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Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

Worshipping at:

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Check the bulletin for any changes

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday8:00 a.m.
Friday7:00 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, February 7

8:00 a.m. Barbara Parks, req.
Susan and Mike Griffin

Friday, February 10

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, February 11

5:30 p.m. Linda Owens, req.
St. John Neumann

Sunday, February 12

8:00 a.m. Sarah Serafino, req.
Armina and Fran Barbone
10:30 a.m. Virginia Ciszewski, req.
The Pepperman Family



Parish Calendar

Sun., Feb. 5 - Fifth Sunday in O.T. / Souper Bowl of Caring Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass - Blessing of Throats (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Valley View)
8:30 a.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Valley View)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Blessing of Throats (Church Center)
11:45 a.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)
11:45 a.m. Knights of Columbus 8th Grade Spelling Bee
(Church Center)

Mon., Feb. 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Tues., Feb. 7 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Valentine Dance Set Up (Church Center)

Wed., Feb. 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

4:00 p.m. Valentine Dance Set Up (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Board Meeting (Seton Room)
7:00 p.m. Tai Chi for Meditation (Church Center)

Thurs., Feb. 9 - Weekday

4:00 p.m. Valentine Dance Set Up (Church Center)
5:00 Cleaning (Church Center)
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Fri., Feb. 10 - Saint Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner Dance (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - February II/12

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Brezina Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Lyle Garcia
.....	Mary Connolly, 1 Needed
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Klawuun
.....	Diane Lehnert, Tom Klawuun
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Steve Bauernfiend
Altar Server	Heimall Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mark Brisson
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Ron Pojedinec
.....	Jim DeVito, Doris Royal, Peter Royal

Sat., Feb. 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes, BVM

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

Sun., Feb. 12 - Sixth Sunday in O.T. / Catholic Spirit

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. 4th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Office Center)
6:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner Dance (SNOW DATE)

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: **Iole Matthews, William Gauthier, Lucy Pojedinec, Lillian Brunetti, Rose Squietteri, Margaret Battell, and John Fogarty.**

Deceased: **Iole Matthews**, parishioner and mother of Doug and Scott Matthews, **Lucy Pojedinec**, mother of Ron Pojedinec, **William Gauthier**, father of Carolyn Bogda, **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 THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

Gadgets and machines we buy usually come with Instruction manuals. We need them for the initial operation of what we buy, whether it be a car, a microwave, a mixer, television, or smartphone. The same is true when it comes to parenting. God has given us clear instruction manuals about parenting. Ephesians 6:4 exhorts parents to bring the children up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Children are to look up to parents for guidance as the 4th Commandment (Exodus 20:12) asks us all to honor our father and mother.



One of the banners in that huge crowd at last week's annual March for Life in Washington, DC, stayed in my mind: *Let God Plan Parenthood!* Yes, when humans appropriate what belongs to God, confusion and destruction will follow. When humans attempt to redefine what God has already defined, society disintegrates. That's why this month holds a special importance for us as we keep the National Marriage Week from February 7-14. The Sunday within that week observed as the World Marriage Day (Feb. 12) and Valentine's Day on the following Tuesday (Feb. 14) provide us an important opportunity to celebrate the gift and blessing of marriage and to affirm and support engaged and married couples. The theme for this year's National Marriage Week is: "Let's Strengthen Marriage."

Our St. John's Valentine's Dinner dance this week celebrates not only the gift of married love, but also promotes our youth in taking greater responsibility in caring for the less fortunate of our society. Through the Catholic Heart Work Camp experience of the past years, so many of our parish youth have been fired up with the love of God by doing concrete acts of charity and kindness to those in need.

Yet, living in a culture that does not encourage the permanency of marriage nor places a high premium on family unity, we have an important duty to promote marriage and family through our personal witnessing. Not in the public square as much as in our own homes where no one sees how we treat one another. When there is good communication, understanding and fellowship between husband and wife as well as between children and parents, the family will thrive, and the family will become a true witness to the beauty of what God has planned: "*Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.*"(Proverbs 22:6). Yes, *Let God Plan Parenthood!*

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

WHY BLESSING OF THROATS?

In the United States the annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given on or around February 3, the memorial feast of Saint Blasé who was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts, he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

The blessing of throats may be given by a priest, deacon, or a lay minister who follows the rites and prayers designated for a lay minister. If, for pastoral reasons, each individual cannot be blessed, for example when great numbers are gathered for the blessing or when the memorial of Saint Blase occurs on a Sunday, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing.



AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

You must have noticed the AED on the corner wall near the church kitchen. As announced last Sunday, we got this life-saving device through a grant from The Janet Foundation, with the understanding that we will donate at least \$400 as a "pay it forward" gesture so another organization may benefit from an AED. Last Sunday's request was very well responded to by our parishioners. A heartfelt thank you for your prompt generosity to this worthy cause and we can be happy and proud that we are "paying it forward!"

5TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 5, 2017

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."
MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

IS YOUR LIGHT SHINING?

"You are the salt and light of the world!" If you doubt your light matters, take this little quiz: 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world. 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners. 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Pageant. Do you know all these answers? Probably not. Ask yourself some additional questions: 1. Who fed and clothed you when you were helpless? 2. What was the name of your 1st grade teacher? 3. Who is the first friend you would call in an emergency? You do know the answers to these questions. They are the salt and light of the world.

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Christian Formation

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES



Sat., Feb. 11, 3:30 p.m.

The next First Eucharist class will be held on Saturday, February 11th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center. There will be an important Parent Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on February 5th at Valley View School.

CPI PARENT- CANDIDATE MEETING RESCHEDULED



**To Sunday, March 12th
During monthly GIFT
session at Valley View**

There will be a brief CPI Parent-Candidate Meeting held during the March 12th GIFT session with all 6th graders (CPI) and their parents. 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.

4TH GRADE CLASS MASS



Please join our 4th Grade Religious Education students on Sunday, Feb. 12th, 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.



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 5th, at 8:30 AM or Monday, February 13th, 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 4th & 5th

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 8th 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 by February 2, 2017 for food count.

Social Ministry



SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Our February dates of Service for the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville will be Monday, February 13 and Thursday, February 23. If you can provide a hot casserole or would like to help serve the noon meal, contact Anne Germino at socialministry@ccsjn.org.

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 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.



Social Ministry (continued) and Parish News

SOCIAL MINISTRY UPDATES

We will be suspending 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!

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Ambassadors for Christ

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You will be interested to know that Bishop Checchio, after a number of meetings and in consultation with many of the pastors and staff, has made some changes to the Appeal. The first, as you probably already noticed, the Appeal has been moved from the fall to a Lenten campaign. The active phase has been condensed and the number of solicitation mailings has been reduced. Another significant change is the reintroduction of Parish Rebates. To allow parishes to share in the success of the Appeal, Bishop Checchio is offering parishes a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our priority ministries of evangelization, promotion and support of religious vocations and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



ANNUAL ST. JOHN'S PHOTO BOOK

Hello everyone. One of the objectives of the Stewardship Ministry is to help tell the story of Parish Life. We have a few activities we will be working on this year to achieve this objective. One we are very excited about is an annual St. John's photo book. Photo books are very popular and beautifully produced. We believe an annual photo book will be a dynamic visual way to convey the rich and meaningful Parish life here at St. Johns.

Of course, WE NEED YOU!

- If you like to take pictures, remember to bring your digital camera to events at St. Johns. Please send any pictures you take, whether they are by phone or digital camera. Remember though for print, digital camera is going to create a better image.
- If you coordinate an event, please remember to include a 'Picture Taker' on your volunteer sign up sheet.
- If you are working on a property improvement, remember to take before and after pictures.
- If you have experience making photo books we would love to have you help!

When sending in pictures remember the three W's: WHO is it; WHEN did it take place and WHAT was the event.

Sharon Lohrmann from the Stewardship Ministry is going to be the point person for this activity. You can send pictures, ask questions, or volunteer to help with the photo book to sharonbill203@embarqmail.com I would love to hear from you!

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'.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Share your bread...Shelter the homeless...Clothe the naked." (Isaiah 58:7) Although this scripture is usually meant to urge people to go beyond their own families, if you are in the active parenting stage of life, it may be enough to feed, shelter, and clothe your own family. If you're stretched pretty thin this week, you're allowed to count that. It's holy.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Overlook a little, love a lot. To motivate yourself, you need to let go of the trivial. Ponder for one minute the possibility that your spouse might die next week. We can never be certain about the future.

CHWC VALENTINE'S DANCE

Fri., Feb. 10, 2017 - 7:00-11:00PM

A great time for all, to benefit our teens' 2017 Catholic Heart Work Camp Trip. The cost is \$35 per person, \$260 for a table of 8, \$325 for a table of 10. Contact the office 832-2513, or Jim Murray 832-5273, jmurray@eclipse.net, or Mary Connolly 930-0784, mandmconnolly@gmail.com for tickets, to assist, or to donate to the Silent Auction. **(Snow date Sunday, February 12 from 6:00-9:30)**



2017 AUCTION

One more co-chair needed

"We are still looking for Auction co-chairs and help. Please see the 2016 helpers roster in the narthex and circle or enter your name where you could help. Talk to Father Abraham or France if you would be interested in becoming one of the two co-chairs for this one year. Much coaching is available."

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
Joan Cardierre
Eugene Cifranic
Bill Ciszewski
Marie Colabella
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
Dick McCall
Maggie McKeon
Jan McLeavey
Christine Meyer
Fran Miceli
Danny Mulvey
Joan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
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: "HIDDEN FIGURES"

"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world..." Matthew 5:13-16

It is the great untold story of America's space odyssey: the unheralded Black female mathematicians who crunched the numbers that literally got the U.S. space program off the ground. The stories of Katherine Johnson, Mary Jackson and Dorothy Vaughn are told in the remarkable movie **Hidden Figures**. It is 1961 and the Russians' first successful forays into space have heated up the Cold War. The three women work at NASA headquarters at Langley, Virginia. Each is assigned to data-entry jobs. Because of their race and gender, they are denied recognition or promotion. But, when given the smallest opening, the exceptional gifts of each shines.

Mary Jackson is assigned to the team of engineers testing the Mercury space capsule. Unlike the rest of the white, male establishment at NASA, these engineers recognize her extraordinary skill and encourage Mary to become NASA's first female African-American engineer. Dorothy Vaughn realizes that the future is to be realized in the new, clunky, cumbersome, room-size IBM mainframe that the white guys can't seem to get to work. She sneaks a manual on FORTRAN out of the "white section" of the local library and masters the material. Then, when no one is in the computer lab, she gets the mainframe to finally work. Dorothy soon becomes supervisor of the computer center and goes on to train hundreds of other women in computer programming.

And then there is Katherine Goble Johnson, a mathematical prodigy who manages, despite Jim Crow laws, to get a graduate degree in mathematics - a rarity among Black women in the early 1960s. Because of her background in analytical geometry, she is sent to work with NASA's Space Task Group, the engineers assigned to put an American into space. Katherine is able to take theoretical equations and turn them into workable data. While the engineers in the group resent her presence, her one advocate is her boss Al Harrison, who makes it clear that the success of the mission is more important than color or gender.

Despite their considerable skills, the three women endure the cold condescension of the white establishment. They endure the slights with grace - but refuse to yield in matters of competence. They know what they're doing - and refuse to pretend that they don't. The film's climactic moment comes the day Astronaut John Glenn becomes the first American to orbit the earth. When the computer calculations don't square, he refuses to board the capsule. Glenn insists, "Let's get the girl to check the numbers." Which girl? he's asked. And Glenn doesn't miss a beat, "The smart one." And he means Katherine, whose calculations are the invisible hand that keeps him aloft and brings him safely back to earth.

The story of the extraordinary women of Hidden Figures mirrors Jesus' challenge to let the light of God's wisdom shine forth in the simplicity and hiddenness of our everyday lives, to refuse to allow the light we possess - and the light possessed by others - be diminished or extinguished because of racism, pride or greed. Every one of us has the ability to be "salt" that can enrich our world with compassion, forgiveness and joy; every one of us possesses "light" that can eradicate the darkness of fear, hopelessness and injustice. But we can be too willing to keep our light hidden - or worse, we can force the brilliance of others under bushel baskets. May we realize Jesus' challenge to be "salt" for the earth: to make God's presence and grace realities in our own time and place; to be "light" for the world: illuminating the dark, hopeless corners of our world with justice and hope.

BAPTISM FONT

Parishioners who have been here more than five years remember we used to have an additional Baptism Font. A large font we still have if we need it for an adult baptism. But since we removed it we didn't realize that our youngest parishioners are not able to easily bless themselves. Therefore we decided to put another bowl in front of our font at the entrance to the worship space. Please invite your children to use this to bless themselves when entering the church

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: Sat., Jan. 28, 2017

The meeting began with Lectio Divina gospel sharing. Presentations by three Committees were done:

1. Sharon Lohrmann spoke of the new-found dynamism of the Stewardship Committee, with different objectives that included coordinating a parish photo book and parish directory, coordinating Stewardship weekend and monthly ministry show-casing/coffees;
2. France Kennedy apprised the Council of the objectives of Connxions to help parishioners fulfill their baptismal commitment. Plans to evangelize through media and marketing, to reach out to those frequenting the church less and other initiatives were presented.
3. Jonathan Uss and Jack Ranallo presented for the Youth Group, detailing their plans to rejuvenate the youth group and gain new members. Their many plans include giving members opportunities to grow more spiritually as well as help others through service while enjoying time with friends.

The Council discussed mainly the following items:

- With a view to replace the members completing their terms, interested parishioners are to be invited to attend a Council meeting to consider joining.
- Dates were selected for the Council to host community coffee and Soup Supper Stations of the Cross.
- Six people from our parish attended the Bishop's Annual Appeal seminar that would also give ideas for our parish's financial growth.
- The need to promote small faith sharing groups for this Lent as a means of pastoral and spiritual growth of the parish was emphasized.

After announcing the next meeting date for February 27, this meeting concluded with a closing prayer.

SATAN'S BEATITUDES

- * Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to spend an hour once a week with their fellow Christians in Church - they are my best workers.
- * Blessed are those who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked - I can use them in my business.
- * Blessed are those who are touchy. Soon they will stop going to Church - verily, they shall be my missionaries.
- * Blessed are those who sow gossip and trouble - they are my beloved children.
- * Blessed are those who have no time to pray - for they are MY prey.
- * Blessed are those who gossip - for they are my secret agents.
- * Blessed are you when you read this and think it has everything to do with other people, and nothing to do with you - I've got room for YOU at my inn.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



More Kids' letters to the Pastor:

- Dear Pastor, My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9, Albany
- Dear Pastor, I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8, Chicago
- Dear Pastor, I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9. Tacoma
- Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12, Sarasota
- Dear Pastor, Please say a prayer for our Little League team. We need God's help or a new pitcher. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10, Raleigh
- Dear Pastor, My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to, because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10, South Pasadena



BAPTISM

For any family that want a child baptized, contact France at the office 832-2513, to register for the preparation program.



Stewardship

A Way of Life

STOP & SHOP STORE CARDS AVAILABLE NOW

Someone was inquiring for these cards and they are now available after Mass-es or at the office during the week.



GROCERY CARDS

Thanks to **20 families** who purchased Shop Rite and Kings and Bishops gift cards the last week, totaling **\$2,700.00**. The stores gave us **\$134.00**. Cards are available after Mass or at the office weekdays.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

For January 29, 2017

75 Donors Weekly \$2,758.25
3 Catholica Education..... \$130.00

For January 31, 2016

104 Donors Weekly \$5,710.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., February 8 C. Behrens
Wed., February 15 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

February 4 & 5

5:30 p.m. E. McCabe
8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

February 11 & 12

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8:00 a.m. G. Battell
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