

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

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen
www.diometuchen.org

Rev. Richard Rusk Pastor
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....Pastor Emeritus

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Mary Cangelosi Trustee

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.....9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
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, October 22

7:00 a.m. Berta Russo, req.

Barbara and Fred Pfeufer

Wednesday, October 23

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Thursday, October 24

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Friday, October 25

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Saturday, October 26

5:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth (Betty) Legg

Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. Patricia Heaton, req.

Jim and Cookie DeVito

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 20 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in O.T. / World

Mission Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

10:30 a.m. Mass 7/8 Grade Class Mass (Church Center)

12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Center)

12:00 p.m. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Church Center)

4:00 p.m. Family Life Painting Service (Church Center)

Monday, October 21 - Weekday

6:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Center)

6:00 p.m. Parent/Candidate Meeting CPII/CPIII (Church)

7:00 p.m. Small Group (TBD)

Tuesday, October 22 - Saint John Paul II, Pope

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Narthex)

11:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Drexel Room)

7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Wednesday, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

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

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

7:00 p.m. Deanery Pastoral Council Meeting (Narthex)

7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, October 24 - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

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

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

7:30 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Mass Schedule - October 26/27

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk

Reader J. Murray

Altar Server Geerinck/Torczone Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... M. Connolly

..... D. Torczon, D. Kelemen

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk

Reader Kate Knight

Altar Server Kennedy Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... D. Lehnert

..... B. Martalus, B. Martalus

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rusk

Reader S. Bauernfeind

Altar Server D'Avella Family

Music Eucharistic Minister R. Pojedinec

Ministers of the Eucharist..... S. Pojedinec, M. D'Avella

..... A. Giametta, P. Rittman, S. Carew

Friday, October 25 - Weekday

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

7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation (Drexel Room)

Saturday, October 26 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)

8:00 a.m. Moving Furniture (church Center & Carriage House)

3:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation - Session 2 (Church Center Loft)

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

Sun., Oct., 27 - Thirtieth Sunday in O.T./All Souls Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

10:30 a.m. Mass-Blessing & Dedication of Prayer Ministers
(Church Center)

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

11:30 a.m. Prayer Minister Reception (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 Eucharist: **Billie Phillips, Amelia Fabiano, Margaret Thornsby, Donna and Jack Zigmantanis, Ernest Eveland III, and Henry Phillips.**

Deceased: **Billie Phillips**, mother of Colette Evanko, **Amelia Fabiano**, aunt of Paul Fabiano, **Margaret Thornsby**, Aunt of Brandon Weldon, **Donna and Jack Zigmantanis**, long time parishioners of St. John's, **Ernest Eveland III**, Uncle of Susie Donovan and Annie Donovan Anderson, and **Henry Phillips**, grandfather of Kyle Phillips. 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.

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: If only someone would see

"There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.'" **Luke 18: 1-8**

He sits in the back of the classroom, carefully following the teacher's lesson. He loves school, but everything else in his life is a struggle. His exhausted mom is raising him and his brother alone, and money is tight — he works a part-time job that helps keep the family afloat from month to month. He's naturally shy and feels intimidated, surrounded by kids from families far better off than his, so he tends to stay in the background. He's a bright kid, with potential to do great things — if only someone would see him.

She works hard in the office. She's been there for a while, making a little more than minimum wage. But truth be told, she makes the place work: she picks up the slack when someone messes up; she's learned to think three and four steps ahead, often solving a problem before it starts. The manager and sales team have come to depend on her — they just don't realize it. Her organizational skills are terrific; her generosity of spirit and her ability to deal with people with patience, empathy and focus have won her the respect of all. She could and should be on the management track — if only someone would see her.

Then there are those who work hard **not** to be seen. Some are here legally, with limited visas; many are not. They work the farms at harvest; they crew fishing and crab boats. Except for a few dollars for their few expenses while here, they send their earnings home to the families waiting for their return. But many have come to consider them enemies, thieves — and worse. But they just want what we all want for our families: food, shelter, clothing and security. Why can't **we** see that?

Today's Gospel challenges us to see the "persistent widows" in our midst: to recognize their struggles and the gifts they possess that we overlook or discount. The widow of Jesus' parable lives among us: she is the poor, the struggling, the ignored, the forgotten; she is the mother and father, the daughter and son, the family and friend of the suffering and dying who work for a cure so that other families may be spared what they have suffered through; she is the victim of injustice whose sense of her own dignity enables her to fight on. Christ promises that the Father hears the worthy prayer of the Gospel widow in her many guises and that her perseverance in faith will one day be rewarded — and Jesus challenges us to put aside our obliviousness and self-absorption and see her. In her many guises, she is Christ in our midst.

12 RULES FOR A HAPPY MARRIAGE!

Recently I came across the following 12 rules for a happy marriage that had been given by the well-known Ann Landers in her weekly article. Although to my knowledge, Mrs. Landers has never obeyed the Gospel of Christ, I believe she set forth twelve practical suggestions that will promote a happier home environment. These twelve rules are actually Biblical; I have included Scripture references for each rule:

1. Never both be angry at once (Proverbs 19:11)
2. Never yell at each other unless the house is on fire (Proverbs 21:23)
3. Yield to the wishes of the other as an exercise in self-discipline, if you can't think of a better reason (Col. 3:18-19; Ephesians 5:21)
4. If you have a choice between making yourself or your spouse look good--choose your spouse (Philippians 2:3-4; Matthew 19:19)
5. If you feel you must criticize, do so lovingly (Ephesians 4:15)
6. Never bring up a mistake of the past (Philippians 3:13-14)
7. Neglect the whole world rather than each other (Ephesians 5:25-31)
8. Never let the day end without saying at least one complimentary thing to your life partner (Proverbs 31:26)
9. Never meet without an affectionate greeting (Proverbs 5:18-19)
10. When you make a mistake, talk it out and ask for forgiveness (James 5:16)
11. Remember, it takes two to make an argument. The one who is wrong is the one who will be doing most of the talking (James 3:5-8)
12. Never go to bed mad (Ecclesiastes 7:9; Colossians 3:8).

PASTOR'S CORNER

Our Tricky Tray went very well on Friday night. Thank you to all who worked to organize and put it on, to those who gave things to be raffled, to all the workers, and to all who came on that night to support it! This is one of the most important fund raisers that we do here at St. John's. It is things like this that help tremendously in meeting our financial responsibilities!

Thank you and God bless!
Fr. Rick

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 20, 2019

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." **(2 Timothy 4:2)**

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Moving furniture out of the Loft to be replaced with the new lighter sectional furniture!

Saturday, October 26th at 8 a.m.

We will be taking the couches and other furniture out of the church loft and replacing it with the new furniture that was just donated to us.

Please let us know that you will be there by email (sjanks@ccsjn.org), phone (908-832-2513) or sign up in the Narthex.



DON'T MISS OUT

***Save the date - Friday, Dec. 6th
The Tasting Event***

This year we will start the event a half hour earlier! Will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hope you can join us for another fun filled evening!



Christian Formation and Parish News

UPCOMING GIFT EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19:

- **FIRST RECONCILIATION** (Session 1) 3:30-5:00pm (Church center)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20:

- **Combined 7th&8th Grade Class Mass. Please arrive by 9:30am.**
- **GIFT Program** (Session 2 classes) @ Noon (meet in church center before dispersing)
- **Parent Meeting** for FIRST RECONCILIATION students @ NOON (Church center)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21:

- **GIFT Program** (Session 2 classes) @ 6PM (meet in church center before dispersing)
- **CP II & III** (Grades 7&8): **Parent Candidate Meetings** to be held during the GIFT Sessions

Operation Christmas Child shoe box giving: Accepting donations starting October 20, 2019 (drop off Northex)



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Periodically we review the list of the sick that we pray for. If you recognize any of the following names please advise. We will be removing any people whom we do not know the connection to. Joan Cardierre, Barbara DelPiano, Debbie Gregorakis, Nancy Patterson, Ali Redling, Joe Romaner, Nicholas Troiano or Don Velli. If you have someone on the prayer list that can be removed please call or email the office. The list is constantly growing so we need to review it regularly.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2020

Believe it or not, it is already time to register for CHWC 2020! Next summer we will be going to Saranac Lake, NY from June 21-26. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Connolly as soon as possible at mandmconnolly@gmail.com.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Whether you're a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involves children sign up for one of the VIRTUS classes on the Diocesan website diometuchen.org.

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a complete listing of other sessions in the diocese, can be found on diometuchen.org and click on the "Sign up now for Virtus Sessions" link on the bottom of the home page. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early. Check the link often as sessions are continuously added.



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-7 Religious Education students will be given a brochure with detailed instructions on how to make their "shoe box" present. These will be collected at catechetical gatherings or can be dropped off in the narthex **no later than November 17th**. Jr. High will be holding its own OCC Packing Party on November 3. Extra brochures are available in the narthex for any parishioner wishing to participate in this program. Please contact Mauricia Nacamuli or visit samaritanspurse.org for further information.

Social Ministry & Parish News

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Our Food Pantry needs the following items for our next food pickup:

Juice	School Snacks	Ketchup	Jelly
Applesauce	Mayonnaise	Baked Beans	Canned Chicken
Shampoo	Ladies Razors		

The pantry has regular visits throughout the year by several local families in need, as well, our holiday food drives.

Also, for those who like the monthly featured item. It's back. September is paper towels. October is laundry soap. Items can be left under the Social Ministry table in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



In support of Operation Chillout's Annual Winter Homeless Outreach, the focus this year is on **Thermal Underwear**. Please bring donations to the Narthex or Seton Room by **Veterans Day weekend, Nov. 9 & 10**.

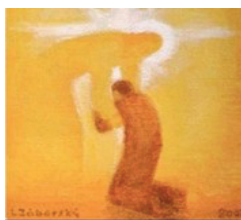
- Thermal Tops
- Thermal Bottoms
- Men's Boxer shorts

Women's underpants
Sizes for above (new, unused please):

Men: Large, XLarge, XXL
Women: Medium, Large, XL
<http://operationchillout.org/>

**OPERATION
CHILLOUT
HOMELESS VETERANS
OUTREACH**





BLESSINGS FOR OUR PRAYER MINISTERS

This wonderful reflection (on the right ———→) talks about us supporting our friends who are in need in prayer. A small group of dedicated parishioners pray for the needs of others weekly. About thirty parishioners receive emails asking for their intercession to God for family and friends of parishioners who are facing life's difficulties. We will recognize these parishioners when Father Rick blesses them and their ministry next Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Please join us in prayers for them as they lift their prayers to God for their fellow parishioners. Please join us after the Mass for a reception held in appreciation for their efforts. If you want more information about the Prayer Ministry please see us next weekend or email prayerministry@ccsjn.org.

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2019 FALL BEREAVEMENT

GROUP TO MEET AT ST. JOHN'S,
TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM

OCTOBER 22 THROUGH DECEMBER 3

Personal loss can be a challenging time. How we manage is unique to each of us. There will be a series of six (6) non-denominational, interrelated and supportive bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann, Califon, NJ, beginning October 22. John Cole, a professional in the transitioning process, will facilitate the sessions. This short-term program has been considered very helpful by past participants who have experienced personal loss. The conversations extend from understanding loss and normal reactions to steps, guided by faith, towards acceptance and the recreation of hopeful lives. While a primary focus is the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcomed. All sessions start at 7 p.m. The dates of the seminars will be October 22, 29, November 5, 19, 25, and December 3.

Please note that each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best to derive optimal benefit. At this time, all sessions will be in the upper floor of the parish office building, unless participant mobility issues arise.

You must register by this Monday, October 21st, call 908-832-2513.

If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, no matter their affiliation, please suggest that he or she call France Kennedy or John.



Journey this Fall
Longing for the Holy

Small Group participants are enjoying the book, *Longing for the Holy* that we are using this session. The book is available for \$15 if you want to purchase and use at home for your own faith development. If you are considering joining a small group at Lent, you can buy the book now as we will use the second half of the book for the Lent Groups.

Prayer Ministry



PRAYING WITH OTHERS

As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.
(Exodus 17:11)

Wouldn't it be nice to have a direct way to know that your prayers are being heard? Moses had it: hands up, the Israelites win the battle. Hands down, they lose. It was as simple as that's. But Moses couldn't persevere on his own. He needed help to hold his hands high.

This story tells us that we all need support at times. It can be very tiring to keep praying. It talks a lot out of us. That's why we can all appreciate the image of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' hands as he prayed for the Israelites' victory in battle. His friends stood by him and helped him do what he couldn't do on his own.

The truth is, each one of us needs our brothers and sisters in Christ to hold us up. They help us persevere. You can probably recall times when you've reached out to a friend and asked him to pray with you for something important. His support meant a lot to you.

When you don't see an immediate answer to your prayers, your friends, like Moses' friends, can help you perceive the field of battle more clearly and draw your attention to the ways God is already working. They might remind you of specific times that God has answered your prayers- or theirs- in the past. And when you feel completely in the dark, they can stand with you and pray with you as you do your best to keep moving forward. You can do the same for them too.

So don't go it alone! Maybe you already have someone who can stand with you in prayer, a friend who will join her voice to yours as you intercede. But if not, ask the Lord for someone to partner with you. He loves to send people who will be there to hold you up.

"Thank you, Lord, for the gift of friendships in the body of Christ."

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

Parish & Diocesan News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Gary Anderson
Andrew Arias
Miguel Astacio
Diane Bosack
John D'Almeida
Aiden Day
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Anthony DeVito
David Fabiano
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
Emma Finnegan
Steven Geist
Joseph Gruszczynski
Tulio Hargain
Thomas Haines
Stephanie Illtscho
Madi Kinney
Arthur Lanteri
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Declan Maloney
Jan McLeavey
Christine Meyer
Jon Morris
Joan & Megan Myers
Nancy Patterson
Nilsa Perez Parsons
Thomas Pearson
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Earl & Denise Roberts
Brian Roche
Joe Romanger
Tracy Schauer
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Dick Slusher
Anthony Sorgi, Sr.
Patty Galati Stafford
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
Tom Wiles
Caden & Jill Zane
Jim Zgoda
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers:

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

"TO YOU BELONGS THE POWER . . ."

Most of us possess some kind of "power" that we exercise over others, even as others exercise their power over us. Such power is inevitable and important. Think not only of the necessary power of parents over children but of police over citizens — do you really want a cop who claims no more than an equal partnership with you when a murderer is breaking down the door? Do you want your heart surgeon to give you a turn with the scalpel? How can we loosen the fetters of injustice if we consider ourselves equally oppressed and no more than equally free?

There are the "powers" of the beautiful and the talented, and the powers of those who can speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, prophetic powers and the understanding of mysteries; there are those who can move mountains.

None of these powers can be practically or morally renounced. Whatever power you possess, you're stuck with. The most you can do is pretend to be powerless.

The tricky thing about power is that it can be abused. If power can't be abused, it isn't power. Still, my power and yours, whatever it consists of, can be redeemed and made holy by mercy. Mercy is what we call it when power is exercised and restrained for the sake of love.

A veteran police officer reflects: "When I became a cop, I thought the job would be all about power. Then I found out it is all about service. And I found out I really liked it that way."

Jesus' parable of the dishonest judge challenges us to consider how we use whatever power we possess, how we employ the authority entrusted to us by others: Do we use our power in the service of others? Do we exercise our authority to create community and to provide for those who are struggling or lost? Often, we find ourselves in the position of the widow in today's Gospel, asking God to answer our prayer — but, more often than we realize, we are the judge who can be the answer to another's prayer if we stop, listen, and realize we have the means to help and heal. And our response, in and of itself, is prayer: a prayer of gratitude to God for his giving us the resources to bring hope and help to another; a prayer of petition to God that God will be as responsive to us when we find ourselves in the place of the widow, desperate for mercy and justice. Be it the economic power of an investment banker or the moral "power" of a parent or teacher or coach, we can easily "abuse" the power we possess for our own gain and satisfaction, or we can use our power as God intended us to use it: to bring justice and mercy to the wronged "widows" in our lives in the spirit of the Gospel Jesus.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE CAR RAFFLE

Social Ministry will again be selling raffle tickets for the chance to win a 2020 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV and other prizes following Mass during the weekend of October 27th and 28th, the last weekend of Respect Life Month. Tickets are \$10.00 each, and the proceeds help support New Jersey Right to Life (NJRTL), "the state's largest and most active pro-life, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic value of our society — human life." NJRTL basically lobbies on public policy matters concerning the sanctity of human life at Trenton for us, while we are too busy. They also run public education programs, including on billboards.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



. . . If You Do . . . If You Don't . . .

If a pastor preaches over 12 minutes, he's a windbag; if his sermon is short, he came unprepared.

If he gives his sermon in a quiet voice, he's a bore; if he puts feeling into his sermon, he's too emotional.

If the church budget is balanced, he's a good businessman; if he asks for money to balance the budget, he's greedy.

Parish & Diocesan News

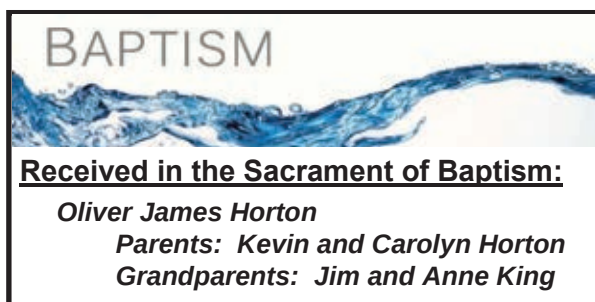
RESPECT LIFE MONTH - FLEMINGTON LIFE CHAIN

"Each October the Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life." (Source - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Action Guide Introduction).

To commemorate Respect Life Sunday, a number of "Life Chain" events are being held throughout the Diocese. The Diocese website states "Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 90 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion" (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/human-life-and-dignity/events/>).

The nearest one is at the Flemington Circle, between Rt. 31 and Main Street from 2:00 and 3:30 PM on Sunday, October 6th. Pro-life signs will be provided for participants to hold. If there are questions, the main contact is Jim Vargas, at 908-391-1566, or email Tom Klawunn at thomasklawunn@gmail.com.

Social Ministry will again be selling raffle tickets to support New Jersey Right to Life (NJRTL) on the weekend of October 27th and 28th, the last weekend of Respect Life Month. "New Jersey Right to Life Committee, Inc. (NJRTL) is the state's largest and most active pro-life, non-partisan organization dedicated to protecting and fostering the most basic value of our society – human life."



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Now that fall is here, why not treat yourselves to a Marriage Encounter Weekend?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 24 -26.

Please register by January 10, as space is limited.

Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information.

Visit us at: www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.



SECOND ANNUAL PATRIOTIC CONCERT

Wanted!! World War II Veterans and Gold Star Families invited to be our honored guests to attend the Second Annual Patriotic Concert supporting our veterans. Guests will receive two complimentary tickets. The musical extravaganza is on Saturday, November 16, 2:00 pm, in the North Hunterdon High School Theater, 1445 Route 31 South, Annandale. The concert will feature performances by professional and local talent including Hanover Wind Symphony, Hunterdon Harmonizers, North Hunterdon High School Choral Group, and renowned Broadway stars. Tickets for the event are

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 13, 2019

56 Donors Weekly \$3,189.00

7 Yellow Brick Road \$295.00

October 14, 2018

60 Donors Weekly \$2,811.00

6 Yellow Brick Road \$238.00

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Office Angels

Wed., October 23 L. Caprio

Wed., November 6 J. Santoro

Store Cards

October 19 & 20

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns

10:30 a.m. H. Quigley

October 26 & 27

5:30 p.m. B. C

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns

10:30 a.m. H. Quigley

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Oct. 13 M. Cangelosi

Week of Oct. 20 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

October 24 Team A

October 31 Team B

Counting

October 21 Malone/Gagen

October 28 Kucharski/Kosakowski

Altar Flowers

October 26 J. Klacik

November 2 S. Kosakowski

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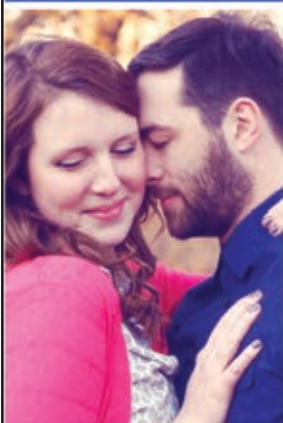
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