose. If you have questions speak to one of the Liturgical Ministers after Mass. They would be happy to answer your questions. Sign up in the Narthex or contact the parish office to discuss or arrange instruction.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Mark Johnson, Sarah, Serafino, Winona Gay Pfahler, Agnes DeLalla, Gordon Furlong, and Jeffrey Michel.**

Deceased: **Mark Johnson**, parishioner, husband to Lynn Johnson, son of Joan Johnson, and father to Alexa Johnson, **Sarah Serafino**, aunt of Barbara Gates, **Winona Gay Pfahler**, mother of Kristin Heimall, **Gordon Furlong**, brother of Linda Patterson and **Jeffrey Michel**, brother of Judy Ross. 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,

Lots of sad and troubling tragedies have been happening recently in our country and the world. The media wastes no time in bringing us full coverage of these bombings, shootings, ambushes, accidents and other horrible events. People seem to be fed up with the media's obsession with such bad news as it is creating a sense of fear, insecurity and pessimism in general. In fact, I hear many wondering and asking: is there nothing good happening around so that we can have a sense of hope? Yes, of course, good events are happening! But the media is more interested in sensational and dramatic news that would keep their ratings high – but always in the name of fulfilling journalistic needs and rights. Therefore it is up to us to free ourselves from this tyranny of the media and intentionally search out good news.

One such good news of great importance and hope is the World Youth Day to take place in Kraków, Poland, from this Tuesday, July 26, to Sunday, July 31, 2016. When St. John Paul II instituted this world event in 1985, he said, "...the whole Church, in union with the Successor of Peter, must be more and more committed, globally, to youth and young adults – and to their anxieties and concerns and to their openness, hopes, and expectations..." So, what is the purpose of World Youth Day? There are three important reasons: first, celebrating and putting trust in the young; second, making pilgrimage; and third, encountering the Catholic community. Youth and young adults are not only the future of the Church, but are active participants in the Catholic Church today. World Youth Day helps to prepare these young men and women to bring about Christ's mission in the world and to equip them to be missionary disciples. World Youth Day brings together young people from the four corners of the earth, where the Holy Father is able to entrust the Church and its mission to younger generations.

WYD is open to all young people who want to take part in a festive encounter with their contemporaries centered on Jesus Christ. It is not simply a celebratory gathering of disparate groups of youth and young adults, but a key time to call them forth on a great mission of faith. Bishop James D. Conley from Lincoln Nebraska, a World Youth Day alumnus, says: "*John Paul stood among millions of young people here in the United States [at World Youth Day Denver], and told us not to be afraid. He told us to go out into the streets and proclaim the Gospel. He told us to defend life. He told us to become saints. He called us to the New Evangelization.*"

Isn't this a very exciting news that can give us lot of joy and hope? Why not follow this by tuning into Catholic media? Why not enjoy the mesmerizing opening ceremony, the enthralling welcome to Pope Francis, the prayerful Evening Vigil with the Pope, and other musical extravaganza by the youth these days? Here's a chance to fill your soul with some optimism about our life for today and tomorrow!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

THE BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

Each year during the summer prior to a new school year we appeal to the Community for assistance regarding needy families. We suggest a gift that consists of a \$25.00 shopping card, which can be purchased here at the Church so that the family can choose to purchase their own supplies that might include clothing, or we also suggest purchasing some back to school items while you may be purchasing the same for your own family. In either case your gift will bring smiles to others.

There is a basket located near the tree for items and your cards/checks may be placed in the donation box at our Social Ministry station in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your GOODNESS and MERCY, and will pray that God blesses you.

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2016

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really **need** with what we simply **want**. Many people need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

STAFF SUMMER READING PICKS!

Rediscover Catholicism

by Matthew Kelly

You Can Share the Faith: Reaching Out One Person at a Time

by Karen Edmisten

NEW TO THE PARISH? DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S

If you are new to the area, just found St. John's, or been here for years but never registered, we invite you to an informal lunch for information on the parish. Parish registration has its benefits! Email, call or text France Kennedy for information. 908-307-7879, fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis



2016-2017 REGISTRATIONS NOW DUE

Registrations for fall faith formation classes are now due. Please turn in your registration to the Religious Ed. office in person or by mail.

Programs for the 2016-17 school year are:

- GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Family Faith Formation (Grades K-6) which meets once a month on your choice of Sunday mornings (8-10:15 a.m.) or Monday evenings (6-8:15 p.m.)
- Junior High/Confirmation Prep (Grades 7 & 8) which meets twice monthly on Sundays (6-8 p.m.)
- 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Prep which meets on ten Saturday afternoons throughout the year (registration for this sacramental preparation program is *in addition* to attending the GIFT Program)

Packets with additional information and registration forms were mailed out. All forms can be found on the parish website: ccsjn.org. Any questions regarding faith formation, contact Renee Ciszewski, renee@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A priest, whose sermons were very long and boring, announced in the Church on a Sunday that he had been transferred to another Church and that it was Jesus' wish that he leave that week. The congregation in the Church got up and sang: "*What a Friend we have in Jesus!*"



WHAT EXACTLY IS WHOLE COMMUNITY CATECHESIS?

A. Whole community catechesis

is an approach to parish or school religious education through which youth and adults as well as children are invited to participate in faith formation programs throughout the year. The entire community thus becomes the focus of all we do in catechesis.

In whole community catechesis, what happens in the Sunday assembly for Mass is closely connected to what happens in the religious education classroom. The liturgy of the Word from Sunday is the starting point. Catechesis or faith formation must flow from that Word and each learner is invited to "break open the Word," to share their faith about what they believe.

Also in whole community catechesis, parents play a vital role alongside all the other members of the community. Catechesis is not just for children! It's for everyone. Every Catholic is invited to know and love the Church, to walk with Christ in his or her daily life, and to gather faithfully together on Sunday for the parish Mass.

Added to that, whole community catechesis places great emphasis on developing households of faith. It's certainly true for a child, but also true for everyone, that no matter how effective our experience of faith might be at the parish level, what really counts is how we live that faith in our everyday lives at home!

If our homes are not places where the faith is shared and lived, then the work of catechesis is like sowing seed on rocky ground.



MARY STATUE AVAILABLE IN SUMMER

This beautiful Statue of Mary has returned from her travels to parishioners' homes and summer dates are now available to sign up to host the statue in your home. We encourage family prayer as you spend time with Our Lady. To schedule a visit, call 832-2162 or email jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

ARE THESE MY EXCUSES FOR NOT PRAYING?

Modern Christians give four lame excuses for not praying. a) **The first excuse:** We are too busy. The richer a culture is, the less time it has for prayer, because money and wealth provide distractions. Researchers say that the average Christian living in a wealthy country prays four minutes a day. Often the first thing given up by a busy Christian is his prayer life. b) **A second excuse:** We don't believe prayer does that much good, other than giving us psychological motivation to be better persons. Besides psychological motivation, prayer establishes and augments our relationship with God, the source of our power. c) **A third excuse:** A loving God should provide for us and protect us from the disasters of life, such as disease or accidents, without our asking Him. Prayer expresses our awareness of our need for God and our dependence on Him. d) **A fourth excuse:** Prayer is boring. People who use this excuse forget the fact that prayer is a conversation with God: listening to God speaking to us through the Bible and talking to God. You can't have a close relationship with anyone, including God, without persistent and intimate conversation. Four minutes a day is not much intimate conversation. Since our society concludes that prayer doesn't work, it turns to sex, violence and unhealthy addictions resulting in broken marriages, broken families, psychological problems, moral decadence, spiritual poverty, law-and-order problems, and prison populations.

VOLUNTEERS SHARE YOUR FAITH

How do you share the Good News? Why not as a catechist to our young parishioners! It is a wonderful and rewarding service and is a terrific way to enrich personal and family faith. Be a part of the exciting new monthly family faith formation program, GIFT. Contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org to find out more.



UPCOMING "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" SESSIONS

Whether you're a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involve children, please consider attending one of the following "Protecting God's Children" workshops:

- August 23 at 7 p.m. – St. Brigid, Peapack
- August 24 at 10 a.m. – St. Brigid, Peapack
- August 25 at 9 a.m. – Diocese of Metuchen Pastoral Center, Piscataway
- August 25 at 7 p.m. – St. James, Basking Ridge
- August 29 at 7 p.m. – St. Magdalen de Pazzi, Flemington

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A green Virtus link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a listing of others in the diocese, can be found on the bottom right corner of the diocese home page at diometuchen.org. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early.

ST. JOHN'S TAG SALE

Wanted...person or persons to chair St. John's Tag Sale! We have a group of people who will work it and walk you through all. Some lifting required. Official sale is Friday & Saturday September 16 / 17 coordinating with the Califontown wide sale. Sunday, we spend a few hours packing up what is left over for donation pickup on the following Monday.

The **Tag Sale** is a profitable fund raiser that's truly rewarding both personally and environmentally! Please consider filling this post for 2016 - call the office now!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., July 27 J. Santoro

Store Cards

July 23 & July 24

5:30 p.m.. B. Cestone
8:00 a.m. G. Battel
10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

July 30 & July 31

5:30 p.m.. J. Gardner
8:00 a.m. P. Nanna
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 7/24 L. Livoti
Week of 7/31 M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

July 22 Team F
July 29 Team A

Altar Flowers

July 23 M. Perez
July 30 L. Mullen

Parish News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
Gary Bergmann
Eugene Cifranic
Bill Ciszewski
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Barbara DelPiano
Tino DeSantis
Sophia DeVita
Paul Ferri
Sophie Geist
Fred Holub
Barbara Jiroushek
Patrick Kline
Lou Livoti
Iole Matthews
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
Al Sterphone
Julie Suplee
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
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
Lieutenant JG Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy

SUNDAY REFLECTION: ASK / SEEK / KNOCK

"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and the one who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11: 1-13

A woman asks: "Please, God, cure me of my cancer." In dealing with her illness, she has accepted her mortality. She comes to cherish each moment she has. Her relationship with her husband becomes stronger; she grows closer to her children, especially one daughter from whom she had become increasingly distant. The disease runs its course - but she learns to live her life to the full and she spends every moment to the end in the embrace of her loving family. And it is that love that she leaves behind. She **asks** - and she receives insight, understanding and peace.

A teenager seeks the answer to the question every teenager asks: "What am I supposed to do with my life?" He goes about his teen years in all their confusions and disappointments, their triumphs and discoveries; he realizes that he is not a child anymore and not the center of the world; he learns how to be responsible and how to care about people other than himself and about things bigger than his own wants. Working at a summer camp for kids at risk proves to be a life-changing experience for him. He decides to major in social work in college. Not much money, but it's work that makes a difference. He **seeks** - and finds fulfillment in helping families keep it together.

Scared to death, **she knocks on the door.** Life will change when that door opens: a new career, perhaps; the beginning of a life of service in a religious community, maybe; an unexpected call to care for a desperately ill parent; meeting her future in-laws for the first time. But she's ready. She's confident in her skills, in her faith; the love that has enveloped her enables her to envelope others. She **knocks** - and whatever is on the other side of the door, she is confident God's grace will enable her to walk through.

Those who ask, receive, Jesus says; those who seek, find; those who knock, will find their way through - that often seems disingenuous to us, who have offered countless prayers that we think have gone unanswered. But often our search brings us to something we do not expect; what we receive is quite different from what we ask for. We often approach prayer as trying to wring gifts from an unwilling God; in fact, we come before a God who knows our needs better than we do ourselves. That's the disciple's faith: to trust enough to continue to act in the spirit of Jesus' servanthood, to continue to seek God in hidden places with the assurance that, in someone or something, we will find him.



ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS

(MEN, WOMEN, & TEENAGERS)

Saturday, September 24th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Minebrook Golf Club, Hackettstown

Reserve the date on your calendar. We had a great turnout last year. Hugh McKenna (one of our parishioners) of Johnson Dodge--Chrysler--Jeep has once again offered our golfers the opportunity to win a brand new automobile for the Hole-in-One prize.

To register: Please contact Bob Martalus via phone or email, or look for the registration sheet which will be in the church Narthex in a few weeks. 908-439-3732 or bob.martalus@gmail.com.

Registration Fee: \$ 125/golfer Sponsor a Hole Fee: \$125 (includes a sign)

Parish & Community News

SJN YOUTH CORNER!

CHWC WITNESS TALKS BY OUR YOUTH

Hello! My name is **Morgan D'Avella**. This was my fourth year attending Catholic Heart Work Camp. I had five people in my group including Tyler, the seminarian from Immaculate Conception, and we worked at the St. Francis Home for the elderly. We mulched, cleaned a large storage closet, windows, and a porch. One unusual thing we did was jazzercise. We learned a lot of sweet dance moves. Jazzercise was fun, but the coolest thing we did that week was run a presidential campaign. Me and two other girls from my group were approached by Leo. He asked who we were voting for and before we could answer he said, "Vote for me!" He asked us to run his campaign and we jokingly said yes. I mean he offered us big money, so how could we refuse? We saw him later and he was handing out hats for his campaign and he had a notebook with all of our names written down in it and our jobs. He said our first job was simple and he looked us straight in the eyes and said, "Stop all hurricanes." Anyway it was an amazing trip and I look forward to going again next year. If I can leave with one thing today it's vote Leo for president! Of course the week was a big boost for my Catholic faith.

Hi, my name is **Michael Cucchiara**. This was my second year attending Catholic Heart. I'd like to start off by thanking Mary Connolly for doing such a great job organizing everything and the adult leaders who were alongside us the whole week.

When I think of Catholic Heart the first word I think of is experiences. As you go through the week, you experience many different thoughts and feelings. Some thoughts that come to mind are tacos, prayer, dancing, paint, and residents. Two experiences that really stood out to me were the dance party and four corners. During the dance party, there is so much energy and joy flowing through the room. Seeing people jumping, dancing, and waving their arms really makes you feel happy and a little crazy. There really isn't a more fun time during the week. Four corners is a night designed for healing and prayer. It is difficult to describe the feelings that go on during this night. You won't find people jumping and dancing, this time you'll find people praying, reflecting, and crying. At the end of the night, you definitely leave with a different outlook.

Catholic Heart is a week filled with experiences ranging from meeting new people, to having to deal with the less than satisfying dinners, to allowing yourself to open up to God. Catholic Heart is an amazing experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone.

SUMMER GARDEN FAITH SHARING

July 27th, 6:30 p.m.



Come for the final Summer Garden Faith Sharing! We'll meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 27 in Project Earth Garden behind the church. Please let Jo Ann know if you're planning on coming, so we can put out enough chairs and forward you the reading for the session, jjarvis@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

The 4th Sunday in July is Parents Day. Go beyond the "Hallmark Holiday" notion. Perhaps use it as a time to tell your child what it was like for you to await their birth. How did you prepare? (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Do you ever bargain with your beloved? "If you watch the kids, I'll be able to do this repair project." OR "If only you could give me 5 more minutes, 1 hour, 1 day to finish this, we could spend some quality time together. It's not bad to negotiate, but keep your end of the bargain. (Genesis. 18: 20-32)

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FUN PARISH EVENTS

TAG SALE.....Sept. 16 /17
GOLF OUTING.....Sept. 24
PARISH PICNIC.....Sept. 25

Contact the parish office 832-2513 for more information.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For July 17, 2016

85 Donors Weekly \$4,177.08
55 Donors AC / Lawn..... \$1,277.00
2 Donors YBR..... \$150.00

For July 19, 2015

91 Donors Weekly \$3,614.00
49 Donors AC / Lawn..... \$1,267.57
3 Donors YBR..... \$115.00

GROCERY CARDS



Thanks to **14 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,275.00**. The stores gave us **\$59.00**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.



Are you on social media? Your stewardship could be keeping St. John's activities present on the web! Contact the office and find us on Facebook, "St. John Neumann RC Church, Califon NJ"