

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

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Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus

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- Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
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Worshipping at:

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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 22

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

Thursday, November 24

9:30 a.m. Halina Fisch,
Barbara Czajkowska,
Mary Wybranski, req.
Olesiak Family

Friday, November 25

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 26

5:30 p.m. Michael Tomaro, req.
Marie and Roger Malone

Sunday, November 27

8:00 a.m. Edwin Bianco, req.
France Kennedy
10:30 a.m. Frances Mattiello, req.
Mary and Pete Cangelosi



Parish Calendar

Sun., Nov. 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. CPlI Parent Candidate Meeting (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Centers)

Mon., Nov. 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tues., Nov. 22 - Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:15 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

Wed., Nov. 23 - Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columbian, Abbot; Blessed Miquel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

Office Closes at 12:00 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day / Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

Fri., Nov. 18 - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr

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

Sat., Nov. 26 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sun., Nov. 20 - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
3:00 p.m. Nativity Practice (Church Center)



Remembered at Mass

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

Deceased: Joseph Aulert, uncle of Brandon Aulert, and **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.

Mass Schedule - November 24/26/27

Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Chris Bitters	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Lance, Barbara Gates, 1 needed	
Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	David Geerinck	
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family	
Gift Bearers.....	Bernard Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Violetta Olesiak	
.....	Donna Torczon, Joann Gardner	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Jim Murray	
Altar Server	Evanko Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Klawunn	
.....	Tom Klawunn, 1 needed	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Steve Carroll	
Altar Server	Brisson Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mark Brisson	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Cindy Carroll, Ana Giametta	
.....	Anita Sawczuk, Dick Wickel, Sheena Carew	

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

Why do we all so eagerly look forward to Thanksgiving? It is because it brings together families. Even the most distant families know the importance of coming together at this time. Some may make light of the occasion and say It is because this is one occasion when you don't have to buy gifts for anyone or that it is a precursor to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, the holy grails of holiday sales. But for the Pilgrim settlers in Massachusetts, it was a serious matter of thanking the creator for survival. The winter death of 44 of the original 102 colonists and the lack of food had disheartened them. The next summer's crop brought them hope and new life. They believed God had given them a new lease on life. They had many reasons to give thanks to God: for His provision for them in helping them find 20 acres of cleared land, for the fact that there were no hostile Indians in that area, for their new found religious freedom, and for God's provision of an interpreter to the Indians in Squanto. Along with the feasting and games involving the colonists and more than 80 friendly Indians (who added to the feast by bringing wild turkeys and venison), prayers, sermons, and songs of praise were important in the celebration.

We can appreciate Thanksgiving only in comparison. Last week our Junior High students participated in the Operation Christmas Child program packing shoebox gifts to bless children in need around the world. They packed socks, pens, pencils, erasers, lipsticks etc. All of these are ordinary things that we have in plenty here but are luxuries for children in many parts of the world. The goal of "The Samaritan's Purse," the international relief agency who organizes this program in over 100 countries, is to lead these children to experience the love of God in Jesus Christ. The videos we showed our students showed how ecstatic and grateful these poor children were for the shoe-box gifts. Our Junior High students learned how the ordinary things we take for granted, are prized possessions to the children in poor countries.

Hence Thanksgiving is a time for us to be conscious of the abundance of blessings from the Lord and to ask: are we truly grateful to God who is the author of these blessings? Do we express our gratitude to others who have made our life easy and meaningful through their presence and help? St. Paul wrote: **"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)**. Come and experience our special Mass on Thanksgiving Day morning. That will bring meaning and extra contentment to the rest of our Thanksgiving celebrations.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER WE CAN USE

We thank and praise You, our Heavenly Father, for establishing and preserving our nation in freedom, for giving us a rich land in which to dwell, and for providing us with an abundance of the fruits of the earth. In order that we might live in peace and be good stewards of all that You provide, grant us Your grace to recognize Your gifts and to live as good citizens. Give us grace to offer You ourselves as living sacrifices to the glory of Your holy name and the betterment of mankind. Of all Your many blessings, chief among them is the peace we have with You on account of the precious Blood of Jesus Christ shed for us for the full remission of all our sins. We thank You for Your great love in sending Your Son to be our Savior, in calling us out of our rebellion and into fellowship with Him. We give You thanks that You have done this apart from any worthiness in us.

Forgive us for those times when we grow complacent in Your love, not living out our baptismal identity but instead taking Your gifts for granted. As the great day of Christ's return draws ever closer, teach us each day to cling to You, that we may on the Last Day stand eternally before Your throne, giving You our unending thanks and praise; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 20, 2016

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Come join in giving thanks on Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:30am. Fr. Abraham and the Parish Staff wish you and your family a wonderful time in thanksgiving for the blessing we have received.

"Much that is true of human relationships is also true of our relationship with God. Human relationships of friendship or marriage need time, attention, and care for them to continue and to grow. The same is true of our relationship with God. We have been called to union but we need to respond." Ralph Martin

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

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.

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.

CLASS MASS GRADE 6



Thank you to all the six grade students who enthusiastically participated in the celebration of Mass on Sunday. It is wonderful to watch the students grow in faith as they become active member of the parish community.



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 during the adult faith sharing portion of the family faith formation program at Valley View Elementary School on Sunday, December 11th, at 8:30 AM or Monday, December 12th, in the Church Center at 6:30 PM. 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**. Please contact Jo Ann Jarvis or visit samaritanspurse.org for further information.

ADVENT CALENDAR



Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. Advent calendars were distributed to each family this month as a great way to focus as a family on the meaning of Christmas. Remember to use your calendar this Advent season!

Social Ministry

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.



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!

DONATIONS TO NEWARK FAMILIES

Many of you donated clothing to the children in Newark who lost their homes and all of their possessions. Please checkout the table at the Social Ministry station in the Narthex to see if there is an envelope addressed to your family. Take it home and share the good tidings! Bless you all !



ADVENT PARISH PRAYER FAMILY

Advent Starts Next Week – Pick Your Cards Today

Please join us praying for each other during Advent. Three easy steps: 1) pick a few cards from the basket, 2) Join your family in praying for the members of the families' cards that you chose; 3) Bring in a Christmas card for the families 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.

Remember to bring in a Christmas card to the families you prayed for so we all get to enjoy knowing who prayed for us.

WHAT WILL YOU GIVE BACK TO GOD

from the blessings you have received?

"The readings this weekend make it clear that life is not easy. All the things that we work for seem to come to an end. Warnings about tribulations are not meant to scare us but to orient us towards the right use of every material thing we have. Do we allow the trials of this life to weigh us down or lift and challenge us? Do you give up and walk away, or step forward and give your all? God's Word reminds us:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with first fruits of all your produce; then will your barns be filled with plenty, with new wine your vats will overflow."

Proverbs 3:9-10

A Catholic's comment: "We are called to work in the world without getting caught up in the concerns and cares of the world. We are called to possess lightly. It all belongs to God"

TAI CHI FOR MEDITATION AND HEALTH

The Prayer Ministry Team of the Parish will be presenting a six week series entitled "Tai Chi for Meditation". Sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning on January 11 and ending on February 15. Sessions will be held in the Church Center, beginning at 7 pm.

The sessions will include the Eight Brocades of Silk, a sequence which encompasses eight posture positions, helpful in promoting health, relaxation, personal meditation, and breathing techniques. Depending upon group interest, we may introduce the initial elements of the "24 Form", a more complex and physically active set of movements which encourage more physically active meditation.

Space is limited to 20 parishioners, sign up early by contacting Bonnie Garcia at 908-975-3003 or bonnie.garcia210@yahoo.com.

There will be a \$5 charge per session.

THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses;

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes;

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears;

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on God instead of yourself.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. 27th *Take an Advent Prayer card to pray for*

Dec. 2nd *First Friday Holy Hour 6pm at Residence*

Dec. 2nd *Tasting Event 7pm at Church*

Dec. 4th *50/50 Raffle Drawing after 10:30 Mass*

Dec. 6th *Christmas Flower Orders are Due*

Dec. 18th *Return a Christmas card for the families you prayed for*

Scrip Cards can be ordered for Christmas Gifts and Shopping (forms in Narthex)

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



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, Nov 27th at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall. Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. Save the date for our next meeting on Sunday, Dec 18th. To join the list please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Trip down Memory Lane #15. In every human life eventually tragedy strikes. It may not be life threatening or frequent, but it causes us to pause and reflect. What has been a significant misfortune of your life together so far? How do you support each other. (Susan Vogt)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

November 20 is the feast of Christ the King, but Jesus rejected kingship and modeled "servant leadership." Kings have armies and thus power to enforce what they want. Servants excel in listening and seek to serve others' needs. Good leaders inspire. Talk with your children about the difference between a King, a Servant, and a Leader.

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
Helen Gallagher
Sophie Geist
Marion Hergert
Jay Heyman
Fred Holub
Barbara Jiroushek
Lou Livoti
Iole Matthews
Dick McCall
Maggie McKeon
Jan McLeavey
Christine Meyer
Fran Miceli
Danny Mulvey
Joan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Floyd Opdyke
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Anne & Joe Sacco
Diane Siti
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

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY: Reconnecting two churches

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Luke 22: 35-43

In Macon, Georgia, there are two First Baptist churches, one black and one white. They sit almost back-to-back, separated by a small park, on a hill overlooking downtown Macon. About 170 years ago they were one congregation, made up of masters and slaves. But as the conflict over abolition and slavery raged across America leading to the Civil War, the Macon Baptist Church decided to separate by race in 1845. Ever since - through Jim Crow, the Civil Rights movement, desegregation and beyond - the division endured. Then two years ago the new pastor of the white church had lunch with the pastor of the black church. As they talked, an idea took shape: Could their two congregations, neighbors for so long, become friends? Could they take the first steps to bridge the stubborn divide of race?

The two pastors realized they were up against a painful and tumultuous backdrop: the massacre at a historic black church in Charleston, South Carolina; the much-publicized deaths of blacks at the hands of law enforcement; the sniper killing of police officers in Dallas. But the pastors resolved to move ahead. The two church's first activity together was modest but symbolically significant. For years, each congregation held its own Easter egg hunt in the same park behind their churches, each at different times. Last year, they met there together. All the kids had a ball. The churches combined other activities - a book drive, a Thanksgiving potluck supper, an outing for youth to Orlando. Members of both churches said they had been waiting decades for such a reunion. Many congregants had never even stepped inside the other church - and were surprised to see that their sanctuaries had nearly the same design, with vaulted ceilings that resembled the hull of a ship. Participants were so moved that they had tears in their eyes.

Their churches' most ambitious joint effort begins this fall: a series of joint discussions on racism in the United States and its role in the histories of their two congregations. The pastors explain that "this is not a conversation of blame, but of acceptance and moving forward. What will govern how quickly we move is when there is a certain level of understanding of the past." The two congregations see this moment is a unique opportunity in their histories. Despite the pain and challenges - and risks - ahead of them, they're ready to move forward. Together.

These two churches, separated for so long by race, have begun to rebuild Christ's Kingdom. In the many confrontations and divisions we experience, the love of God reconnects us, heals the rifts and bridges the chasms that separate us from one another - and in doing so, we realize the reign of God's beloved Son in this time and place of ours. On this last Sunday of the Church year, we honor Christ the King whose kingdom knows neither boundaries nor walls, neither castes nor classes; Christ the King whose rule is one of humble service; Christ the King whose crown is compassion, whose scepter is humility, whose tribute is forgiveness and reconciliation. May our own church be inspired by what these two congregations in Georgia have undertaken, that our own efforts to follow Christ's Gospel of compassionate servanthood and humble generosity make us all worthy to be citizens of his eternal kingdom.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Susan C. Kimber, in a book called *Christian Woman*, shares a funny piece of advice she received from her little son: "Tired of struggling with my strong-willed little son, Thomas, I looked him in the eye and asked a question I felt sure would bring him in line: 'Thomas, who is in charge here?' Not missing a beat, he replied, 'Jesus is, and not you Mom.'

It was Thanksgiving season in the nursing home. The small resident population had been gathered around their humble Thanksgiving table, and the director asked each in turn to express one thing for which he or she was thankful. Thanks were expressed for a home in which to stay, families, etc. One little old lady, when her turn came, said, "I thank the Lord for two perfectly good teeth left in my mouth, one in my upper jaw and one in my lower jaw. They match so well that I can chew my food."

CAN I PRACTICE SUCH 'THANK YOU'?

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) told this story in an address to the National Prayer Breakfast in 1994. "One evening several of our Sisters went out, and we picked up four people from the street. One of them was in a most terrible condition. So I told the other Sisters, "You take care of the other three: I will take care of this one who looks the worst." So I did for the woman everything that my love could do. I cleaned her and put her in bed, and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hands and said two words in her language, Bengali: "Thank you." Then she died. *I could not help but examine my conscience. I asked myself, "What would I say if I were in her place?" My answer was simple. I would have tried to draw a little attention to myself. I would have said, "I am hungry, I am dying, I am in pain." But the woman gave me much more; she gave me grateful love, dying with a grateful smile on her face. It means that even those with nothing can give us the gift of thanks.*"

CAN NON-CHRISTIANS ENTER HEAVEN?

Do we still believe in Limbo? Can a Protestant receive Communion in our church? Do you want to know the answer to these and other such questions? Try our one night Bible Study to explore interesting topics! Join us on Tuesday December 6 at 7:14 p.m. for a one hour discussion with Fr. Abraham to discuss topics you have been curious about.

YOU ARE WITH HIM, GO ON IN

A few years ago, Pastor Erwin Lutzer and his daughters were visiting Washington, D.C. While there, they met a man who served on former President Bush's Secret-Service security team. The gentleman offered to give them a guided tour of the Oval Office. Pastor Lutzer and his daughters passed through many security checkpoints the next day on the way to the Oval Office. At each checkpoint, they expected to be searched and questioned. But instead, the guards took one glance at the Secret-Service man and announced, "You are with him; go on in." Pastor Lutzer wrote that he expects our entrance into Heaven will be like that. We will have no credentials of our own that could possibly get us in. But Jesus will be walking along beside us. And at each gate, the angels will take one look at Jesus and announce, "You're with Him: go on in."



4TH ANNUAL TASTING EVENT - DON'T MISS OUT

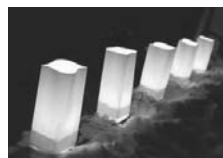
December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Great Food - Wine - Chocolate - Vendors - Music

Only 2 weeks left to get your tickets for this Event.

\$35 per person, tickets available after Mass or at the office.

For more information contact 908-832-2207 or St. John's 908-832-2513



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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For November 13, 2016

70 Donors Weekly \$3,588.00
 10 Yellow Brick Road \$295.00
 42 Automated Giving \$8,532.50
 32 YBR Automated Giving.. \$1,735.00

For November 15, 2015

85 Donors Weekly \$3,801.25

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

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." — Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, Roman Catholic bishop, orator, radio-broadcaster and author



WELCOME

The Kelemen family recently welcomed now celebrate their youngest son Rory's baptism on Nov 6. Kyle and Elizabeth and their children, Caleb, twins: Sophia and Piper and Rory.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., November 30 J. Santoro
 Thurs., December 1 L. Caprio

Store Cards

November 19 & 20

5:30 p.m.. C. Crescenti
 8:00 a.m. M. Kearns
 10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

November 26 & 27

5:30 p.m.. B. Cestone
 8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski
 10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 11/20 J. Sieber
 Week of 11/27 C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

November 25 Team E
 December 2 Team F

Altar Flowers

November 19 M. Connolly
 November 24 M. Sawczuk

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