



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
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398 County Road 513
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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, April 4

8:00 a.m. Rita Price, req.
Tom and Cathy Bennett

Friday, April 7

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, April 8

5:30 p.m. Linda Owens, req.
The Patterson Family

Sunday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Mastro, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks
10:30 a.m. Frances Mattiello, req.
Lou and Joan Eacovalle

**There is No
First Friday Holy Hour
On April 7th**

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 2 - Fifth Sunday of Lent / Yellow Brick Road

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Faith Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Faith Group (Church Loft)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church & Office Centers)

Monday, April 3 - Lenten Weekday

6:00 p.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Office/Church Centers)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)

Tuesday, April 4 - Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Faith Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Faith Group (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, April 5 - Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

10:30 a.m. Faith Group (Narthex)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
6:00 p.m. Faith Group (Office Center Kitchen)
6:00 p.m. Faith Group (Drexel Room)
6:00 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Community Reconciliation followed by Individual Confessions (Church Center & Reconciliation Room)

Thursday, April 6 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 p.m. Set up Boxes for Food Pack Up (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Faith Group (Upper Room)

Mass Schedule - April 8/9

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader (1)	Kathleen Swindler
Reader (2)	Mary Sorgi
Altar Server	King Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joann Gardner
.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Anita Sawczuk
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader (1)	Chris Bitters
Reader (2)	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Martalus
.....	Barbara Martalus, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader (1)	Alexa Johnson
Reader (2)	Steve Carroll
Altar Server	Johnson Family
Gift Bearers	Oborne Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Shirley Pojedinec
Ministers of the Eucharist	Ron Pojedinec, Cindy Carroll
.....	Doris Royal, Peter Royal, Donna Torczon

Friday, April 7 - Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper /Hosted Pastoral Council (Church)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Easter Food Pack Up (Church Center & Kitchen)

Saturday, April 8 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Easter Food Deliveries (Church Center & Kitchen)
2:30 p.m. First Eucharist-Make Session #5 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Youth Nite (Church Center)

Sunday, April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday / Easter Flower Offering

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Catechist Appreciation (Drexel Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Church Center Grounds)
4:00 p.m. Catholic Heart Work Camp Mtg (Church Center)

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann welcome our Chief Shepherd, Most Rev. James F. Checchio, to our parish family today. It is good for us to reflect a little on the Office of the Bishop in the Catholic understanding. The Church is first and foremost a worldwide communion of believers. That's why we call ourselves Catholics, meaning universal. The visible sign of our unity, of course, is the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome. In the local or particular church of the Diocese of Metuchen, the visible sign of unity is the diocesan bishop. Pope and bishop are reminders that the Catholic Church is necessarily both universal and particular. This healthy and peaceful tension is at the heart of our identity as a community of believers. It is a result of the intention of Jesus Christ who established his Church on the foundation of the apostles, the first bishops, but assigned a primacy of the apostolic ministry to St. Peter, the bishop of Rome.

The Church's canon law of 1983, describes Diocesan Bishops as being entrusted with the care of all Catholics in their diocese. The Code adds that Diocesan Bishops are "bound to teach and illustrate to the faithful the truths of faith which are to be believed and applied to behaviour" (386). The Second Vatican Council's *Decree on the Pastoral Office of Bishops in the Church*, gives clear guidelines about their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and governing:

TO TEACH: *"Bishops should proclaim the gospel of Christ to everyone. This is one of the principal duties of bishops. Fortified by the Spirit, they should call on people to believe or should strengthen them when they already have a living faith..."*

TO SANCTIFY: *"Bishops should see to it that the faithful know and live the paschal mystery more deeply through the Eucharist, forming one closely-knit body, united by the charity of Christ; 'devoting themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word' (Acts 6:4)"*

TO GOVERN: *"In exercising his office of father and pastor, the bishop should be with his people as one who serves, as a good shepherd who knows his sheep and whose sheep know him, as a true father who excels in his love and solicitude for all, to whose divinely conferred authority all readily submit..."*

Bishop Checchio's presence, as he prays the Holy Eucharist with us today, is an opportunity for us to witness him exercising this triple ministry entrusted to him by Pope Francis for the People of God of the Diocese of Metuchen.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

WHY A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION?

Lent is the best time for self-examination, change and new life. Are we willing to truly accept that some of our behavior and attitudes have been harmful to ourselves and others? If so, we will be able to begin this conversion process. Only when we are truly honest with ourselves about our lives and remove the masks we wear through Confession will we encounter Christ's deep love bursting forth in our lives.

Jesus never sinned, yet was crucified for us and our sins. If we fail to see ourselves as sinners in need of Christ's mercy and forgiveness, the cross of Jesus then has lost its meaning for our lives. Jesus instituted the sacrament of penance because he knows that we all need it. He did not come to condemn the world, but to save it. (John 3:17) Jesus knows the benefits for those seeking this encounter with him. He loves us so much that he has given us this avenue for mercy, forgiveness, reconciliation, and love so that we might grow into "the-best-version-of-your-self."

Our Parish invites us all to attend the Reconciliation Service this Wednesday and experience the new life of grace and healing.

AUCTION – COME JOIN THE FUN

Next auction meeting is after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, Apr 9 in the church loft. Please see us in the narthex or call the office to find out how you can help out. The meeting is open to everyone who wants to be part of the volunteer effort - come join the fun!



SOUP 'N STATIONS FRIDAYS IN LENT

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. 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: April 7.

COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION

Join us at the Parish Community Reconciliation this Wednesday, April 5 at 7pm. The Reconciliation Service is a wonderful retreat to prepare us for Holy Week. After the service Fr. Abraham and Fr. John will be available for individual confessions.



KEEPING WATCH

We will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 13 at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for the special Mass. Afterwards you are invited to stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Seton Room. Adoration will be ongoing until midnight.

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Christian Formation

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES



Saturday, April 8th, 2:30 p.m.

The next First Eucharist class will be held on Saturday, April 8th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Center. Please note the change in time.

CRS RICE BOWLS



We continue our journey this Lent as we pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world through CRS Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls can be returned at the end of Lent to the collection basket that will be set up in the Narthex. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. Thank you for your participation!



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 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.**



CATECHIST APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 9th, 9:00 a.m.

All catechists and assistants in the Religious Education program are invited to attend an appreciation breakfast on Sunday, April 9th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Office Center. Please RSVP to jjarvis@ccsjn.org.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join our Confirmation class as they enact the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 14, at 1:00 p.m., on the Church grounds. St. John's is happy to host this ecumenical event each year.

Social Ministry & Parish News

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!

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2, 2017

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'"
JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need.

SOCIAL MINISTRY - EASTER FOOD PACK UP



Please use the volunteer signup sheets that are in the Narthex for Easter pack up and deliveries. Pack up will take place after the Stations of the Cross on April 7th and Deliveries will take place at 8:00am on April 8th. Please sign up for this meaningful exercise in Ministry to the needy.

Items required:

9 Large Hams and 19 Small Hams/Cornish Hens, Etc.

Must be in by April 5th. Thank You.

You may use the kitchen freezer/refrigerators in the carriage house or ask at the Church Office. Thank you for your continuing generosity.



AQUIRE THE FIRE



The combined young adult group of Our Lady of Lourdes and St John Neumann, will be having their next meeting on Sunday, Apr 9th at 7 PM in the Old Church Hall of Our Lady of Lourdes, 390 County Road 523, Whitehouse Station. Join us for a night of fellowship, games, and snacks. We will participating in RHA's Stream Cleanup at Spruce Run Reservoir on Sat, Apr 22nd from 9 AM to 12 PM. Save the date for our next meeting on Apr 30th. For more information and to join the list serve please email Susan at acquirethefire@ollwhs.org.

CHANGE OF DATES - BEREAVEMENT SEMINAR

A series of six interrelated sessions is scheduled beginning April 3rd. 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 welcomed. The dates of the seminars will be April 3, April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22. All sessions will be led by John Cole, transition professional, of St. John's Bereavement Ministry.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy at the parish office by calling 908-832-2513. If anyone has 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 he or she call France Kennedy.

READY TO WELCOME DEATH ANY TIME?

We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war and terrorist activities. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect. We watch calmly as others die from poverty, hunger and malnutrition, homelessness, unemployment, poor education, disease, child abuse, arms proliferation, discrimination, pollution, and destruction of the environment. The most important question is: am I ready to face my death? A strange question and its truthful answer are found in the sacred scriptures of the Hindus. "What is the greatest wonder in the world?" The answer is: "All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time in the near future." Let us not be foolish; let us be wise, well-prepared and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes.



A VISITOR'S EXPERIENCE OF OUR LABYRINTH!

A visitor sent us this note after visiting our Labyrinth. This letter must make us more aware of this great tool of prayer/meditation we have in our own property!

Dear St. John Neumann Church,

I enjoy walking labyrinths. I found your church's labyrinth on the "World-Wide Labyrinth Locator," and I walked it this morning. It is an absolutely beautiful piece of work, and I found it to be very meaningful and spiritual. Thank you for creating it, and for sharing it with the world. I would also like to thank the gentleman who was working in the garden (the groundskeeper, perhaps?) who helped me find the labyrinth on your property.

Blessings, Michael Scholtes

WILLIE LYNCH BAND

Friday April 28, 2017

Doors open 6:30pm Ceili Dance Lessons 7pm Band starts at 8pm

Bring your own Food & Beverage

Water and Soft Drinks available for purchase

Limited Reserve Tables available

Advance Tickets: \$20 Adult, *Teens \$10, Children, 12 and under free

***accompanied by a parent or guardian**

Call or Text Fred @ 908-229-5879, Patti @ 732-371-9698

Or call the Parish Office at 908-832-2513 to reserve tables or tickets

EASTER FLOWER HELP NEEDED

If you have some time to spare the morning of Saturday, April 15 any time after 8:00AM, we could sure use your help in decorating the inside and outside of our church. An RSVP would be great but "walk-ons" are most welcome! Since the outside needs to get done rain or shine, dress appropriately. Please contact Mary Connolly (mandmconnolly@gmail.com) until 4/12 or France Kennedy (fkennedy@ccsjn.org) or call the church office at 908-832-2513. Thanks!



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Three friends were discussing death and one of them asked: "What would you like people to say about you at your wake service while your dead body in the coffin is visible to everyone?" The first of the friends said: "I would like them to say, he was a great humanitarian who cared about his community." The second said: "He was a great husband and father who was an example for many to follow." The third friend said, "I would like them to say, 'Look, he's moving in the coffin!!'"

The pastor was visiting a terminally sick parishioner in the hospital. As he started consoling the patient the sick man said: "Don't worry about where I am heading to, Father. I have friends in both places."

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Research indicates that the average person listens for 17 seconds before interrupting. (5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman) Sometimes one spouse may be more long winded than the other. Sometimes one hardly speaks at all. Pay attention to your words this next week. Try to meet in the middle. (Susan Vogt)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Did you have fun with April Fool's Day? Tell your child stories of silly mistakes or dumb things you did when you were a kid. Mutual laughter can take the pressure off. At the same time, use the occasion to teach the kids how to be funny without being mean. So parents can help kids ask themselves these questions when they hear or tell a joke: Does this joke include everyone? Or does it leave someone out?

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 26, 2017

72 Donors Weekly \$2,569.00

50 Retired Clergy \$1,144.00

March 27, 2016

41 Donors Weekly \$2,125.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., April 4	A. Sawczuk
Wed., April 5	C. Behrens
Tues., April 11	L. Caprio
Wed., April 12	C. Behrens

Store Cards

April 1 & 2

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

April 8 & 9

5:30 p.m.	L. Livoti
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 4/2	M. Proano
Week of 4/9	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

April 7	Team F
April 14	Team A

Counting

April 3	Malone / Kosakowski
April 10	Kucharski / Bauernfiend

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
 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: *Scared to Talk About Death!*

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you . . . " Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" **John 11: 1-45**

They left the doctor's office. They were still struggling to take it all in. *Tumor . . . surgery . . . chemotherapy . . . a few months.* By the next day, the words settled in and became real. Calls were placed; appointments were scheduled; decisions were made. Then a conversation began that took them both by surprise. He asked: "What will you do if I die? Where will you live? Where will you work? Who will care for you?" She had questions of her own: "You've never been willing to talk about this, and now I wish you would. Where do you want to be buried? Do you want me to take you home? What kind of funeral do you want?"

And the conversation continued over the next several days. "Would you marry again?" he asked. "I would want you to be happy." She asked, for the first time, detailed questions about all the day-to-day things he took care of. Was there something he wanted to do or a place he wanted to go? Was there any unfinished business that needed to be addressed? A new place opened up in their life together: a safe place to admit, "I'm scared," a hopeful place to constantly assure each other, "Whatever happens, we'll be OK."

What started as a strained, clumsy conversation became more and more comfortable - and comforting. When she told a close friend about it, she was astonished at her resistance. "You shouldn't talk that way. That's giving up. You've got to fight!" But she now knew better. Talking about death is not an easy conversation, but it is liberating and freeing; it's a conversation centered in grace and love. They made it through his surgery and treatment. But the conversation continues in new and revealing ways that strengthen them for the hard days that are sure to come.

A couple confronts for the first time in their lives the reality of death; in today's Gospel, two sisters suddenly must cope with life without their brother. Every human being shares the prospect of death. Each one of us is on the same journey to the dwelling place of God; as such, every day brings each one of us closer to death, the passage way we all must pass through to God. But in treating one another with the care and compassion that honors the fragility of life, we bring into one another's lives the hope of eternity in the Risen One. As this couple and Martha and Mary come to appreciate, resurrection is a perspective that finds hope in the hardest times, that uncovers life among the devastation, that reveals the light even in the darkest night.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 10, 2017—Cathedral, Metuchen



On Monday, April 10, 2017 Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. The Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of the a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m.

Our parishioners Richard and Mauricia Nacamuli will attend this Mass to receive the Holy Oils for our Parish which will be presented here at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

2017 EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wed. April 5	- 7:00pm Community Reconciliation followed by Individual Confessions (Church Center)
Sat. April 8	- Blessing of Palms Procession (Portico) 5:30pm Mass - Palm Distribution (Church Center)
Sun. April 9	- Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00am Mass - Palm Distribution (Church Center) 10:30am Mass - Palm Distribution (Church Center)
Mon. April 10	- 7:30pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
Tues. April 11	- 8:00am Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
<u>SACRED TRIDUUM</u>	
Thurs. April 13	- Holy Thursday 8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center) 9:30pm-12:00am " Keeping Watch " (Seton Room)
Fri. April 14	- Good Friday Passion and Death of the Lord 1:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (Grounds) 8:00pm Service (Church Center)
Sat. April 15	- Holy Saturday - NO 5:30pm MASS 8:00pm Easter Vigil and Mass - (Church Center)
Sun. April 16	- Easter Sunday 8:00am Mass (Church Center) 10:30am Mass (Church Center)

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: 3/20/2017

After the Lectio Divina reflection as opening Prayer, we welcomed two parishioners who came to observe the Pastoral Council meeting as they consider joining the Council. The discussion centered around the following points:

- the need to find someone to monitor and update changes in Parish technology, especially to promote our online presence;
- visit of Bishop Checchio to our parish on April 2 for the 10:30 Mass. This is his first official visit to the parish though he had come here last year for Confirmation during a weekday. There was a suggestion for a community coffee to be held after the Mass.
- Father has attended at least 5 Lent groups and is very pleased with the number of parishioners that are participating.
- Sister Terry Rickard, who wrote 'Live Lent,' (the book we are using in our faith-sharing groups) will be the speaker as we hold an evening of celebration of all the faith-sharing groups. This event, to be held here at St. John's on May 3, is open to all.
- Bishop's Annual Appeal: St. John's has raised 50 percent of our \$38,000 goal.
- The Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Monday, April 10 at 7:30pm. One lay person from each parish will attend the Mass and receive the oils for their church. Mauricia Nacamulli has volunteered to receive for St. John's.
- Participation for Soup and Stations is good, with 35-40 people attending each week.

After noting the date for the next meeting for Monday, April 24 at 7:30pm, the Council concluded the meeting with a short prayer.



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.



STORE CARDS DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know...that the store card sales after Mass is the second largest fundraiser of the parish!

Literally the auction is the only fundraiser that surpasses the cards.

Last year the store cards brought in \$21,000 dollars!

It took only 20 families buying store cards on a regular basis for the parish to receive \$21,000.

There is no cost to you. You get a \$100 card for \$100. Easy to do.

- Grocery cards bring us 5%
- Bishops in Lebanon gives us 10%
- Chain restaurants—Applebees, Chilis, Chipotle average 10%
- Clothing stores between 8 and 16% of every dollar you spend there.

We want to encourage more parishioners to use this easy fundraiser. In order to do that we will have more volunteers in the narthex after Mass to insure there is no waiting in line.

You can get cards for your grocery shopping, for you daily coffee store, eating out, for amazon purchases – Walmart and home depot, and for giving cards as gifts to your family and friends.

The First Presbyterian Church in Washington makes \$40,000 from this fundraiser and St. Lawrence in Chester makes \$80,000.

Our goal is to increase the dollars we bring in by having 40 additional families participate. Will you try it?

We are asking for you to participate in this easy, no hassle fundraiser.

You can purchase the cards after Mass, place an order ahead of time that would be ready for you. You can pay by check, cash or CREDIT!

See us in the narthex for questions!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$23,742.60 and payments totaling \$19,326.35 from 79 parishioners. This represents 62.5% of St. John's \$38,000.00 goal.

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