

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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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.***

Diocese of Metuchen

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Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen
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Office Hours

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Friday.....9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Worship at Church Center:

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:
390 County Road 513

Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Friday.....8:00 a.m.

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 21

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Thursday, January 23

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Friday, January 24

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Saturday, January 25

5:30 p.m. Marie Caprio, req.
Gary and Linda Caprio

Sunday, January 26

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Barry Catanzerita, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

SAVE THE DATE CHANGE!

The Concert date has changed to:
Sunday, March 22



Mark your calendars to enjoy uplifting music performed by Darren O'Neill and Katie Meo Cudworth to benefit St. John Neumann.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Catholic Education Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

Monday, January 20 - Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr / Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21 - Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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

Wednesday, January 22 - Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Thursday, January 23 - Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Office and Church Kitchens)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Friday, January 24 - Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Saturday, Jan. 25 - Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle

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

Mass Schedule - January 25/26

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk
Reader M. Connolly
Altar Server Lowary Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... J. Gardner
..... M. Connolly, 1 Needed

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk
Reader J. Ross
Altar Server Connery Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... J. Sima
..... D. Sima, M. Perez Proano

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk
Reader M. D'Avella
Altar Server Needed
Music Eucharistic Minister D. Geerinck
Ministers of the Eucharist..... M. Milko, B. Sobey
..... S. Carew, D. Royal, 1 Needed

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you are gluten conscious or need to avoid gluten contact France Kennedy to discuss receiving low gluten host at Mass. We are happy to provide you the information on actual composite of the host and advise you of how to arrange receiving the host at Mass. fkennedy@ccsjn.org

Sunday, January 26 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Soltesz Baptism (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
12:00 p.m. CPI & CPII Souper Bowl of Caring Service Project (Church Center Kitchen)

The Office will be closed on Monday, January 20th for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Michael Fabiano, Sr., Judith Strandberg, Albert Bocchino, Lillian LaBuda, and Marie Costa.**

Deceased: **Michael Fabiano, Sr.** father of Paul Fabiano, **Judith Strandberg**, cousin of Suzanne Kosakoski, **Albert Bocchino**, uncle of Pete Cangelosi, **Lillian LaBuda**, aunt of Phil Farrell and **Marie Costa**, friend of Silakowski 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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Harriet

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world . . ." *John 1: 29-34*

Among the year's most powerful and rousing movies is **Harriet**, the story of Harriet Tubman, one of the most extraordinary freedom fighters in American history. She's played with passion and grit by actress Cynthia Erivo.

She was born Araminta Ross on a farm in Buckstown, Maryland, in 1849. As a young woman of 27, she is promised her freedom in the will of the owner of her estate. The heirs, however, renege on that promise and plan to sell Araminta — "Minty" as she is called — "down river" to a plantation in the Deep South where she would be forever separated from her husband and family. Despite the odds against her, Minty pulls off a daring escape, even leaping from a bridge when she is cornered by the dogs and men on horseback who are quite literally hunting her down. At great risk, Minty makes it to Philadelphia, building a new life for herself with the help a supportive community of black abolitionists. As many emancipated slaves would do, Minty takes a new name to mark her new life as a free woman: Harriet.

But Harriet can't rest easy, knowing that her people continue to endure doomed lives as slaves. So she returns again and again to Maryland's Eastern Shore, often in disguise, to guide other slaves — including her parents and sister — to freedom. The dangers increase with each trip — but so does Harriet's guile and resourcefulness.

Harriet Tubman would make 13 missions and guide 70 slaves to freedom, becoming one of the most successful conductors on the "Underground Railroad."

Harriet's success in bringing slaves to freedom makes her a marked woman in slave states. As slaveholders increase the bounty on her, Harriet's friends in Philadelphia urge her not to return to Maryland. But Harriet will not hear of it.

"God's time is always near," Harriet Tubman responds. "He set the North Star in the heavens; He gave me the strength in my limbs; He meant I should be free . . ."

"Now I've been free, I know what a dreadful condition slavery is. I have seen hundreds of escaped slaves, but I never saw one who was willing to go back and be a slave."

In her crossing to freedom, Harriet Tubman realizes God's call to her: to bring other slaves to freedom and to work to end the institution of slavery. In Baptism, we "cross over" to the life of God; we are re-born in God's grace and called to take on the work of God's Christ: to testify to God's presence in our midst, to proclaim the justice and peace of Jesus' Gospel, to stand with the poor, the rejected and the forgotten — with the certain hope and assurance that the Spirit of God — our own "North Star" — leads us. Harriet Tubman mirrors the prophetic witness of John the Baptist, who gives his life to proclaim the presence of the "Lamb of God" in our midst. Like John the Baptizer, we have been called in Baptism to "testify" to the presence of the Lamb of God in our midst. Our "testimony" can be declared in less vocal but no less effective vehicles: in our unflinching compassion for others, in our uncompromising moral and ethical convictions, in our attempts (however small and simple) to bring forgiveness and reconciliation to those around us, with the vision and commitment of "prophets" like Harriet Tubman.

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 14th – 6:30pm

Dreary, cold days of February approach – warm yourself up at our Valentine's Dinner Dance! Invite your loved ones, friends, family, or neighbors or come by yourself! It is a time to enjoy good food, good company, music and dancing! We will offer an Italian dinner menu and a gluten sensitive menu as well. Contact the office to make reservations 908-832-2513 or ijn@ccsjn.org, or call Jim Murray 908-310-6877 or in in the narthex, or on the parish website ccsjn.org there is a link to make your reservations. Please advise if you have a preference of who to sit with, and if you want to take advantage of our free childcare. Tickets are \$35 each. We will have dinner, dancing and desert – but please control your expectations as Mary Connolly's fabulous deserts will not be here this year.

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are in "Ordinary Time" but it is really extraordinary time! During this Liturgical Season we return to the color green and the weekend Scriptures will guide us through the basic Gospel teachings of the Lord. This is where we sit at the feet of Jesus as his disciples and reflect on his word in our hearts and strive to put his teachings into our daily lives. Every year we have a new opportunity to grow deeper in our faith, hope and love as we experience Jesus as our loving Lord and Savior!

Many Blessings
Fr. Rick

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2020

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..."
Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

CONCERT

**March 22nd, 2pm,
Church Center**



Come enjoy an hour interlude of classical, spiritual and inspiring music to support SJN Music Ministry.

Performed by Darren O'Neill, on classical guitar and Katie Meo Cudworth, soprano. Refreshments. We appreciate your donation to support St John's Music Ministry needs.

STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life 

STEWARDSHIP SERVICE

Valentine Dance - Feb 14

If you can help with the Valentine's Dinner Dance, please contact the office 908-832-2513 or ijn@ccsjn.org. We are asking youth and/or adult as we may still need help with serving, bus service, childcare.

Christian Formation / Social Ministry

CLASS MASS GRADE 3 & 4



Thank you to all the third and fourth 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 members of the parish community.

GREETING CARDS FOR GROCERIES

A parishioner, who's hobby is to create various greeting cards, has embraced the spirit of stewardship by putting her cards on sale in the Narthex to raise funds for the ST. John's food pantry. You can choose from Birthday, Thank You, Baby or General for \$3 per card or you can pick four cards for \$10. If you pay by check make check out to St. John Neuman, Memo: food pantry. If you pay by cash just put the money in the box marked "Cards for Groceries". This is where checks can go too. Hopefully you will find cards to meet your Greeting needs so you can be supporting our Food Pantry as well. Go shopping in the Narthex after church today!!! (90% of all proceeds go directly to Food Pantry purchases.)

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Christmas Food Drive with gifts for kids was a success. We switched up deliveries for Friday evening instead of Saturday this holiday. We want to thank our drivers who braved the power outage-detour to get to the church and make deliveries. Your continued support means we can help our neighbors and local community who are struggling with food insecurity. We were also able to provide gifts to all the kids on our list. Thank you again to ShopRite in Clinton for their perishable food donations. Without all our supporters, from the donations to our shoppers, organizers, packers and drivers we couldn't do it. Thank you & God bless.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NOTE: Date Change

Saturday, February 1st, 7:00 am

You are invited to join others discussing faith on Sat., Feb. 1st at 7am, Come share coffee and inspiring conversation.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

On January 26th after the 10:30 Mass our junior high students will be baking ziti for the needy and on Saturday the 1st and Sunday the 2nd of February (Super Bowl Weekend) our students will once again be collecting cans of soup and dollars to help those in need. Our students will continue the tradition started many years ago with one youth group who had a vision and a prayer to feed those who didn't even have a bowl of soup to eat. Let us together make this the best Souper Bowl of Caring weekend ever.

INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH GRADE TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Are you aware that our parish hosts a special Liturgy of the Word for Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade? This Liturgy occurs two times a month during the 10:30 Mass. The readings and homily are designed so children across these age groups can participate and through their participation, understand the message God is offering all His followers, including kids on that specific Sunday. In recent months it seems the attendance in the Children's Liturgy has disappeared. We think it's because of two reasons, both resting on the parents. One is that parents are unaware of the Children's Liturgy of the Word and/or parents aren't encouraging their child(ren) to attend. Your child can and will benefit from being part of this Liturgy ministry. Please ask your child to give it a try one or two times before they say they won't go again. IF they do not want to come up front when we process out of the church they can just walk out to the Narthex and meet us there. **January dates for CLOW are January 19th and 26th.**

OPEN HOUSE-IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL, ANNANDALE

Are you interested in a school experience which integrates excellent academic preparation and spiritual and moral formation? Consider Immaculate Conception School (ICS) in Annandale, the only Catholic school in Hunterdon County, which serves 2-year olds through 8th graders. Visit ICS during their Open Houses on Sunday, January 26th from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, or on Thursday, January 30th from 9am – 1pm. You will be able to meet their dedicated and talented teaching staff and see the state-of-art facilities including a new media and STEM Center. For more information and to RSVP, please visit www.icsannandale.org.

THANK YOU FOURTH GRADE RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS

What a nice treat for the office staff and visitors on Monday morning!

On arrival for work on Monday, we were greeted by many different signs of greeting and encouragement that kept us smiling all day as we kept finding new ones. Thank you to Marc Hungarter and Dan Uss for encouraging these displays from your students. They really did make our day.

A sampling of these are.:

Today, find someone alone and comfort them like God!

If you think someone needs a friend, be one!

How will you make someone smile today?

Ho will you spread the Gospel today?

Rainbows are colorful, so are you!

How will you make today special?

You are the only you in the world!

Have a great year *2020*!

You are a great person!

Pray for Peace!

You are special!

You are a good friend!

Be colorful!

You are kind!

NOTICE: Jesus Loves you!

Remember, God loves you!

You make me smile!

I think you are nice!

Have great day!

You are a good person!



And even a joke to make us laugh:

***How many therapists does it take to change a light bulb?
One, but the light bulb has to want to change!***

Thank you, once again and let's all keep on smiling!

YOU ARE INVITED TO SERVE AT MASS

At Mass, Christ is present in the Readings and the Eucharist and Christ is present in all Ministers. The “action” of Ministry brings Christ present to the assembly. The Ministers are the conduit to Christ’s presence at the Mass. God invites all of us to His table, to the Eucharist to receive Him. And we come, all of us, with our weaknesses and struggles, to hear the Word of God and receive his strength and forgiveness in the Eucharist. Father Rick and parishioners, who serve at Mass, are doing what Jesus taught us – serving others. We ask you to consider serving at Mass, in whatever way suits you.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar Servers can be a family or a couple or a single person. The tasks can be modified to accommodate the amount of participants. Altar serving involves leading the procession in and out of Mass with the cross and setting the altar at the offertory time.

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

Ministers of the Eucharist assist Father with the distribution of Holy Communion. Serving the Host or the cup is special as you are blessed to bring Jesus to others as well as connect with parishioners individually.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We so appreciate those parishioners who share the gift of song that God has blessed them with. With three different Masses the music ministry welcomes more people to be involved as a musician or a singer. For anyone who has a talent of music we hope you will consider participating.

READERS

We want readers who feel comfortable being in front of the congregation and have the talent to speak with inflection, slowly and audibly to proclaim scripture.

Please consider being an Altar Server, Reader, Eucharist Minister or part of Music Ministry. With any position, you will be trained and instructed so you feel comfortable in your service. You also have complete control over what Mass time and how often you serve.

Scheduling is tailored to our personal availability. Every minister has easy access to the schedule on line. Each of us provide specific dates when we are available. We also can limit how often we serve. Even once a schedule is active, and a conflict arises, it is a simple matter to request a sub.

Sign up in the narthex, talk to one of the ministers after Mass or contact the office sjn@ccsjn.org

SOMETHING NEW

As the new year begins to feel the same as last year, why not do something new. If you have never tried the small groups at the parish, we invite you to consider the small groups during lent. We have 8 or 9 groups of parishioners meeting once a week for six weeks, starting week of Feb 23. You would choose the day or evening that works best for your schedule. I hope you will try it to see what a few meetings could mean to you. Come journey together through Lent. Contact France Kennedy 908-307-7879 or francekennedy99@gmail.com.



What lies ahead?

Prayer Ministry



THE LAMB OF GOD

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

We hear these words at every Mass as the Host and Chalice are raised for all to see. They are so familiar that perhaps they have lost some of their force. So let’s take a closer look at this marvelous invitation.

Behold. Don’t just glance. Behold. Look deeply, carefully, and prayerfully. Look with the expectation that you will discover something important. Trust that Jesus wants to reveal himself to you.

Behold, the Lamb of God. What are you beholding? God’s greatest gift to the world - to you. You are beholding Jesus, the one true sacrifice sent from heaven. He is the spotless Lamb, innocent of all sin and meek and gentle of heart. He has come so that you can pass over from death to life, from slavery to freedom.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Look closely. See in this Host the promise of forgiveness. See Jesus, who surrendered his body and blood on a cross for you. See Jesus, who has taken your very sin upon himself and brought it into the grave with him. See him rising again, leaving your sin behind in that grave, where it remains today, dead and buried. You are no longer bound by it. Jesus has borne it away and you can walk away from it too-step by halting step as you continue to place your faith in him.

“Lord, I am not worthy. Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.”

If you enjoyed this reflection pick up a copy of the Word among us from the Narthex.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carolyn Anderson
Dana Colabella
Steven Geist
Tulio Hargain
Jay Heyman
Madi Kinney
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Samantha Livoti
Tom Malley
Declan Maloney
Catherine Mills
Karen Moore
Florence Nawrocki
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Earl & Denise Roberts
Michael Rubright
Tracy Schauer
Edward E. Sharpe
Gayle Stinson
Tom Wiles
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers:

Captain Baumann, Katherine, US Army
Spec. Bitters, Christian, US Army
Cavallo, Chris, USMC
2LT, Michael Tyler D'Avella, US Air Force
SSO, Andrew Fabiano, US Navy Reserve
2LT, Molly Ferguson, US Air Force
2LT, Geerinck, Josh, US Air Force
Spec. Jablonski, Jon Tyler, US Army
Private, Linzer, Matthew, US Army
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, US Navy
SR O'Leary, Thomas, US Navy
Lieutenant Simila, Nicole, US Navy
Airman, Vardian, Justin, US Air Force
Jr. Lieutenant, Webster, Justine, US Navy

BAPTISM



Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptize their child. Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized contact France Kennedy at fkennedy@ccsjn.org or (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

CUSTODIAN POSITION FULL TIME

The hours are 6:00 am-2:30 pm Monday-Friday. Criminal background, fingerprinting references are required.

Send resume to Al Kielce, Immaculate Conception School, 314 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, NJ 08801.

No Phone calls will be accepted.

THE CITY OF GOD

Bridgeport is a gritty, working-class neighborhood on Chicago's South Side, the busy and bustling home to some 30,000 mid-income families of every nationality and culture.

Bridgeport is also home to a Benedictine monastery.

The Monastery of the Holy Cross is the only urban monastery in the country. At the invitation of the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, the community of ten monks took over a parish that had closed in 1989 when the archdiocese shuttered dozens of churches and schools to cut costs.

Most monasteries are located in the country and so are able to farm and raise animals, but, living in the city, the Bridgeport monks had to find another way to make ends meet. So they purchased a run-down house adjoining the monastery that was rife with drug dealing and transients. They re-furbished the two-story building to create Ascension House, a retreat house and B&B.

As the monks gather for prayer eight times a day and carry on their work of prayer and hospitality, city life presses on around them. Family houses adjoin the monastery's property. On a summer afternoon, next door, hidden behind a weatherworn fence, children noisily splash in a pool. In the alley behind the church, a middle-aged man rolls out his lawn mower from his garage, and a cable company tech in a hard hat ascends into the air in a truck's bucket. Just north of the church is a small park and a nondescript, brick grade school. The rest of the street is a hodgepodge of businesses: a liquor store, a diner, an auto repair garage. While city life hums in the background, the monks quietly go about their work and prayer life. The Benedictines' presence is a living sign of God's presence in the city amid the noise, the constant commerce, the violence, the entrenched poverty.

The monks welcome all to come and pray and sing with them. From their open door, the Kingdom of God is breaking into the city and the world.

In the midst of a busy city neighborhood, a community of monks proclaim by their quiet lives of prayer and work what John proclaims in today's Gospel: that "the Lamb of God" is in our midst. The challenge of our lives is to see and hear the compassion of God in the busyness of our lives, to uncover and lift God's grace that goes largely unnoticed in the course of our days. We often find ourselves rushing through our lives, too preoccupied and distracted in the pursuit of wealth and status to "behold" our lives' true joy and fulfillment; in our obsession with what we don't have we overlook the reality of what we do have. May we "behold," with eyes of faith and spirits of hope, the Lamb of God among us — and within us.

PASSING THE CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP TORCH: A CHANCE FOR A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

In 2003, Bill Harrison and Judy Wade took 8 teens to Catholic Heart Workcamp in Rockford, IL. Our son, Zach, was one of those brave kids who said "yes" to serving others. When he returned home, he said that he wanted to go again the following summer asked, "Mom, will you help?". I freely admit I was hesitant to commit to one more thing, but his enthusiasm convinced me to step up. One of the most impactful decisions I have ever made. Now I am asking for you to step up. It's my time to ask, "WILL YOU HELP?".

For 17 years I have had the life-changing experience of joining just under 500 teens and adults from our community in living our Baptismal call to love thy neighbor. I could have never imagined this amazing faith journey when I first told Zach I would help. It has humbled and enriched me. I also know that this week-long service mission trip has made a lasting impression on most of those who were brave enough to say "yes". I want someone else to have this experience!

This has been a difficult decision. But when we learned that our daughter in New Hampshire was expecting her first child, and our third grandchild, I knew it was time to ask for help. So, I am asking. I am happy to meet/have a conversation with anyone who might be interested. I will walk you through the paperwork process and always be a phone call away from assisting you with this mission. Also know that the community of St. John Neumann is incredibly supportive of this ministry. It would be wonderful if you were able to join us this summer (June 21-26) so you could get a feel for what the week is like. Please be in touch: mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784. Thank you, Mary Connolly

Parish, Community & Diocesan News

MESSAGE FROM MARY CONNOLLY

About Past Catholic Heart Workcamp Valentine Dances

Due to our generous parish community we are still able to cover any participants attending Catholic Heart Workcamp in 2020 who need assistance. Thank you to all who have made this a successful and fun event especially Mike Griffin and his band, Jim Murray (the master of ceremonies), Lyle and Bonnie Gracia (the original chefs), Jim Simila (who taught us how to feed 140!), Wayne Infusino (THE master of reorganizing the worship space), all those who have helped with set-up, clean up, dish washing, and to the teens who have enthusiastically served – and danced – over the years.

LAST CALL FOR CHWC 2020

There are still spaces available for Saranac Lake this summer. The trip is from Sunday, June 21 to Friday, June 26. Please be in touch ASAP if you might be interested as the unused reserved spots will be cancelled as of February 1, 2020. If you will be entering 9th grade in September 2020 you are eligible to join us. Any questions contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

MOVIE SHOWING - "UNPLANNED"

The 2019 film "Unplanned" will be shown at Immaculate Conception Church at Annandale on Tuesday evening, January 21st at 7:00 p.m. The film tells the story of how Abby Johnson, one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors and Planned Parenthood "Employee of the Year" became Pro-Life. The film is rated "R", apparently due the abortion scene; children who attend must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge; donations will be accepted.

RALLY FOR LIFE - TRENTON

The 2020 "Rally for Life" will be held outside the State House Annex on Wednesday, January 22nd, which is the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade Supreme Court Decision. The rally starts at 11:00 a.m. and runs to approximately 1:00 p.m. Pro-Life leaders, elected officials and clergy typically address the rally. The Diocese of Metuchen runs a bus from the St. John Neumann Center in Piscataway. It is free of charge, but registration is required (Email "amarshall@diometuchen.org"); Bishop Checchio attended last year. Flyers with directions are available in the Narthex.

MARCH FOR LIFE - WASHINGTON DC

The 47th annual "March for Life" is Friday, January 24th. Seats may still be available on the bus from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale. If interested, please contact Mauro Fanelli, 908-627-1127 or Email; m.n.fanelli@comcast.net or Eric Svendsen, 908-500-8313 or Email ersvendsen@gmail.com. Flyers with more details are available in the Narthex.

INVITATION TO MEN'S CORNERSTONE EVENT

FRIDAY Night & Saturday - January 24th and 25th

To be held at Immaculate Conception parish Hall in Annandale. Full details and More Info: <https://www.icannandale.org/mens-cornerstone> or call 908-287-2822. Brochures and Registration info available in the Narthex.

LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

If you are troubled with the crisis in the church, you are welcome to pick up Bishop Robert Barron's book *Letter to a Suffering Church* from the Narthex. After reading it you can return it to the Narthex or pass along to someone who may benefit from it. Please contact the office if you want to discuss 832-2513 or fkennedy@ccsjn.org. We can organize a discussion session with anyone who is interested.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 12, 2020

70 Weekly Donors	\$3,707.00
8 Bldg & Ground Maint	\$372.00
6 Initial Offering	\$53.00
35 Together in Charity	\$953.00
1 Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00
2 Solemnity of Mary.....	\$30.00

January 13, 2019

61 Weekly Donors	\$2,919.00
5 Yellow Brick Road	\$145.00
1 Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10.00
40 Together in Charity	\$831.00
1 Christmas Offering.....	\$249.00
8 Initial Offering	\$26.00

SAVE THE DATE

**Willie Lynch Band,
Friday April 24.**

Our 5th year. Anyone interested in helping out with ticket sales or event co-ordination, should contact Fred (908-229-5879) .

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., January 22.....L. Caprio
Wed., February 5.....J. Santoro

Store Cards

January 18/19

5:30 p.m..... C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m.....M. Kearns
10:30 a.m..... H. Quigley

January 25/26

5:30 p.m..... B. Cestone
8:00 a.m..... L. Stanski
10:30 a.m..... D. Royal

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Jan. 19.... C. Fortenbacker
Week of Jan. 26.....B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

January 23.....Team B
January 30..... Team C

Counting

Jan. 21.....Cangelosi/McCabe
Jan. 27.....Malone/Gagen

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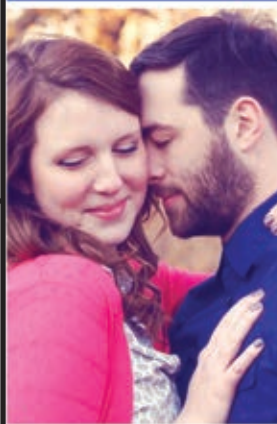
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