

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

Diocese of Metuchen

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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.

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**

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 16

8:00 a.m. Rose Felitti, req.
Lehnert Family

Friday, August 19

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 20

5:30 p.m. Bernadette Rawley, req.
Liz and Lou Livoti

Sunday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Austin Fischer, req.
Stanski Family
10:30 a.m. Leroy Lance, req.
France Kennedy



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, Aug. 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

Thursday, Aug. 18 - Weekday

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

Friday, Aug. 19 - Saint John Eudes, Priest

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

Saturday, Aug. 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church / Social Ministry Weekend

5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Sponsored Community Coffee (Garden and Church)

Mass Schedule - August 20/21

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Lance
.....	Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joe Sima
.....	Sharon Janks, Dorothy Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Sobey, Mary D'Avella
.....	Mark Brisson, Sheena Carew, Ron Pojedinec

Sunday, Aug. 14 - Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time / Social Ministry Weekend

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Sponsored Community Coffee (Garden and Church)
10:30 a.m. Mass - King Baptism (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Sponsored Community Coffee (Garden and Church)



Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Evelyn Murray, Timothy Bell, Raffaela Williamson, Mark Johnson, and Sarah, Serafino.**

Deceased: Timothy Bell, cousin of Cathleen Ferns, **Raffaela Williamson**, niece of Sharon Janks, **Mark Johnson**, parishioner, husband to Lynn Johnson, son of Joan Johnson, and father to Alexa Johnson, and **Sarah Serafino**, aunt of Barbara Gates. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

I take my hats off to the amazing athletes competing in the Olympics in Rio this fortnight. It baffles my mind to see the extent to which a competitor is willing to go in order to achieve one's goal. Every one of these athletes – winning medals or not – had spent unbelievable number of hours in preparation. According to one calculation, 4,990 is the rough number of hours what each Olympic hopeful spent in training. It means two 2-hour coaching periods by six days every week for 52 weeks annually for the past 4 years! Some individuals invested still more hours as in the case of Michael Phelps, who is said to have logged six hours of swimming and weightlifting every day, six days every week. No wonder this largest sporting event of the world attracts such global attention! Kudos to the tenacity of every Olympian!

At the same time, we cannot be blind to another sad reality. In the name of the Games, 77,000 residents of Rio's favelas were evicted and hundreds of these settlements where the poor live have been bulldozed. Those favelas that avoided the blades of the bulldozers have been hidden behind concrete walls approximately 10km long and 3m high, built at a cost of US \$17.6 million. This explains why the Rio 2016 Olympics already has a new label: the jogos da excludad,= the games of exclusion — carved in banners and street graffiti in Rio and around.

Exclusion is not something that is seen only in Rio but it is happening all over the world and even in our own surroundings. It goes contrary to the gospel message of Jesus who was at pains to teach – both in words and deeds – to include all, especially those marginalized. This is one of the fundamental principles of the social teachings of the Church. Pope Francis wants to remind the world of the social teachings of the Church (which has been termed as the best kept secret of the Church for too long). A special volume called DOCAT was officially released at the World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow two weeks ago. Pope Francis himself wrote a preface to this Q&A formatted book. DOCAT is a popular adaptation of the social doctrine of the Catholic Church that draws on Scripture, YOUCAT, the Catechism and the Compendium of Catholic Social Teaching. A DOCAT app has been made available to all World Youth Day participants. It helps readers to start groups, participate in discussions, and do acts of justice as a present to the pope, who, in writing the foreword to DOCAT, shared his dream with youth on how to change the world: *"Can we not do more to make this revolution of love and justice a reality in many parts of this tormented planet? The social doctrine of the Church can help so many people!"*

Even as we enjoy the Olympics and feel proud of the heaps of medals that the US contingent will bring home, let us not forget the gospel teaching on inclusion, welcome, acceptance and hospitality – qualities that our St. John Nuemann Community is already practicing towards all.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



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 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)

"How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say:
today I performed an act of charity towards others!" *Pope Francis*

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2016

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING ANY ITEMS FOR THE TAG SALE

As of now, we are not accepting any items for our annual Tag Sale. PLEASE do not leave anything at the carriage house. This may change in the near future with a virtual online sale. We will notify all when we are accepting big ticket items. Thank you.

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.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

Religious Education Program

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS



Return Letters by September 2

The 2016 Confirmation class will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop James F. Checchio on Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Mass. At this time, we are inviting the community of St. John's to participate as Confirmation Prayer Sponsors. Parishioners are asked to take home a picture of a candidate from the tri-fold board that is set up in the narthex. Be sure to sign your name next to the candidate's name in the log provided. Then pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their Fairview Lake Retreat. Letters should be returned no later than September 2nd to the basket in the narthex or to the Office Center.

POTATO HARVEST

The potatoes will soon be ready! Join us on Thursday, August 18 at 7pm to dig the potatoes. All ages welcome. For the children there will be a "Biggest Potato Contest". Potatoes will be judged by weight and the largest potato dug will win a prize! For more information contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org.



GARDEN DATES TO REMEMBER

August 13 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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!

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.

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
- August 31 at 7 p.m. - Immaculate Conception, Annandale
- September 29 at 7 p.m. - Immaculate Conception, Annandale

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.

Social Ministry

HELP THE HOMELESS IN HUNTERDON

Our next scheduled opportunity to assist with the Interfaith Hospitality Network is coming up from August 28-September 4 at Spruce Run Lutheran Church on Hill Road in Lebanon Township. This is a great way to assist those less fortunate close to home, and for children & families to do some community service while school is not in session. Please consider adding this opportunity to your end of summer plans. The children really enjoy having other playmates, and there are many different ways to help. If you have volunteered before, please check your email - and if not, there are details on what it entails on the parish website at <http://www.ccsjn.org/social-ministry>.

To see what is needed and when, check the website, Sign Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family2>.



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"

HOMILY OF POPE FRANCIS ON 31 JULY AT MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY (CONTINUED)

Zacchaeus faced a *second* obstacle in meeting Jesus: *the paralysis of shame*. We can imagine what was going on in his heart before he climbed that sycamore. It must have been quite a struggle – on one hand, a healthy curiosity and desire to know Jesus; on the other, the risk of appearing completely ridiculous. Zacchaeus was public figure, a man of power. He knew that, in trying to climb that tree, he would have become a laughingstock to all. Yet he mastered his shame, because the attraction of Jesus was more powerful. You know what happens when someone is so attractive that we fall in love with them: we end up ready to do things we would never have even thought of doing. Something similar took place in the heart of Zacchaeus, when he realized that Jesus was so important that he would do anything for him, since Jesus alone could pull him out of the mire of sin and discontent. The paralysis of shame did not have the upper hand. The Gospel tells us that Zacchaeus “ran ahead”, “climbed” the tree, and then, when Jesus called him, he “hurried down” (vv. 4, 6). He took a risk, he put his life on the line. For us too, this is the secret of joy: not to stifle a healthy curiosity, but to take a risk, because life is not meant to be tucked away. When it comes to Jesus, we cannot sit around waiting with arms folded; he offers us life – we can’t respond by thinking about it or “texting” a few words!

Dear young friends, don’t be ashamed to bring everything to the Lord in confession, especially your weaknesses, your struggles and your sins. He will surprise you with his forgiveness and his peace. Don’t be afraid to say “yes” to him with all your heart, to respond generously and to follow him! Don’t let your soul grow numb, but aim for the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice. Say a firm “no” to the narcotic of success at any cost and the sedative of worrying only about yourself and your own comfort.

AUGUST 15TH IS THE FEAST OF ASSUMPTION, BUT ...

This year the feast of Mary’s Assumption is not a holy day of obligation! Why not? Even though it is usually a Holy Day of obligation, when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. This may be an opportune time for us to understand that United States Conference of Catholic Bishops had decided the list of Holy Days of Obligations for American Catholics to be eight:

Mary, Mother of God (always celebrated January 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)

Epiphany (this has been permanently transferred to the first Sunday after January 1)

Ascension (this is celebrated on different days depending on which ecclesiastical province you live in; a few provinces celebrate it on the traditional date, which is the Thursday of the 6th week of Easter, but most provinces in the U.S. have transferred it to the 7th Sunday of Easter.)

The Body and Blood of Christ (this has been permanently transferred to the second Sunday after Pentecost)

Assumption of Mary (always celebrated August 15, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)

All Saints (always celebrated November 1, but if this occurs on a Saturday or a Monday there is no obligation to go to Mass)

Immaculate Conception of Mary (always celebrated December 8)

Christmas (always celebrated December 25)

You will be surprised that there is one exception: the state of Hawaii has only two holy days of obligation (besides Sundays), which are the Immaculate Concept (Dec. 8) and Christmas (Dec. 25).

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

GOLF OUTING.....Sept. 24
PARISH PICNIC.....Sept. 25
Contact the parish office 832-2513 for more information.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., August 16 A. Sawczuk
Tues., August 24 J. Saantoro

Store Cards

August 13 & 14

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

August 20 & 21

5:30 p.m.. C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m. R. Durham
10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 8/7 M. Proano
Week of 8/21 J. Sieber

Church Center Cleaning

August 19 Team C
August 26 Team D

Altar Flowers

August 13
August 20

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
 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: A broccoli kind of love!

I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing . . . Do you think that I have come to establish peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."
Luke 12: 49-53

It's dinner time and five-year-old Ben is called to the table. Broccoli. Again. Ben wants no part of it. His dad says, "Ben, you're not leaving the table until you eat your broccoli." "No! I don't like broccoli! I hate broccoli!" "Ben, vegetables are important for you to grow. Now, eat your broccoli." "No! I hate broccoli. And I hate you for making me eat broccoli!" "I'm sorry you feel that way, pal. But I love you."

That stops Ben in his tracks for the moment. But his response is a bit surprising. "Don't say that!" "But it's true, Ben. I love you - no matter what." "Stop saying that! Stop saying that you love me." "Sorry, pal. Now listen to me: I love you, like it or not." Ben has lost. Love has won. The broccoli is eaten.

Love does not always make us feel "loved." Care is not always appreciated. Seeking what is best for someone we love can become a point of tension and even resentment. Jesus' striking words in today's Gospel are painfully clear: The Gospel is not easy, it is not comfortable; it is challenging and demanding and it can be divisive and confrontational, putting us and those we love on opposing sides. But the ultimate hope of the Gospel is the never-wavering love of God. Even at five years old, Ben realizes that in the face of unconditional love, he is powerless. There are no negotiations or conditions here. Not "I love you IF" or "I'll love you WHEN." True love does not bargain or measure; real love does not seek the upper hand or controlling interest. Love seeks the best for the beloved; love finds its happiness in another's happiness. As Jesus promises, even "broccoli love" will see its day.

LEARN TO SMILE AGAIN

The Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen, is pleased to announce the beginning of an exciting, NEW ministry to men and women who are suffering from the pain and loneliness of divorce. "The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide" is a 12 week program featuring a thirty-minute DVD session each week that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness, money, children, the courts, the ex-spouse, annulment, dating, sexuality, spirituality, re-marriage or staying single and much more.

This program, based on the teachings of the Catholic Church, is open to anyone who needs comfort, counsel and clarity after a divorce. **Pre-registration is required.**

STAFF SUMMER READING PICKS

The Holy Longing: by Ronald Rolheiser

"Anyone searching for the substance and balance in the Christian spiritual life will welcome the wisdom in Ronald Rolheiser's words. His writing is at once learned and clear, not only warming the heart, but also giving light to the mind and guidance to feet stumbling amidst the complexities and ambiguities of our age. He steers clear of the fluffiness and fuzziness clouding today's spirituality highway, homing in on the essential elements of Christian spirituality both sober and sane."



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



1. Adam and Eve had an ideal marriage. He didn't have to hear about all the men she could have married, and she didn't have to hear about the way his mother cooked.
2. An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

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>)

DIocese OF METUCHEN CATECHETICAL CONFERENCE

October 1, 2016, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm



Dr. Sandra Kennedy holds a B.A. in Elementary and Special Education from St. Mary's Dominican College, New Orleans; a Masters of Religious Education from Loyola University, New Orleans and a Doctorate in Education and Religion from Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

To be held at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Sponsored by Diocese of Metuchen Office for Catechesis. Any questions, email catechesis@diometuchen.org or call (732) 529-7931. Visit <http://diometuchen.org/catechetical-conference>

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Families must do two things to survive - protect themselves from what is most hurtful and connect with what is good outside the family. These tasks require time and energy, both of which are scarce commodities in an era when many parents work long hours at jobs." (Mary Pipher) Do you need to adjust your family balance? (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The Assumption. Through Mary, Jesus came into the world. She nurtured him, witnessed his passion, and stood by the apostles at Pentecost. Mary's life mirrors God's relationship with us during times of bliss and agony. Despite being the mother of God, she focused on those in need, the hungry, the poor, the lowly. Let go of your importance today and join Mary.

"It is a lesson we all need—to let alone the things that do not concern us. He has other ways for others to follow Him; all do not go by the same path. It is for each of us to learn the path by which He requires us to follow Him, and to follow Him in that path."

St. Katharine Drexel

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For August 7, 2016

76 Donors Weekly \$4,502.00
4 Donors AC / Lawn..... \$55.00
42 Donors YBR..... \$1,196.00

For August 9, 2015

84 Donors Weekly \$2,784.27
10 Donors YBR..... \$465.00

GROCERY CARDS



Thanks to **18 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,250.00**. The stores gave us **\$112.50**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.



CatholicMatch
New Jersey

CatholicMatch.com/dateNJ



ShopRite

In New Jersey:
Flemington, Clinton,
Greenwich

In Pennsylvania
Yardley, Bethlehem

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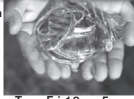
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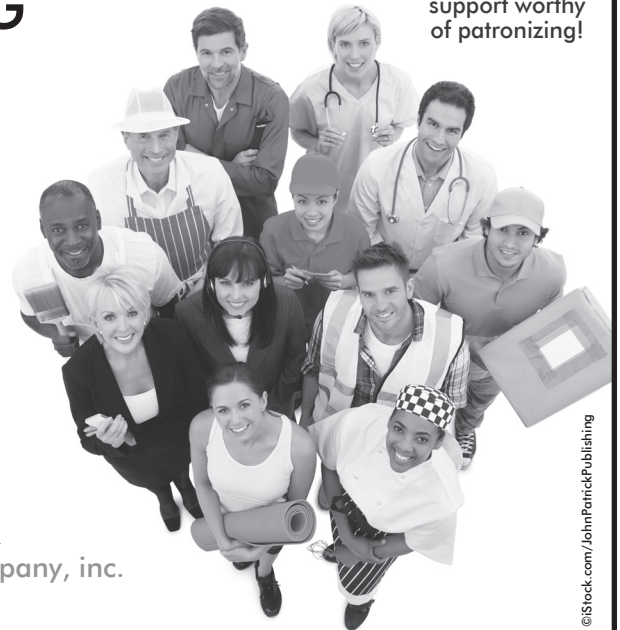


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