

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, September 20

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, September 22

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 24

5:30 p.m. Walter Price, req.

Eileen McCabe

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Frank Kostecki, req.

Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. Mary Theresa Serpone, req.

St. John Neumann



Parish Calendar

Sun., 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)

Monday, September 19 - St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Tuesday, September 20 - Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21- Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement Seminar (Upper Room)

Thursday, Sept. 22 - Weekday

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

Friday, September 23 - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
 5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - September 24/25

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	David Geerinck
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Torczon
.....	Joan Eacovalle, Lyle Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Evanko Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Alexa Johnson
Altar Server	Johnson Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Marlene Milko, Debby Kelemen,
.....	Bob Sobey, Mary D'Avella, Mark Brisson




BANNS OF MARRIAGE
 III. Brian Adams & Mary Elizabeth Griffin

Saturday, September 24 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Golf Outing - (Away)
 2:30 p.m. Wedding - Silano/Griffin (Church Center)
 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, September 25 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
 9:00 a.m. Faith Group Sponsored Coffee (Narthex and Patio)
 10:30 a.m. Mass - Catechist Commissioning (Church Center)
 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)
 2:00 p.m. Parish Picnic (Church Grounds)



Remembered at Mass

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

Deceased: **Samantha Suchovic**, friend of Stanski family, **Linda Owens**, wife of Art Owens, **Ted Semper**, brother in law of Barbara Gates, and **Evelyn Murray**, mother of Carol Murray Sowul. 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,

GIFT is "Growing In Faith Together" with parents and children! We had our first session of GIFT last week as we transitioned into the Inter-generational/Family Catechesis. After the 8 am Mass last Sunday, I walked over to the Valley View School and spent an hour at the session for parents. I was glad to see both parents attending even though for others it was possible for only one parent to attend. All found the first session to be meaningful and enriching. The Catechists who had taken the children to separate classrooms after the common introductory session brought them back for the last part which consisted of a family activity and the closing prayer. This was an exciting experience for the Catechists. I am truly grateful to all the Catechists – those who continued from last year and those who volunteered this year. It is very commendable that we also have some Mother-Daughter/Mother-Son teams of catechists. This is a wonderful example of family involvement in living and transmitting our faith.

This model is exactly what the bishops of our nation have been recommending for parishes. The National Directory of Catechesis states that the aim of catechesis is "to bring about in the believer an ever more mature faith in Jesus Christ, a deeper love and knowledge of his person and message, and a firm commitment to follow him." The Directory also notes that catechesis should be a lifelong process for the adult, who is really the focus of catechetical efforts because of his/her ability to make a full response to God's word. The ideal place for this effort to happen is the local parish community. Parish is where the Christian faith is first received and where that faith is deepened. In this community of faith, the faithful become aware of being the people of God and of their apostolic mission in the world.

GIFT is a welcome addition, not a substitute, to our already existing Small Faith Sharing Groups that meet seasonally. As GIFT has taken off well, the time is ripe to plan for the next season of Faith sharing scheduled to begin in the first week of October. Those involved in small groups consistently cite a greater feeling of community as well as better clarity in what it means to live out their faith on a daily basis. When more people are engaged in matters of faith through these two important and complementing opportunities, I can guarantee that our Community of St. John's will grow into a greater experience of being the "People of God" and will shine more as "lights to the world," (Matthew 5:14) as Jesus wants us to be.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

MEN'S BIBLE BREAKFAST GROUP

Our monthly meeting is changed to **Saturday Oct. 1** from Saturday Sept. 24 this month. Starting time 7 am remains unchanged. Guys, you are cordially invited. Just show up for one session and see for yourself! Jim Murray



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 foursome. We have a great morning golfing and wonderful lunch. 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)

ENJOY THE LAST BLAST OF SUMMER!

Come to the Parish Picnic Sunday Sept 25. Fun starts at 2pm with the Duck Race, there is lots to do and then again it is a picnic, so there is time to just sit back and enjoy some friends! It's a great time to meet parishioners if you are new to the parish. Even if you can't come the whole time – feel free to stop in and enjoy what you can. Hope to see you then.

25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13
Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need.

PICNIC HELP

Stay after the 8am Mass on Sunday September 25th for a few minutes to set up tables and chairs for the picnic.

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. Hosted by Pastoral Council and brunch will be served.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY COMMISSIONING OF CATECHISTS



**Sunday, September 25
10:30 a.m.**

We will be celebrating Catechetical Sunday on September 25, 2016, during the 10:30 Mass. This year, the Church will focus on the theme, "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



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 Sundays or Mondays in the Church Center. These sessions follow the family faith formation calendar on the parish website. All are invited to attend! You do not need to have a child in the program to participate. The next session dates are Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. (CC) and Oct. 23 at 8:30 a.m. (VV). For more information, contact Renee or JoAnn 832-2162.



COFFEE AND COMMUNITY

Sunday, September 18, 11:30 a.m. – Church Center

Please join us after the 10:30 Mass this Sunday, September 18, for coffee and community sponsored by Religious Education. It's a great way to kick off the school year!

Social Ministry

SOCIAL MINISTRY & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

One of our Community members who works in Newark has brought to our attention a tragedy that occurred in the MT. PLEASANT section of the city, which is in the North Ward. A fire consumed many apartments and left 16 families with NOTHING, but the clothes on their backs that they escaped with, and unfortunately there were some deaths caused by this devastating fire. The person that reported this told me that immediate needs have been dealt with by both Catholic Charities and The Red Cross.

Your two Ministries have come up with a plan that we believe will not only help the victim families, but will also provide a learning experience for all members of our Community's Families.

You will find a table set up in the Narthex with the names of seven (7) families that we've elected to assist. There will also be news clippings of the event available for you and envelopes that will include instructions as to how you may assist the child whose name is found in the envelope. Please take just one envelope and bring it home, open it and read it. Having done that, we believe that you will follow through and complete these acts of Corporal and Spiritual Mercy. You are clothing a child and comforting the sorrowful. Please keep this child and their family in your prayers and follow the instructions inside the envelope. How fitting in this Year of Mercy! Remember always what Mother Teresa of Calcutta taught us: **"It's not how much you give, but how much Love you put in the giving!"**

Please hold your own by their hands teach them what has happened and ask them to assist those in need. A Lesson Learned.

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: "Blessed are the embezzlers . . . !!"

The parable of the dishonest steward.

Luke 16: 1-13

The parable of the shrewd steward is a difficult parable. From our perspective, Jesus seems to be endorsing larceny. But Jesus' hearers would have heard the parable much differently. Based on the culture and economics of the time, there are a number of ways to read Jesus' parable. One New Testament scholar (Kenneth Bailey, Poet and Peasant, Through Peasant Eyes) offers this interpretation:

The steward in the story has been fired for embezzling the funds he has been hired to manage. He does not protest his firing - he could see it coming. Although he is fired, he is not punished. He is not required to pay back what he has taken. He is not jailed. He realizes he works for a master who expects obedience but also shows unusual mercy and generosity. Jesus' listeners would not miss either of these facts. So the steward risks everything on mercy. If he fails, he will certainly go to jail. If he succeeds, he will be a hero in the community. Working fast, before word of his firing gets out, he sets about reducing the debts of the master's clients. They assume the reductions are legitimate, that the master has ordered them, that the steward has talked the master into acting with such magnanimity. And that's exactly what the steward wants them to think.

When the master realizes what has happened, he has two choices. He can go back to the debtors and tell them that it was all a mistake, a scheme cooked up by the fired manager. That would anger the debtors and all but destroy whatever trust and good will existed between the two parties. Or the master could say nothing, accept the gratitude of his debtors and let the rascal manager enjoy his popularity. The master opts to be the "hero" the steward has set him up to be. The steward knew his master was generous and merciful - remember that he didn't punish him or throw him in jail, as he could have. The steward risks everything on the master's generous nature. And it saves him.

In this interpretation of the parable of the dishonest steward, the steward is praised by Jesus for his "managing" the wealth at his disposal as a means for creating good will and extending mercy. His scheme, in effect, challenged his master to be merciful, to do right by those in his debt (in Gospel times, the interest charged in such transactions often amounted to extortion). Another way of looking at the parable: By not jailing him or forcing him to repay what he stole, the steward might have seen this as a moment of grace, an opportunity to change his own life and act justly and responsibly. Jesus appeals to the "children of light" to use worldly wealth as a means for establishing God's Kingdom of justice and mercy, to use what we have to provide for the common good and care of every one of us who stands before God as debtors in his grace.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: THE PRAYER OF THE HEART

Thursday, September 29, 2016, 7:15pm Church Center

Deacon Ray Chimileski of the Patterson Diocese will lead us in an exploration of Christian Meditation on Thursday evening, September 29th at 7:15 pm in the Church Center. No prior experience with meditation is necessary. The Lord would have you come as you are, seeking Him.

Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk, talks about meditation as the "prayer of the heart". Meditation is not so much about thoughts or thinking, but about being with the Lord, as a friend, in a loving relationship.

Join us for this informative evening sponsored by the St. John's Prayer Ministry.

UPCOMING "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" SESSION

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.

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.

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 11, 2016

88 Donors Weekly \$6,519.06
13 Donors YBR \$530.00
36 Donors Peters Pence \$725.00

For September 13, 2015

86 Donors Weekly \$3,751.00
38 Donors Peter's Pence \$929.00

GROCERY CARDS



Thanks to **14 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,025.00**. The stores gave us **\$101.25**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

Parish News

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
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 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!

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.

The sessions will culminate with a group session/celebration on Wednesday, November 16th.

If you'd like to find out more stop by the Community Coffees after any of the Masses hosted by the Faith Groups on September 24th and 25th or contact France at 908-307-7879 or francekennedy99@gmail.com.

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>

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 9th 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 or 908-930-0784.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE



Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their Fall kickoff meeting on Sunday, September 25th at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes (390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889). Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.



"The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta

"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."

— St. Teresa of Calcutta

PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE...WITH GOD...?

Those who are going to retire ask two questions: 1) "How much money will I need to retire comfortably?" 2) "Will I be able to die with dignity?" The Presidential Commission on Retirement in the U.S. informs us that we will need about seventy percent of our present income to live about as we live today. If the present lifestyle costs us about \$50,000, we are going to need about \$35,000 to retire comfortably. According to PCR there are three resources for our income of the future: a) Social Security, b) the retirement program from our place of employment, and c) our savings account. But everybody knows that in the not so distant future, Social Security benefits will be reduced because there will not be a sufficient number of workers in the workforce to pay for the huge number of previously retired people still alive. In addition, seventy percent of the people working in America do *not* have a pension program through their employer. Besides, Americans in general are notoriously poor savers, and, hence, most of them have not saved enough money to pay the bills of their future retirement. So can we be sure that when the end of our life comes we are not going to end up in bankruptcy and poverty? Are we making plans for our *long-term* future? How is our investment program doing? **Today's Gospel asks the same question: Are we really wise in planning for our long-term future with God? Are we as wise in storing up for ourselves treasures in heaven for our eternal retirement as we are in gathering treasures on earth for our retirement here?**



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 ☺

The local Jewish Rabbi is out jogging through the countryside. He encounters a man with two puppies for sale. He asks the man what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Jewish puppies, Rev. Rabbi." The Rabbi thinks that it is so great that the next day he brings his wife to see these puppies for herself. He asks the man to tell his wife what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Catholic puppies." The Rabbi looks puzzled and says, "Yesterday, you told me they were Jewish puppies." The man smiles and says, "Yesterday, they were. But today, they have their eyes opened and a Catholic priest booked them paying in advance!"

A one liner smile: Q: Did you hear about the painter who was hospitalized? A: Reports say it was due to too many strokes.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Marriage is not 50-50. Divorce is 50-50. Marriage has to be 100-100. It isn't dividing everything in half, but giving everything you've got." (Dave Willis)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

School is in full swing for most families. Even if your child is too young for school remember this maxim: It's not what the teacher says, but what the student hears, that matters. This applies to parents and children too. (Susan Vogt)

SERVING AT MASS

You can do more with the grace of God than you think."

St. John Baptist de la Salle

Would you like to be more involved at church, but don't know how? A wonderful ministry is the Liturgical Ministry, these are the people who read at Mass, set the altar or serve communion. We would welcome you to try one of the ministries. Please talk to one of the servers after Mass or call the office.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., September 21 C. Behrens
Wed., September 28 J. Santoro

Store Cards

September 17 & 18

5:30 p.m.. C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m. M. Kearns
10:30 a.m. D. Kelemen

September 24 & 25

5:30 p.m.. D. Royal
8:00 a.m. G. Battel
10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 9/18 M. Cangelosi
Week of 9/25 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

September 23 Team B
September 30 Team C

Altar Flowers

September 17 Kristin Heimall
September 24 Mary D'Avella

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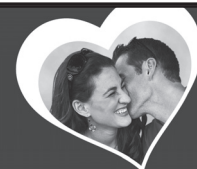
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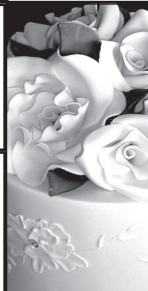


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