



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

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Our Parish

- Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
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- Earl Roberts.....Deacon
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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.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 8

8:00 a.m.. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, November 11

7:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, November 12

5:30 p.m. Paul Semczyk, req.
Crescenti Family

Sunday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Michel, req.
Marie and Roger Malone
10:30 a.m. Kyle Hargadon, req.
Connolly Family



Mass Schedule - November 12/13

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Alexa Johnson
Altar Server Brezina Family
Gift Bearers Sheridan Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Lyle Garcia
..... Debby Kelemen, Joann Gardner

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Barbara Martalus
..... Barbara Gates, Bob Martalus

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Steve Bauernfiend
Altar Server Class Mass Altar Servers
Music Eucharistic Minister Bob Sobey
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Dick Wickel, Jane Albert
..... Shirley Pojedinec, Marlene Milko, Cindy Carroll

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 6 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Kelemen Baptism (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
6:30 p.m. Catholic Heart Work Camp Mtg. (Church Center)

Monday, November 7 - Weekday

Tuesday, November 8 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Faith Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, November 9 - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10:30 a.m. Faith Group (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center-Loft)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Mtg. (Seton Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Drexel Room)

Thursday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Friday, November 11 - Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

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

Saturday, November 12 - Saint Josephat, Bishop & Martyr

5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, November 13 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. 6th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)
3:00 p.m. Nativity Practice (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Centers)

"Love proves itself by deeds, and how shall I prove mine? ... I can prove my love only by scattering flowers, that is to say, by never letting slip a single little sacrifice, a single glance, a single word; by making profit of the very smallest actions, by doing them all for love. I want to suffer and even rejoice for love, for this is my way of scattering flowers."

St. Therese of Lisieux



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Gary Bergmann**, and **Bernadette Jenkinson**.

Deceased: **Gary Bergmann**, husband of Kathleen and father of William and Annalee, and **Bernadette Jenkinson**. 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,

Some 160 couples celebrated their Silver and Gold Wedding Anniversaries in the Cathedral Church of St. Francis in Metuchen. This event was coordinated by the Diocesan Office of Family Life. You know by now that I am the director of that Office where I spend two days a week overseeing the various marriage/family related programs in the Diocese of Metuchen. This event was the collaborative effort of various Offices like the Pastoral Life, Worship, Cathedral Choir and Staff, etc. Our Bishop Checchio presided over this event which was an Evening Prayer. The Cathedral was packed with jubilant couples and their families. The Bishop, in his homily, congratulated the couples and spoke of them as "icons" of witnesses and models of married life. It was truly a moment of pride and joy for all of us to see not only couples who celebrated their 25th and 50th wedding anniversary, but also to have some 15 "Gold Plus" couples celebrating their 55th, 60th, 65th and even 70th wedding anniversaries! I personally was very happy that two golden couples of our own parish were present there: Lyle & Bonnie Garcia and Joe & Dorothy Sima. We also have James & Gail Battell and a couple of other parishioners keeping their silver anniversary this year. Please join me in congratulating all these fine parishioners of ours. They certainly are living witnesses of the beauty and nobility of married love to us all.

In this connection, it is good to remember an extra-ordinary event that took place last year: Pope Francis canonized a married couple for the first time in the history of the Church! Louis and Zelig Martin, the parents of the beloved St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Little Flower as she is fondly known), became the first couple-saints who lived an "exemplary life of faith, dedication to ideal values, united to a constant realism, and persistent attention to the poor." Married in 1858, the couple had nine children; four died in infancy and five entered religious life. During their 19-year marriage, the couple was known to attend Mass daily, pray and fast, respect the Sabbath, visit the elderly and the sick, and welcome the poor into their home. Their canonization is a very beautiful sign that provides Christian families a saintly role model. Our parish is blessed with many such wonderful models of husbands and wives who are making sincere efforts to live the commitment they made to each other on their wedding day to be united for life in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. As we salute their faithfulness and willingness to stick together through thick and thin, let us give them every support we can – through our prayers, our encouragement and other ways of helping them.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well.

ANNULMENTS

Information Session

Presented by the Tribunal of the Diocese of Metuchen. For those who have experience a divorce and who wish to learn more about the Annulment process and would like to have common myths dispelled.

Immaculata High School, Somerville
Wednesday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m.
RSVP appreciated: 732-529-7589 or
Tribunal@diometuchen.org.



YOUTH NATIVITY PAGEANT:

Sign-ups for this year's children's Nativity Pageant have begun. All youth from Kdg through 12th grade are invited to participate. The Pageant will be held during the 10:30 Mass on Dec. 11th. Please complete forms as soon as possible so that you can receive music and parts prior to the first practice on Nov 13th. Information and sign up forms can be found in the Narthex, and completed forms may be returned in the Narthex or via email.



BISHOP CHECCHIO INVITES US TO JOIN HIM ON A DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Checchio is leading a diocesan pilgrimage to mark the closing of the Year of Mercy as well as the 35th anniversary of the creation of the Diocese of Metuchen. He cordially invites us to join him on this holy journey to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 19. Many parishes have arranged buses to take their parishioners. If you wish to join this whole day Pilgrimage, we will arrange for you to join some of them. The cost is \$45 which includes dinner. For information and reservations, please contact our parish coordinator, Mary D'Avella via email at mgang8@hotmail.com For additional information visit www.diometuchen.org

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

TRAVELING MARY STATUE



We have a beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary available for home visits throughout the year. Parish families may host this 21" statue of Mary in their homes for a two-week period. During this time, we encourage family prayer as you spend time with Our Lady. In addition to holy days, consider hosting during times of special occasions, remembrances, saint feast days, as well as reception of sacraments. To schedule a visit, contact Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 3



The Holy Communion class will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 3, 11am, in the Church Center. A reception for the children and their families will follow.

6TH GRADE CLASS MASS



Please join our 6th Grade Religious Education students on Sunday, November 13, at 10:30 a.m. as they celebrate their Class Mass. It is a wonderful chance to witness our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy by playing an active role during the Mass.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Jr. High Service Opportunity

The Mission of Life Choices, Inc: to promote and help build healthy families by providing medical services that encourage good pre-natal care, material assistance for families in need, mentoring, and encouraging risk-free behavior in youth.

Life Choices' next painting day will be Nov 12th from 9am to noon. Participants should bring their own brush or rollers if possible although we will have some available. Come to 137-139 Roseberry St, Phillipsburg, NJ on the campus of St Philip and St James school. (St Anne's Center is also listed on Google maps for directions) Call Joan Fasanella to participate: Life Choices, 908-454-2066 ext 4



ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE, PHILADELPHIA

Saturday, November 19, 2016

In announcing the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis called Catholics to embark on "a journey that starts with a spiritual conversion." Bishop Emeritus Bootkoski adds, "there are many simple but impactful ways to foster this inner conversion," including "a pilgrimage to a shrine or significant place." In that spirit, we are announcing our pilgrimage on November 19th to the recently renovated St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia. The Confirmation Class of 2017 will be attending this trip, and the Class of 2016 is also invited. All parishioners are welcome to join the Confirmandi on this annual pilgrimage. The tour includes an inspirational talk and a film, a visit to the shrine, upper church (St. Peter the Apostle) and museum. There is no charge for this tour, only free will donations. If- traveling on your own, you can meet our group at the shrine (1019 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, PA) no later than 1:30 p.m. the day of the trip. Feel free to arrange car pools on your own. We are very fortunate to have the shrine of our parish's patron saint nearby; we hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to join us on this pilgrimage!



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 Nov. 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church and Nov. 20th at 8:00 a.m. at (VV). For more information, contact Renee or JoAnn 832-2162.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Parishioners are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child and prepare a "shoe box" full of presents for a needy child. These will be delivered to poor children around the world along with a booklet in the child's own language telling them about the birth of Jesus, His life and how He saved us. This is an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus and bring joy to a child! All K-6 Religious Education students will be given a brochure with detailed instructions on how to make their "shoe box" present. Extra brochures are available in the narthex for any parishioner wishing to participate in this program. All shoe box gifts should be dropped off in the narthex or office center **no later than November 20th**. Jr. High will be holding its own OCC Packing Party during their gathering on November 13th. Please contact Jo Ann Jarvis or visit samaritanaspurse.org for further information.

CPII PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING

Sunday, November 20, 5:30 p.m.

There will be a meeting of all CPII students (7th graders) and their parents on Sunday, November 20, 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.



Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught it is an invitation to a way of life. **Joe Paprocki**

Consider joining us at Valley View Elementary School on Sunday November 20 at 8:30 AM or Monday November 14th 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

Social Ministry

OUR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES



We have posted some of our food needs in the Narthex and feel free to take a copy home as a reminder while you shop.

For Thanksgiving, we've decided to concentrate on providing foods so that a Thanksgiving meal can be prepared, and a few other items that are staples will be added to the packages. We have also encountered many new individuals and families who need help. Our hope is to provide 25-28 individuals (mostly elderly) and 10-12 families with packages. The individuals require small chickens, Cornish hens or Jenny-O turkey meats, while the families would like large roasting chickens or frozen turkeys. Two important dates to remember: November 13---end of our Thanksgiving drive and December 13---end of our Christmas drive.

We have confidence that our Community will, as always, rise to the occasion and that the Jesus of Here and Now will light up many lives.

Parish News

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE: 2 CORINTHIANS 9

This remarkable passage is a rich mine of material on Christian giving. Paul's instructions about giving are set against the backdrop of the "great collection," Paul's gathering of resources from the Gentiles for the church in Jerusalem. In the previous chapter, Paul introduced the church in Macedonia as a model of healthy, gracious giving. Paul detects an eagerness to give among the Corinthians, but good intentions do not always translate into action. The Macedonians have given generously; now it is time for the Corinthians to do likewise.

As Paul invites the Corinthians to give, he highlights several important truths.

First, Paul is very concerned about their *attitude* toward giving. To Paul, grudging generosity is a contradiction (2 Cor. 9:5). Indeed, Paul wants his churches to give *cheerfully*. In place of the compulsive, guilt-ridden giving that takes place in many churches, Paul demands that we give as Christ, "who for the joy set before him endured the cross" (Heb. 12:2).

Second, Paul wants the church to understand the *effect* their giving creates. The Greek expression for "generous gift" (*eulogia*) commonly refers to an act of blessing (v. 5). Paul picks up this theme at the end of the chapter. Not only does giving have practical effects; it also results in praise and thanksgiving to God and builds up the unity of the church. Corinthian giving, says Paul, will testify to the Jewish believers that Gentile faith is real (v. 13). And the hearts of the Jewish people "will go out to" the Corinthians (v. 14), demonstrating the unity in diversity that marks the church of God.

Third, Paul wants the church to understand the divine action that works through their giving (vv. 6-11). The sowing/reaping metaphor is used extensively in Scripture (see Prov. 11:24-25, 19:17; Luke 6:38; Gal. 6:7). It is tempting, of course, to twist this metaphor into a simplistic health-and-wealth gospel, where financial giving to some kingdom cause assures our own material success. The abuse of this principle by some, however, should not blind us to the reality Paul is teaching here. "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (v. 8). Paul makes no distinction between spiritual and material blessings. He expects that, in a holistic sense, believers will be blessed by God the Giver, even as they bless others through their generous gifts (*eulogia*). It is not difficult, of course, to find Christians in every congregation today who have experienced precisely this dynamic in their own lives.

NOVEMBER 13-19 IS NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

National Bible Week will be celebrated by Catholics across the nation November 13-19. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book of Mercy," builds on this year's observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, declared by Pope Francis.

Is your family's bible located in a public space where it is easy to access? If not consider making the family bible available to all family members. Do you read the bible as a family? Consider opening and reading the bible together as a family one time this week or visit Bishop Barron's Journey of Mercy site.

JOURNEY OF MERCY NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK 2016

The following seven-day Journey of Mercy features the work of Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Bishop Barron's Word on Fire ministry and his beautiful video series on Catholicism have inspired millions of Catholics around the world. Bishop Barron will highlight biblical insights that show how God is Mercy, as well as demonstrating mercy given, mercy received, and mercy lived out.

<http://american-bible-society.journeymaker.org/mercy>



WELCOME

The parish welcomes two families this week. The **Weldon Family** just moved here from Texas, they are Brandon, Julie, Amelia, Emmett and Elijah. **The Kelemen's** are Simon and Debbys' son and daughter-in-law, Kyle and Elizabeth and their children, Caleb, and twins; Sophia and Piper and Rory. Their Photos are displayed in the Narthex so you can recognize them and introduce yourself to them personally.



GROCERY CARDS

Thanks to **18 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,275.00**. The stores gave us **\$113.25**. 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
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: Sweeney's Time Machine Jersey

[The Lord] is not God of the dead but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Luke 20: 27-38

Forty summers later it still sits in his drawer. It is now almost more holes than shirt but it means everything to him. It was given to him by his quiet, tall, older brother who was and remains his hero. He remembers the day his brother gave it to him, "Really, for me?" he gaped. His brother nodded. It was his older brother's college shirt, earned while playing football for Sweeney's, a pub in the town where his brother went to college. Sweeney's closed a long time ago; this may well be the last Sweeney's shirt in existence. Just an old, torn jersey to most, but not to him. He writes:

I'll always have his shirt in a drawer. If I touch it, here he is in the room with me, smiling at how a shirt can make a kid speechless with astonished joy, even forty years later. Isn't that amazing? We hardly ever say how amazing it is that you can freeze time and reverse it and make it caper and spin it back to anywhere anyone you used to be. Isn't that amazing? A snatch of song, a scent, a battered collar, a ratty old pub jersey. So many time machines. Yes, time wins. My brother withered and vanished. Yet here he sits on the edge of the bed snickering at me as the shirt hangs way down past my knees. No religion own resurrections.

The grace of God - the resurrected life of his Christ - can be experienced in this time and place of ours in the gifts of compassion and mercy, of understanding and support that continue long after we realize it. Simple things - like a jersey given from one brother to another - can be signs of such grace, vehicles of love and care that transcends time and space. Resurrection is the promise and hope of our faith as Christians - but resurrection is also an attitude, a perspective for approaching life and sorting out the decisions and complexities of our lives. What the Sadducees do not understand is that God is not about endings but beginnings: God always calls us to start again, to put aside old behaviors and wants and embrace all that is good and affirming about the time we have been given, to live on in the hope that the struggles we encounter in this life are but a prelude to the fullness of joy in the next. And the means for such starting over can be the memories kindled in an old jersey from a long-closed college-town pub.

ADVENT PARISH PRAYER FAMILY

All liked it last year, let's do it again. Please join St. John's Parish Family as we pray for each other during Advent. Three easy steps: 1) pick a card from the basket, 2) Join your family in praying for the members of the family's card that you chose; 3) Bring in a Christmas card for the family you are praying for and place in the Narthex by Dec 18.

If you are a visitor, or not sure if you are on our mailing list from which these family names were obtained, please join in! Pick a card of a family to pray for, write your family members on a card and place it in the basket and also please give us your name and email in case we need to contact you. Feel free to pick up your card in the narthex today - Advent begins Nov 27 and runs through Christmas.

Please remember to bring in a Christmas card so everyone will find out at Christmas who was praying for us.

SMALL FAITH GROUP SESSION & CELEBRATION

November 16th - 7 p.m. Church Center



All Small Faith Groups are invited to come together for a final session for the fall program on November 16th at 7 p.m.

We will begin with individual group sessions and then have a joint conclusion. Afterwards, we will all share refreshments and enjoy some social time! This evening is open to all current participants and to anyone who would like to give small groups a try.



AQUIRE THE FIRE



Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their next meeting on Sunday, November 6th at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall. Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. To join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

THE DEAD LIVES ON.

The film *Amadeus* ends showing the funeral of the great musician Mozart. He died at the age of 35. A genius, he never re-copied his compositions. He never had to make corrections, so the first draft was also the final copy. A genius, he started playing several instruments at the age of four, wrote several symphonies by the age of eight and created at least 528 musical compositions before he died at age 35. He was a genius, whom one authority calls "one of the brightest stars in the musical firmament." What a waste, that he should have died so young! It makes you wonder: is this life all there is? Imagine a beloved spouse, a darling parent or grandparent, a close friend, lying cold in the coffin. Is this life all there is? We try to comfort ourselves with the doctrine of the resurrection. We say: the genius of people like Mozart is not going to be wasted. The love of dear ones - the squeeze of their hands and the music in their voices - that love will be enjoyed in even greater intensity. ***A Sadducee in Jesus' time might say, "I don't believe it; the doctrine is absurd." That was the point the Sadducees wanted to make by challenging Jesus with an absurd story of a woman who married seven husbands, in today's Gospel.***

THE EPITAPH OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

In one of his lighter moments, Benjamin Franklin (one of the most important Founding Fathers of the United States: author, political theorist, politician, printer, scientist, inventor, civic activist, and diplomat), penned his own epitaph. It seems he must have been influenced by Paul's teaching on the resurrection of the body. Here's what he wrote: *The Body of B. Franklin, the former printer lies here, food for worms, like the cover of an old book: its contents torn out, and stripped of its lettering and gilding. But the work shall not be wholly lost: for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new & more perfect edition, corrected and amended by its Author.*

TRICKY TRAY THANKS

It is with great pleasure that the Tricky Tray Committee announces the final profits for the Tricky Tray event to be \$10,300.00. This night could not have been as successful without the generosity of many of our St. John's community who gave their time and talents to this event, worked the night of the event, brought family and friends to the event and donated the gifts for prizes. So many of you gave your time and energy that we cannot possibly name you all. A special thanks to our 18 young Runners who carried gifts to all our winners. Thank you from the Tricky Tray Team, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca, Susanne Kosakowski, Liz Livoti, Kay Dabrowski, Susan Kuhn and Ana Giametta.

☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺

A singing group called "The Resurrection" was scheduled to sing at a Church. When a big snowstorm postponed the performance, the pastor fixed the outside sign to read, "The Resurrection is postponed."

A pastor was asked by one of the presidential candidates, "Name something my government can do to help your church if I am elected president." The pastor replied, "Quit making one-dollar bills."

A One-liner Joke: Q: Why was the Math book sad? A: Because it had too many problems.

CHWC RICHMOND 2016 SUMMARY VIDEO

Just a reminder that we will be showing the summary video (that we missed because of our insanely early departure) on Sunday, November 6 at 7:00pm in the church. All teens and parents are welcome and first-time participants for 2017 are encouraged to join us to learn more about our week of service. The video is about 25 minutes and a short question and answer will follow. Any questions contact Mary Connolly at 908-930-0784 or mandmconnolly@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The election is at hand. The USA is divided and tired. Is it possible to love and respect those with different political opinions? Consider how you resolve serious differences of opinion with your spouse. What does it mean to 'love your enemy' when it feels like fellow citizens are the enemy? Learn from your marriage. We must go on living together.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

It's nice periodically to remember family members who have died. This need not be a sad or gruesome task but rather a way to celebrate the goodness and lessons learned from relatives who have gone before us. Familiarize your children with their deceased relatives by creating a litany of their names and good qualities. (Susan Vogt)

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November 5 & 6

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8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn
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10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 11/6 B. Sobey
Week of 11/13 M. Proano

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