



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
Communities,

FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:
TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

Annual Parish Goal

*We, as ministers, will foster
an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,
especially to those away from the Church,
by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.*

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

Diocese of Metuchen

Most Rev. James F. Checchio,
JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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

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Our Parish

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
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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, December 20

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, December 23

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, December 24

4:30 p.m. Marvin Marple, req.
Behrens' Family

7:30 p.m. Linnea Janks,
Joseph Pojedinec and
Joseph and Ann Kalafut, req.
Janks Family and
Pojedinec Family

Sunday, December 25

10:30 a.m. Elvira McLees, req.
The Ferns Family and
Intentions of:
Rev. J. William Mickiewicz
req., Joan & Lou Eacovalle

Bells will be playing at the 7:30pm Mass on Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve and at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, January 1st.

Parish Calendar

Sun., Dec. 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent / Christmas Flower Offering / Pick up Flower Orders

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Bells (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Santa Visit (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Center)

Mon., Dec. 19 - Advent Weekday

Tues., Dec. 20 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Christmas Decorating Party (Church Center)

Wed., Dec. 21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thurs., Dec. 22 - Advent Weekday

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church/Office Center Kitchens)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Fri., Dec. 23 - Saint John of Kanty, Priest Office Closing at Noon

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

Sat., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m. Christmas Mass (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Christmas Mass with Bells (Church Center)

Sun., Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - December 24/25

Saturday	Christmas Eve	4:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Anthony DeStefano	
Altar Server	1 Needed	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mary Connolly	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Mary D'Avella, Lyle Garcia, Joann Gardner	
	Joan Eacovalle, 4 Needed	
Saturday	Christmas Eve	7:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	1 Needed	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks, Shirley Pojedinec	
	Bob Sobey, 2 Needed	
Sunday	Christmas Day	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	1 Needed	
Altar Server	1 Needed	
Music Eucharistic Minister	1 Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates, Debby Kelemen	
	Phyllis Baker, 3 Needed	

CHRISTMAS GIVING: A PARISHIONER'S CHALLENGE

After my last talk about parish financial situation, a parishioner told me: "I have an idea: I want to give a little help to the parish this Christmas. Let me know what was the least Christmas collection in the past 3 years, and this year, whatever amount our parishioners will donate beyond that amount, I am willing to match it with an equal amount!" I wanted you to know that. Now it is a challenge for us all to think of our contribution to our Church this Christmas, even as we thank God for this parishioner who wants to make a difference in the life of our parish from sharing the blessings God gave.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Kathy McIntyre, Floyd Opdyke, Thomas Barnum, Susan Dziki Marx, Albina Aulert, Erna Harvst, Eleanor Mastro, Eleanor Fazekas, and Joseph Aulert.**

Deceased: **Floyd Opdyke**, husband of Evelyn Opdyke, **Thomas Barnum**, cousin of Ron Pojedinec, **Susan Dziki Marx**, friend of Pojedinecs, **Albina Aulert**, Great Grandmother of Brandon Auleert, **Erna Harvst**, mother of Shirley Harvst, **Eleanor Mastro**, mother of Mike Mastro, **Eleanor Fazekas**, mother of Nadine Fotta, and **Joseph Aulert**, uncle of Brandon Aulert. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

The Christmas Pageant last Sunday was a powerful reminder of that simple yet profound mystery of the Incarnation – God becoming one like us. I noticed that everyone was enthralled with the way these children acted and with the rap-like music of the carols that gave a feeling of aliveness to all. Thanks to Mary Sorgie whose initiative and enthusiasm to stage this became a successful production with the help of other parents and friends. These kids will never forget the story they presented and we adults will take the message for ourselves.

Last week we had the Advent Retreat for our past and present Parish Pastoral Council members. We reflected on different spiritual themes based on six characters of Advent/Christmas. One was holiness based on Joseph who was a just man as we see in today's gospel from Matthew 1:18-25. He earnestly sought to do God's will, no matter the cost. But the holiness Joseph exuded is not one of being externally religious or exhibiting piety. Then what is holiness? Joseph would teach us that holiness is the ability to do what needs to be done when it needs to be done. He did this by being open to the Spirit of God. Have you ever noticed that Joseph does not speak a single word in the gospels? His actions matter more. And among his actions, his decision to reevaluate his concept of righteousness stands tall. He has a crisis on his hands: Mary his betrothed is found with child. Should he follow the law and publicly divorce her? Or, should he send her away quietly? Joseph had every right to divorce Mary. The law was on his side. But God's message to Joseph made it clear that the baby Mary was carrying redefines holiness as making the right choice in life.

The choices we make have the power to bring peace or conflict. Joseph challenges us to make a choice for peace and harmony. If we take a little time to weigh the pros and cons of every decision we make, we will always choose what will bring about joy and harmony for all. Instead of letting instinct rule, listening to our God-given gift of logic to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of each situation will help us determine what course of action will produce the most good and least bad. May we all grow more and more into this way of making decisions, learning from Joseph. True holiness can be attained in this way. After all, we are pleasing God and humans through such well-considered choices.

Come Lord Jesus come.
Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Christmas Season Mass Schedule 2016-2017

Weekday Masses - Residence Chapel

Tuesday, December 20.....	8:00 a.m.
Friday, December 23	7:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 27.....	NO MASS
Friday, December 30	NO MASS

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, December 24.....	4:30 p.m.
(with Bell Choir).....	7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25.....	10:30 a.m.
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New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31	5:30 p.m.
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Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Day Masses

Sunday, January 1	8:00 a.m.
(with Bell Choir).....	10:30 a.m.

First Friday

Friday, January 6	No Holy Hour
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CHRISTMAS DESSERT PICK UP

If you ordered Christmas Desserts they will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, December 21st from 2 to 7pm or Thursday, December 22nd from 5 to 6:30pm. All orders must be picked up at these times. Questions, contact Anita 908-832-7746.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY



Tues., Dec. 20, 6:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the St John's Christmas Decorating Party. Adults and kids are welcome. While we enjoy socializing with fellow parishioners, music, appetizers and desserts, we have something fun to do – decorate the church. You can bring a goodie to share, but it's not required; cookies, sweets, appetizers or any kind of drink. Come join us for decorating, connecting, eating, drinking, and Christmas merriment.

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Youth Ministry..... sjnygroup@gmail.com

Christian Formation - Catechesis

THANK YOU

To all who participated in the making of a heart-warming Nativity Pageant last Sunday, a very special Thank You for that gift of joy that you gave to so many people. Your hard work in performing in honor of the Lord's special day was everything the Lord could expect! You all were wonderful, from the very smallest.... that little infant, our baby Jesus, to the younger cast (Little Angels) to the older ones (Archangels, Shepherds, WiseMen, Mary & Joseph, & Narrators/Soloists), the 'hidden' cast (Music Technician), to the "oldest and wisest" (the adult helpers and staff at St. John's). A thank you also to Fr. Abraham for all of his kindness and support and finally to our families, fellow parishioners, and friends for your support and love in sharing in our Pageant to honor the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A Blessed Christmas to All
Mary Sorgi

Cast and Crew:

Lauren Alligood	Carsyn Loescher
Sean Bernard	Beatriz Mansim
Victoria Brynildsen	Liete
Jacqueline Carey	Felipe Mansim
Joshua Carey	Hannah Nacamuli
Elly Connery	Ezequiel Proano
Juli Connery	Daphne Roskowski
Karlie Connery	Adrianna Sepe
Madilyn Connery	Peter Sorgi
Molly Connery	Amelia Weldon
Emilia Kuhn	

DECEMBER SOUP KITCHEN SERVICE



Service to the SHIP Soup Kitchen in Somerville will take place on Thursday, December 22

from 11am-2pm on both days. If you would like to help serve the meal or can provide food for either dates, please contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org.

A REMINDER

Please check our table in the Narthex for an envelope that may have your family name on it



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, January 8th, at 8:30 AM or Monday, January 9th, 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.



ADVENT SPIRITUALITY

Advent often seems like just a busy "home stretch" before Christmas "break." However, if we do not develop a personal spirituality for **Advent**, we are not really in a position to teach others its significance. As has often been said, "You can't give what you don't have."

Advent, put simply, is waiting in joyful **hope** in a world that often looks pretty hopeless. But what does that mean? The *Catechism* defines hope as "the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God." (2090) Christians are a people who expect blessing and expect to see God someday. How different from the values of the secular world, where relying on one's own abilities is key! Yet do we, as Catholic people, behave any differently? Do we give witness to Christian hope through our speech and actions?

Why not take time before **Advent** this year to get in touch with hope? This simple process can help. Read the first readings and Gospels for the Masses of the four weeks of Advent. Reflect over these readings and consider the following. If you have a journal consider writing your answers in your journal.

- How do these readings give me hope?
- What signs of hope do I see in my life and ministry?
- Can I allow Christ to be the source of my hope?
- How can I share my hope with others?

When you can answer those questions, you will truly be ready to celebrate and communicate to those around you the joy of the season of Advent.

Edited from Joyce Donahue article in Catechist Journey



OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

Start your own Family Tradition

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread". The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast. The other family members then greet one another in the same way.

All this brings to mind clearly out charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

So try it with your family this year. There is Oplatek in the Narthex in envelopes. Take one and leave a donation

DROP OFF YOUR CARD THIS WEEKEND -ADVENT PRAYERS



Drop off a Christmas Card to the families you are praying for. Put it in the basket on the side table with the purple signs. If you don't have a Christmas card handy use one of the blanks on the table in the narthex. Cards are due this weekend so we can distribute them to everyone on Christmas, next weekend! We hope you will Everyone wants to know who was praying for them!

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Joseph the Just Man

Joseph, [Mary's] husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. **Matthew 1: 18-24**

He is never quoted in the script. He is always in the background (where he seems quite content to remain) and only comes center stage when there is trouble. Then he suddenly disappears from the story altogether. All we know about him is found in one line from today's Gospel: *Joseph, [Mary's] husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.* Yet that one sentence tells us everything. Joseph was a "righteous" man: a carpenter, he knew what hard work was, he knew what it meant to support a family, to keep a small business going, to pay taxes. He conducted his affairs with "righteousness," Matthew writes, with justice, integrity, and humility.

And Joseph was a man of compassion and decency. When Mary is discovered to be pregnant, he refuses to expose her to the full fury of Jewish Law — which could have meant her death; it certainly would have condemned her to a life of shame, isolation and poverty. Instead, he puts aside whatever anger and hurt he feels and arranges to "divorce her quietly." As the Gospel story continues on, Joseph is the loving provider and fearless protector of his wife and child. That one sentence from Matthew's Gospel tells us all we need to know about Joseph — Joseph the Just.

Though the traditional language qualifies his relationship with Jesus as that of "foster father," make no mistake: Jesus must have learned a great deal about integrity and compassion from his "dad." It's not hard to imagine that many of Jesus' teachings and stories in his adult years were inspired in part by the example of his carpenter father. May we embrace the "righteousness" of Joseph the Just in today's Advent Gospel: inspired by the example of his compassion and decency, may we imitate his humility in putting aside our own hurts and doubts, our fears and anxieties, in order to be loving spouses, protective parents, rocks of stability for our families.

FROM YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

It is such an honor to receive the Saint Timothy Award of 2016. Both of us feel that we would not have been able to earn this award without the Saint John Neumann Parish. This award has evoked a sense of belonging; being part of such a supportive community has taught us so much. Our leadership in the youth group has helped us appreciate the closeness of the youth members and it also helped us to see how important it is to bring teens back to the parish for group faith and fun. We have made casseroles and served the needy through Ship's Galley, participated in multiple Catholic Heart Work Camp excursions, and have been present for youth masses. We have met and continue to do so to plan gatherings for the youth. Through this we have observed how difficult it is to get teens involved in the church. This is why we were overwhelmed to see the amount of youth and their families at the ceremony in Metuchen. The breath-taking Cathedral of St. Francis was packed with loving and supportive faces for all teens receiving this award. It made us realize how our participation and willingness to serve brought joy to those who witnessed it, especially our families and our parish communities.

Bishop Checchio spoke about dedicating yourself to the service of others and that is what we strive to do. Completing a service project always gives us a sense of accomplishment; not only finishing it, but also seeing the joy and appreciation in others. To grow more as Catholic Youth leaders, we try to demonstrate the importance of helping people through service. It was obvious to us when we went to CHWC that our work does not go unappreciated. The residents are always overcome with joy and thanks for our work.

To all the youth of the parish, we give you this: St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "There are many people who can do big things, but there are few people who will do the small things". Small things make just as big of an impact. No act of kindness, no matter how small, goes unnoticed. The sooner you get involved the more you can do.

Sincerely,
Morgan D'Avella & Alexa Johnson

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

PUT YOUR FAMILY'S ORNAMENT ON THE TREE



If you haven't added your family ornament to the Narthex Christmas Tree, please bring one to represent your family.

Put your name and date on it and hang it on the tree.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

As Christmas approaches help your children prepare by urging them to choose at least one of their possessions to give away to someone who needs it more than they do.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"A husband always prefers his wife's mother-in-law to his own." (Anonymous) Think of one trait or talent that your mother-in-law or father-in-law passed on to your spouse for which you are grateful. (Susan Vogt)

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For December 11, 2016

77 Donors Weekly.....\$2,941.93
51 Religious Retirement\$1,422.00
19 Immaculate Conception ...\$429.00

For December 13, 2015

63 Donors Weekly.....\$3,743.18
50 Yellow Brick Road.....\$1,330.00
22 Immaculate Conception\$406.00



GROCERY CARDS

Thanks to **13 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$1,950.00**. The stores gave us **\$96.50**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

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
Fr. Alban Harmon
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

HAVE YOU SAID A PRAYER TODAY?

While you are praying for the parish families you picked, remember to pray for God's guidance in your own family's life. AND drop off a Christmas Card in the narthex - everyone wants to know who prayed for them! If you don't have a card - we have them on the credenza for you write before or after Mass! We want all cards by Dec 18 so each family can pick up their card at Christmas Mass!

PRAYERS FOR LIGHTING THE 4TH CANDLE AT HOME

Reader #1: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting. We wait for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader #2: How does this happen?

Reader #1: God's light comes through Jesus, who became a human being just like you and me, so that he could show us the way back to God's divine love and light.

Family: *Purify us, O God, by your daily visitation, so that when your Son Jesus Christ comes, he will find in us a mansion prepared for himself. We thank you for this time of waiting. We thank you that our time of waiting for Jesus is almost over. May we await the Light of the World with joyful anticipation, through Christ our Lord.*

Reader #3: A reading from the prophet Micah: "The Lord will choose one of your people to rule the nation—someone whose family goes back to ancient times. The LORD will abandon Israel only until this ruler is born, and the rest of his family returns to Israel. Like a shepherd taking care of his sheep, this ruler will lead and care for his people by the power and glorious name of the LORD his God. His people will live securely, and the whole earth will know his true greatness, because he will bring peace. (Micah 5:2-5)

Reader #1: We continue to wait for the coming of Jesus. Each Sunday during Advent, we have begun in the dark, then we have lit candles. Today, we light all four candles.

All four Advent candles are lit. While this is being done, the following is read:

Reader #2: Each candle that we light reminds us that the Light of the World will soon come to us in the human form of Jesus. Now, at the end of Advent, all four candles burn bright with the hope of God who will come to us. Tonight, when we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we will finally light the center candle that symbolizes the Christ Child.

Family: *Our time of waiting is almost over. Blessed are we who, with Mary and Elizabeth, believe there will be a fulfillment of God's promise to us. May we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus. When he comes to us, may we be ready to help him scatter the proud, bring down the powerful, lift up the lowly. May God fill the hungry with good things. May all of God's people know fullness, justice, peace and love when the Light shines its brightness over our world, when the Word becomes flesh and dwells among us. Amen.*

STORE CARD SALES AFTER MASS

We hope to find someone willing to stay after Mass once a month at the Saturday 5:30 Mass and sell the store cards. It is an easy fundraiser for the church. And you would only need to do it once a month. To volunteer or get details see us after Mass or call the office.

IMPRESSIONS ABOUT OUR 'GIFT' SPEAKER

Jackie Alligood, a parent who was at this month's GIFT session, has this to say about the talk on "Catholic social Teaching" given by Dr. Dominic Scibilia who is the chairperson of the Religion Department at St. Peter's Prep, Jersey city:

"The GIFT program was truly a "gift" on Sunday, December 11th. Guest speaker Dr. Dominic Scibilia brought a new dimension to my Religious Education as an adult. A simple example that resonated so loudly to me was the origin of "turn the other cheek". I found it fascinating as an adult Catholic to learn new and interesting things about my Religion that they hadn't taught me in the Catholic School I grew up in. Dr. Scibilia was engaging and entertaining! He brought the topic of Catholic Social Teaching to light and has intrigued me to engage further! And thanks to Fred Galano who arranged this."

TASTING – THANK YOU!

The Tasting event co-chairs (Maggie Baumann, Marlene Milko and Barbara Pannone) would like to thank their Taste 'Buds' who gave so much of their time to prepare for this successful fund raiser. Many compliments to the prep workers, chefs, servers, setup and clean up angels, and office staff.

Those well deserving of a role in the success of this event include our kitchen help and servers: Jim Codd, Lyle Garcia, Jim & JoAnn Murray, Donna Wellbrock, Lauren Allipod, Phyllis Baker, Doris Berube, Laurie Cirianni, Joanne, Dana & Andrew Fabiano, Andrew & Alex Kuhn, Donna Lance, Suzanne Larusso, Liz Livoti, Colleen Malnick, Hannah Nacamuli, Renee Osgood, Jeannie Patrikis, Joelle Pilek, Annette Schettino, Jonathan & Dan Uss.

Thanks to Phyllis Baker and Kerri Caldaro for stepping in to cashier for us, Mary Connolly for her donation, France Kennedy for being our floater, Mary Phillips for help with the silent auction, and special thanks to Renee Osgood for getting the kitchen to sparkle!

Our cleanup angels included Wayne Infusino, Annette Schettino, Phyllis Baker, Paul & Joanne Fabiano, France Kennedy, Andrew Kuhn, Suzanne Larusso, and several others that may have been missed in the late night rush to reconfigure the church.

Thanks to those who had a hand in our delicacy selection: Maggie Baumann's apple cranberry sauce, Swedish meatballs w/lingonberry sauce, ham and sweet potatoes, brownies; Regina DeStefano's pasta and prosciutto, Barbara Gates' cocoa baked beans, Donna Lance's glazed cocoa carrots, Marlene Milko's Sauerbraten, pork satay, mashed potato bar, lemon peppercorn shrimp, savory chicken dippers and rosemary pecans, Marcio Souza's Brazilian spiced pasta, Tony's Bistro eggplant ratatouille. Several of the food items were prepared with Dove Chocolate Discovery products generously donated by Barbara Pannone who also provided chocolate balsamic antipasto skewers, cream cheese with chipotle raspberry sauce, and many mini desserts.

What is a tasting without spirits – we owe our thanks to Rob Sansone for the generous donation of cases of wine for the 'cork pull' and to Bourbon Street Wine & Spirits for providing the wine and beer vendors.

It is always a pleasure to have others come forward at the last minute and ask "what can I do?" since there are always a lot of last minute needs. Thanks to all those who chipped in to get things rolling and to those who cleaned up at the end. Applause again goes out to Wayne Infusino for the planning and quick transformations of the worship space!

The entertainment included Maggie Baumann on keyboard, Jim King on guitar and Jen Evanko as vocal.

We also want to thank others who donated Silent Auction items: Mike & Mary Mastro, Bonnie Lydell, Anita Sawczuk, Stone Hedge Farm, Kramer Portraits, Starbucks, Hunterdon Health and Wellness. All of the vendors also contributed Silent Auction items.

Lastly, thanks to those vendors who have supported our event and donated silent auction items and a portion of their commissions as well as those businesses that contributed: Dove Chocolate Discoveries, Tony's Bistro, Lunacy Botanicals, Young Living Essential Oils, Wildtree, Tastefully Simple, Lady J's Vintage Treasures, Cara London scarves, Kerri's Jewelry Boutique, Nerium AD Skin Care, Changewater Designs balsam pillows, Heidi's Homemade jams/spreads, Joanne Carole designer tees, Fantasy FairyScapes, Center Street Cigar, Bone Bites, Creative Designs & Gifts linens.

St. John's profit is close to \$6,000, up over \$1,500 from last year!!

The following vendors will extend their discounts through 12/31/16:

Essential Oils, Joann Ordille, joann_bicycles@yahoo.com, 973-819-5950;

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CONGRATULATIONS

Blessing on the Carew and Sepe Families whose children were baptized at the 10:30 Mass on Dec 4. Fred and Sheena's son, Frederick Joseph Carew V (Freddie) and Anthony and Chris' daughter, Adrianna Maria Sepe were joyfully welcomed into the church by family and friends.

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., December 21 C. Behrens
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December 17 & 18

5:30 p.m.. C. Crescenti
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