

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

*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.*

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

www.diometuchen.org

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 Mass5:30 p.m.
- Sunday8:00 a.m.
- Sunday10:30 a.m.
- First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

Worshipping at:

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Check the bulletin for any changes

Weekday Masses:

- Tuesday8:00 a.m.
- Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

- Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 11

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 15

5:30 p.m. Joan Sushko, req.
Lou and Liz Livoti

Sunday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks, req.
The Janks Family
10:30 a.m. Kyle Hargadon, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 9 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Begin Holiday Food Collection

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

Monday, October 10 - Columbus Day / Office Closed

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

Tuesday, October 11 - Saint John XXIII, Pope

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Faith Group (Church Center Loft)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal - Confirmation (Church)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, October 12 - Weekday

10:30 a.m. Faith Group (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Seminar (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Board Meeting (Seton Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Drexel Room)

Thursday, October 13 - Weekday

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Friday, October 14 - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

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

Mass Schedule - October 15/16

Saturday	7th Grade Class Mass	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server	Religious Ed Class Mass	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joann Gardner	
.....	Violetta Olesiak, Gloria Cucchiara	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anita Sawczuk	
Altar Server	Stanski Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Tom Klawunn	
.....	Jane Klawunn, Sharon Janks	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	David Geerinck	
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mary D'avella	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Donna Torczon	
.....	Ron Pojedinec, Jane Albert, Sheena Carew	

Saturday, October 15 - Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

5:30 p.m. 7th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, October 16 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Half Price Tricky Tray Ticket Sales

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)
3:00 p.m. Deanery Pilgrimage (ICC-Annandale)
5:30 p.m. CPIII Parent-Confirmandi Meeting (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Center)

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

We have gluten free hosts available - talk to the Eucharistic ministers in the sacristy before or after Mass.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Bernadette Jenkinson, Rodney Brynildsen, Iga Conley, and Samantha Suchovic.**

Deceased: **Bernadette Jenkinson**, former Parishioner, **Rodney Brynildsen**, cousin of Chris Brynildsen, **Iga Conley**, wife of Vince Conley, and **Samantha Suchovic**, friend of Stanski family. 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,

Our Parish Town Meeting last Sunday had a higher attendance than the previous times. That was precisely the hope of the Parish Pastoral Council who suggested to try holding it soon after the 10:30am Mass on a Sunday instead of the traditional Monday evening which had seen a steady decline in attendance. But I must confess that I had hoped for a still higher number of parishioners to stay back as the intent was to have a conversation with our Community after presenting the result of the Diocesan Auditing of our Parish. I am truly thankful to those who attended the meeting and gave very constructive suggestions and ideas to help our parish face some of the challenges we face in the aftermath of the audit. Thanks to Gloria Cucchiara, our Pastoral Council Chair, and to all the members who organized the Parish Meeting and prepared the sandwiches. Gratitude is also due to our Parish Teens who did baby sitting and to the Parishioners who made varieties of those tasty home-made cookies. The net effect was one of concern as well as hope as we became more aware of the visible positive growth and financial challenges of our parish. The concern itself was turned into hope with the willingness everyone showed to see the Parish keep growing. Yes, we are grateful.

Gratitude is the central theme in all the readings of this Sunday. Naaman, the Syrian military commander was healed of his leprosy and in gratitude he transferred his allegiance from the pagan gods to the God of Israel as we hear in the first Reading. St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people. Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way.

The nine who did not thank God are a reminder to us about making gratitude into a regular practice of ours. Human nature tends to focus on and bemoan what we do not have. Instead, if we become aware of the blessings we have in life, we will be grateful and that will spread joy around us. The great spiritual master Thomas Merton said: "To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything. Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted." No wonder the great mystic Meister Eckhart said: "If the only prayer you said was thank you, that would be enough." Let us express thanks and appreciation in an intentional way each day of this week. Then it will become a habit with us, bringing cheer to all around us.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 9, 2016

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live "easy" lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

SERVING AT MASS

Would you like to be more involved at church, but don't know how? A wonderful ministry is the Liturgical Ministry, 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.

"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head." St. Charles Borromeo

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BAPTISM
If you are expecting a child or are new to the parish and want to baptize your child contact France Kennedy at the parish office 832-2513 for information on arranging a baptism. We celebrate baptisms at weekend Masses so the whole community can share in welcoming the child into the faith. Our baptism team will be hosting our quarterly preparation program on Friday, Oct 14, speak to France to register.



NEW TO THE PARISH? DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S!

If you are new to the area, just found St. John's, or 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.



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PUMPKIN

Youth Group will carve pumpkins on Sat. Oct 22 at Youth Nite. Parishioners will vote for the best design after Mass or online. We will have two categories – Best Freehand and Best Stencil. You can vote in one or both categories. The winners will get a prize. You will not. For you to win you must guess the closest number of pumpkin seeds in our jar – and you will win a homemade pumpkin pie.

Christian Formation - Catechesis

FIRST RECONCILIATION



There will be a Parent Meeting for all 1st Eucharist parents at 8:30 a.m. on October 23rd at Valley View School during the Sunday catechesis session. The next First Reconciliation session for students will be on Saturday, October 29th, at 3:30 pm. in the Church Center.

7TH GRADE CLASS MASS



Please join our 7th Grade Religious Education students on Saturday, October 15, at 5:30 p.m. as they celebrate their Class Mass. It is a wonderful chance to watch our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy by playing an active role during the Mass.

CP III PARENT-CONFIRMANDI MEETING

**Sunday, October 16, 5:30 p.m.,
Church Center**



There will be a meeting of all CP III students (8th graders) and their parents on Sunday, October 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church Center. This meeting will take place immediately prior to the Junior High catechesis session that evening. At least one parent should accompany their child.

LET'S CELEBRATE AS A FAMILY!



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016
Gather at 10:00 AM

Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi CYO
Main Street & Library Place, Metuchen



CONFIRMATION 2016

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m., Church Center

We are pleased to announce that Bishop James F. Checchio will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John's on Thursday, October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Mass. A banner display of our 2016 Confirmandi is in the Narthex of the Church Center. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation this week. They are: Lisa Cucchiara, Catherine Evanko, Emma Evanko, Jack Evanko, Dana Fabiano, Taylor Jamieson, Madison Kelly, Nina Lewis, Marion Mathew, Hannah Nacamuli, Catherine O'Brien, Amelia Puglia, James Quartuccio, Casey Roskowski, Kenneth Rudin, Jason Solomon, Sarah Upwood, Daniel Uss, Levi Yoder, and James Zeolla.



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.

DIOCESAN LETTER TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Dear Parishioners of St. John Neumann,

I write to send well wishes to you as you enter a new Catechetical year with Whole Community Catechesis for all generations in your parish. Your bold initiative, which the U.S. Bishops have been promoting as the best means of faith formation in every parish, is truly commendable. Whole Community Catechesis is an ambitious undertaking, and it will change your parish community for the better. Whole Community provides an opportunity to think about how the Word forms us wherever we are in our lives right now. When Jesus taught, and when he sent the disciples out, they went to where people lived and converted them by sharing faith with stories that related to their everyday lives. The people began to develop an intimate friendship with Jesus, which they in turn shared with their families and friends. Faith sharing has proven to be the most effective means to the growth and nurturing of faith. More than teachers or books, the sharing of our faith has the most long-lasting effect on one's life. Whole Community Catechesis is for all. An excerpt from Leisa Anslinger's book, *Here Comes Everybody!*

"Whole community catechesis creates a path toward living discipleship. The journey for those who follow Christ is more fruitful when we travel together, learning and growing, sharing and supporting one another along the way. As the community reflects on its relationship in Christ, every member is nurtured in faith, newcomers and long-timers alike. Each person is valued in a manner that says 'not only do we care for you, but we care for you so deeply that we want you to grow in your love for Christ for the rest of your life' "

Know that the Diocesan Office of Catechesis is at your service for any help we can give you. Blessings and congratulations!

Carol Mascola

Diocesan Director
Office for Catechesis
Diocese of Metuchen

Social Ministry



SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

The October dates for serving at the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville are Monday, October 10 and Thursday, October 27. If you can prepare or donate food or would like to help serve the meal, contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org.

SHELLING SEEDS OF MERCY

Thanks to the efforts of many, seven bushels of assorted beans were shelled at the parish picnic. Thank you to all who grew beans at home and to those who tried, but saw their efforts frustrated by ground hogs, deer and difficult weather. The beans were cleaned, sorted and packaged into dry soup mixes this week. They will be distributed with our Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. Stop by the Social Ministry table in the narthex to see the beautiful results!

TRICKY TRAY

October 21, 2016

- We are still in need of donations for our event.
- 1/2 price tickets will be on sale after all masses the weekend of October 15 and 16. Bring your family and friends to our Tricky Tray.
- Reserve your table for 8-10 people for Tricky Tray, contact Kathy Kelly at 917-816-3572.

Parish News

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Why should we respect life?

The Bible teaches that life is a gift of God, and, hence, we have to respect it from womb to tomb. In reference to pregnant women, the term "with child" occurs twenty-six times in the Bible. The term "with fetus" never occurs. The Bible never uses anything less than human terms to describe the unborn (Exodus 21:22-23). In Luke chapter one, verses 36 and 41, we are told that Elizabeth conceived a "son" and that the "babe" leaped in her womb. God does not say that a "fetus" leaped in her womb! Elizabeth greets Mary (in her early pregnancy) as "my Lord's mother." If God allows a child to be conceived, then God obviously has a plan for unborn children (Jer. 1:5; Lk. 1:13-17; Gen. 4:25; Jud. 13:3-5), and so to abort an unborn child is to stop a plan of God: *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you..."* Psalm 139: 13: *You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Thus, based on the word of God, the Church teaches that an unborn child, from the moment of its conception in his or her mother's womb, is precious because he or she carries an immortal soul.*

PARENTING TUNE-UP

October is Respect Life month. Are there people in our world that you find difficult to respect? (criminals, people who are lazy or mean, people of a different political persuasion...) Yes, even these are worthy of human respect. Talk to your children about giving respect - even to people they don't like. (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Only 1 leper returned to give thanks to God" (Luke 17:18) Gratitude is a popular poster virtue these days, but inspiration does not always translate into action. Today do 2 acts of gratitude. #1: Notice and thank your beloved for an act of kindness. #2: Note a problem in your life. Turn it around by imagining how it could have been worse. Thank God.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For October 2, 2016

87 Donors Weekly	\$5,648.96
49 Yellow Brick Road.....	\$1,882.50

For October 4, 2015

78 Donors Weekly	\$4,776.00
54 Yellow Brick Road.....	\$1,493.00

GROCERY CARDS



Thanks to **13 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,800.00**. The stores gave us **\$90.00**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.



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"

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
Brent Evans
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

SUNDAY REFLECTION:

Arthur's Arm, Michael's Heart, Jeni's Wedding

One of the lepers, realizing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.
Luke 17: 11-19

Ten years ago, Jeni's father Michael was killed when he was robbed at gunpoint by a 16-year-old, who shot Michael in the head at close range. Michael was walking home from the restaurant where he worked as head chef when he was gunned down. As Michael lay dying in the hospital, Jeni and her family accepted the inevitable and donated his organs through the Center for Organ Recovery and Education. Michael's heart went to Arthur Thomas, a father of four who was within days of dying of congestive heart failure when he received Michael's heart.

The two families stayed in touch over the years - but never met in person. Then Jeni became engaged to Paul last October. As they began planning their wedding, Jeni wondered who would walk her down the aisle. At her fiancé's suggestion, Jeni wrote to Arthur and asked if he would walk her down the aisle at her wedding. "It would be so incredible," Jeni said, "to have a physical piece of my father there." Arthur said yes - after first running the proposition by his own 30-year-old daughter. "She said, 'I think it's a wonderful idea,'" Arthur said of his daughter's reaction, who also recommended that he start practicing walking down the aisle.

Arthur warned Jeni that his emotions might get the better of him. That's OK, Jeni assured him, "I'll be right there with you." The wedding took place this August in the family's parish church is Swissvale, Pennsylvania. Arthur and Jeni formally met the day before, when he suggested she grip his wrist, where his pulse is the strongest. "I thought that would be the best way for her to feel close to her dad. That's her father's heart beating." At the church, the bride was photographed touching Arthur's chest before taking her fiancé's hand.

A simple act of compassion and gratitude makes a family's celebration complete. Lord knows, both families have had more than enough hurt and tragedy in their lives. But both families also possess a measure of gratitude: that Michael's heart was able to give life to another, that Arthur's broken body was able to accept it. Jeni and Paul's wedding becomes a moment to celebrate such reasons for thankfulness. Gratitude is a practice - a way of approaching life - that is grounded in the conviction that God has breathed his life into us for no other reason than love so deep we cannot begin to fathom it, and that the only fitting response we can make to such unexplainable and unmerited love is to stand humbly before God in quiet, humble gratitude. Like the Samaritan leper who gives thanks for the miracle that has taken place in his life, we, too, can be transformed by such joyful gratitude to God once we realize that God makes his loving presence known in every human heart.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Our Diocesan Office for Persons with Disabilities is sponsoring a "Christmas Party" for children and young adults with special needs on Saturday, December 17, 2016 (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm) at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. Please indicate your interest in attending as well as the total number of people in your party by emailing: catholicswithdisabilities@gmail.com or by calling 732-765-6432 as soon as possible.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



The story is told of a farmer who went into town for a little breakfast. As his meal was set before him, he bowed his head and offered a silent prayer. The man at the next table derided him, "Hey, does everybody do that where you come from?" "No," said the farmer. "The pigs don't."

One-liner joke: Q: Have you heard the joke about the butter? A: I better not tell you, it might spread.

GRATITUDE IS AN ATTITUDE

Perhaps the most grateful person I've ever heard of was an old woman in an extended care hospital. She had some kind of wasting disease, her different powers fading away over the march of months. A student of mine happened to meet her on a coincidental visit. The student kept going back, drawn by the strange force of the woman's joy. Though she could no longer move her arms and legs, she would say, "I'm just so happy and grateful to God that I can move my neck." When she could no longer move her neck, she would say, "I'm just so glad and thankful I can hear and see." When the young student finally asked the old woman what would happen if she lost her senses of hearing and sight, the gentle lady said, "I'll just be so grateful that you come to visit." (Rev. John Kavanaugh S. J.)

ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION REMINDER

Election Day 2016 is November 8th, and the deadline to register to vote is October 18th. Re-registration is also required if your name or address has recently changed. To guide you through the registration process, please pick up a voter registration information flyer in the Narthex to guide you through the registration process.

Information concerning voting by mail (sometimes known as an absentee ballot) is also available. Registration and Vote by Mail Application forms for Hunterdon County are also available for those unable to print the referenced forms. Knights of Columbus Nonpartisan National Voter Registration Program.

ARE YOU & FAMILY REGISTERED TO VOTE?

As citizens, voting is one of our most important responsibilities. And as Catholics it is even more critical, as our vote has the power to contribute to the common good, protect the vulnerable, and advance the values and teachings of our faith in society. The registration deadline to vote at the next election is 21 days prior to election day. The 2016 Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. *October 18 is the deadline to register or correct voter registrations.*

The simplest way to register or correct your information is to use the following link: www.state.nj.us/state/elections/form_pdf/voter-regis-forms/76-voter-registration-english-hunterdon.pdf

The link opens an interactive PDF Voter Information Application allowing you to enter information in the shaded area, print the completed form, fold it and mail the form using Business Reply Mail (postage free) to: Hunterdon County Registration office, PO Box 2900 Flemington, NJ 08822-9895

Take a flyer from the Church narthex for more info.

ROUND VALLEY DEANERY TO HOLD YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE ON OCTOBER 16

Please join us at Immaculate Conception Parish in Annandale as we share a year end celebration of the Year of Mercy. In support of Pope Francis' proclamation, all of the parishes of Hunterdon County have joined together to prayerfully celebrate the final months of the Year.

The pilgrimage walk will be held on the grounds of Immaculate Conception Parish, from 3 pm to 5 pm on Sunday October 16, and will be presided over by Bishop Emeritus Paul Bootkoski. The walk will include 5 stations and will culminate by walking through the door of Mercy and the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments will be available following the service.

We encourage all interested parishioners to attend as a family. We are also seeking volunteers to assist on the day of the event, as well those able to provide some of the refreshments. Please contact Lyle Garcia (975-3003) with any questions or if you are able to help with the preparation of the refreshments. We look forward to our community's support of this Deanery wide event.

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN YOUTH CONCERT

Paul J. Kim: Singer / Speaker

Sunday—6 PM October 16, 2016

Following Mass at 4:30 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Tickets are \$10 each. For tickets call or email the youth ministry office 732-529-7931 youthministry@diometuchen.org. Or you can purchase tickets online at: www.diometuchen.org/youthconcert.

For information on Paul J. Kim, visit his webpage at www.pjkmusic.com. Paul J. Kim can be found on facebook, Instagram, twitter and youtube.

ROSARY RALLY FOR WORLD PEACE

Saturday, October 15, 2016

Where: St. Joseph's Church
(meet out front)
59 Main Street
High bridge, NJ

When: Saturday, October 15, 2016
Rain or Shine

Time: 12:00 PM

If you have any questions please call Carol Mowrey at 908-638-4385 or email at riverrat5752@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., October 12 C. Behrens
Wed., October 19 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

October 8 & 9

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

October 15 & 16

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