

### 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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### *Our Parish*

- Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D. ....  
..... Pastor
- Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....  
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
- Earl Roberts.....Deacon
- Mary Cangelosi.....Trustee
- Fred Heimall.....Trustee

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### *Worshipping at:*

398 County Road 513  
(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.....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, August 9

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, August 13

5:30 p.m. Marge Kugelman, req.  
Amy Stewart

### Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Dolores Barrett, req.  
Paul Rodgers

10:30 a.m. James Durham, req  
Jim and Roni Durham



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, Aug. 7 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

### Monday, Aug. 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Kitchens)

### Tuesday, August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
5:30 p.m. Social Ministry Board Meeting (Seton Room)

### Thursday, Aug. 11 - Saint Claire, Virgin

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

### Friday, Aug. 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

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

### Saturday, Aug. 13 - Saint Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs, BVM

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

## Mass Schedule - August 13/14


| Saturday                         | 5:30 p.m.                                     |            |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Celebrant .....                  | Fr. Abraham Orapankal                         |            |
| Reader .....                     | Linda Caprio                                  |            |
| Altar Server .....               | Kucharski Family                              |            |
| Ministers of the Eucharist.....  | Joan Eacovalle                                |            |
| .....                            | Anita Sawczuk, Lyle Garcia                    |            |
| Sunday                           | 8:00 a.m.                                     |            |
| Celebrant .....                  | Fr. Abraham Orapankal                         |            |
| Reader .....                     | Allan Piechowski                              |            |
| Altar Server .....               | Mastro Family                                 |            |
| Ministers of the Eucharist.....  | Sharon Janks                                  |            |
| .....                            | Barbara Gates, Barbara Martalus               |            |
| Sunday                           | King Baptism                                  | 10:30 a.m. |
| Celebrant .....                  | Fr. Abraham Orapankal                         |            |
| Reader .....                     | Joann McNamara                                |            |
| Altar Server .....               | Cucchiara Family                              |            |
| Music Eucharistic Minister ..... | Debbie Kelemen                                |            |
| Ministers of the Eucharist.....  | Ron Pojedinec, Sheena Carew                   |            |
| .....                            | Shirley Pojedinec, Mark Brisson, Ana Giametta |            |

### Sunday, Aug. 14 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Back to School Giving Tree Ends

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - King Baptism (Church Center)  
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
I. Zach Connolly & Brenna Mischinski



**Remembered at Mass**  
We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Raffaella Williamson, Mark Johnson, Sarah, Serafino, and Winona Gay Pfahler.**

**Deceased:** **Raffaella Williamson**, niece of Sharon Janks, **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. 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,

The World Youth Day 2016 is finished, but its message continues to reverberate. Pope Francis who wrapped up the event with a huge outdoor Mass did not disappoint the mammoth crowd of over a million young people. In fact they were thrilled to hear a great sermon sprinkled with social media and technology terms from a Pope who once said that he is a "disaster" with technology! He urged the young people to "**download the best link of all**, that of a heart which sees and transmits goodness without growing weary." He said their response to the challenges of life cannot be "**texting a few words**," that prayer should be given pride of place over their internet "**chats**," and that God's memory was not a "**hard disk**" filled with files on everyone, but more of a compassionate heart that wants to help them "**erase**" evil.

To reach the heart of the young, one needs to speak their lingua. At the end of the World Youth Day, looking at the big crowd Pope Francis said, "*I had a speech of five pages — but it's boring,*" and setting that prepared speech aside, he spoke from the heart! No wonder he is such a sensation, appealing not only to the young but also to the whole world precisely because he speaks the lingua of his audience. He can connect with whatever group he is addressing. What a gift that we all can emulate! Get a feel of the way he relates to people by accessing the full texts of all his speeches, sermons and comments from the internet. That would be a very practical way for us to make this month of August into a very profitable time of spiritual enrichment.

On another parish matter: Have you noticed the names of Mary Connolly and Lyle Garcia on the cover of our Parish bulletin each Sunday? That is because they have been the Trustees of our parish for many years. Both of them are known to us as faithful and loyal parishioners who love the Lord and are passionate about St. John Neumann Catholic Community. Even though their term was over, I am grateful to them for continuing to serve as Parish Trustees for all these past years. We are very fortunate that two other parishioners, who too are very ardent in their faith and practice, have accepted to be the new Parish Trustees. They are Mary Cangelosi and Fred Heimall whose term begins this month. I heartily welcome them to this ministry, in the name of the Parish Community.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## OUR MISSION APPEAL ON JUNE 25-26

It is very gratifying to see the good will of our parishioners to respond to the annual Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Diocese. This year's appeal was on behalf of the people of Haiti and it netted a total of \$ 3,063.00. The letter below is an appreciation from Deacon Enock who made the appeal at our parish:

*Dear Parishioners of St John Neumann,*

*I am Deacon Enock Berluce who preached the mission appeal for Haiti in your parish about 1 month ago. I, and members of Source de Vie would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your generous donations to the mission appeal for Haiti. May God bless you abundantly and give you a hundredfold return for your generous contributions.*

*God bless you all, Deacon Enock*

## SPEED WEED

A few members of St John's Youth Group were in Project Earth Garden for their annual Speed Weed. Anne Germino, official delegator and timer, was pleased with the work accomplished. The garden is in full growing glory and harvest and the end of summer are looming... enjoy the summer days while we have them!

## 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 1, 2016

**"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34**

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



## WELCOME

The parish welcomes Colt James Sapio, son of Jimmy Sapio and Katie Ona. Colt was baptized on July 24. Colt is brother to Summer and Troy Ona. We celebrate with the family as they share their faith with their new son!

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

### **DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S**

If you are new to the area, just found St. John's, or have 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](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

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# Christian Formation - Catechesis

## HARVEST OF SUMMER GARDEN FAITH SHARING



The Summer Garden Faith Sharing during the month of July was a wonderful experience for at least a dozen parishioners as we read, shared and prayed together each week, while enjoying the view of Project Earth Garden. Small faith groups allow us to connect with others in our parish community, grow and become more confident in our faith, and be a source of encouragement and prayer for each other. Look for sign-ups in September for small faith groups forming this fall. Invite someone to join with you. Perhaps you feel the time is right to form and lead a new group. Our parish is truly blessed to have this exceptional faith-sharing opportunity for all to participate.



## STAFF SUMMER READING PICKS

*The Four Agreements:*  
*A Toltec Wisdom Book*  
by Don Miguel Ruiz

*"Death is not the biggest fear we have; our biggest fear is taking the risk to be alive...and express what we really are."*

*Don Miguel Ruiz*

This book provides a practical guide for living a life of integrity that consists of four simple statements or "agreements."

***Be Impeccable with your word  
Don't take anything personally  
Don't make assumptions  
Always do your best***

They are powerful in their simplicity and common sense language. It challenges us with opportunity for growth and reflection. I like to be reminded of these agreements as I face new experiences, meet new people and grow in my faith.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALLING VOLUNTEERS TO SHARE THEIR FAITH

"Educating in faith is good! It is perhaps the best legacy we can give:



The Religious Education Program invites you to share your faith with the children of St. John's by becoming a catechist or co-catechist in our once-a-month family faith formation program. You can choose either the Sunday morning or Monday evening monthly session. This is a wonderful way to enrich your personal and family faith. Each catechist is provided with resources and support, and we have substitute catechists. Prayerfully consider this invitation to teach! **You do not have to have a child in the program to teach.**

Teen volunteers are welcome, too! Contact Renee Ciszewski at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org).

## 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](http://diometuchen.org). Some sessions book quickly, so please register early.

## Social Ministry

### GARDEN DATES TO REMEMBER



**August 7**--This Weekend! Bring a picnic lunch and join us for conversation and fellowship in the Gift of Good Land Community Garden following the 10:30am Mass. Cold drinks and desserts will be provided. Bring lunch and a blanket or chairs.

**August 13**--9am-1pm Farmer's Market, Califon United Methodist Church. Come check out the new Market and visit the St. John's table where we will have fresh produce and flowers for sale.

**August 20-21**--Social Ministry Weekend--Garden tours after every Mass. Visit the Community Garden and sample a taste of Project Earth's bounty!

### SHIP's GALLEY - Soup Kitchen



Our next service to SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen is Monday, Aug. 8. We are in need of hot casseroles to serve for the meal. If you can donate food or would like to help serve, please contact Anne Germino at: [socialministry@ccsjn.org](mailto:socialministry@ccsjn.org).

## HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS ON 31 JULY AT MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY

Dear young people, you have come to Krakow to meet Jesus. Today's Gospel speaks to us of just such a meeting between Jesus and a man named Zacchaeus, in Jericho (cf. *Lk* 19:1-10). There Jesus does not simply preach or greet people; as the Evangelist tells us, he *passed through* the city (v. 1). In other words, Jesus wants to draw near to us personally, to accompany our journey to its end, so that his life and our life can truly meet.

An amazing encounter then takes place, with Zacchaeus, the chief "publican" or tax collector. Zacchaeus was thus a wealthy collaborator of the hated Roman occupiers, someone who exploited his own people, someone who, because of his ill repute, could not even approach the Master. His encounter with Jesus changed his life, just as it has changed, and can daily still change, each of our lives. But Zacchaeus had to face *a number of obstacles* in order to meet Jesus. *At least three of these* can also say something to us.

*The first obstacle is smallness of stature.* Zacchaeus couldn't see the Master because he was little. Even today we can risk not getting close to Jesus because we don't feel big enough, because we don't think ourselves worthy. This is a great temptation; it has to do not only with self-esteem, but with faith itself. For faith tells us that we are "children of God... that is what we are" (*1 Jn* 3:1). We have been created in God's own image; Jesus has taken upon himself our humanity and his heart will never be separated from us; the Holy Spirit wants to dwell within us. We have been called to be happy for ever with God!

That is our real "stature", our spiritual identity: we are God's beloved children, always. So you can see that not to accept ourselves, to live glumly, to be negative, means not to recognize our deepest identity. It is like walking away when God wants to look at me, trying to spoil his dream for me. God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind. As far as Jesus is concerned – as the Gospel shows – no one is unworthy of, or far from, his thoughts. No one is insignificant. He loves all of us with a special love; for him all of us are important: *you* are important! God counts on you for what you are, not for what you possess. In his eyes the clothes you wear or the kind of cell phone you use are of absolutely no concern. He doesn't care whether you are stylish or not; he cares about you! In his eyes, you are precious, and your value is inestimable.

At times in our lives, we aim lower rather than higher. At those times, it is good to realize that God remains faithful, even obstinate, in his love for us. The fact is, he loves us even more than we love ourselves. He believes in us even more than we believe in ourselves. He is always "cheering us on"; he is our biggest fan. He is there for us, waiting with patience and hope, even when we turn in on ourselves and brood over our troubles and past injuries. But such brooding is unworthy of our spiritual stature! It is a kind of *virus* infecting and blocking everything; it closes doors and prevents us from getting up and starting over. God, on the other hand, is hopelessly hopeful! He believes that we can always get up, and he hates to see us glum and gloomy. Because we are always his beloved sons and daughters. Let us be mindful of this at the dawn of each new day. It will do us good to pray every morning: "Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!" Not with my faults, that need to be corrected, but with life itself, which is a great gift, for it is a time to love and to be loved. (*to continue ....*)

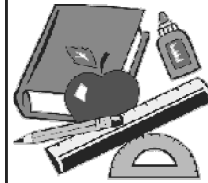


### ATTENTION ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS

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

You are invited to join us for a great time—our annual Golf Outing. Come by yourself and have fun with other parishioners or bring a friend. We have a great morning golfing and wonderful lunch. You also have the opportunity to win a brand new automobile as Hugh McKenna (one of our parishioners) of Johnson Dodge--Chrysler--Jeep has offered a new car for the Hole-in-One prize. Contact Bob Martalus at 908-439-3732 or [bob.martalus@gmail.com](mailto:bob.martalus@gmail.com) to sign up or look for the registration sheet in the Narthex. Registration is \$ 125/golfer. If you or your company wants to Sponsor a Hole: \$125 (includes a sign)

## THE BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE



The annual Back to School Giving tree is brimming with tags. Please take a tag, and return with your donation by Sunday, August 28th. For your convenience we are selling gift cards to be donated after mass in the Narthex. All donations go to Catholic Charities in Phillipsburg, where they distribute the school supplies to families who otherwise would not have been able to provide the supplies for their children."



## 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.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., August 10 M. D'Avella  
Tues., August 16 A. Sawczuk

### **Store Cards**

#### **August 6 & 7**

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

#### **August 13 & 14**

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

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of 8/7 B. Sobey  
Week of 8/14 M. Proano

### **Church Center Cleaning**

August 12 Team B  
August 19 Team C

### **Altar Flowers**

August 6  
August 13

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves  
 Gary Bergmann  
 Joan Cardierre  
 Eugene Cifranic  
 Bill Ciszewski  
 Jean Crickenberger  
 John D'Almeida  
 Barbara DelPiano  
 Tino DeSantis  
 Sophia DeVita  
 Paul Ferri  
 Sophie Geist  
 Marion Hergert  
 Fred Holub  
 Barbara Jiroushek  
 Patrick Kline  
 Lou Livoti  
 Iole Matthews  
 Dick McCall  
 Jan McLeavey  
 Christine Meyer  
 Evelyn Murray  
 Fran Miceli  
 Mary Lou O'Brien  
 Floyd Opdyke  
 Linda Owens  
 Nilsa Perez Parsons  
 John Pfeufer  
 Anne & Joe Sacco  
 Theodore Semper  
 Noah Skinner  
 Michael Slivka  
 Al Sterphone  
 Julie Suplee  
 Nicholas Troiano  
 Don Velli  
 Melodie Shae Webster  
 William Weimer  
 Josh Wilkes  
 Caden Zane  
 Jill Zane  
 Joey Zieba

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military you would like us to pray for, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so 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  
 C3C, Geerinck, Joshua, U.S. Air Force  
 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: "Faithful and prudent stewards"

*"Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time . . . ?*

*Luke 12: 32-48*

Every so often there are people who want to make a spectacular gift to the church - something big, something that can be seen and identified; usually it's a gift in memory of a deceased loved one. No one ever says "just apply this to the budget." That's understandable. There's nothing flashy about paying the light bill or getting the carpet clean. But there are folks in every parish who are willing to do just that: the unspectacular, the unflashy, the unnoticed that makes a big difference in the lives of the parish and the people it serves.

For example, there's the woman who is very well off who writes a sizable check to the parish every week to be used to buy gift cards at the local supermarket for poor and struggling families. And then there's the college professor who volunteers her time every year to teach the fourth grade religious education class. She'd be a great addition to the adult education and RCIA programs, but she finds that teaching the kids are a great leveler in her life. She says her rambunctious group makes her a better teacher - and a better Christian.

He welcomes parishioners to the first Mass on Sunday mornings and handles the details of hospitality. After Mass he goes through the church picking up bulletins from the benches and straightening out the hymnals and makes sure the rest rooms are clean for the next Mass. He's one of the city's most successful and respected attorneys. He's always generous in giving legal help to the parish - but he shies away from taking a prominent leadership position. No, he says, this is where the need is and he's happy to be able to help fill it.

**We are all called to be "faithful and prudent servants" of the abilities and resources that the "Master" has entrusted to us and will call us accountable for - not for the breadth and depth of those gifts but for what we have done with those gifts for the sake of God's Kingdom. Humility is the grace to be grateful for what we have as gifts from God and to happily take every opportunity to put what we have to use for the good of others. For the Gospel "servant," no service that we can render is beneath us or demeaning to our dignity. The faithful servant/disciple will lovingly use whatever he or she possesses to bring God's reign of hope, justice and reconciliation to reality in this time and place of ours.**



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Two buddies Bob and Earl were two of the biggest baseball fans in America. Their entire adult lives, Bob and Earl discussed baseball history in the winter, and they pored over every box score during the season. They went to 60 games a year. They even agreed that whoever died first would try to come back and tell the other if there was baseball in heaven. One summer night, Bob passed away in his sleep after watching the Yankee victory earlier in the evening. He died happy. A few nights later, his buddy Earl awoke to the sound of Bob's voice from beyond. "Bob, is that you?" Earl asked. "Of course it's me," Bob replied. "This is unbelievable!" Earl exclaimed. "So tell me, is there baseball in heaven?" "Well, I have some good news and some bad news for you. Which do you want to hear first?" "Tell me the good news first." "Well, the good news is that yes there is baseball in heaven, Earl." "Oh, that is wonderful! So what could possibly be the bad news?" "You're pitching tomorrow night."



**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"**

# Parish & Community News



## PRAYER ON THE GO

In our busy event-filled days we can many times overlook our prayer life. Consider trying one of these ideas as your spiritual retreat!

**1) 3-Minute Retreat**—From Loyola Press, the 3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience. (<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>)

**2) Give Us This Day**—From Liturgical Press, this daily prayer presents God's words (prayers and readings for daily Mass), reflection on the Scriptures for each day, and various forms of prayer (including Morning and Evening prayer) that will deepen one's relationship with God and the doing of God's will. (<https://www.giveusthisday.org/>)

**3) Universalis**—This site enables you to join Christians all over the world in praying the Liturgy of the Hours (as given in the Roman Breviary). It provides prayers, psalms, and meditation for every hour of every day. (<http://www.universalis.com/>)

**4) Sacred Space**—Sacred Space is a joint apostolate of the Irish Province of the Society of Jesus and Loyola Press. It is inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola and offers a daily session of prayer, in six stages, including preparing your body and mind, and culminating in reflection on a Scripture passage chosen specially for the day. (<http://www.sacredspace.ie/>)

**5) Light a Candle**—Throughout the world, lighting candles is a sacred ritual. We light a candle for many purposes: to illuminate darkness, dedicate prayers, solidify intentions, offer blessings, evoke Spirit, and/or to nourish grateful living. On this site, you will be guided step-by-step to engage in prayer and light a virtual candle that will stay "lit" for 48 hours. (<http://www.gratefulness.org/light-a-candle/>)

**6) Come, Pray the Rosary**—An online experience that allows Catholics worldwide to join together in praying the Rosary. Subtitles and a video engage you in your prayer. A live diagram indicates which bead you are praying. (<http://www.comepraytherosary.org/>)

**7) Pray as You Go**—A daily audio prayer session lasting between 10 and 13 minutes, combining music, Scripture, and some questions for reflection. (<http://pray-as-you-go.org/>)

**8) The Daily Examen Prayer**—From Discerning Hearts, this video guides you through a five-minute review of your day following the steps outlined by St. Ignatius of Loyola. (<https://vimeo.com/115478767>)

**9) Discerning Hearts**—The "prayer room" offers dozens of podcasts of Catholic prayers, litanies, chaplets, and novenas. (<http://www.discerninghearts.com/catholic-podcasts/prayersdevotionals/>)

**10) An Online Retreat**—From Creighton University Online Ministries, this online retreat experience is designed for people too busy to make a traditional 30-day Ignatian retreat. A simple guide each week places themes, reflections, questions, and desires into the background of our busy lives. Can be done alone or with a group. (<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/cmoretreat.html>)

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## PARENTING TUNE-UP

Aug. 6 is the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan. It is a somber anniversary even though it may have shortened the war. Teach your children how to make peace. See the Family Pledge of Nonviolence for a start. (<http://www.susanvogt.net/PDF/PDF%20P-Family%20Pledge%20of%20Nonviolence.pdf>)

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Luke - "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." (Luke 12:40) Who knows the future? Be ready, don't procrastinate. Tell your beloved of your love now. (Susan Vogt)



## ST. JOHN'S TAG SALE ??

**Wanted...**person or persons to chair St. John's Tag Sale!

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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!

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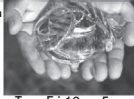
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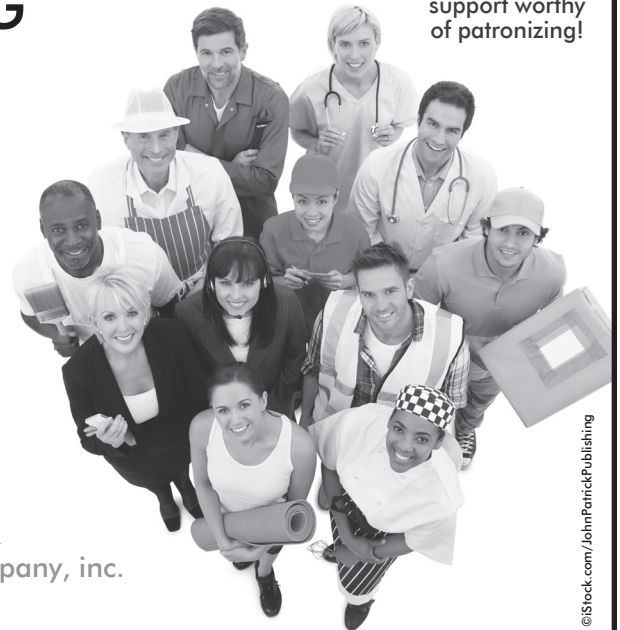


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