

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
- 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, November 15

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

Friday, November 18

7:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, November 19

5:30 p.m. Joan Megow, req.
Tim Barrow

Sunday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Emily Engallena, req.
Mary and Pete Cangelosi
10:30 a.m. Evie Collins, req.
Brynildsen Family



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, November 14 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. SHIP (Church/Office Kitchen)
6:00 p.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Office/Church Center)

Tuesday, November 15 - Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, November 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland, Saint Gertrude, Virgin

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center-Loft)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group Celebration (Church Center)

Thursday, November 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

7:00 p.m. Set up Boxes for Food Pickup (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; USA: Saint Rose, Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

7:00 a.m. NO MASS
1:30 p.m. Girl Scout Cookie Bake-Packup (Church Kitchen)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Pickup Thanksgiving Food Baskets (Church)

Mass Schedule - November 19/20

Saturday	Youth Mass	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace	
Reader	Youth Mass Reader	
Altar Server	Youth Mass Altar Servers	
Gift Bearers	Leyden Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joan Eacovalle	
.....	Mary D'Avella, Violetta Olesiak	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Alan Piechowski	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Debby Kelemen	
.....	Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anthony DeStefano	
Altar Server	DeStefano Family	
Gift Bearers.....	D'Andrea Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Sobey, Anita Sawczuk	
.....	Sheena Carew, Donna Torczon, Ana Giametta	

Saturday, November 19 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Food Deliveries (Church Center)
11:45 a.m. St. John Neumann Shrine Trip (Philadelphia)
5:30 p.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Youth Night (Church Center)

Sunday, November 20 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe / Campaign for Human Development

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Valley View School)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
3:00 p.m. Nativity Practice (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. CPII Parent Candidate Meeting (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Centers)

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.**

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

Thank you to many who told me personally of your appreciation of the Stewardship Homily I gave last Sunday for the first time since I became pastor of this great Community of St. John Neumann. I felt glad to hear remarks, desires and decisions about increased giving to God through our Church. Yet, I am fully aware that those who want to live as Christian disciples and Christian stewards face serious obstacles. The dominant secular culture often contradicts religious convictions about the meaning of life. This culture frequently encourages us to focus more on ourselves and our pleasures and less on giving and reaching out in compassion. Reminding ourselves on what God teaches us is the right anti-dote to this negative tendency. Hence there will be some "call to action" reminders through witness/sharing by our own parishioners, response opportunities and some reflection each Sunday, especially in the bulletin, on Stewardship in the light of God's Word. You too are welcome to contribute by sharing your own experience. Thanks to Joanne Fabiano for her testimony in the bulletin.

Last Sunday we prayed for the Veterans and this is the Veterans Day weekend. Our Parish was the first in the Diocese for taking the initiative for the Apostolate for the Military and Veterans Families by hosting the inter-church celebration at our church three years ago. Let us continue our spiritual and material support to this noble cause as we remember and thank all those who honorably served in the military – in war time or peace time.

It is good to remember that November is also National Adoption Awareness month, though it is less recognized and celebrated than other social awareness campaigns. The focus is finding loving, permanent homes for the foster children who are waiting to be adopted. Sadly, in the United States each year more than 20,000 children age out of the foster care without being adopted and knowing a forever family. A significant number of these teenagers have no other recourse than to become homeless and live on the street. The Diocese of Metuchen, like other dioceses across the nation, has been offering adoption services that benefited so many children. Our own parish has families who have been blessed with the gift of children from God through adoption. Their admirable generosity has given new life, love and hope to the children they have adopted. They deserve our support for their courageous witness of adoption that reminds us that every life is in the plan of God. All of us can take comfort from this line that God told Jeremiah: "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." (Jeremiah 1:5) Reflect on its meaning for ourselves and for others.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

REMEMBERING THE LIVING & THE DEAD IN OUR PRAYERS

This month of November has a special focus on remembering our departed dear ones in prayer. We are entrusting both the living and the departed into God's loving care. Some practical ways we can do this:

- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time
- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away
- Enter the names of those of your family/friends who need prayers in the Book of Remembrance (in the narthex)
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about
- Offer some small sacrifice for the conversion of someone far from Christ and the Church.

"O my God, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward, but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. Amen."
St. Ignatius of Loyola



33rd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."

2 THESSALONIANS 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their actions and words, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and other people desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others have with the Catholic faith.

WRAP PRESENTS AND BE PRESENT

Advent is the season we prepare for Christmas. We shop, bake, decorate, shop, cook, and visit till we are ready to drop. This is all part of the season, but at its heart, Advent is about getting ready to encounter Jesus. A free email program from Dynamic Catholic will help you slow down and focus on what really matters during this busy season. Sign up at: BestAdventEver.com



Stewardship

A Way of Life

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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.

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.



ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE TRIP, 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

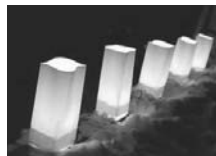
Faith Formation is more than a subject to be taught it is an invitation to a way of life.
Joe Paprocki

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 Jo Ann 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 samaritanspurse.org for further information.



IT'S TIME TO PASS THE TORCH

(actually the Christmas Luminaries)

We are seeking a family who would like to begin their own Christmas Eve tradition. What began as a service project when our boys were young, grew into family tradition lasting into their college years. Our family has enjoyed preparing the luminaries and placing them out on the church driveway for the Christmas Eve Masses. The boys are grown and starting out on their own and we have decided to pass the torch to an interested family. You will find it's a fun and meaningful family tradition that you will all share in to help ready the Church for the celebration of Christmas. If you are interested in this experience with your family for Christmas 2016 or would like more information, please contact us now or the parish office. We are happy to lend you a hand if needed! Linda and Hunt Patterson @ 537-9488 or the parish office @ 832-2513.



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"

Social Ministry



YOUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A word of thanks to all who have purchased food for the Thanksgiving Dinners we are providing and to all of those who have promised to help in the packing (Nov. 18) and distribution of the food (Nov. 19). There are a few items that we still need:

Coffee and Tea **Cranberry Sauce** **Juice**
Turkey/Chicken Gravy **Canned Yams** **Snacks**

We are also in need of: **Large Turkeys, Cornish Hens, small Jenny-O turkey meat packages, Small Chickens.** The Carriage House will be open from 7- 7,M-F

These can be placed in the Kitchen Freezer or the Carriage House freezer

Please get the entire family involved so that it will be a lesson learned about the Jesus of Here and Now, who resides in our community.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex. We need your help to make a difference in the lives of so many challenged by their circumstances. We are supporting six different organizations this year: Anderson House, Freedom House, Little Brook Nursing Home, Newton's Guest House, SHIP and St. John's individuals and families in need. Some tags have more than one gift listed, feel free to purchase one or more of the gifts on the tag.

Please:

1. **Take a tag from the Tree.**
2. **Sign it out on the appropriate Log Sheet.**
3. **Purchase and wrap your gift, attaching the tag you took as the label.**
4. **Drop off your gift in the Narthex or the Seton Room by Sunday, Dec. 4th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Porto at 908-832-9820 or kporto@aol.com. Thanks for your generous giving!

PUMPKIN PIES FOR SHIP



The SHIP's galley soup kitchen is in need of 30 pumpkin pies for their Thanksgiving meal. We have provided these pies for several years now using pumpkins from the Project Earth Garden. Unfortunately the vine borers destroyed the plants this year. If you can donate a pie, contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org by Monday, Nov. 21.

SMALL FAITH GROUP SESSION & CELEBRATION

Nov. 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.

Parish News

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 13th Cheesecake and Dessert Orders Due
 - November 16th Small Faith Group Session & Celebration
 - December 2nd First Friday Holy Hour 6pm at Residence
 - December 2nd Tasting Event 7pm at Church
 - December 4th 50/50 Raffle Drawing after the 10:30 Mass
 - November 27th (of before) Take an Advent Prayer card to pray for
 - December 18th Return a Christmas card for the families you prayed for
- Scrip Cards can be ordered for Christmas Gifts and Shopping (forms in Narthex)



MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Are you both healthy? Hopefully yes, but in any marriage there are times when one spouse gets sick. Whether it's a simple cold or serious illness how do you like to be treated when you're not feeling well. Do you want to be left alone or get lots of tender, loving care? What kind of care? (Susan Vogt)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

November is National Adoption Month. Whether or not your own children are adopted, talk with them about the generosity of those who adopt, foster parent, or simply mentor children who are not biologically connected to them.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
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
Jay Heyman
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
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: Writing a "last letter"

"The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down . . . "
Luke 21: 5-19

He was a Marine combat veteran who had lived on a staple diet of *Semper Fi* and studied silence all his life. A proud and stoic man, he was admitted to the hospital when the cancer became too much. Every day his wife visited him and spent many hours at his bedside watching him watch television. He had never been much of a talker in their 50-plus years of marriage.

But he was far more forthcoming with his doctor, especially when it became clear that his days were numbered. He spoke of his deep regret for not having spent enough time with his wife, whom he loved very much, and of his great pride in his son, who had joined the Marines in his father's footsteps. Later, the doctor mentioned the conversation in passing to his wife and son. They were incredulous and didn't believe him. They thanked him for his kindness, but said their husband and father they knew was incapable of expressing such sentiments.

The doctor did not want this moment to be missed. So, the next morning, the doctor asked his patient if he could record an open letter from him to his family. The patient agreed. When the doctor gave the recording to his wife and son, they were moved to tears.

The experience inspired the Stanford Friends and Family Letter Project. With guidance from seriously ill patients and families from diverse racial and ethnic groups, Stanford has developed a template for helping people write "last letters" to their families, centered around seven tasks: acknowledging important people in our lives; remembering treasured moments; apologizing to those we may have hurt; forgiving those who have hurt us; and saying "Thank you," "I love you," and "Goodbye."

Once the letter is written, the writer can choose to share it with his or her loved ones right away; or the writer can store it in a safe place or with a trusted individual to be given to the family in the future. Some people update the letter over time, a kind of "legacy in progress." It takes courage and vision to write such a letter - especially when one's death seems far, far into the future. But it's the most important letter we may ever write - too important to leave for the last minute.

We foolishly believe that somehow death does not apply to us, that we are invincible, that we will go on forever. But, as Jesus warns us in the terrifying images of today's Gospel, the time we are given in this life is precious - God gives us this gift of life to embrace and be embraced by the love that is uniquely of God. Love is our true legacy: the most important gifts we leave behind are our compassion, forgiveness, mercy and consolation. So think about what you would want your loved ones to read as you take your leave from this life - and begin living that legacy of love and care. And then write on.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY & A FOOTBALL GAME

The tendency of popular culture today is to avoid thinking about the last things, the great truths like death and judgment. Popular culture tells us to enjoy ourselves while we can here on earth and not to worry about the bigger story. That is completely backwards. It's like telling a football player to enjoy his game by sitting on the sidelines and working on a suntan. A football player enjoys the game by playing hard and doing his best to win. He knows that the fourth quarter is right around the corner, and the clock is winding down, and the last minute will soon run out. And when it does, when he makes his way into the locker room - sweaty, bruised, exhausted - he wants only two things: to know that he has won, and to know that he pushed himself as hard as he could to do his part well. Jesus is reminding us that our lives are like that. They will come to an end. The fourth quarter is on its way. But there is a difference. A football player can give his all individually, and his team can still lose. On his way to the locker room he can be satisfied with his own performance, but disappointed at the outcome. But that's not the case with us. If we play well, we win - automatically. If a Christian gives his all, if a Christian spends his life fighting to be more like Christ each day, in spite of hardship and persecution, in spite of opposition and enemies, then victory is assured.

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL OF JOANNE FABIANO

Good Morning! I am Joanne Fabiano and Fr. Abraham asked us to share a few words on what Stewardship means to us. We have been members of St. John's for 18 years. Our first foray into stewardship was participation in the Baptism Team. That experience allowed us to introduce the process to expectant couples and make friendships with families what we may have never gotten to know. Since that time, Paul and I have participated or still participate in ministries such as catechesis, the auction, pastoral council and connxions. This stewardship has deepened my faith, spirit and friendships.

In St. Paul's second letter to the Corinthians (9:6-7), we read: "*The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver....*". I have to say, that at times this is difficult. Life is busy. It's easier to say no or not to volunteer but Jesus challenges us to use our gifts provided. And what I have found is that when giving freely, the benefits are truly bountiful; bountiful to the recipients and to the giver. The friends we have made through our stewardship enriches our lives. We view St. John's as our second home – our extended family.

As we keep the Stewardship weekend, consider sharing your time, talent and treasure, knowing the positive outcomes. In our experience, our children learned to share and provide help for others. It could be as simple as bringing up the donations or gifts at Mass or opening the doors after Mass as a way to involve our youngest members. This grows into helping in the garden or auction, therefore planting the seeds of stewardship at a young age. Now our children are old enough to help with Interfaith Hospitality, Catholic Heart Work Camp to help others in need.

We feel blessed with our family, a caring community in St. John's and we continue to reach out to the broader community. Give of yourself what you can, in time, talent and treasure, sharing gifts and making a difference in the world for the better. Thank you.

HAPPINESS MATHEMATICS!

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😊 SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY 😊

It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, 'What are you charged with?' The prisoner replied, 'Doing my Christmas shopping too early.' 'That's no crime', said the magistrate. 'Just how early were you doing this shopping?' 'Before the shop opened', answered the prisoner

As my five-year-old son and I were heading to McDonald's one day, we passed a car accident. Usually when we see something terrible like that, we say a prayer for whoever might be hurt, so I pointed and said to my son, "We should pray." From the back seat I heard his earnest voice: "Dear God, please don't let those cars block the entrance to McDonald's."

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For November 6, 2016

100 Donors Weekly \$5,257.55
49 Yellow Brick Road \$1,516.00

For November 8, 2015

83 Donors Weekly \$4,832.00
54 Yellow Brick Road \$1,289.00



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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"In fact, it is good never to forget that mercy is not an abstract word, but a style of life.

It is one thing to speak of mercy and another to live mercy.

Paraphrasing the words of Saint James the Apostle, we can say: mercy without works is dead in itself. It is in fact thus!" Pope Francis

STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., November 16 M. D'Avella
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Church Center Plant Watering

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