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## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

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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.

### **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.*

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. No Mass

### Friday, January 27

7:00 a.m. No Mass

### Saturday, January 28

5:30 p.m. Joan Sanford, req.  
Kucharski Family

### Sunday, January 29

8:00 a.m. William Kearns, req.  
Jack and Maureen Kearns

10:30 a.m. Kyle Hargadon, req.  
Maureen & Richard Sepe



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, January 22 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Catholic Education Collection

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Liturgy Refresher (Church Center)
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee sponsored by Fund Raising Comm.(Narthex)
- 10:30 a.m. 5th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee sponsored by Fund Raising Comm.(Narthex)
- 6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

### Monday, January 23 - Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr: Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

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

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

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

### Wednesday, January 25 - Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi for Meditation (Church Center)

### Thursday, January 26 - Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P (Church and Office Kitchens)  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)  
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

### Friday, January 27 - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

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

## Mass Schedule - January 28/29

Saturday	Youth Mass	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader .....	Kathleen Swindler	
Altar Server .....	Brezina Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anita Sawczuk	
.....	Joann Gardner, 1 Needed	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader .....	Jim Murray	
Altar Server .....	Kucharski Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Martalus	
.....	Barbara Martalus, Sharon Janks	
Sunday	5th Grade Class Mass	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader .....	Steve Carroll	
Altar Server .....	Cucchiara Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	Debby Kelemen	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Cindy Carroll, Marlene Milko	
.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Doris Royal, Peter Royal	

### Saturday, January 28 - Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
- 8:30 a.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)
- 3:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Session #1 (Church Center)
- 5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, January 29 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Mass - Danik and Nacca Baptism (Church Center)
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

### GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

We have gluten free hosts available - talk to the Eucharistic ministers in the sacristy before or after Mass.

### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Lucy Pojedinec, Lillian Brunetti, Rose Squietteri, Margaret Battell, John Fogarty, Fr. Alban Harmon, Kathy McIntyre, Floyd**

**Deceased:** **Lucy Pojedinec**, aunt of Ron Pojedinec, **Lillian Brunetti**, cousin of Marion Dabrowski, **Rose Squietteri**, aunt of Anthony Sorgi, **Margaret Battell**, mother of James Battell, and **John Fogarty**, uncle of Steve Carroll. 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 DESK OF:



A faith journey requires that one looks for the best possible environment for that expression. Our family found that at St. John's. We moved to Clinton and I interviewed pastors in the surrounding area, asking what their vision was for the parish. After a 2 1/2 hour conversation with Fr. Bill I knew we found our home and by the time it was over, I was 'volunteered' for youth ministry!

Through our involvement with youth ministry we learned so much about the goodness of our youth, their search for true self and often finding God's Presence within. We met once a week in the old parish house in Califon. We had a good core group of adult and teen advisers.

Sacristy Stitchers met in the Seton room for weekly hand quilting of the beautiful quilts you see displayed in church. The idea that it takes many pieces to make a quilt, helped us realize that it takes many people to create community.

We were involved in the planning and building of the worship space we now use. Altar serving, lecturing, Protecting Gods Children, and many other volunteer opportunities. Through all of this, we felt a deep connection and sense of belonging to St. John's.

The support of the parish community was amazing when we lost our first daughter shortly after we became parishioners and years later when we lost a second daughter. How does faith play a part in such tragedy? It is exemplified by the Presence of God in the people of the parish. Their love and Light supported us, nurtured us and helped us know, even more profoundly, that God walks with us and loves us through it all.

The days, weeks and months that followed were very difficult, but looking across the aisle at Mass, I knew there were others who suffered loss in many ways, and it gave me strength knowing that we were not alone. About a year after Lisa's death, I would get calls asking if I could visit with someone who lost their child. Once again, I'd have to ask, why me, Lord? What could I possibly say or do? I just sat with them, and listened and was present. All that I had been given I could now give back.

The Spirit of God's love and light illuminates and surrounds us, if we let go, allow and embrace the peace it gives.

*Matthew 4:12-23, Light  
Bernadette Andrejco*

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, READERS AND ALTAR SERVERS & CLOW & MUSIC

**LITURGY REFRESHER – THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 22nd, 9AM**

All ministers for Mass are invited to join Father Abraham for a short spiritual reflection and a practical refresher for your ministry participation. No RSVP needed – we do look forward to your presence.

## BECOME A PRAYER MINISTER

Please join us for an inquiry session on being a Prayer Minister on Monday, Jan 30 at 7pm in the Drexel Room. The inquiry session does not commit you to join, it is information so you can make a decision if this is something you are attuned to. To learn more contact Bonnie Garcia at 908 975 3003.

*"Humility, obedience, meekness, and love are the virtues  
that shine through the Cross and the Blessed Sacrament  
of the Altar. O my Jesus, help me imitate you!"*

*St. Anthony Mary Claret*

## 3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

*January 22, 2017*

*"He called them, and immediately they  
left their boat and their father and fol-  
lowed Him."*

**MATTHEW 4:22**

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

## TALENTED WOODWORKER LOOKING FOR A WINTER PROJECT?

If you can work with wood and want a challenge – poor St. Francis needs some help. Our small wooden St Francis statue was not able to withstand the weather. If you would like to look at what is involved contact the office or talk to Wayne.

## Parish Contact Information

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# Christian Formation

## 5TH GRADE CLASS MASS



Please join our 5th Grade Religious Education students on Sunday, January 22, at 10:30 a.m. as they celebrate their Class Mass. It is a wonderful chance to witness our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy by playing an active role during the Mass.

## 1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

**Saturday, January 28, 3:30 p.m.**



First Eucharist classes for all children in this program begin on Saturday, January 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center. There will be an important Parent Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Valley View School.

## CPI PARENT-CANDIDATE MEETING



**Tues., Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m.,  
Church Center**

There will be a CPI Parent-Candidate Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Center. This is an introductory and welcoming meeting as our sixth graders begin to prepare for Confirmation. At least one parent should accompany their CPI student.



## 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, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 AM or Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. No RSVP necessary -- just show up! For more information, contact Renee or Jo Ann at 832-2162.



## 2017 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, more than \$125 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Weekend as you leave Mass. Our youth will greet you in the Narthex to collect your \$ donations and cans of soup. This year we are collecting money for a food-related service project for SHIP and St. John's Social Ministry holiday food baskets. A local food pantry will receive the cans of soup collected.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE



**When:** Sunday February 5, 2017 at 11:45 AM

**Where:** Church Center

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi students are requested to participate in the Diocesan's Spelling Bee sponsored by the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus. Pizza will be served after the bee! Please R.S.V.P. to me at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org) by February 2, 2017 for food count.

# Social Ministry

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

The next opportunity to assist the homeless in Hunterdon County through the Interfaith Hospitality Network will be this week from January 22-29. This is a great individual or family activity that takes a small amount of your time & allows you to assist those less fortunate in whatever way you are most comfortable. To sign up to help, please go to the link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family3>.

This will allow you to see what services/time slots are still needed. If you need further info, please look at the Social Ministry link on St. John's website, or contact Debbie Hunt at [dhuntfam1@comcast.net](mailto:dhuntfam1@comcast.net).

## SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

We will be discontinuing our CHANGE FOR CHANGE program during Lent, since we believe the focus should be on THE RICE BOWL project.

During the last 12 months we collected about \$1200.00 in the CHANGE FOR CHANGE program, which went a long way in helping us help the needy. Thank you. We will resume the program after Easter and pray for its continued success. Remember too that it began with the ideas of two women who started collecting change and wanted to put it to good use.

We also want to mention that we owe much thanks to Brandon and Sharon Staten and their three girls for sharing their blessings during Christmas. They generously assisted another family of the same size by providing gifts selected by their three girls. This is not the first time they've stepped up to help others and made it a learning experience for their own children. Lessons Learned! Pray for them!

## SOCIAL MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT ON SAMARITAN HOMELESS INTERIM PROJECT (SHIP)

The Samaritan Homeless Interim Project or SHIP, is a program supported by St. John's Social Ministry. This program, located in Somerville, NJ, is a non-profit organization supported entirely by private contributions. It is dedicated to helping the

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# Social Ministry (continued) and Parish News

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homeless and working poor. Started in 1984, this interfaith organization provides addiction counseling, emergency interim housing, support services and advocacy. The "SHIP's Galley" is an on-site feeding program that offers a free lunch to anyone who is hungry Monday-Friday. 2017 will mark St. John's 20th year of service to this program. Twice each month we supply casseroles and food along with volunteers to serve the meal. We currently have about 40 parishioners who actively volunteer in this ministry. Some people serve the meal once a month. Others come only in the summer months or even just once per year and still others participate by providing casseroles or soup. All ages are welcome to participate. The casseroles we serve are all made at home and then reheated at the soup kitchen on the day of service. This is a great activity to do at home with children. Age 16 and older can work in the kitchen. Children younger than 16 cannot be in the kitchen but can help in the dining area and with food service. It can be an individual or family activity or even a group effort (consider doing a day of service this Lent as part of your small group sharing). For more information or to find out how you can participate, contact Anne Germino at [socialministry@ccsjn.org](mailto:socialministry@ccsjn.org).

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Jesus said to Peter and Andrew, "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him . . .*

*[Jesus] went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."*  
*Matthew 4: 12-23*

### **Grandpa's miner's helmet**

In an episode of Lynn Johnston's comic strip **For Better or For Worse** [December 27, 2015], seven-year-old Michael is holding an old, scratched miner's helmet. It's the day after Christmas, and Michael is disappointed. "An old hard hat," Michael moans. "What a dumb thing for Grandpa to give me for Christmas."

"Didn't you read the card, Mike?" his dad asks. "He said it was something special he wanted you to have."

Michael's father goes on to explain the story of the hat: "My dad worked in the mine for thirty years. He risked his life sometimes to feed us . . . put my brother and sister and me through school. He wore this every day. It was a part of him. When your grandpa is gone, you'll have this to remember him by. Treasure it."

Michael is next seen outside meeting up with his buddies. "Hey, Mike! Get anything neat for Christmas?!" they ask.

"Yeah! This!" Michael says, proudly wearing his grandpa's miner's helmet. And Mike begins to tell the story of the helmet.

**Today's Gospel from Matthew is the beginning of Jesus' teaching ministry in Galilee. Jesus begins to tell the story of God's love for his people, a love that Jesus reveals in the compassion and healing of the "kingdom of God" - a "kingdom" that does not belong to some distant future but is part of our here and now. Like the fishermen he calls, Jesus calls us now to remember and tell the story of God's love in our midst - love that is manifested in every act of generous sacrifice and selfless compassion. Just ask young Michael about his Christmas present.**

## LAST CHANCE TO PICK UP YOUR CARD IN THE NARTHEX

Someone was praying for you during Advent! There are many cards still in the purple box in narthex. Check to see if one is for you.

**We  
Need  
Your  
Help  
Please**

## 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.

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

Many people are on the move this weekend. Some going to Washington DC for the Inauguration, others for the Women's March. Talk to your children about standing up for what they believe in.

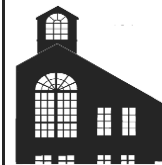
## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

**St. Paul urged the Corinthians to "be united in the same mind and in the same purpose." (1 Cor. 1:10)**

Marriages can survive many differences of opinion as long as you hold basic values in common. What heartfelt values do you share?

## MASS BOOK DEDICATION

If you would like to dedicate one of our Gather Mass/Hymnal Books, the donation is \$50. Contact Sharon or France in the office with the names as you would like them to appear in the book along with whom you would like listed as 'requested by'.



## NEW TO ST. JOHN'S?

If you are new to the parish we invite you to a new parishioner lunch. For information contact France Kennedy at [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



## 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  
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

## 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  
Cavallo, Chris, USMC  
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  
Lieutenant JG Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: "The Giving Kitchen"

Ryan Hidingier was a popular and gifted chef in Atlanta. He and his wife Jen had worked at several of the city's leading restaurants and had plans to open their own place. But both their dreams and their lives caved in when Ryan was diagnosed with stage-four gall bladder cancer.

When news got out, friends and neighbors wrapped their collective arms around Ryan and Jen. They formed "Team Hidi" and over the next two years raised more than \$500,000 to help them with their overwhelming medical bills. Jen said that the money "granted Ryan peace of mind. This business is so paycheck to paycheck. I am convinced that Ryan enjoyed six extra months of life because of that peace of mind."

Ryan passed away in early 2014 at the age of 36. Realizing what the money did for Ryan and Jen's family, Jen and their friends used the remaining money in the "Team Hidi" fund to launch "The Giving Kitchen." The Giving Kitchen is a safety net for Atlanta's restaurant workers, some of the nation's most under-insured workers in the nation. To date, the charity has awarded \$650,000 in grant money to 368 recipients, including a bartender needing hand surgery, a chef diagnosed with breast cancer, a server traumatically injured in a hit-and-run accident, and a restaurant manager whose new-born son was born prematurely and needs an expensive machine to keep him alive.

Jen also went on to realize her husband's dream restaurant. Staplehouse opened this year to rave reviews - **Bon Appetit** named Staplehouse the best new restaurant in America in 2016. Staplehouse is a non-profit subsidiary of the The Giving Kitchen: one hundred percent of Staplehouse profits goes to The Giving Kitchen.

Jen Hidingier says of her husband Ryan: "He would say he was just a cook, he was just a guy, he didn't deserve any of this. But it's pretty powerful to know that one gentle man, who just happened to be this goofy, insanely talented cook, could change an entire community . . . change an entire industry."

[CNN, April 5, 2016; Forbes.com, March 12, 2014; CBS News, November 20, 2016.]

**Employing our talents and expertise, we are called by Christ to "fish" for those who are working hard to build fulfilling and meaningful lives for their families; using our own treasure, we are called to "fish" for those who are struggling to survive; from the lessons we have learned from our own pain and despair, we are called to "fish" for those have lost all hope. Our baptisms were our acceptances of that invitation to take on the work of such "fishing," casting out whatever nets we possess, in whatever oceans and seas we work, to bring others to the hope and mercy of God.**



## BIBLE STUDY

Our first Bible Study in many years is meeting Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. through Feb 16th. We are exploring the Gospel of Matthew, as it is the gospel we are using this year, Cycle A of the Church calendar. We are looking forward to exploring and sharing God's word together. Please contact France at [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org) or call the office if you would like to join us.

## LIFE CHOICES RESOURCE CENTER'S ANNUAL CHARITY BANQUET

*"Grace & Glory"*

**INSPIRATIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Rev. Stephen Imbarrato** *"The Protest Priest"*  
**When:** Sunday, February 19, 2017 (4pm-8pm)

**Where:** Pines Manor, Edison, NJ

Tickets are \$65.00 per person

For more information call: (732) 516-0911

Or Download a Reply/Sponsor Form

@ [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com)

**Booster & Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available**

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2017-2018 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN**

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen Catholic elementary or high school may do so beginning **January 30, 2017**. The application process is online through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment. Online applications must be completed (including supporting documentation) by no later than **Friday, March 31, 2017**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application, or need access to the technology to apply, may register for one of the five Application Workshops, which will be held in four locations within the Diocese in February and March by going to [www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance](http://www.diometuchen.org/tuition-assistance) and following the Workshops link.

## **TRIUMPH AND REIGN: FLAME OF LOVE CONFERENCE**



**Saturday, February 11, 2017 8AM-12 Noon**

**Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville**

The Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the Reign of the Sacred Heart – What Does It Mean? What Must We Do? “It will be the Greatest Outpouring of grace since the Word became Flesh ...like the first Pentecost” (from the Flame of Love Diary of Elizabeth Kindelmann). Come hear Anthony Mullen, National Director of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart, an Ecclesiastically approved devotion, seen on EWTN’s Women of Grace, Saturday, February 11 at Immaculate Conception Church, Somerville, NJ 08876 8:00a.m. Holy Mass. 8:30a.m. Continental Breakfast, 9:00 a.m. speaker Anthony Mullen, 10:30–12:00p.m. Rosary, Adoration Confession.. Free Will Offering. Go to [www.immaculateconception.org](http://www.immaculateconception.org) for more information on the event. Knowing changes Everything...’ <http://www.flameoflove.us/> <http://theflameoflove.org/>

## **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](http://www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org) for more information. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information.

## **TEWKSBURY KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Tewksbury Elementary School at 109 Fairmount Road East in Tewksbury is accepting registrations for Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. Students must be five years old by Oct. 1, 2017. Contact the main office for registration information at (908) 832-2594, ext.. 2001. Or you can email [ecallahan@tewksburyschools.org](mailto:ecallahan@tewksburyschools.org). Please register in January!

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

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### **Office Angels**

Tues., January 24 A. Sawczuk  
Wed., January 25 S. Griffin  
Tues., January 31 L. Caprio

### **Store Cards**

#### **January 21 & 22**

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone  
8:00 a.m. G. Battell  
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

#### **January 28 & 29**

5:30 p.m.  
8:00 a.m. P. Nanna  
10:30 a.m. D. Royal

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of 1/22 L. Livoti  
Week of 1/29 M. Cangelosi

### **Church Center Cleaning**

January 27 Team B  
February 3 Team C

### **Altar Flowers**

January 28 K. Heimall  
February 4 M. Perez



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