

Come let us Adore Him



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

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398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

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 27

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Friday, December 30

7:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, December 31

5:30 p.m. Linda Owens, req.
Laura and Chip Mullen

Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Sarah Serafino, req.
Bill and Barbara Gates
10:30 a.m. Kyle Hargadon, req.
Joan & Lou Eacovalle

**No First Friday Holy Hour
in January**



Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 25 - Christmas Day

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

Monday, December 26 - Saint Stephen, The First Martyr Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27 - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. NO MASS
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Wednesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday, December 29 - Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, December 30 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Office Closing at Noon

7:00 a.m. NO MASS
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Saturday, December 31 - Saint Sylvester I, Pope

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

Sunday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Bells (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - December 31/January 1

Saturday	New Year's Eve	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace	
Reader	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server	Brezina Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Lance	
.....	Joann Gardner, Joan Eacovalle	
Sunday	Solemnity of Mary	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace	
Reader	Gary Porto	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Sobey	
.....	Violetta Olesiak, Barbara Gates	
Sunday	Solemnity of Mary	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace	
Reader	Mike D'Avella	
Altar Server	D'Avella Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	1 Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Ron Pojedinec	
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Mary D'Avella	

**Bells will be playing at the 10:30am Mass on
Sunday, January 1st.**

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.**

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 Aulert, and **Erna Harvst**, mother of Shirley Harvst. 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,

Merry Christmas! Yes Christmas is that magical time of the year when glittering decorations line the streets and homes and children are eagerly waiting to open the gifts under the tree. One word that we need to understand and reaffirm at Christmas is 'incarnation.' It literally means taking flesh. Christmas is the feast of God incarnating as a human being.

From my Indian background, incarnation is a familiar term for the Hindus. Their Scriptures describe ten incarnations of God "to restore righteousness in the world whenever there is a large-scale erosion of moral values." But the Christian Scriptures teach only one Incarnation, and its purpose is given in John 3: 16: "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life." Thus every Christmas reminds us that we need a Savior every day, and that Savior is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy last month, Pope Francis wrote in his Apostolic Letter (Misericordia Et Misera): "In a culture often dominated by technology, sadness and loneliness appear to be on the rise, not least among young people. This often gives rise to depression, sadness and boredom, which can gradually lead to despair. We need witnesses to hope and true joy if we are to dispel the illusions that promise quick and easy happiness through artificial paradises. We need to acknowledge the joy that rises up in a heart touched by mercy. Let us keep in mind, then, the words of the Apostle: "Rejoice in the Lord always."

It is this joy that we try to express when we wish each other "Merry Christmas!" Irrespective of one's political affiliation, it is so refreshing to hear the President-elect Trump say recently: "We're going to start saying Merry Christmas again." Did you hear that NJ 101.5 had a poll going and, from the early results, it looked like the vast majority of New Jerseyans recognize the absurdity of the "Happy Holidays" movement? 8 in 10 of us believe "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Hanukkah" are the appropriate greetings.

Let us not be cowed down by the secular progressives who want us to be 'politically correct' by diminishing the display of Christian greetings, traditions and practices. Let us be proud of our Christian heritage that the founding fathers and mothers envisioned as our nation was founded on freedom. And religious freedom is an essential freedom that we need to practice. Merry Christmas to you and to your family!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

Mass Schedule 2016-2017

Weekday Masses - Residence Chapel

Tuesday, December 27 NO MASS
Friday, December 30 NO MASS

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31 5:30 p.m.

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

WHY NOT PASS THIS BULLETIN TO SOMEONE?

This is a Christmas special edition. This has a lot of insights and information about Christmas. It is wonderful that you have made time to attend Church in your busy schedule, to celebrate this great feast of Christmas. May be some of your family or friends were unable to attend a church service. Why not give them this bulletin as a sign of sharing your own joy?




AQUIRE THE FIRE

Acquire the Fire, the combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their next meeting on Sunday, Jan 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Church Hall. Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. To join the list serve and stay up to date on events, email acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

**VALENTINE'S DINNER
DANCE 2017**

The dinner for our Catholic Heart Workcamp trip is Fri., Feb. 10, 2017 at 7pm. It will be here before we know it! More information to follow but for questions or to get involved please contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

**PUT YOUR FAMILY'S
ORNAMENT ON THE TREE**

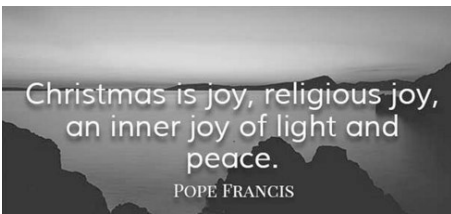


If you haven't added your family ornament to the Narthex Christmas Tree, please bring one to represent your family. Put your name and date on it and hang it on the tree.

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CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Fr. Abraham, Jo Ann and Renee
St. John Neumann
Religious Education

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, Dec. 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."



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.

CHRISTMAS QUESTIONS ANSWERED

- 1) **Is Christmas the greatest feast celebrated in the Church?** The answer is no. Easter is feast No. 1, Pentecost No. 2 and Christmas is No. 3. The Roman Church started this celebration only after Christianity was recognized as the state religion.
- 2) **Was Jesus born on December 25th?** The answer is no. December 25th was fixed by Pope Julius in A.D. 353 as a part of baptizing or Christianizing pagan feasts so that the converted pagans might celebrate the birthday of Jesus on Dec 25th instead of celebrating the birthday the Sun-god during winter solstice and the converted Roman soldiers might celebrate Christmas instead the birthday of Mitra, the Roman god-of-virility. It was Emperor Julianus who declared Christmas as a national holiday in the 6th century.
- 3) **Was there always a crèche or Nativity scene?** The answer is no. It was St. Francis of Assisi who first introduced the manger or Christmas crib in 1223. He seems to have set up a manger with hay and two live animals—an ox and an ass—in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio. He then invited the villagers to come gaze upon the scene while he preached about "the babe of Bethlehem." It had such an appeal that it became very popular.
- 4) **Where did the name Christmas originate?** In medieval times the celebration of Christmas took the form of a special Mass celebrated at midnight on the eve of Christ's birth. Since this was the only time in the Catholic Church year when a Midnight Mass was allowed, it soon became known in Middle English as *Christes Masse* (Christ's Mass), from which is derived Christmas.

THE "FEAR NOT'S" OF CHRISTMAS!

In the Christmas narratives, there are several "fear not's":

- 1) The **"fear not"** of salvation: *"And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings...which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11).*
- 2) The **"fear not"** of the humanly impossible: *"Fear not, Mary:... the Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee:...For with God nothing shall be impossible" (Luke 1:30, 35, 37).*
- 3) The **"fear not"** of unanswered prayer: *"Fear not, Zechariah, for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elizabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John" (Luke 1:13).*
- 4) The **"fear not"** of immediate obedience: *"Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife '... Then Joseph ... did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him" (Matthew 1:20,24).*

TASTING EVENT VENDORS

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

Essential Oils, Joann Ordille, joann_bicycles@yahoo.com, 973-819-5950;
Fantasy Fairy Scapes, Gertrude Daily, fantasyfairyscapes@yahoo.com;
Joanne Carole, Dressy t-shirts, joannecarole7@gmail.com or jammecarole.com;
Changewater Designs, Carol Krickus, cakrickus@gmail.com, 908-763-8107;
Heidi's Homemade Jams, Heidi Werner, heidihomemade@yahoo.com,
www.facebook.com/heidishomemadejams, 347-336-1294.

SUNDAY REFLECTION - Come to the Stable

“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”
Luke 2: 1-14

In a stable near the village, the two of them sit at their small table in their apartment. She is living Christmases of long ago; she has no awareness of this Christmas. Her faithful husband of 60 years is cutting pieces of turkey and gently feeds her, as she struggles to sit upright in her wheelchair. Later he will patiently remind her who he is, who they are, and that it is Christmas. He will point to the pictures of their children and again tell her the stories of their life together. Into this stable in the assisted-living facility, Christ is born again and again and again.

In a stable near the village, a single mom and her two sons have made it through another year. But they don't let their exhaustion and disappointments mar this day. They will put their kitchen table and card table and TV trays together to make one big (if uneven) table and will host a potluck Christmas dinner for Grandma and friends who would otherwise be alone this day. It will be a great time. Their stable with the makeshift table is the dwelling place of God.

In a stable near the village, she is up before dawn. Being a mom, Christmas Eve is a very busy day for her. But the cooking and gift-wrapping for her own family are done. This day is about bread. She will spend her morning baking fresh loaves for the local soup kitchen's holiday meal and her husband will deliver them early in the afternoon. She has been doing this since college, when she first helped out at a church's Christmas dinner for the homeless. That Christmas she made some not-so-great cookies in her dorm — but the joy on that little boy's face when he took one of her reindeer-shaped cookies was the most beautiful thing she had ever seen. And just knowing that something she bakes can be the means of such joy gets her up before daybreak every Christmas Eve. Her kitchen becomes a Bethlehem — “a house of bread” — where Christ is born.

The theologian and novelist Frederick Buechner writes: “Once we have seen God in a stable, we never know where we might see him again. If God is present in this least auspicious place, there is no place or time so lowly or earthbound but that holiness can be present, too. For just when God seems the most helpless, God is the most strong; and just where we least expect him that he comes most fully.” On this Christmas Day, may you see God in your stable in the midst of those you love; may you know in every season of the New Year the joy of “preparing him room” in your hearts and homes.

TAI CHI FOR MEDITATION AND HEALTH

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

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

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

There will be a \$5 charge per session.

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.

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)

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.

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

☺ The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a young lady aged about 20 years old walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, 'What do you want for Christmas?' 'Something for my mother, please,' replied Emily sweetly. 'Something for your mother? Well, that's very loving and thoughtful of you,' smiled Santa. 'What would you like me to bring her?' Without turning a hair Emily answered quickly, 'A son-in-law.'

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., December 28 J. Santoro

Store Cards

December 24 & 25

4:30 p.m. D. Royal

7:30 p.m.

10:30 a.m. G. Ambrosky

December 31 & January 1

5:30 p.m. E. McCabe

8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski

10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 12/25 B. Sobey

Week of 1/1 J. Sieber

Church Center Cleaning

December 30 Team D

January 6 Team E

Altar Flowers

January 14 A. Sawczuk

January 21 A. Germino

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
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Diane Siti
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Al Sterphone
Julie Suplee
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
William Weimer
Josh Wilkes
Caden Zane
Jill Zane
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military you would like us to pray for, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so we can remove them from the list. Please remember the following in your prayers:
Captain Baumann, Katherine, U.S. Army
HM Bullis, Christopher, U.S. Navy
C3C, Geerinck, Joshua, U.S. Air Force
Private, Linzer, Matthew, U.S. Army
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, U.S. Navy
SR O'Leary, Thomas, U.S. Navy
Captain Royal, Benjamin P., USMC
Lieutenant JG Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy

"A BUDDHIST GIVES A JEW A CHRISTMAS GIFT MADE BY A HINDU!"

Under a cultural exchange program a rabbi from Russia was visiting with a Christian family in Texas. Since it was Christmas, the family wanted to take him to some of the finest places in Houston, so they all went to a favorite Chinese restaurant. Throughout the meal the rabbi extolled the wonders of America in comparison to the bleak conditions of his homeland. When they had finished eating the waiter brought the check, a fortune cookie, and a small brass Christmas tree ornament as a present for the rabbi. They all laughed when the rabbi pointed out that the ornaments were stamped "made in India." But the laughter soon subsided when they saw that the rabbi was quietly crying. They all thought that the rabbi must have been offended by receiving a Christmas tree as a gift. But no, he smiled and shook his head and said, "Nyet, I was shedding tears of joy to be in a wonderful country, in a Chinese restaurant in which a Buddhist gives a Jew a Christmas gift made by a Hindu!"

SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring - your relationship grown cold, distant - thinking about separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again - then the Retrouvaille program may help you.

RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office, Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For further information please call the Family Life Office 732-562-1990 x4573 or Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague 732-583-4468 (evenings).

Marriage Encounter

For a truly meaningful Christmas present, one that lasts long after the decorations have been put away, why not give your spouse the gift of 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 13 - 15. Early registration is advisable as space is limited.

Visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

"I'VE BEEN DOING AUTOMATED GIVING FOR 4 YEARS!"

Recently you received an invitation to begin using the automated giving option here at St. John's. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to consider this easy sensible approach to giving. I have been using the automated giving option for about 4 years. It is so easy! Once a year, I complete a one page form indicating the amount I would like to give and that's it! Each month, the bank deducts my giving amount. I never have to worry about forgetting envelopes, having money or writing checks. If my circumstances change I can easily update my giving amount by contacting the church office to update my form. Most important, automated giving provides predictability to St. John's financial planning. Each week, the weekly collection varies. Imagine managing your household without being able to consistently predict your income. It would be very difficult to plan for expenses not knowing how much money you would have each week or month. Automated giving provides St. John's leadership with more information about expected income, which in turn allows them to better plan for the Parish's needs and enrichment. Automated giving has provided me with a digital solution for consistently contributing to the financial well-being of the Parish. I hope you will prayerfully consider this easy and beneficial approach to your giving. **Sharon Lohrmann, Stewardship Ministry member.**

Parish News

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
January, 2017

Friday, December 16, 2016 8:12 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of Mary 8:00 AM Mass CC 10:30 AM Mass with Bells CC	2 Office Closed 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Meeting SR	3 No Mass	4 12:30 PM Staff Meeting DR	5 Feast of St. John Neumann 7:30 PM Music/Bells CC	6 No Mass No 1st Friday Holy Hour 5:00 PM Cleaning CC	7 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - OC 8:30 AM Life Choices Painting Volunteers Away 5:30 PM Mass CC
8 Epiphany YBR Collection 8:00 AM Mass CC 8:00 AM K-6 Family Faith Formation-V.V. 10:30 AM Mass CC 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	9 10:00 AM SHIP OCK/CCK 6:00 PM K-6 Family Faith Formation-CC/OC	10 No Mass 6:00 PM Decorating - CC 7:00 PM Budget Mtg.- DR	11 7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg-SR 7:00 PM Tai Chi CC	12 7:30 PM Music/Bells CC	13 No Mass 5:00 PM Cleaning CC	14 5:30 PM Mass CC
15 Together in Charity 8:00 AM Mass CC 10:30 AM Mass CC 11:30 AM Discover St. Johns-OC	16 Martin Luther King Office Closed	17 No Mass 7:00 PM Property Mgmt Mtg-DR	18 7:00 PM Tai Chi CC	19 7:15 PM Music/Bells CC	20 No Mass 5:00 PM Cleaning CC	21 5:30 PM Youth Mass CC 6:30 PM Youth Nite CC
22 Catholic Education 8:00 AM Mass CC 10:30 AM 5th Grade Class Mass - CC 10:30 AM Childrens Liturgy-NX 6:00 PM Jr. High Catechesis-CC	23 7:00 PM Fundraising-OCK	24 No Mass 7:00 PM Comxions Mtg-OCK	25 7:00 PM Tai Chi CC	26 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. OCK/CCK 7:30 PM Music/Bells CC	27 No Mass 5:00 PM Cleaning CC 7:00 PM Baptism Prep CC	28 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - OC 8:30 AM Pastoral Council UR 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Sess.#1-CC 5:30 PM Mass CC
29 8:00 AM Mass CC 10:30 AM Mass Danik & Nacca Baptism CC 10:30 AM Childrens Liturgy-NX	30 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Meeting SR	31 7:00 AM Mass NRC				

STEWARDSHIP CALL FOR MEMBERS

Great news! The Stewardship Ministry is looking for new members. We want to expand our membership so that we have more ideas and input into our planning process. This is a fantastic opportunity to join a fun and meaningful ministry here at St. John's. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Seton Room. We laugh, share personal stories, and plan for Stewardship at St. John's. The Stewardship Ministry has three primary objectives:

- (1) Promote Parish engagement;
- (2) Support Social Justice; and
- (3) Encourage environmental responsibility.

Stewardship members take on as much or as little as their schedule allows. We have some exciting activities planned for 2017 and want you to join us! Contact Anthony DeStefano at radestefano@earthlink.net or just show up to our next meeting. We look forward to hearing from you.



VOLUNTEERS TO PAINT

For Life Choices in Phillipsburg

Saturday January 7th, 8:30 a.m. Jim Murray is organizing a volunteer team to help out Life Choices. The team will meet here at St. John's at 8:30 am and arrive about 9 am and be done before noon.

Life Choices is converting a former convent into a temporary home for pregnant mothers. The goal is to offer an alternative to abortion.

This is a Catholic sponsored program. "Grandma's House is located in Phillipsburg at 137/139 Roseberry Street.

Director Joan Fasanella has asked for help with painting and small repairs. All supplies will be provided.

Contact Jim Murray 908-310-6877.

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