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Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 7:00 a.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5:00-5:25 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

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

*Growing in the Love of the Lord
Through the Faith Formation of Each Member,
We Will Give Witness To and
Welcome All Segments of Our Larger Community*

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, August 28

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 29

5:30 p.m. Anna Turley, req.

Ellen and Jim Vigilanti

Sunday, August 30

8:00 a.m. Bob Pocius, req.

Alan and Sharon Janks

10:30 a.m. Mark Malone, req.

Marie and Roger Malone



Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 23 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Social Ministry Weekend

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Community Coffee (by Social Ministry) (Narthex)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Lunch (Office Center)
- 11:30 a.m. Community Coffee (by Social Ministry) (Narthex)
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Planning Mtg. (Drexel Room)

Monday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Tues., Aug. 25 - Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

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

Wednesday, August 26 - Weekday

- 6:30 p.m. K-6 Catechist Meeting (Drexel Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Connxions (Office Kitchen)

Thursday, August 27 - Saint Monica

- 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechist Meeting (Drexel Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Tech Meeting (Seton Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, August 28 - Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Mass Schedule—August 29/30

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Uss Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joann Gardner
.....	Donna Lance, 1 Needed
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allen Piechowski
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Anita Sawczuk
.....	Cyndy Behrens, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Gary Porto
Altar Server	D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mark Brisson
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Sobey, Anthony DeStefano
.....	Donna Torczon, Gloria Cucchiara, Mary D'Avella

Saturday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

- 11:00 a.m. East Indian Mass (Church Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, August 30 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Cucchiara Vow Renewal
- 11:30 a.m. Community Coffee (by Cucchiara Family)(Narthex)

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Mary Nanna, Amelia Hemmer, Sharyn Milko Leeper, Rosemarie Da Cruz, John Ledoux, Helen Gagen Lee, and Alice Jarvis.**

Deceased: **Mary Nanna**, mother of Frank Nanna, **Amelia Hemmer**, sister of Lou Eacovalle, **Sharyn Milko Leeper**, sister of Marlene Milko, **Rosemarie Da Cruz**, wife of Al DaCruz, **Helen Gagen Lee**, mother of Paul Gagen, **Alice Jarvis**, aunt of Scott Jarvis, and **John Ledoux**, friend of the Connolly's. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord & comfort & support from family & friends.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....



Dear Friends,

It is a matter of pride that we are one of the few parishes that have crossed the 90% mark in contributing to the 2014 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To be precise, we achieved 92.3% of the target given to us. You can see a snapshot of the diocesan report elsewhere in this bulletin. More than twenty-five ministries are funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, our faith touches the lives of thousands of people in the four counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. It is your generous support that supplies basic material needs to those less fortunate and solace for those suffering in mind, body or spirit. Your gift impacts our families, especially the young, and also provides training for deacons and priests so our faith may endure for future generations. St. John's Social Ministry leaders will testify that the financial help we give to many who approach us in need comes from the Catholic Charities of our Diocese – showing us how our contributions help the needy both in our own locality as well as in the Diocese.

Charity begins at home! That means we need to be aware of how our own parish of St. John's is sustained by our commitment of time, talent and treasure. We truly are grateful to our parishioners who are very conscious of this and are regularly contributing to the upkeep of our parish. Some of our generous donors have moved out of the parish and that has impacted us, not only pastorally but also financially. Therefore it is a challenge for us to manage with what we have. The Finance Council is doing everything in its power to oversee the judicious management of our finances. What are some ways to get everyone's involvement in the general health of the parish? Ours has been known as a selflessly volunteering and generously contributing parish. How can those who do volunteering and contributing a minimum or nothing can be motivated to begin doing these?

A good starting point is for all of us to read the lives of saints who will gently challenge us to become holy men and women. This week in particular, there are a number of saints the Church is honoring. A little bio of each is given in this bulletin. Please read them and ask the same question some have asked: "If they can, why can't I be a saint?" You will be amazed how the response to that question can make a difference in your life!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY / MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND ENRICHMENT SESSION

Thursday, September 3, 7:00 p.m.

All Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers to the Homebound and those who would like to join these ministries are welcome to a Enrichment/ Training Session on Thursday September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Center. All current Eucharistic Ministers are also invited to join as it will be an enrichment session.

WHY DO MORE PEOPLE JOIN ST. JOHN'S?

The answer, according to many new parishioners, is that people feel they have found a spiritual home here! Even if you are not a member, but if you have been attending Mass here, you will have realized that already. Registered parishioners receive a few periodic mailings of information about activities and events that will augment the sense of belonging through participation. Being a member enables you to say "YES!" when someone asks you to be a Godmother or a Confirmation Sponsor. As Father Abraham said last week at Mass, heaven is not a geographic place – but it is a conscious state of union with God in our hearts, beginning in the here and now into eternity. So why not become a member of this spiritual home here at St. John's?

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 23, 2015

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

(JOSHUA 24:15)

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests their time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY!

"What a great time of bonding with other men of our parish!" That was the general feeling of those men who attended the last month's breakfast session. Why not try it out yourself this month? Come and share coffee, bagel and common concerns and challenges in the light of God's Word. Our next "Men's Spirituality Breakfast" is scheduled for Saturday, **August 29th, 7 AM - 8:30 AM** at the Church center. Just show up or contact Jim Murray for more info at jmurray@eclipse.net.

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Christian Formation - Catechesis

CATECHIST GATHERINGS

Wednesday

August 26, 6:30 p.m.

K-6 Catechists

Thursday

August 27, 6:30 p.m.

Jr. High Catechists

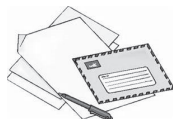
Catechist gatherings for K-6 and Jr. High Catechists have been scheduled for August 26 & 27. They will take place in the Drexel Room of the Office Center. Please try to make one of these school year kick-off meetings. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to jjarvis@ccsjn.org.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS



The Religious Education Program invites you to share your faith with the children of St. John's by becoming a catechist in our Sunday AM Program, 9AM-10:15AM, two Sundays per month. This is a wonderful way to enrich your personal and family faith. Each catechist is provided with resources and support, and we have substitute catechists. **We currently have openings across 2nd through 5th grades.** Prayerfully consider this invitation to teach! Volunteer in the religious education program as a Catechist or Co-Catechist; you do not have to have a child in the program to teach. Teen volunteers are welcome, too! Contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSORS

Return Letters by September 4

The 2015 Confirmation class will be confirmed on Saturday, October 24, at 5:30 p.m. We are inviting the community of St. John's to participate as Confirmation Prayer Sponsors. Parishioners are asked to take home a picture of a candidate that is hanging next to the Confirmation banner (not from the banner itself) and be sure to sign your name next to the candidate's name in the log provided. Then pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their Fairview Lake Retreat. Letters should be returned no later than September 4th to the basket in the narthex or to the Office Center.



FINDING GOD IN DAILY LIFE

When Saint Ignatius of Loyola taught people to find God in all things, I wonder if he had ever experienced searching for God in a house filled with people whose only goal in life seemed to be creating chaos?

A Messy House

As I enter the house after work I am greeted by a happy dog CoCo. It is not soon after that I enter the kitchen to see the work at hand. Dishes and cups left on the counter from earlier in the day, books and unfinished paper work on the kitchen table. I change my clothes and begin the task of straightening up and preparing dinner.

While washing the dishes and cleaning the counters, I realize once again that all the plans for family organization and chore sharing can easily come apart in the bustle of daily life. Looking around this house that four of us call home, I sigh at the sneakers and notebooks scattered about the family room. I pray that no one choose this moment to ring the doorbell. I would have to pretend I'm not home. I know some families are efficient and organized: everyone knows what his or her tasks are, and somehow these get accomplished. However this is not true in my house.

I give you a new commandment: Love one another. (John 13:3)

That phrase from John's Gospel whispers itself into my ear while I am folding the laundry and straightening up the mess. Jesus didn't leave us with a lot of rules by which to live a Christian life, did he? He did give us that one commandment, though: *Love one another*. If you get that one right, everything else will fall into place. That's the theory, anyway.

I smile as I pick up scraps of paper, remembering that last evening Jack worked on his summer math packet while Grace started the common application. It can be easy to become distracted by the discord of life.

I realize that when St. Ignatius of Loyola taught us to find God in all things, all people, and all events, he did not mean just in the quiet but also in the chaos, in our thoughts, and in our work and actions. I sometimes need a "burning bush" to point to the presence and blessing from God amidst the, stray socks, dirty dishes, and summer work. Enjoy the summer!

WELCOME NEW FAMILY

St. John's welcomes our newest family, Kathy and Dan Pringle who just joined on Sunday Aug 9 at the 10:30 Mass. Their photo is in the narthex for you to be able to spot them and welcome them yourselves. We will have more of them to welcome soon as Kathy and Dan are expecting their baby this month.

DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S

Are you new to St. John's? We invite you to join us for a Discover luncheon to find out more about the parish on Sunday, Aug. 23rd, 11:30am. Contact France at 908-832-2513 or fkennedy@ccsjn.org to respond.

Social Ministry



NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

Local food banks and soup kitchens have been flooded with this season's cucumbers. Have too many cucumbers? Make pickles! Last week we made 12 quarts of Bread and Butter pickles. Two quarts were enjoyed by the folks at SHIP soup kitchen with their noon meal. This week another 10 quarts were put by. There will be samples in the garden today. Come on a tour after Mass and "taste and see" God's abundance. Brussel Sprouts were planted last week and second plantings of peas and beets are in. Potato Harvest will take place at the Parish Picnic on September 13. Whoever digs the biggest potato wins a prize! The potato harvest will be donated to local soup kitchens. A Garden Expansion that will add a Community Garden to our current space is coming to St. John's this fall! See the exciting plans on display in the narthex.

SHIP SERVICE

This past Monday, three members of the youth group assisted at the SHIP lunch service. Morgan D'Avella, Alexa Johnson and Jonathan Uss went to Somerville to serve the casseroles and food that our parish provides to the Samaritan Homeless Interim Program once a month. Anne Germino said everyone had a good time and the clients appreciated the youth participation. Morgan D'Avella reported the following: 'Working at the soup kitchen was a wonderful experience. We prepared the food in the kitchen by chopping up carrots, putting together a salad, slicing fruit, heating the meals, and much more. Before the meal, a man who had come to eat stood up and recited a prayer. It was a beautiful way to start mealtime. The best part was serving the food. As people walked through the line they were so happy and thankful. It made my day!'

AN INTRODUCTION TO A NEW CONCEPT DURING OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY WEEKEND

During the past year we had one of our community members acting as a true Minister, since every few months that Minister gave us either \$50 or \$100 and explained that they were saving change that accumulated into a windfall for Social Ministry. This person kind of earmarked it for a veteran in need, but always with the proviso that "we could do as we saw fit with the money." And then from this seed it grew, because the idea was passed along to another member, who then told us she was placing a can near her laundry and all of the pocket change would be redeemed to help our ministry. She further suggested that this idea be passed along to the entire Community.

So, here we are, just passing it along, and with that seed it hopefully will germinate. It will if you take a collection bottle this weekend from the Social Ministry display, fill it and bring it back (no deposit returned upon return of the bottle). Remember! Your CHANGE will help us make CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

We're looking forward to meeting all Members who are Ministers this weekend at our Social Ministry display. We will keep making collection bottles as long as you take them, because in doing this, we're also being good stewards of the Earth.

WINE AND WEED!

Please come join us to enjoy company, wine and pull some weeds in the Labyrinth Garden on Monday August 24, We hope there will be no whining! All are welcome – we will have water, lemonade and wine for refreshments or bring your own refreshment preference. Contact the office for any questions.

SOCIAL MINISTRY COFFEE

St. John Neumann Social Ministry will hold a community coffee after each Mass on this weekend, August 22 & 23. Join us in the narthex for fellowship and food and to find out what Social Ministry at St. John's is all about. There will be informational posters, garden tours and members of the Social Ministry team will be available to answer questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is blooming with tags for Back to School items and gift cards. Donations will be given to Catholic Charities in Phillipsburg. Please take a tag, then record your name and phone number next to your tag number. Please return gift card donations in the envelope provided. **All items need to be returned to the Narthex by this Sunday, August 23.** If you have any questions please contact JT Altavilla at [908-832-2943](tel:908-832-2943) or jt.altavilla@yahoo.com. Thank you.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tuesday, Aug. 25 J. Santoro
Wednesday, Aug. 26 D. Zigmantanis
Wednesday, Sept. 2 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

Aug 22 & 23

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m. M. Kearns
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

Aug 29 & 30

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 8/23 J. Sieber
Week of 8/30 C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

August 21 Team E
August 28 Team F

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Eugene Cifranic
Jean Crickenberger
Vicky Davids
Tino DeSantis
Ava DeTorre
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Linda Owens
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Earl Roberts
John Ryder
Bob Simms
Julie Suplee
Brian Travis
Sherry Whitford
Josh Wilkes
Caden Zane
Jill Zane
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so that 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
Private, Linzer, Matthew, U.S. Army
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, U.S. Navy
SR O'Leary, Thomas, U.S. Navy
Captain Royal, Benjamin P., USMC
Ensign Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy

SAINTS OF THIS WEEK!

August 24: St. Bartholomew, one of the 12 Apostles: All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the synoptic gospels and Acts as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit." The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages.

August 25: St. Louis, King of France: He was born at Poissy, France, in 1214. At the age of twelve he lost his father, and his mother became regent of the kingdom. From his tenderest infancy she had inspired him with a love for holy things. In 1234, he married Margaret, the virtuous daughter of Raymond Berenger, Count of Provence, and two years later he took the reigns of government into his own hands. In 1238, he headed a crusade, in which he fell a prisoner among the Mohammedans, but a truce was concluded and he was set free and he returned to France. In 1267, he again set out for the East at the head of a crusade but he never again beheld his native land. In 1270, he was stricken by the pestilence at the siege of Tunis, and after receiving the Last Sacraments, he died.

August 27: ST. MONICA: Living with a violent-tempered non-Christian husband, putting up with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived with her, and struggling with her wayward son – these would be enough for anyone to experience depression! But through her patience and prayers, Monica was able to convert her husband and his mother to the Catholic faith in 370. St. Augustine was much more difficult, as she had to pray for him for 17 years, begging the prayers of priests who, for a while, tried to avoid her because of her persistence at this seemingly hopeless endeavor. One priest did console her by saying, "it is not possible that the son of so many tears should perish." This thought, coupled with a vision that she had received strengthened her. St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in 387. St. Monica died later that same year, on the way back to Africa from Rome in the Italian town of Ostia.

August 28: St. Augustine: St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion is an inspiration to many struggling with a particular vice or habit they long to break.

This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion.

August 29: Passion of St. John the Baptist: John the Baptist was the son of Zachary, a priest of the Temple in Jerusalem, and Elizabeth, a kinswoman of Mary who visited her. He was probably born at Ain-Karim southwest of Jerusalem after

(Saints of the Week - continued)

the Angel Gabriel had told Zachary that his wife would bear a child even though she was an old woman. He lived as a hermit in the desert of Judea until about A.D. 27. When he was thirty, he began to preach on the banks of the Jordan against the evils of the times and called men to penance and baptism "for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand". He attracted large crowds. Fearful of his great power with the people, Herod Antipas, Tetrarch of Perea and Galilee, had him arrested and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress on the Dead Sea when John denounced his adulterous and incestuous marriage with Herodias, wife of his half brother Philip. John was beheaded at the request of Salome, daughter of Herodias, who asked for his head at the instigation of her mother. John inspired many of his followers to follow Christ when he designated Him "the Lamb of God," among them Andrew and John, who came to know Christ through John's preaching. John is presented in the New Testament as the last of the Old Testament prophets and the precursor of the Messiah.

ARE YOU NEW?

If you are new to the parish and want to find out more – please join us for an informal lunch this Sunday, Aug 23, after the 10:30 Mass. We will have pizza and salad and the entire family is welcome to meet others and find out information to join the parish.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A Pastor reported this to his Parish: "I got an email recently from a parishioner sharing a posting from another church. He questioned if we might benefit from a similar posting. The notice read as follows: "Plans for parish swimming pool scrapped! After much study, our Finance Committee has determined it would not be feasible to construct an indoor swimming pool in our Church. As a result, we can now announce with certainty that those who have been arriving for Mass as if dressed for the pool need not do so."

A traveler's report: I like to travel every now and then. You know, see new and exciting places or things. Well, anyway, I recently visited a jungle area where we (the touring group and I) were talking with some natives. I noticed one native gentleman wearing a unique looking necklace, and curious as I am, decided to question him about it. "What is it made of?" I asked. "Alligator's teeth," he replied. "Oh, that's interesting," I said. "I suppose they mean as much to you as pearls do to us." "Oh no," he objected. "Anybody can open an oyster!"

SNAPSHOT OF 2014 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese has sent us a detailed report about 2014 BAA and projections and plans for 2015 BAA. Here's a SNAPSHOT of the 2014 BAA

Through the generous support from our diocesan faith community, through June 30, 2015, the Appeal

- Raised \$6,760,875 = 99.4% of the \$6.8M goal
- Received \$6,581,416 (97.3% remittance on amount pledged to date)
- Received 25,322 gifts to date = 8% attrition rate (vs. 27,583 gifts to 2013 BAA)
- Realized an average pledged gift amount of \$267, a 6% increase over the average gift last year.

And our Community of St. John Neumann is one of the few parishes that contributed above the 90% mark (ours was 92.3%)

Thank you for your continued support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For August 16, 2015

74 Donors Weekly \$3,822.05
20 Feast Of Assumption \$296.10

For August 17, 2014

76 Weekly Donors \$4,837.00
18 Feast of Assumption \$310.00



SHOP RITE, A&P & KINGS CARDS

Thanks to **12 families** who purchased Shop Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,875.00**. The stores gave us **\$93.75** Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN SESSIONS

If you were unable to attend the session that was offered at St. John's in July here are some other sessions that are being offered:

Sunday, August 23 - 11:00 a.m.

Annunciation
80 Main St. Bloomsbury

Monday, August 31 - 7:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception-Clinton
316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale

Monday, August 31 - 7:00 p.m.

St. Magdalen de Pazzi
105 Mine Street, Flemington

To register go to diometuchen.org and in the lower left side click on Sign up now for VIRTUS Sessions.

SUMMER ENVELOPES

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver your weekly envelopes to the parish office while you are out-of-town on vacations this summer. As many of you understand, our parish expenses and obligations do not take a vacation when you do, so it is very helpful to be able to rely on your continued support even when you cannot personally attend Mass here.

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