



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,
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Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D.
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Our Parish

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
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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, February 21

8:00 a.m. Walt Price, req.
St. John Neumann

Friday, February 24

7:00 a.m. Rita Price req.
Jim and JoAnn Murray

Saturday, February 25

5:30 p.m. Linda Owens, req.
Marie Malone
Mary E Bryne req.
Brisson Family

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Samantha Suchovic, req.
The Stanski Family
10:30 a.m. Jeffrey Michel, req.
Anne Diamente

Mass Schedule - February 25/26

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Linda Caprio
Altar Server	Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara
.....	Joann Gardner, 1 Needed
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Martalus
.....	Barbara Martalus, 1 Needed
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Gary Porto
Altar Server	Erz Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Mark Brisson
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Marlene Milko, Sheena Carew
.....	Bob Sobey, Donna Lance, Debby Kelemen

Parish Calendar

Sun., Feb. 19 -Seventh Sunday in O.T. /Snow and Heat Collection

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

Mon., Feb. 20- Weekday President's Day Office Closed

Tues., Feb. 21- Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg. (Upper Room)

Wed., Feb. 22- The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

Thurs., Feb. 23 - Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:15 p.m. REAB Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Fri., Feb. 24 - Weekday

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

Sat., Feb. 25- Weekday

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

Sun., Feb. 26- Eighth Sunday in O.T. / Development of Peoples Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Sponsored by Pastoral Council (Narthex)



WHY NOT NOW?

Have you ever wished you had more time to think about the more important things in life? Why not make that time during this Lent? Why not join one of the small groups of 8 to 10 people in our parish who will meet once a week for six weeks starting the week of Ash Wednesday? When we gather, we will read Scripture, pray, and share our faith. This experience will provide more than you can imagine; it could make this the most memorable Lent in your life. Sign up for a day and time of the week that works for you. For more information, please call the office at 832-2513 or email francekennedy@gmail.com



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharistic: **Barbara Jirouschek, Rita Price, Nancy Bourdeau, Hayden Balboa, Iole Matthews, and William Gauthier**

Deceased: **Barbara Jirouschek**, parishioner and daughter of Gloria Jirouschek, **Rita Price**, parishioner, **Nancy Bourdeau**, friend of Stanski family, **Hayden Balboa**, friend of the Bennett Family, **Iole Matthews**, parishioner, **William Gauthier**, father of Carolyn Bogda, 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,

Our monthly "Ministry Fair" is bringing about a significant awareness of our various ministries and committees that have been and continue to be the blood-vessels of our parish's vibrant life. This initiative, spear-headed by the Stewardship Committee, is presenting our parishioners with visuals of banners and boards in the narthex, with ample opportunities to chat with members of these Committees while having a snack or coffee. The display and promotions already beautifully done by the Social Ministry, Fundraising Committee and Connxions have created awareness as well as interest in our parishioners to participate in whatever ways possible in these ministries. I'm sure other Committees/ministries will follow the same model in turn.

These committees flourish because they consist of a small group of men and women who are committed to a common goal of becoming disciples of Jesus in our community. That's how Christianity began its growth – not through mega-churches or mighty revivals. The early Christians gathered in small groups in someone's house. This practice of "house-church" gathering is mentioned by St. Paul: "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my co-workers in Christ Jesus...greet also the church at their house" (Romans 16:3,5). "Give greetings to the brothers in Laodicea and to Nympha and to the church in her house" (Colossians 4:15). "Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon, our beloved and our co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church at your house" (Philemon verses 1-2). 'Acts of the Apostles' too testifies to this practice: "When he [Peter] realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who is called Mark, where there were many people gathered in prayer" (Acts 12:12). "When they [Paul and Silas] had come out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house where they saw and encouraged the brothers, and then they left" (Acts 16:40).

It is this model that we have been practicing here in our Parish with the Faith-sharing groups. Last Sunday we began the kick-off for signing up for the Lenten small groups. From the experience of the participants in the already existing seven groups, it is amply clear that these 6-weeks of Lenten sessions will be of immense benefit. Hence I invite all of you to sign up. If you think you cannot attend all 6 sessions, don't worry: attend whatever sessions you can. If you hesitate because you don't like to share in a group, don't worry: you can listen without sharing and see the effect for yourself. No matter what your reasons for not signing up are, I invite you to give yourself a chance this time, experience one or two sessions yourself and then you will see God working in your life more clearly. And I guarantee you one thing: you will not be sorry for trying it out!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

MAKE A VIRTUAL MARRIAGE RETREAT!

Strengthen your marriage this National Marriage Week by joining a *virtual* marriage retreat! Each day for seven days, set aside time with your spouse to read the daily quote and reflection, then put that day's theme into practice in your marriage. You can participate in the retreat from anywhere in the world and on your own schedule. The theme this year is "Life and Love," based on Pope Francis' "Amoris Laetitia" and the USCCB pastoral letter "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan." This virtual retreat will be a blessing to your marriage! Go to: <http://www.foryourmarriage.org/marriage-retreat>

7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."
MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.



PALMS

Drop off your palms from last year in the basket in the narthex

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, March 1
7:00 a.m. Mass & Ashes at
Neumann Residence Chapel
4:30 p.m. Service with Ashes - Church
7:00 p.m. Service with Ashes - Church

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Christian Formation

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Sat., Mar. 4, 3:30 p.m.

 The next First Eucharist class will be held on Saturday, March 4th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.



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

Nourish and enrich your faith and spiritual formation by joining us during the adult faith sharing portion of the GIFT program at Valley View Elementary School on Sunday, March 12th, at 8:30 AM or in the Church Center on Monday, March 13th, at 6:30 PM. All are invited to attend! You do not need to have a child in the program to participate.



CLASS MASS GRADE 4

Thank you to all the fourth grade students and siblings who enthusiastically participated in the celebration of Mass on Sunday. It is wonderful to watch the students grow in faith as they become active member of the parish community.



JR HIGH SUNDAY SESSION & BAGS OF LOVE

The Jr. High Session on **February 12, 2017** included the service part of the *Souper Bowl of Caring* soup drive. The students lovingly created "bags of love". They assembled sandwiches and make cookies for a brown bag lunch. Each lunch bag included a simple note of encouragement and caring. The Jr. High students were provided leadership and guidance from our high school students and Mrs. Collette Evanko. We worked in partnership with Social Ministry who delivered these lunch bags to SHIP. This was a great opportunity to show our students how to live their faith by helping others and being the "hands and feet" of Jesus.

Parish News

ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The ninth annual Conference, a day-long event for Catholic men to learn, experience fellowship, and renew and strengthen their Catholic faith, will be held on Saturday, March 4, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm on the campus of Seton Hall University, South Orange. The Conference theme is "*Be Not Afraid... Becoming Missionary Disciples.*" Speakers will be: (English track:) Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Archbishop of Newark; Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and keynote speaker; Joe Lombardi, assistant coach of the New Orleans Saints and grandson of legendary coach Vince Lombardi; (Spanish track:) Mario Paredes, Presidential Liaison to Roman Catholic Ministries, the American Bible Society and Jose 'Pepe' Alonso of EWTN en Español. In addition to the speakers, Conference events will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation in multiple languages, a Holy Hour, an Adoration Chapel open all day for prayer, music, exhibitors, and opportunity for fellowship. Registration is \$25 per attendee ages 18 years and older. Breakfast and lunch are included. To register online, visit www.NJCatholicMen.org. For information, call 973-497-4545 or email CatholicMen@rcan.org.

AUCTION SOLICITOR ASSISTANCE

Our Grand Auction in June is our most important fundraiser here at St. John's! If you would like to help us solicit/gather gifts from the surrounding business community, **this message is for you!** We provide a merchant letter to help open the door with the business owner. Most businesses on our list donate each year which makes it easy to ask them to support the parish this time. If you have done face-to-face interaction with people as part of your work, this can be the opportunity for you to come on board to assist! We have about 8 volunteers now, but we would love a few more so each volunteer has a minimal list of businesses to contact! We need you! Contact France Kennedy at fkennedy@ccsjn.org or Steve Bauernfeind, Solicitor Coordinator for the Auction, at fugitivesteve@hotmail.com and be part of an important team for June 3!

TODAY'S GOSPEL: I'M NOT SO SURE!

In the movie *Gandhi*, the great Indian leader is walking one day with a Presbyterian missionary, Charlie Andrews. The two suddenly find their way blocked by young thugs. The Reverend Andrews takes one look at the menacing gangsters and decides to run for it. Gandhi stops him and asks, "Doesn't the New Testament say if an enemy strikes you on the right cheek you should offer him the left?" Andrews mumbles something about Jesus speaking metaphorically. Gandhi replies, "I'm not so sure. I suspect he meant you must show courage--be willing to take a blow, several blows, to show you will not strike back nor will you be turned aside."

The second part of today's Gospel passage is perhaps the central and the most famous section of the Sermon on the Mount. It gives us the Christian ethic of personal relationships: love one's neighbors and forgive one's enemies. Above all, it tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others with loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve it. The Old Law never said to hate enemies, but that was the way some Jews understood it. Jesus commands that we are to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us to demonstrate that we are children of a merciful heavenly Father. A Christian has no personal enemies. If we only love our friends, we are no different from pagans or atheists.

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE THANK YOU!

The event to support our teens' 2017 Catholic Heart Workcamp summer mission trip was a tremendous success. The weather was a bit chilly but we were so grateful that there was no snow! Thank you to the steadfast crew of Jim Murray, Mike Griffin and Jim Simila to handle promotion, entertainment, and meal service. The kitchen also ran smoothly with help from Tom Bennet, Jim Codd, Mike Connolly, and Stef Connolly. Bob Sobey manned the dishwasher and this year he had the assistance of Jennifer and Daniella Sarubbi— it's an awful job but they did it with joy. Thank you to Renee Osgood who came in and cleaned the kitchen before we all arrived and to Annette Schettino for taking care of the bathrooms before and after the event.

Thank you to Fr. Abraham for his continued support for this ministry. Thank you to the office staff of Sharon Janks, JoAnn Jarvis, Kerri Caldero, and France Kennedy who sent emails, took reservations, and answered questions. Barbara Pannone and friends were once again the chocolate covered strawberry experts. Cathy Bennet lent her talent to staging the Silent Auction, which was carried through at the end of the night by Mary D'Avella and Lynn Johnson. Regina DeStefano, Phyllis Baker, and Pam Casserly were the energizer bunnies with assisting our servers and doing whatever was needed. I am very grateful to those folks who stayed after the event on Friday night and helped transform it from a dance party back to our worship space. Thank you to our parishioners who donated to the Silent Auction and especially those who attended the event. Extra special thanks to those who financially donated above and beyond the dance itself.

To our enthusiastic teens— I apologize that I lost track of the over 30 teens that came to help with set up, serving, and clean up. I may have missed all of your names but you all have a special place in my heart for your help.

Last but not least – to Wayne Infusino. He relocates all of the pews, sets up the Silent Auction area, moves in all of the tables and chairs, and basically takes care of all that is needed to make the space ready for our crew to arrive. He also jumped in to clean up spilled soup at the event. Never any rest for him!

The theme for CHWC this summer is "Rooted". Thank you for making this experience possible for our teens.

*"We have a mission to be an inspiring voice for the young Church! We all know this journey is not a simple one, but when we are **ROOTED** in the choice to join together, we can lead others to walk with His purpose in mind. It is our mission to uplift, encourage and lead this young generation to stay on course, remain **ROOTED** in their Catholic faith, and confidently walk with Christ. Through service to others we are challenged to walk in someone else's shoes and to open our eyes to the needs of people. This deep and important connection is at the heart of, and is **ROOTED** in, the social mission of the Church. As CHWC moves into our 25th summer of service, we are **ROOTED** in the same mission of Christ and His Church to Love, Serve, and Connect."* – Catholic Heart Workcamp 2017 - Grateful for such an abundance of blessings, Mary Connolly

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

A good marriage is not recognized by the absence of conflict, but the presence of peacemaking. One sign of a healthy marital relationship is the desire of a husband and wife to seek unity when there are disagreements and differences. (Family Minute)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18) Generally, preachers generalize neighbor to mean beyond the person next door. But today, why not take it literally. With your child, choose a neighbor. Make them a treat or do a favor for them together. (Susan Vogt)

BELONGING

Being a member of a parish is not the same as belonging to a parish. Being a member is as simple as filling out the registration card. Belonging means being actively involved in the life and spirit of a community.

We invite you to get involved in the parish and Connxions offers many opportunities to become part of the parish in our various teams and activities.

For any of you who could not stop by the coffees after the Masses last weekend, there are displays in the narthex with information on the many teams of Connxions Ministry. Take a brochure and see where you can get involved and be more than a member but rather, truly belong.

Social Ministry

SOCIAL MINISTRY REMINDERS

As we move closer to Lent we just wanted to remind you that we will suspend operation of our Change For Change program in favor of the Rice Bowl project which benefits Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and operates both globally and in our diocese on a local level. Social Ministry and Religious Education are teaming up to operate "The Rice Bowl" project and we want to remind you of the success we had when these ministries teamed up to provide clothing for the kids in Newark that lost their homes in a fire. With the Community's help we'll do this again.



SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Our last February date of Service for SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville will be Thursday, February 23. If you can provide a hot casserole or want to help serve the noon meal, contact the office 832-2513.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
Joan Cardierre
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Bill Ciszewski
Marie Colabella
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
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Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Al Sterphone
Julie Suplee
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
William Weimer
Josh Wilkes
Caden and 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:

"THOSE PEOPLE"

"Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles . . . "
If you love only those who love you, what reward do you have?"

Matthew 5: 38-48

A school had organized a food drive. A teacher was looking at all that had been collected. Not just the usual mac-and-cheese donations, but some pretty high-end items filled the bins: gluten-free crackers, rice pasta, artichoke hearts packed with seasoned oil, and quinoa. Another woman walked by, and seeing the items that had been donated, smiled and said, "Too bad they won't know what to do with most of it." The teacher asked, "What do you mean?" *"Those people won't know what most of that stuff is. I mean, really. Quinoa?"*

The teacher had heard correctly: **"Those people."** The teacher knew *"those people."* Eight months before she had been one of *"those people."* It had been eight months since the last time she had gotten groceries at the local food pantry. Eight months since the long-overdue child support from her ex-husband kicked in. Even though it wasn't much, it made the difference between being able to buy enough food for her and her family to make it through the week - and for that she was grateful.

"Those people." She remembered the first time she had gone to the food pantry. She drove by several times before working up the courage to pull into the parking lot. "I can't" she whispered and went home - to the empty refrigerator and kitchen cupboards. Finally, desperation overshadowed pride. *"Those people."* She finally walked through the door. She could feel the heat on her cheeks as she filled out the paperwork, telling complete strangers her life history, how much money she earned, and what she spent it on. *"Those people."* She quickly learned that food pantries are hit-or-miss. Some days the shelves are full, and with really good things - and other days you can barely pull a few meals together from the dented cans and spoiled produce. But beggars can't be choosers, right?

"Those people." She made five trips to the pantry over eleven months. When she told her kids, she expected them to laugh or get angry or be embarrassed. Instead, they helped her put the groceries away, quietly. She remembers all the meals she made with food pantry items. Oven-roasted chicken with quartered rosemary potatoes. Turkey chili. French toast. More mac-and-cheese than she cared to admit. One of her favorites was an organic risotto, flavored with mushrooms and olive oil. *"Those people."* She wanted to walk up to that woman in the hallway, grab her by the shoulders, and shake her: *You don't know a thing about how it feels to walk into one of "those" places and be one of "those" people. You've never looked at your kids and had to hide your tears because you had no idea how you were going to feed them.* But she didn't. All she could muster was: "I like quinoa." To which the woman replied, "Well, yes, of course. You're not one of *those people.*" If only she knew.

It's not that we "hate" others: it's our attitude of superiority over those who don't measure up to our "standards" of what is good and right and correct, it's that lack of respect and empathy for the poor that Jesus condemns. The Kingdom of God is first realized when we can see "those people" as our brothers and sisters, worthy not only of our help and understanding but of our respect; that, in their perseverance and courage as they struggle to make lives for themselves and their families, the love of God dwells in their midst, as well as ours. The Kingdom of God begins when we realize that "those people" are us.

CONNIXIONS

Thanks to all who signed up for Lent Faith Groups and Prayer Ministry at our ministry promotion that started last weekend. Please take the time to stop by the display in the narthex for information on the Connixions teams: Baptism, Children's Liturgy, Discover St. John's and Welcome, Community Life, Consolation Ministry, Evangelization, Family Life, Prayer Ministry, RCIA, SJN Support, and Spiritual Life. We are happy to discuss where you would best able to use your talents for others.

LETTER FROM ST. MARY'S COEBURN, VA

Reverend Abraham Orapankal, Pastor of St. John Neumann

Dear Father Orapankal:

Thank you so much for the donation check of \$720.43 forwarded with your Financial Administrator's letter of December 28, 2016. The parishioners of St. Mary and I are very grateful for your Community's generosity.

For your information, the former pastor, Father Charles Ssebalamu, was transferred to another parish in our Diocese. I arrived from Uganda the beginning of September and took over as Administrator at the Spirit of the Mountains Cluster of churches, which includes St. Mary in Coeburn.

Please know how appreciative I and the parishioners of St. Mary are for the support of your community. We will continue to keep you all in our prayers. Thank you.

God Bless
Zaverio Banasula
Administrator

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

The Rev. Cleveland Duke of Akron is a part-time judo instructor. He says, "I teach you what to do after you've turned both cheeks." He teaches self-defense.



A husband got his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as Christmas gift. It came with a coffin, tomb stone, the works. Next Christmas comes by and the husband gets her nothing. When the mother-in-law asks, "Why didn't you get me a gift?" the husband says, "You haven't used the one I got you last year!"



WEEKLY COLLECTION

For February 12, 2017

66 Donors Weekly.....\$3,418.00
20 Catholic Spirit.....\$280.00

For February 14, 2016

78 Donors Weekly.....\$2,454.61
20 Yellow Brick Road.....\$290.86

STEWARDSHIP

Let us know if you want to join a volunteer team below.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., February 21	A. Sawczuk
Wed., February 22	S. Griffin
Wed., March 1	J. Santoro

Store Cards

February 18 & 19

5:30 p.m.	C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m.	M. Kearns
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

February 25 & 26

5:30 p.m.	B. Cestone
8:00 a.m.	K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m.	S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 2/19	J. Sieber
Week of 2/26	C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

February 24	Team F
March 3	Team A

Altar Flowers

February 25	F. Kennedy
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Pastoral Council



**Parish
Pastoral
Council**

AN INVITATION FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace... (1 Peter 4:10)

The Pastoral Council is a call to share our talents as a consultative body to the Pastor in developing and implementing the vision and mission of the parish. Each year, parishioners are asked to consider this leadership position for themselves or another member of the community. Nominations are reviewed and through prayerful discernment, an invitation is then extended by the Council to new members. Currently the council has ten members, five of whom will complete their terms in May.

The Pastoral Council will be hosting a coffee after the 10:30 Mass on February 26th, and parishioners are encouraged to speak with some of our current members to find out more about the council. In addition, interested parishioners may attend either the February 27th or March 20th Pastoral Council meetings, both held at 7:30 p.m. in the Office Center, to see what they're all about.

Please consider joining the Pastoral Council here at St. John Neumann! For more information, contact Fr. Abraham or Gloria Cucchiara.

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