

## Saint Teresa of Calcutta September 4, 2016

### 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, September 6

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, September 9

7:00 a.m. Gordon Furlong, req.

St. John Neumann

### Saturday, September 10

5:30 p.m. Marie and Henry Barwig,  
req., Anita Sawczuk

### Sunday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Alice St. Amour, req.

Tom and Cathy Bennett

10:30 a.m. Elizabeth Cullinane, req.

Grace Best

## Labor Day



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, Sept. 4 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

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

### Mon., Sept. 5- St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious/Labor Day

OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 6 - Weekday

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

### Wednesday, September 7 - Weekday

12:30 pm. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)

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

### Thursday, Sept. 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Friday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat (Fairview Lake)

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

### Saturday, September 10 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. 8th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Return

## Mass Schedule - September 10/11

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Reader ..... Kathleen Swindler

Altar Server ..... Kucharski Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Bob Martalus

..... Barbara Martalus, Joan Eacovalle

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Reader ..... Jim Murray

Altar Server ..... Mastro Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Barbara Gates

..... Anita Sawczuk, Gloria Cucchiara

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Reader ..... Rel. Ed. Class Reader

Altar Server ..... Rel. Ed. Class Altar Server

Music Eucharistic Minister ..... Donna Lance

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Shirley Pojedinec, Ron Pojedinec

..... Bob Sobey, Ana Giametta, Mary D'Avella



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Michael E. Silano & Katelyn M. Griffin

I. Brian Adams & Mary Elizabeth Griffin

### Sunday, Sept. 11-Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Peter's Pence Collection

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

8:00 a.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Valley View)

10:30 a.m. Confirmandi Return Mass (Church Center)

11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)

The Office will be closed on  
Monday, September 5th  
For the Labor Day Holiday.

## Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Linda Owens, Ted Semper, and Evelyn Murray.**

**Deceased:** Linda Owens, wife of Art Owens, Ted Semper, brother in law of Barbara Gates, and Evelyn Murray, sister of Florence Murray. 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,

This is the day the world has been waiting for 19 years ever since Mother Teresa bid goodbye to this world on September 5, 1997. Irrespective of one's faith or political persuasion, the whole world seems to be in an ecstatic expression of love and admiration for Mother Teresa as Pope Francis is canonizing her today. How wonderful to see memorials and programs, documentaries and museum displays, speeches and sermons, stories and anecdotes – all related to and in honor of Mother Teresa – mushrooming all over! Sadly, it must also be pointed out that promo-companies and even frauds consider this as an excellent chance to make big money over this frail nun who spent all her life serving the “poorest of the poor.” I consider myself lucky to have the privilege of meeting her at Calcutta airport and joyfully speaking to her one-on-one. My long conversation with Mother Teresa primarily related to the convent of her sisters, the Missionaries of Charity, in my parish in Nagaland, India, as I was their chaplain then. I cherish that encounter as a special blessing!

But what's the impact of all these euphoria to my life and yours? That should be the question you and I should be asking in the silence of our hearts. Her canonization is a cause of joy but how does her life inspire me to concrete action? She once said: **“Holiness is not the luxury of the few, it is a simple duty for each one of us.”** That echoes God's own message found in many books of the Bible: **“Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.” (Leviticus 20:26); “But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.”(1 Peter 1:15).**

If holiness is not the luxury of the few, how can Mother Teresa help me in this regard? Why not take an extra interest to know more of this petite woman who conquered the world with her smile and service? Reading one of the many books about her life and legacy will be a good start to keep her spirit alive in our lives. Or why not get a movie on Mother Teresa and watch it with your family? There are many well-made films and short films and documentaries, capturing the spirit and spirituality of Mother Teresa. Certainly these will inspire us to pursue holiness, not as a luxury, but as a duty and necessity for our happiness. **Saint Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!**

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



**BAPTISM**  
If you are expecting a child or are new to the parish and want to baptize your child before January, contact France Kennedy at the parish office for information on arranging the baptism. We celebrate baptisms at weekend Masses so the whole community can share in welcoming the child into the faith. We will be scheduling our preparation program, so please speak to France to register. (908) 832-2513 or [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org)

### MOTHER TERESA GIVES US NO EXCUSE!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta strips you and me of every excuse to do nothing to help the hungry, the sick, the lonely, the unloved, the rejected, the hurting, the confused, the imprisoned. Over and over again the tiny woman, who will be officially proclaimed a saint on September 4, asks us not to praise her but to join her; to remember that slums, homes for the dying, and prisons are not the only places where mercy, love, and attention are needed. Look across the dinner table, she instructs. Be alert at work, at school, on the subway, at church. Be aware of what's around you. Constantly. **“God doesn't ask us to do great things. He asks us to do small things with great love,”** she tells us. (taken from an article: The Mother Teresa We Knew by Dan Morris-Young in St. Anthony Messenger)

### 23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

**“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”**  
**Luke 14:33**

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

### SAVE THE DATE

**Christian Meditation:  
Prayer of the Heart**

Prayer Ministry Enrichment Session  
Thursday, Sept. 29th at 7:15 p.m.

### 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

## CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS



**Return Letters by  
September 7**

Thank you to all parishioners who signed up to be prayer sponsors for this year's Confirmandi. Please remember to pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to the candidate during their Fairview Lake Retreat. Please drop off your letter at the Office Center **no later than Sept. 7th**. Thank you!

## MONTHLY ADULT FAITH FORMATION



**"And what does the Lord require of you?"**

**To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."**

**Micah 6:8**

Pope Francis says that **mercy is "the bridge that connects God and [human beings]."** His call for a Year of Mercy is the call to authentic Christian living modeled after the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. Loving Mercy is our response to this universal call. Loving Mercy is this year's theme for adult formation within the family faith formation program. Consider joining us at Valley View Elementary School on Sunday September 11 at 8:30 AM or Monday September 12 in the Church Center at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend! You do not need to have a child in the program to participate. For more information, contact Renee or JoAnn 832-2162

## BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE



"The annual Back to School Giving Tree has come to a wrap, marking yet another successful year. We collected \$1,155 worth of gift cards, 14 binders, 16 notebooks, 12 packs of pens, 29 glue sticks, and much much more. Thank you to everyone that contributed this year, as without you none of this would be possible."

Thank You, JT Altavilla

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - GIFT



**Welcome Back!**

We are excited to introduce our new family faith formation program, called GIFT, for grades K-6 beginning this fall at St. John Neumann! **Family Faith Formation works for parishes:** it combines a **monthly gathering** (including grade-specific classes, adult formation, and group activities) with **family Home Lessons** where parents, equipped with materials and an understanding of the lessons, continue to teach their children the faith.

See you in September! Sessions begin:

- Sunday Family Formation – Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 8:00 AM at Valley View School
- Monday Family Formation – Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Church Center
- Jr. High Confirmation Preparation – Sunday September 18, 2016 at 6:00 PM in the Church Center

## 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:

- September 7 at 6:30 p.m. - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Three Bridges
- September 13 at 6:00 p.m. - Immaculata, Somerville
- 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](http://diometuchen.org). Some sessions book quickly, so please register early.

## Social Ministry

### SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN



Our next service to the SHIP's Galley soup kitchen in Somerville will be on Monday, September 12. We are also adding a second date to serve each month. It will be the 4th Thursday of each month. In September, that date will be September 22. On both days we will serve from 11a-2p. We will also be in need of hot casseroles, salad and dessert for both days and soup for the Thursday date. Please contact Anne Germino at [socialministry@ccsjn.org](mailto:socialministry@ccsjn.org) if you would like to serve or provide food for the meal.

### SOME GENTLY USED AIR CONDITIONERS ARE AVAILABLE

One of the families in our Community has offered 2 air conditioners to someone in need. Specifically, they are 12,000 BTU units that can be fitted into windows. The dimensions are 25" wide x 183/4" high x 251/4" deep. They come with all of the parts required to secure them in place and can be delivered. So, if you need, or know someone that needs these units, please call Greg Wilson @908 338 7322 for more details. Thanks.

## **SUNDAY REFLECTION: "Dilbert": "A day in the life . . ."**

**"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."  
Luke 14: 25-33**

In a recent episode of the comic strip **Dilbert** [July 3, 2016], a woman is constantly late for meetings. A coworker finally challenges her - to a point:

*Woman*: "Sorry I'm late. Traffic was terrible." *Coworker*: "Isn't the traffic from your house always terrible at this time of day?" *Woman* (finding comfort in her coworker's apparent understanding): "EXACTLY! That's why I'm late every day." *Coworker* (coaxing her along): "Do you see ANY way you could fix that?" *Woman*: "I can't control the traffic." *Coworker*: "You could leave earlier." *Woman*: "Then I wouldn't get enough sleep." *Coworker*: "You could go to bed earlier." *Woman*: "Then I wouldn't have time to watch Netflix until two in the morning." An uncomfortable pause in the conversation. The *woman* pleads: "Do you want me to hate my life?" The *coworker* (sighs): "I didn't until now."

**In the parables of the unfinished tower and the king preparing for war, Jesus reminds us that we do not live the life of God by accident, that to live our baptisms demands focused attention and deliberate action. Discipleship challenges us to stop and look at the many threads of our lives and realize how they weave into whole cloth - and which pieces of our life are actually tearing us away from what we want our lives to be, what we want to accomplish for ourselves and others. That means making hard choices and changes in our lives and life-styles (more sleep, less Netflix; more family time, fewer office projects). To be a faithful disciple of Christ means to live beyond the pages of our calendars and planning books in order to make time in our lives first for the things of God and building loving, nurturing relationships with family and friends in whom we realize the fullness of life in God.**

## **MOTHER TERESA'S LETTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS**

A short and sweet letter has been travelling to more than 70 Catholic schools and parishes across western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Mother Teresa wrote this letter in 1986 to Gilroy Catholic College students. This heartfelt letter formed part of Mother Teresa's relics on her path to sainthood. A relic is an item or memento which was owned or used by a saint and is highly revered in the Catholic Church. Her short message to the students: Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your hearts and share this joy with all you meet especially the lonely and the unwanted. God bless you. Teresa

Remember the works of love are the works for peace.

## **CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2017**

We will be attending the camp in North Arlington, NJ from **Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28, 2017**. The closeness of this camp will save on the wear and tear of transportation and more importantly, will provide an opportunity to serve in our own state. The work projects are in safe areas but they are also in parts of NJ most never see. The trip is open to teens entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in September 2017 until age 20. Spaces are limited. If you are interested in joining us or have questions, please contact Mary Connolly at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com) or 908-930-0784.

## **SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY**

Taking his seat in his chambers, the judge faced the opposing lawyers. "So," he said, "I have been presented, by both of you, with a bribe." Both lawyers squirmed uncomfortably. "You, attorney Leon, gave me \$15,000. And you, attorney Campos, gave me \$10,000." The judge reached into his pocket and pulled out a check. He handed it to Leon ... "Now then, I'm returning \$5,000, and we're going to decide this case solely on its merits."

## **ALTAR FLOWER HELP AND MEMORIALS**



The **Altar Flower Ministry** is always interested in having additional volunteers. We are currently putting together our schedule for September to November. If you'd like to give it a try for even one week-end 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](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com)). Thanks!

## **ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S PHOTO BOOK**

Photo Books are a wonderful way to preserve and share our memories. The Stewardship Committee would like to assemble an annual St. John's photo book featuring our life as a Parish and the many wonderful activities we have here at St. John's. In order to do this we need your photos! Please send any photos you have of the **2016 year** to Sharon Lohrmann at [sharonbill203@embarqmail.com](mailto:sharonbill203@embarqmail.com). Please label the file name of the photo, so I know what it is (e.g., speed weed August 2016). We look forward to receiving your photos!

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### **For August 28, 2016**

74 Donors Weekly ..... \$3,732.00  
5 Donors YBR..... \$265.00  
1 Donors Assumption ..... \$50.00

### **For August 30, 2015**

76 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,865.00

## **GROCERY CARDS**



Thanks to **19 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,250.00**. The stores gave us **\$111.63**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

## **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  
Danny Mulvey  
Mary Lou O'Brien  
Floyd Opdyke  
Nilsa Perez Parsons  
John Pfeufer  
Anne & Joe Sacco  
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

## **FALL BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS AT ST. JOHN'S ARE SCHEDULED**

There will be a series of interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann beginning in September. The conversations will take us from understanding loss and normal reactions, to steps, guided by faith, to acceptance and the hopeful recreation of lives to continue living. While a primary focus will be the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcomed. The dates of the seminars will be on September 21 and 28, October 5, 12, 19 and November 9. All sessions will start in the upper floor of the parish office building at 7 p.m. and be led by John Cole, transition professional, of St. John's Bereavement Ministry.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy at the parish office by calling France Kennedy at 908-832-2513 before September 21. If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to people of all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, please suggest that he or she call France Kennedy.

## **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (8/15/16) MINUTES**

After the Lectio Divina method of opening prayer, the following were the main points of discussion:

- Lyle Garcia, our Parish Rep in the Deanery Pastoral Council, presented us with the plan of the Deanery Pilgrimage for this Year of Mercy. It will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 3pm at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale. All the Parishes of our Round Valley Deanery will be participating. Hence we need to promote it here inviting our Parishioners to make this Pilgrimage.
- We discussed changes to our annual goal. There were three proposals from the floor and a synthesis of the three was suggested: "We as ministers will foster an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all especially to those away from the Church by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God." The final statement will be announced soon.
- The need to advertise our parish through local radio and other media was discussed.
- Our next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for October 2, after the 10:30 Mass. The Council chose this day and time to enable as many as possible to attend. As the Parish is being audited, it is important that the results and recommendations be communicated to our parishioners at this meeting.
- Pastor informed the Council of the plan of Bishop Checchio to bestow "Disciple of Mercy Awards" on Sunday November 20. Each parish is asked to nominate a person or a group that is an exemplar of mercy and compassion to others.
- With the next meeting scheduled for September 26, we concluded with a short prayer.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, Bishop Checchio will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, concluding the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy and celebrating the Thirty-Fifth Anniversary of the creation of the Diocese by St. John Paul II. More details including how to register, will appear in the bulletin in coming weeks.

Msgr. William Benwell, the Vicar General of our Diocese has asked every parish to identify a parishioner or parishioners willing to coordinate each parish's participation in the pilgrimage. There will be a meeting of parish coordinators on Monday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the Pastoral Center. Would you consider being our Parish coordinator? Please call our parish Office.



## MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone to coordinate the meals for Fr. Abraham. Leigh Ann Yoder has been doing this for years and now needs to step down because of other commitments. The scheduling is presently set up through an online program and only needs to be done once a quarter. If you would like some additional information and think you can be of help, please contact Leigh at [leighyoder@gmail.com](mailto:leighyoder@gmail.com).



### **Also Need Additional Volunteers to Prepare Meals**

Meals are prepared for Father Abraham on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. With enough volunteers this usually means that you would need to prepare a meal once every six weeks or so. The meals are either left in the cooler outside of the residence or they can be left at the office if you let someone know it's there. Please contact Leigh for more information or if you can help. [leighyoder@gmail.com](mailto:leighyoder@gmail.com)

## MOTHER TERESA WAS A FRIEND OF SILENCE!

As author Kerry Weber writes, "The reason silence was so important to her is because it offers us the opportunity to begin shedding false understandings of ourselves and the world. It clears a space for the recognition that converts. Silence and prayer become the wombs in which we're reborn. They 'enlarge the heart until it is capable of containing God's gift of himself.'" The following words are from Mother Teresa herself.

*Silence can never be corrected. Very often, I have the answer but I don't give it, I wait, and I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity because silence can never be corrected. Let us make a resolution to control our tongues. If we are to love Jesus with undivided love in our brothers and sisters and in the poor, then our tongues must be clean. Each day, Jesus comes on our tongues in the Eucharist. When I was a child, my mother told me in preparation for first Holy Communion that if I told a lie my tongue would turn black. One day, I told a lie and ran to the looking glass to see! It might have been my imagination, but I am sure I saw that my tongue was black. And I went and told my mother about the lie. I must take care that my tongue does not get dirty because Jesus will rest there as he rested in the womb of his mother, Mary.*

*If your heart is full of worldly things, you cannot hear the voice of God. But when you have listened to his voice in the silence of your heart, then your heart is filled. Then, from the fullness of the heart the mouth will speak. You may be writing, then the fullness of your heart may come to your hand also. Your heart may speak through writing. Your heart may speak through your eyes also. When you look at people, they must be able to see God in your eyes. The fullness of the heart is expressed in our eyes, in our touch, in what we write, in what we say, the way we walk, the way we receive, the way we need. That is the fullness of the heart expressing itself in many different ways.*

*Jesus wants us to love each other as the Father has loved him. There is no greater love than the love for one another in our families, but there is so much hurt instead of love, so much bitterness instead of sweetness, so much noise instead of silence. If there is no love in our home, first let us examine our prayer life. Is it faithful, is it true, is it constant, is it full, is it so real that in the silence of our hearts we can hear him speak? If we only knew the art, the joy, the fruitfulness of silence, our homes would become the sunshine of God's love, the burning flame of God's love in action.*

## 24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities has a 24 hour prayer line for those who desire prayer for special needs. If you, a family member or friend would like to be remembered in prayer for a temporary or permanent illness, please call us and leave a detailed message at 732-765-6431.

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

If you want to build a tower or plant a garden you need to plan ahead. So too, if you want to build a strong marriage, plan ahead. Plan a date for next weekend. Sign up now for a [marriage enrichment event](http://www.susanvogt.net/Marriage.htm#MarriageLinks) (<http://www.susanvogt.net/Marriage.htm#MarriageLinks>) sometime this year. Don't procrastinate.

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

Labor Day. Are you an employer? Are your personnel policies family friendly? Are you an employee? Are there any changes you can make in your work schedule that would make your parenting easier? Evaluate your Life/Work Balance. (<http://www.susanvogt.net/EnrichmentEx.htm#WorkLifeBalance>). Not employed and happy. Be grateful.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FUN PARISH EVENTS

GOLF OUTING.....Sept. 24  
 PARISH PICNIC.....Sept. 25  
 TRICKY TRAY.....Oct. 21  
 Contact the parish office 832-2513 for more information.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., September 7 A. Sawczuk  
 Wed., September 14 M. D'Avella

### **Store Cards**

#### **September 3 & 4**

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

#### **September 10 & 11**

5:30 p.m. J. Eacovalle  
 8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart  
 10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of 9/4 B. Lee  
 Week of 9/11 L. Livoti

### **Church Center Cleaning**

September 9 Team F  
 September 16 Team A

### **Altar Flowers**

September 3 Mary Connolly  
 September 10 Maritza Proano



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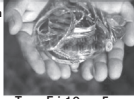
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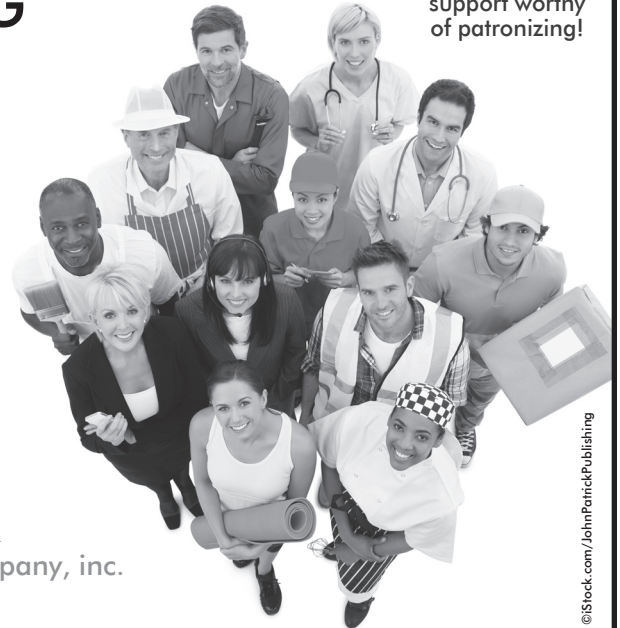
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