

## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

Diocese of Metuchen

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### *Our Parish*

- Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D. ....  
..... Pastor
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..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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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.

## 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, September 13

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Friday, September 16

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Saturday, September 17

5:30 p.m. Mario Sacco & Philip  
Lamendola, req.,  
Pannone Family

### Sunday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Joseph Bambara, req.  
Sharon and Alan Janks  
10:30 a.m. Catherine Curtis, req.  
St. John Neumann



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, September 11 - 24th 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)  
2:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal - Silano/Griffin Wedding (Church)

### Monday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

10:00 a.m. S.H. I.P. (Office and Church Kitchens)  
6:00 p.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Church/Office Centers)

### Tuesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. NO MASS  
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, Sept. 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)

### Thursday, Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

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

### Friday, September 16 - Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Saturday, September 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

3:30 p.m. First Reconciliation - Session #1 (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Nite (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - September 17/18

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader .....	Youth Mass Reader
Altar Server .....	Youth Mass Altar Server
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joann Gardner
.....	Mary D'Avella, Violetta Olesiak
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. John Kavas
Reader .....	Owen Stanski
Altar Server .....	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Klawunn
.....	Tom Klawunn, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. John Kavas
Reader .....	Steve Carroll
Altar Server .....	Cucchiara Family
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	Cindy Carroll
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anthony DeStefano, Gloria Cucchiara
.....	Dick Wickel, Anna Giametta, Debby Kelemen

### Sunday, Sept. 18-25th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Diocesan Collection for Disasters in Louisiana and Italy

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)  
11:30 a.m. Religious Education Sponsored Community Coffee (Narthex and Patio)  
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
 III. Michael E. Silano & Katelyn M. Griffin  
 II. Brian Adams & Mary Elizabeth Griffin

**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,

Today is an important milestone for our Parish. Our Religious Education is making a major transition to a new model of INTER-GENERATIONAL/FAMILY CATECHESIS. This affects and enriches not only the children but also the parents. Unlike the traditional twice a month program, this new family session will meet only once a month. The families have already chosen one of the two options: the Sunday morning sessions at Valley View School or Monday evening sessions at our Church Center. After a year-long preparation of exploration, consultation, listening sessions and planning, we launch this faith-learning process with the help of so many of our parishioners who volunteered to be Catechists and Assistant Catechists. I wish to thank them for their good will and I am grateful to the parents who have shown openness to this transition. This has been made possible with the commitment, hard work and detailed planning by Renee Ciszewski and Jo Ann Jarvis of our Religious Education Department and I wish to thank them sincerely in the name of the whole parish community.

Our existing Small Faith Sharing Groups, which we shall resume next month, and this new model of Family Catechesis, are two excellent ways in which we all can grow in the knowledge of our faith in an environment of sharing and fellowship with other parishioners. Rick Warren, whom Time magazine named as "America's Pastor," says that the number of people who gather in small groups for sharing Bible is larger than those who gather for Sunday worship at his Saddleback church in California! Listen to what he says about his method: "Our model for ministry is actually the very first church in the Bible. In Acts 5:42 it says: "The first church met day after day in the temple courts and from house to house." We come together on the weekends for a large group gathering of everyone in the congregation. And then we scatter all week long for small group gatherings from house to house. This matters a great deal if you want to see lives transformed. On the weekends, people come together and experience God's powerful presence, hear teaching from the pulpit, and serve others within the life of the church. But it's during the week, in small groups, that people find themselves in the kinds of relationships that help them explore and enrich their faith. This leads them to the church where they may keep on growing spiritually and experiencing transformation long term."

This simply shows the importance of engaging everyone in matters of faith. That is why I wish to open up these monthly gatherings not only for children and their parents, but also to all members of our parish. I am inviting any parishioner – even if you have no children in Religious Ed – to come and spend an hour each month in the adult faith sharing portion of the gathering to enrich yourself and experience fellowship. This will start approximately 8:30 am on Sundays and 6:30 pm on Mondays. See the Faith Formation calendars on the parish website for dates. I hope many of you will accept this invitation and see the difference it will make in your own life and in the life of your family.

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](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)

*"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile."*  
*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

### 24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

*"Everything I have is yours."*

*Luke 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

### 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).

### SAVE THE DATE – PARISH

**MEETING**

**Sunday, October 2**

**following the 10:30 Mass,  
Church Center**



Please plan on attending this very important Parish Meeting. Father Abraham and the Finance Committee will update parishioners on the state of the parish following the recent Diocesan audit. Brunch will be served.

### *Parish Contact Information*

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# Christian Formation - Catechesis

## Religious Education Program

### 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

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - GIFT



GROWING  
IN FAITH  
TOGETHER

*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 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.

### SOWING SEEDS OF MERCY PROJECT

If you were able to plant your bean seeds and successfully raise them through a hot and humid summer it is just about time to harvest them. Here is what you should see: the plants should contain a good number of beans about 4-6 inches long that are plump and you can see the seeds that are forming inside the shell. They may still be green or yellow or they may be brown and dry with spots of black, brown or red on them. The leaves may be turning yellow, then brown, then drop off of the plant rather rapidly. This is a good sign. Once all (or most) of the leaves have dropped off and the beans are brown and dry or nearly dry, pull the plant by the roots (consider doing this a least one week prior to the parish picnic). Hang them somewhere warm and dry. I stick mine through the holes in my deer fencing around the garden. You could also hang them on a clothesline. They do best in the sun. Do not leave them outside if it rains. Once all of the bean shells are hard and dry, strip the beans off of the plant and compost the stems. Store the dried beans in an open basket or brown paper bag in a cool, dry place. Bring them to the parish picnic and we will shell them and mix them with other beans to make dried bean soup mixes. If you are unable to attend the picnic, place your beans in a paper (NOT plastic) bag. Write the name of the bean you grew on the outside along with your name and leave them in the basket provided in the narthex near the Social Ministry table. It will be marked "Seeds of Mercy". Thanks for your participation in this project.

## **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

### **Return of a Prodigal Daughter... Return of a Prodigal Son**

*'Rejoice with me because I found my lost sheep . . . 'Rejoice with me because I found the coin that I lost . . . ' . . . celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come back to life again; he was lost and has been found.'*

*Luke 15:*

**1-32 [or 15: 1-10]**

**PRODIGAL DAUGHTER'S RETURN!** Many years ago, comedian Chonda Pierce met a young woman named December. December's father was a pastor. December got the message early on that pastor's children are supposed to be perfect. December knew she would never be good enough for the people at Church. So December began rebelling against her family's and her Church's expectations. By her late teens, she was living on the streets. She spent her nights partying, sleeping with any man who caught her eye. Sometimes, she would slip into her parents' Church during the service, but she always left before anyone could talk to her. After she became pregnant, December decided to return to her parents. She expected shame and condemnation. Instead, December's parents welcomed her back with open arms. As she says, "The bottom line is that I came back to my family and God because they love me with no strings attached. They forgave me. . . I thought I could do something to make them disown me, but I was wrong." [Chonda Pierce, *It's Always Darkest Before the Fun Comes Up* (Grand Rapids, MI.: Zondervan, 1998), pp. 80-84].]

**PRODIGAL SON'S RETURN!** In 1990, Michale Mohr's son, Jeff, moved to Arizona to work as a computer technician. Michale, back in Portland, Oregon, looked forward to her son's weekly calls. But after a few years in Arizona, Jeff's phone calls began to taper off. When Michale's letters to him were returned, she decided to investigate. Michale found out from Jeff's friends that he had become addicted to crystal meth, a powerful drug. One day, Jeff had just walked away from his apartment. No one knew where he was. For the next three years, Michale Mohr made it her mission in life to find her son. She flew back and forth between Oregon and Arizona, canvassing Jeff's old neighborhood and talking to his friends and associates. The police offered little help. Michale's quest to find her drug-addicted son led her into dangerous, run-down neighborhoods. At one point, she even dressed as a homeless woman in order to relate to the street people she interviewed. Finally, after three years, Michale made contact with someone who knew Jeff. She remembers distinctly the day she found him. Jeff rode up on his bicycle. He had lost weight, his teeth were rotting, he was bruised from a recent beating. But he had ridden on his bicycle for ten miles in the sweltering Arizona heat to find her. They ran into each other's arms. Jeff had been trying to fight his addiction, but he had been afraid to contact his mother, afraid of how his addiction might hurt her. You will be happy to know that Jeff Mohr moved back to Oregon, got a steady job, and joined Narcotics Anonymous. ("The Seamier Side of Life" by Michale Mohr, *Newsweek*, August 18, 1997, p. 14.)

*Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables are about finding something that has been lost: a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. They remind us that the Church must recover its search and rescue mission, return to its apostolic roots, and start caring for lost people. That is our mission. As long as there is one lost person, all Heaven is concerned.*

*"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."*  
*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

## **DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

If you have ever considered becoming Catholic or know someone who may be interested, there is a process to help you discern whether it is what you want to do. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation. Every year teams in parishes meet with unbaptized persons and those baptized into other faiths to discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. The first stage is called Inquiry and simply put, is a time for you to ask any and all questions about God and the church. This is the period to help you find out if you are interested in becoming Catholic. So please don't think you have to know this is what you want to do. The Inquiry phase helps in that discernment. The Inquiry period is beginning now. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone or text: 908-307-7879 or email [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

## **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.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### **For September 4, 2016**

75 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,145.00  
48 Donors YBR..... \$1,445.00

### **For September 6, 2015**

80 Donors Weekly ..... \$3,751.00  
47 Donors YBR..... \$1,498.00

## **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 Jirushek  
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**

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 at 908-832-2513 before September 21. If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call for information. 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.

## **ENLIVEN YOUR FAITH LIFE THIS FALL!**

### **START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT WITH A MORNING MEDITATION**

Try a good way to start your day – meditation in your email.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

### **CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: THE PRAYER OF THE HEART PRAYER MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SESSION**

Thursday September 29 - 7:15– 9pm. Join us to learn about Christian Meditation, experience meditation led by Deacon Ray Chimileski, and get your questions answered about how to meditate.

### **FAITH GROUPS – FALL SESSION**

Faith Groups will run from October 3 through Nov 20. We invite you to try a group on a day that is convenient to you. There are 7 sessions, but you can attend the dates that work for you. Please contact France if you have any questions. You are welcome to try it one time to discover whether you enjoy it.

## **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.

## **TWO MIRACLES THRU MOTHER TERESA**

Vatican recognized two miracles as medically impossible to explain and declared that these were granted by God through the intercession of Mother Teresa. The first was in 2002, involving an Indian woman named Monica Besra, who was cured of an abdominal tumor through Mother Teresa's intercession. She was beatified as "Blessed Teresa of Calcutta" on October 19, 2003 in a ceremony led by Pope John Paul II.

The second miracle involved the healing of Marcilio Andrino, a Brazilian man who was diagnosed with a viral brain infection and lapsed into a coma. His family prayed to Mother Teresa, and when the man was brought to the operating room for emergency surgery, he woke up without pain and cured of his symptoms

*"By blood, I am Albanian. By citizenship, an Indian. By faith, I am a Catholic nun. As to my calling, I belong to the world. As to my heart, I belong entirely to the Heart of Jesus."*

*Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

## WE REMEMBER 9/11

Today evokes – as every 9/11 anniversary does – memories of unimaginable tragedy, of lives callously lost and of sorrow in the hearts of all of us. We pause to pray for the families who lost loved ones, for children growing up without fathers and mothers, for spouses with an empty spot in their beds, for employees and employers who will be missed. We remind ourselves of our vulnerability and frailty even though we live as privileged and prosperous as any civilization in history. May this day help us to rededicate our efforts to promote the kind of unity we experienced soon after 9/11. And read God's reassurance in Psalm 46: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way

## "WELL, THAT'S CUTE, MOM. BUT WHAT IS IT?"

A divorced woman found herself struggling with an increasingly rebellious teenage daughter. It all came to a head late one night when the police called her to pick up her daughter who had been arrested for drunk driving. The two of them didn't speak on the way home or next day either, until at last the mother broke the tension by giving her daughter a small, gift-wrapped package. The girl opened it with an air of indifference and found inside a small rock. "Well, that's cute, Mom. What is it?" "Read the card, dear," the mother replied. As the girl did so, tears began to trickle down her cheeks, and she gave her mom a hug as the card fell to the floor. On the card her mother had written: "This rock is more than 200 million years old. That's how long it'll take before I give up on you." That's what Jesus is telling us about God in today's readings: He never gives up on us.



## 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.



### *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



## 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



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY- Good Samaritan Jokes

The pastor told the story of "The Prodigal Son" to a first grade class. To check on their understanding, he asked; "Who was the unhappy character in the story when the prodigal son returned?" An eager boy raised his hand and stated the simple truth. "The Fatted Calf."

*Before starting the final exam in college, an instructor told his class: "Should you have any questions during the exam, just raise your hand. This should cause enough blood to flow to your brain to answer the question yourself."*

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

September 11, 2001 took most people by surprise. You don't know the time or the place you or your beloved will die. Take advantage of the time you have today to show your love. (Susan Vogt)

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky." (Exodus 32:13) No matter the number of children you have, each one is a promise for the future. Do something to make the world better for your offspring today. (recycle, donate to a cause, make peace with someone.)



## 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 14 M. D'Avella  
 Wed., September 21 C. Behrens

### Store Cards

#### September 10 & 11

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

#### September 17 & 18

5:30 p.m.. C. Crescenti  
 8:00 a.m. M. Kearns  
 10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 9/11 L. Livoti  
 Week of 9/18 M. Cangelosi

### Church Center Cleaning

September 16 Team A  
 September 23 Team B

### Altar Flowers

September 10 Maritza Proano  
 September 17 Kristin Heimall



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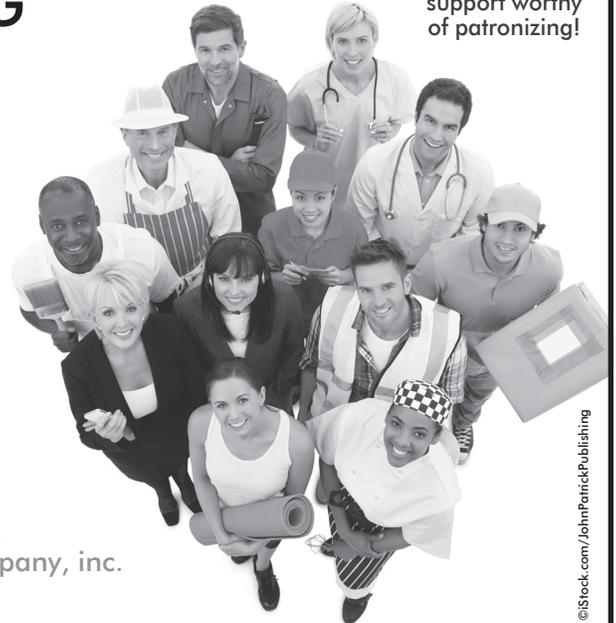
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