



Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:*

- TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith*
- TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures*
- TO CHERISH all life*
- TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

Annual Parish Goal

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

*A Christian Community of the
Catholic Tradition*

Diocese of Metuchen

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

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

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Our Parish

- Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Ph.D.
..... Pastor
- Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
- Earl Roberts.....Deacon
- Mary Cangelosi..... Trustee
- Fred Heimall..... Trustee

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Worshipping at:

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, March 21

8:00 a.m. Jean Murray, req.
Jim and Joann Murray

Friday, March 24

7:00 a.m. Lucy Pojedinec, req.
Bill and Barbara Gates

Saturday, March 25

5:30 p.m. John McCauley, req.
Hulseman Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Linda Owens, req.
Behrens' Family
10:30 a.m. Elvira McLees, req.
Karen and Dave Blair



Parish Calendar

Sunday, March 19 - Third Sunday Lent / In Pew Weekend

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Faith Group
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Faith Group (Church Loft)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church & Office Centers)

Monday, March 20 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Faith Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Seton Room)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Committee Mtg (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, March 22 - Lenten Weekday

10:00 a.m. Calendar Meeting (Drexel Room)
10:30 a.m. Faith Group (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Drexel Room)
7:15 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Thursday, March 23 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

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

Mass Schedule - March 25/26

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader David Geerinck
Altar Server Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....Joan Eacovalle
..... Donna Torczon, Mary D'Avella

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Allan Piechowski
Altar ServerStanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Debbie Kelemen
..... Barbara Martalus, Bob Martalus

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Steve Bauernfiend
Altar Server Cucchiara Family
Gift Bearers..... D'Andrea Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Marlene Milko
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Gloria Cucchiara, Anthony DeStefano
..... Bob Sobey, Dick Wickel, Jim DeVito

Friday, March 24 - Blessed Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper / Property Mgmt. Host (Church)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)

Saturday, March 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
3:30 p.m. First Eucharist - Session #4 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Community Garden Signups/Tomato Planting Workshop (Narthex)

Sunday, March 26 - Fourth Sunday of Lent / Diocesan Clergy Retirement

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Community Garden Signups/Tomato Planting Workshop (Narthex)
9:00 a.m. Faith Group
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Faith Group (Church Loft)
11:30 a.m. Community Garden Signups/Tomato Planting Workshop (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis Make up Session (Church & Office Centers)

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

This past Friday was the feast of St. Patrick, "when everyone is Irish," celebrating the saint who plucked a shamrock from the ground, and used it, with its three leaves in one plant, to explain the Mystery of the Trinity - three Persons in one God. Today we honor St. Joseph - though this year it is transferred to Monday in order not to take away from the importance of Sunday, the Lord's Day. It is a big Feast for Italians because in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph's intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. So in his honor, the custom has been for all to wear red, in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick's Day. Today, after Mass in parishes with large Italian populations, a big altar ("la tavola di San Giuse" or "St. Joseph's Table") is laden with food that people bring to be blessed by the priest and to have a big feast day meal. I myself have blessed baskets of food that Italian families bring in every parish I have served.

Devotion to different saints is a typical Catholic practice (though it is strongly prevalent among the Orthodox Christians too) that is often misunderstood by other Christian denominations who see it as a form of idolatry. This begs the question how do we explain this practice to a non-Catholic? Explain "We adore God but we honor the saints." Make clear the difference between worship (adoration) that is exclusively reserved for God and honor (veneration) that can be shown to humans.

Then, what is the honor or veneration we give to saints? Consider how we give honor regularly to public officials. It is customary to address a judge as "Your Honor." Letters to legislators are addressed to "The Honorable So-and-So." We teach our children to honor the Founding Fathers of our nation. We honor men and women of different walks of life: presidents, poets, musicians, artists, and a host of others whose memories and contributions to society we wish to keep alive. In the same way, we respect and show devotion to saints for what they have accomplished in their lives of faith. Their exemplary model of discipleship can help us a lot. Hence asking saints to intercede for us is not idol worship because they themselves are not the object of worship. We are asking for their help to make our case before God very much like we ask others to pray for us before we have a test, an interview, a surgery, a trip, etc.

In honoring the saints we express what we profess in our Creed: "Communion of Saints" by which we recognize that we continue to be one family of God with all these holy men and women many of whom are our own near and dear ones. Will these explanations convince the non-Catholics? Yes it will, if they have an open mind. But it may not be so with some non-Catholics who have been so schooled in hostility toward the Church that they appear unable or unwilling to recognize these explanations. They may continue to assert that Catholics "worship" Mary and the saints, and, in so doing, commit idolatry. Well, we have done our part of explaining why we believe in and honor the saints. We leave the rest to God. Happy Feast of St. Joseph!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



GUEST SPEAKER: SR. THERESA RICKARD, O.P.

Author of Live Lent! - Save the Date—May 3rd

As you have heard, there are over 100 parishioners and friends who are using the *Live Lent!* resource to aid them on their daily Lenten journey. We are excited to announce that we will have the author, Sr. Theresa Rickard, O.P., from RENEW International as our guest speaker the evening of Wednesday, May 3rd. Sr. Terry is a dynamic, nationally-known speaker on evangelization and small communities, and all parishioners are welcome to join us for her presentation.



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Michele Conklin, and Rosemary Cicchitti.**

Deceased: Michele Conklin, and Rosemary Cicchitti, aunt of Linda Caprio. 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.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2017

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

SOUP 'N STATIONS **FRIDAYS DURING LENT**



Meatless Soup Supper
6 p.m. – Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

Please join us for a simple meal of soup followed by the Stations of the Cross, as we embark on our Lenten journey together in prayer and fellowship. Soup, bread, salad and drinks will be provided by our ministries; however, if you wish you are welcome to bring a meatless soup to share. Friday: March 24, 31 & April 7.



NEW AT ST. JOHN'S

If you are new at St. John's, see one of our greeters at Mass to receive a small information packet to introduce you to the parish. Contact France Kennedy at 908-307-7879.

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Christian Formation

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, March 25th, 3:30 p.m.



The next First Eucharist class will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.

TEEN OUTREACH PROGRAM

"Because I'm Worth It"

Wednesday, March 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Each Confirmation Candidate in CP III, along with a parent, will be attending "Because I'm Worth It," a Teen Outreach event on March 29th at 7:00 p.m., at Immaculate Conception School in Annandale. Speaker, Pam Stenzel, will cover the topic of chastity in her captivating and inspiring talk for 8th grade students and up. Please arrive early to check in with Renee Ciszewski and to be seated with the rest of St. John's Confirmandi.



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 in the Church Center on Monday, April 3rd at 6:30 PM or at Valley View Elementary School on Sunday, April 23rd, at 8:30 AM. All are invited to attend! **You do not need to have a child in the program to participate.**



HUNGERING FOR THE JOURNEY

Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Religious Ed is happy to partner with Social Ministry in this effort to support CRS Rice Bowl. Prayerfully consider participating in this Lenten program – 25% of your giving goes to help needy families in our diocese and 75% goes to Catholic Relief Services' developmental projects around the world such as agricultural, water, education and micro-finance projects that help families to support themselves. Rice Bowl packets will be available in the Narthex and will be distributed at all catechetical gatherings in March. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Rice bowls can be returned at the end of Lent to the collection basket that will be set up in the Narthex.

Social Ministry

THE SPRING GIVING TREE

We are looking for a pair of volunteers to operate our Spring Giving Tree this year. The tree will be set-up on Easter Sunday.

This is a perfect project for a Mother-Daughter or a Father-Son team. We typically support four agencies, which you will contact and then make a list of items required, post the items on the tree and then at the end deliver the items to the agencies. There are plenty of people that can offer you guidance and we also have many notes available from past drives. Please contact Greg Wilson at: 908-338-7322 gwilson962@gmail.com or any member of Social Ministry or the Church Office if you are interested. Thank You!



GIFT OF GOOD LAND COMMUNITY GARDEN 2017

The Community Garden at the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann will open for the 2017 growing season on the weekend of March 25-26. We have 31 raised beds and sign-ups will take place after all three Masses. There will also be a tomato planting and growing seminar on the patio outside the narthex (weather permitting) after each Mass. Tomato seeds, pots, soil and instruction will be provided or bring your own tomato seeds to plant. Contact Anne Germino at 908-832-2513 for more information.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

During this Season of Lent we are putting away our Change for Change Program, so that we can concentrate more fully on The Rice Bowl Project, which in its fullness is truly a Family Project. For more on this follow the lead of Religious Education as it instructs you regarding your Family Faith Sharing/ GIFT Program. If followed properly your family might share recipes, discuss the living conditions of the impoverished and in the spirit of Pope Francis learn to appreciate the cultures of a diverse global population so that we can better understand the causes of and solutions to employ regarding this plight and blight on our world. One of the easiest solutions is PRAYER, but unfortunately while right under our nose it is often forgotten. A suggestion: use prompts like the rice bowls, change jars etc. also that when you see them you'll be reminded of acting out prayer.

We are blessed to have so many in our Community, who without any reminders at all, always continue to bring in food for our Food Pantry. Thank you for all that you do. Soon we will be preparing a special food list for our Easter Food Drive. Look for it!

We have a thought regarding all of our Food Drives that may result in a very meaningful way for FAMILIES TO HELP FAMILIES. As a family, if you have the means and see the merit of adopting another family during this Holy Season please contact Greg Wilson either personally or by phone/email @ 908 338 7322/ gwilson962@gmail.com and we can discuss. Or feel free to discuss with any member of the staff or member of the Social Ministry Team. We're on the edge of our seats awaiting your response.



EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Here is a list of items that we will need for our EASTER FOOD DRIVE. Please have all items in by April 5th, so they can be packed on April 7 after the Stations of the Cross.

Juice, Tissues, Rice, Small Cooking Oil, Apple Sauce/Fruit, Dish Soap, Paper Towels, Hand Soap, Hams, Small Turkeys, Cornish Hens. Thank You!

WATER IS LIFE!

Gandhi, India's great Champion, proved to the whole world that a person can go without food for a long, long time - for weeks - but water is something else. I don't know how long someone can live without water, but it isn't very long. A baby who can't keep down fluids will dehydrate and die in just a few days. Adults last only slightly longer. The only life-sustaining substance that we need more frequently than water is air. Water, then, is essential to life. In one sense, water is life. Where there is no water, there is no life. Cactuses and camels and gnarled trees and grasses of the desert can adapt to conditions of low water, but there isn't any living thing on this earth that can adapt to no water. "Water is life." Lack of water is death. To be thirsty is to stare death in the eye. It's no wonder that Jesus turned water and thirst into spiritual teachings as he sat there by Jacob's well, that ancient and sacred place for quenching thirst. If thirst of the body is the very taste of death, then thirst of the soul is the very picture of spiritual despair.

CALLING OUR MEN FOR A RETREAT!

On March 31st, St. Luke Parish in Long Valley will be holding its 9th Mens' Cornerstone Retreat, a 27-hour fellowship experience starting Friday evening at 6:00 PM and ending on Saturday evening. It will take place at St. Mary's Retreat Center on the campus of Delbarton in Morristown. The mission of Cornerstone is to provide a comfortable environment where men can meet as Brothers in Christ to discern openly their relationship with the Lord. Cornerstone men's group is a parish-based organization with groups in towns across the country. Our retreats and meetings serve as a conduit to strengthen our faith and personal growth in Christian community. "Incredible," "transforming," really worth it," "I'm glad I did it" – are some of the responses of those who attended such a retreat. If you are interested in attending this special event, brochures are available in the Narthex, or you can contact Dan Furnald at 908-399-2125 or danfurn@gmail.com

WHY JEWS HATED SAMARITANS!

Today's Gospel hints at the enmity between Jews and Samaritans: "*The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"*" This mutual hostility had begun centuries earlier when the Assyrians carried the northern tribes of Israel into captivity. The Jewish slaves betrayed their heritage by intermarrying with the Assyrians, thus diluting their bloodline and creating a "mongrel race" called the Samaritans. The Assyrian men who were relocated to Israel married Jewish women, thus producing a mixed race in Israel as well. Hence, southern Jews considered all Samaritan bloodlines and their heritage impure. By the time the Samaritan Jews returned to their homeland, their views of God had been greatly contaminated. By contrast, when the southern Hebrew tribes were carried off into captivity, they stubbornly resisted the Babylonian culture. They returned from Babylon to Jerusalem, proud that they had compromised neither their religious convictions nor their culture. So when the Samaritans offered to help to rebuild the Jerusalem Temple, the southern Jews who had returned from exile vehemently rejected Samaritan assistance. Consequently, the rejected and ostracized Samaritans built their own temple on Mount Gerizim. But in 129 B.C. a Jewish general destroyed it, a slap to Samaritan dignity that stung for centuries, deepening the mutual scorn and hostility between Samaritans and Jews.



ST JOHN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Join the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 9 after the 10:30 Mass! There will be 'hidden' Eggs for ages 1 – 10. Bring your baskets if you have them – but we will have bags available if you forget. Be prepared for weather - dress for outside temperature and wet grass! We have separate hunting grounds to accommodate the ages. Thank you to the members of the High School Youth Group for hosting this for St. John's younger parishioners!

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

If you don't do regular maintenance on your car, it may start spluttering and clanking. If your spouse is making noises (complaining, nagging etc.), maybe it's time to look under the hood. You may find that neglect is the culprit. Perhaps you haven't listened closely to what your beloved needs. Maybe work or the kids have become a priority. Ask.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"The people grumbled against Moses" (Ex 17: 3) It's normal in any family to grumble occasionally. Parents grumble about their kids and vice-versa. But what happens after the grumbling? Model apologizing for your child. "I'm sorry. I'll try to do better." (Susan Vogt)

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$15,967.60 and payments totaling \$12,676.35 from 51 parishioners. This represents 42.0% of St. John's \$38,000.00 goal.

SPRING BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS AT ST. JOHN'S

The Bereavement Seminar has been well received at St. John Neumann over the past several years. Because of that positive reception, and need, another series of six interrelated sessions is scheduled to begin.

The supportive conversations will take us from understanding loss and normal reactions, to steps, guided by faith, to acceptance and the recreation of hopeful lives. While a primary focus will be the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcome. The dates of the seminars will be March 21, 28, April 4, 25, and May 2. All sessions will be led by John Cole, transition professional, of St. John's Bereavement Ministry.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy by calling 908-832-2513. If you have any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to people of all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, please suggest that they call France Kennedy.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virgilio Alves
Joan Cardierre
Eugene Cifranic
Marie Colabella
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Barbara DelPiano
Tino DeSantis
Sophia DeVita
Brent Evans
Paul Ferri
Helen Gallagher
Sophie Geist
Liz Harmon
Jay Heyman
Fred Holub
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 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

GOSPEL REFLECTION: A Precious Moment of Lucidity

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well.

John 4: 5-42

Their 81-year-old mother suffers from dementia. Every day her five daughters see her slipping away more and more. In the beginning, Mom was brilliant at faking it, compensating her memory loss with skill and grace. But her daughters knew the time would come when she would no longer recognize them. That day came a few days after Thanksgiving.

The youngest sister took their mother to dinner with her in-laws. They were seated next to each other when Mom turned to her daughter and said, "So, remind me, how did we meet?" Taken aback, the daughter replied, "Mom, you gave birth to me." Mom then said hesitantly, "Well, then, why didn't I raise you?" "You did, Mom." Trying to hide her distress, the daughter excused herself from the table, not wanting her mother to see how upset she was.

Mom followed her into the kitchen. When they were alone, Mom took her hands. "Don't cry, please. Are you crying because you think I don't love you?" "No," her daughter said, "I know you love me." "Are you crying for me?" The daughter said nothing. Mom took her hand and held it tightly.

"This is me getting old. It is neither easy nor pleasant. But if I can get through this, so can you. Please know that I love you. And brace yourself, because this is who I am now. "It's not that I don't love you. I love you absolutely. It's just that you have slipped from my mind. These things happen. And this thing, this thing will happen again and again, but I love you. I love you so much.

"Honey, I don't know your name right now, but you must trust that I will always know exactly who you are. So do this for me: Tell me everything. I want to know every last detail - where you were born, where you went to high school and college, what you do for a living, if you are married. Do you have children? Come back to the table and sit down next to me and tell me all of it."

A mother's love finds its bearings through the haze of dementia and gives her family a way forward. Her love for her daughters enables her to dig deep and find her "brightness." When we are driven by such love, we're able to confront who we are, accept our challenges and failings, and find a way to move forward. In her encounter with Jesus, the woman at the well is able to see herself and her life as it is and realize, despite her circumstances, the compassion of God in her midst. The grace to start over again is ours if we are honest enough to confront our lapses of memory and judgment and focus on God's constant presence and invitation to re-center our lives in his love and grace.

STAND WITH THE EARTH HOUR ON MARCH 25TH

Our collective action plays a pivotal role in bringing about change in the US: When we raise our voices together, our local, state and federal government listen. That's why the annual Earth Hour campaign is more important than ever. On Saturday, March 25, I'll be joining the World Wildlife Fund and millions of people around the world—along with businesses, landmarks, and cities—to turn off my lights from 8:30pm to 9:30pm local time in celebration of Earth Hour. Will you join me? Visit <https://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/earth-hour> for more information and inspiration. Sharon Lohrmann and the Stewardship Committee.

AN INVITATION FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL



Parish 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. **Interested parishioners are invited to attend the March 20th Pastoral Council meeting, held at 7:30 p.m. in the Office Center, to see what it's all about.** For more information, contact Fr. Abraham or Gloria Cucchiara.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 5

7:00 PM Community Reconciliation Church Center
 Followed by Individual Confessions Reconciliation Room

April 8/9 - Palm/Passion Sunday

5:30 PM Blessing of Palms Portico
 Palm Distribution after all Masses Church Center

April 13 - Holy Thursday

6:00 PM Confirmation Seder Meal Church Center
 8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper Church Center
 9:30 PM Keeping Vigil Seton Room

April 14 - Good Friday

1:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross Church Grounds
 8:00 PM Good Friday Service Church Center

April 15 - Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass Church Center

April 16 - Easter Sunday

8:00 AM Mass Church Center
 10:30 AM Mass Church Center

☺ SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY ☺

"Is your mother home?" the salesman asked the small boy. "Yeah, she's home," the boy said, scooting over to let him past. The salesman rang the doorbell, got no response, knocked once, then again. Still no one came to the door. Turning to the boy, the fellow said, "I thought you said your mother was home!?" The kid replied, "She is; but this isn't where I live."

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby was most interested and drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat, behind the wheel was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. But little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Oh.. this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

THE AUCTION DINNER DANCE

The Auction/Dinner Dance 'emergency meeting' was held, and though we still don't have a chair, we have decided to roll! The solicitation team is in place and have begun, so we are poised to start collecting donations. Below is a tear-out form for your use. Please deposit it in the collection basket, drop it off in the narthex, or get it to the office. Please continue to sign up in the narthex to help. We are excited about our major fund raiser and will soon announce the theme, and yes, theme dress ups will again add to the fun!! SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, June 3rd, for all the fun!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 12, 2017

78 Donors Weekly \$4,019.00
 41 Catholic Relief \$1,073.00
 6 Yellow Brick Road \$120.00
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., March 21	A. Sawczuk
Wed., March 22	S. Griffin
Wed., March 15	L. Caprio

Store Cards

March 18 & 19

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

March 25 & 26

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 3/19	M. Cangelosi
Week of 3/26	B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

March 24	Team D
March 31	Team E

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