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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

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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
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.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 23

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 25

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

7:00 p.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, May 26

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 27

5:30 p.m. Kathy Bockol, req.

Kucharski Family

Sunday, May 28

8:00 a.m. Genevieve Nowatkowski,
req., Jim & Roni Durham

10:30 a.m. Joseph Foldvary, req.

Barb and Fred Pfeufer

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter / July 4th Food

Card Collection Begins

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

8:00 a.m. K-6 Family Faith Formation (Valley View)

10:30 a.m. Mass - Weber Baptism (Church Center)

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church and Drexel Room)

Monday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)

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

Tues., May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

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

Wednesday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

7:00 p.m. Youth S.H.I.P. Service (Church Center Kitchen)

7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, May 25 - The Ascension of the Lord (Obligation)

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Friday, May 26 - Saint Philip Neri, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Saturday, May 27 - Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)

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

Sunday, May 28 - Seventh Sunday of Easter / Mission Appeal

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - May 27/28

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Anthony Appiah

Reader Alexa Johnson

Altar Server Kucharski Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Donna Torczon

..... Joann Gardner, Joan Eacovalle

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Anthony Appiah

Reader Needed

Altar Server Kennedy Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Diane Lehnert

..... Joe Sima, Dorothy Sima

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Anthony Appiah

Reader Gary Porto

Altar Server D'Avella Family

Music Eucharistic Minister..... Mary D'Avella

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Marlene Milko, Doris Royal

..... Peter Royal, Jane Albert, Bob Sobey



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I. Kevin Horton & Carolyn King

II. Christopher Rosario & Laura Mario

**The Office will be closed
Monday, May 29th for the
Memorial Day Holiday**

Office Summer Hours

June 1st through September 1st

Monday-Thursday 8am to 5pm

Friday 8am to 12pm



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Virgilio Alves, Al Sterphone, Susan Riomondy, John Morrison, Anthony Pellicano, Henry Edson Drucker and John Handy.**

Deceased: Virgilio Alves, father of Anna Sollacio, **Al Sterphone**, parishioner, **Susan Riomondy**, cousin of Linda Caprio, **John Morrison** uncle of Ray Klacik, **Anthony Pellicano**, father of Stephanie and husband of Lois, **Henry Edson Drucker**, brother of Veronica Drucker, and **John Handy**, brother of Joann Gardner.. 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,

This year Ascension Day falls on Thursday May 25th. The day commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven on the fortieth day of Easter. Ascension marks the end of Easter season. This Thursday, we will have a 7am Mass at the Residence chapel and a 7pm Mass in the Church Center.

Ten days after Ascension we will celebrate the great Feast of Pentecost. We need to prepare for this major Feast which is also known as the birthday of the Church because it was from that first Pentecost the church grew out from Jerusalem into all the world. Christmas has Advent as preparation. Easter has Lent. But there is no such designated preparation period for Pentecost. And yet, we can and must prepare for this Feast which reminds us that the Holy Spirit brings life to the church.

The Religious Ed Office has been conducting retreats for our Confirmandi Candidates. **Our CP III candidates and their parents** spent an afternoon last week for their retreat titled "Amazing Race to Grace" with an orientation towards learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. At the end of it, each student gave a moving testimony about a gift of the Holy Spirit that they related to or experienced in themselves. **Our CP II candidates and their parents** just finished their day of Discernment and signed their Covenant as they embark their journey to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We too can prepare for Pentecost. I propose three suggestions: **First**, read the story of Pentecost from Acts 2:1-11. Be amazed that each person could hear about "God's deeds of power" in their own language. It was like the "simultaneous translation" that goes on at the United Nations or other important international conferences. **Second**, learn more about the symbols of the Holy Spirit. For example, the Spirit appears as the wind over the waters of creation (Genesis 1:2) and as a descending dove at Jesus' baptism (Mark 1:10). Can you search for other symbols? And **third**, most importantly, pray for a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our hearts so that we will be guided by the Spirit of God.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

THE MISSION APPEAL FOR KUMASI, GHANA

The Archdiocese of Kumasi, in Ghana (West Africa), was established in 1950 by missionaries. The Catholic population is around 365,000 in the general population of about 2,437,000. The work of evangelization takes many forms. The Church's healing ministry and efforts in primary evangelization becomes evident through projects aimed at improving the health and well-being of people such as the building and upgrading of health clinics, the care for street children and providing accessible, clean drinking water by building new wells, especially on school grounds. It is surprising that there are still many areas where people walk a great distance for clean drinking water. Building of new schools for the education of youth and support of St. Gregory the Great Major Seminary for vocations are also priorities. Your Contributions will be appreciated for the continued growth of the Church of Kumasi.



IT'S TIME TO REFINISH THE FLOORS

Move Furniture out June 4th 11:30am

Move Furniture in June 10th 9:00am

We are looking for help to clear out the worship space in the Church so the floors can be refinished. After the 10:30 Mass on June 4th we will move everything out

and the work will begin on Monday June 5th.

The floors will be ready for us to put the furniture back by Saturday, June 10th. We will be meeting in the Church Center at 9:00am on June 10th to put everything back and set up for the weekend Masses. If you can help please sign up in the Narthex. Any questions, call or email Sharon 908-832-2513/sjanks@ccsjn.org.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil."
1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here's the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you.

2017-FAB FIVE RAFFLE ITEMS



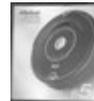
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Propane Gas Grill
\$850 Value



Toro Power Clear
Snow Blower
\$629 Value



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Wi-Fi 32GB
\$600 Value



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Christian Formation

2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2017-2018 Religious Ed. program is now open! Information and forms have been mailed home and will be posted on the parish website, ccsjn.org.

CPI DAY OF DISCERNMENT

Saturday, June 10, 3:00 p.m.



The CPI Day of Discernment will be held on Saturday, June 10, at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Center. All CPI (6th Grade) candidates and their parents are expected to attend. CPI candidates will celebrate the Rite of Entrance with their families at the 5:30 p.m. Mass following this Day of Discernment.



MONTHLY ADULT FAITH FORMATION - Last Session
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 Fr. Abraham for the adult portion of the GIFT program at Valley View School on Sunday, May 21st, at 9:00 AM. All are invited to attend! **You do not need to have a child in the program to participate.**

CONFIRMANDI DAY OF REFLECTION

Race to Amazing Grace



On Saturday our Confirmandi Class of 2017 enjoyed a Day of Reflection planned and conducted by their parents then concluding with the celebration of Mass. This year's theme was, "Amazing Race to Grace". The day began with the students' presentation and reflection and on one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the impact of that gift in their life. The retreat activities included, Guess the Gifts Headbandz game, Journey with Jesus Scavenger Hunt and Cooking with the Spirit. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are incorporated within the activities in a fun and enriching way. The Confirmandi prepared lasagna and brownie trays to be donated to SHIP. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation in October.

Social Ministry

SPRING GIVING TREE



Thanks to you all for your wonderful support of the three agencies we support every Spring. As of today, May 14 we have almost completed the project and only await the return of the gifts pledged and then we can deliver all to the recipients. Since the Narthex is full in preparation for the Auction, please drop your gifts off in either the food pantry off the Narthex or in the Seton Room. Again, Thanks for all that you do for those that need assistance. We would like to have all gifts returned by May 21.



SPRING PLANTING--PROJECT EARTH GARDEN

Join us in the Project Earth Garden on Saturday, May 20 from 9a-5p and Sunday, May 21 from Noon to 5pm to plant the Project Earth Garden (weather permitting). All ages are welcome! We have lots of seeds to put in the ground. Come for a few hours or bring a picnic lunch and spend the day. On Sunday we will also have a tomato pruning and trellising seminar in the Community Garden following the 10:30am Mass.

FOURTH OF JULY FOOD CARDS

Each year, St. Johns provides food baskets for the holidays to our neighbors who are struggling financially. Traditionally, we continue this practice of giving assistance around the 4th of July. We do this by providing about 9 families and 19 individuals with food cards to the local food stores.

You may purchase the food cards after Mass in the Narthex, and then use an envelope found at the Social Ministry station and; deposit your donation in the collection box by the table, place it in the collection basket, or drop it at the office.

We would appreciate all donations turned in by the last weekend in June.

2017 CALIFON FARMER'S MARKET



Califon United Methodist Church and Califon Area Merchants and Professional Association (CAMPA) are once again joining together to co-sponsor a farmer's market in downtown Califon. The market will be held on the front lawn around the gazebo at Califon UMC situated next to the popular Top O' the Barn Thrift Shop and overlooking the Raritan River. There will be 8 market dates for June-October 2017. If you are interested in participating as a farmer/vendor and would like more information, contact Pastor Kyle Cuperwicz at Califon UMC 908-832-2318.





WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE

June 10th, 8 AM – Office Center

We've heard you! Several women of the parish have expressed interest in a women's monthly gathering, so here it is!

Beginning on June 10th, and each 2nd Saturday of the month, there will be a Women's Spirituality Coffee held in the Office Center at 8 a.m. Please join us as we reflect on the Sunday's Scripture, while we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation.

COUNTDOWN TO THE 31ST AUCTION 13 DAYS! - JUNE 3RD



Don't delay, pick up your tickets today in the Narthex for the exciting, fun filled, auction/dinner dance happening here at St. John's in just two weeks!

Free, on site babysitting will be available. Just let us know ahead. There's an amazing array of auction items to choose from (see insert), a fabulous five raffle and an amazing 50/50 drawing that may go as high as \$25,000!

BIBLE STUDY



Our Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew is starting this Wednesday, May 24 at 7:14pm and will be facilitated by Mary Sorgi. How wonderful that a great group of sixteen people signed up. You are invited to try it out without a commitment to see if you enjoy it.

GRADUATES MASS - SUNDAY 10:30AM JUNE 12



You are invited to celebrate with the parish at our Graduate Mass on Sunday, June 18, at 10:30 a.m. Our community will be celebrating and praying for all our graduates, of all ages and degrees. We hope you can join us! If you want to be listed send the following information to France Kennedy: name, school, major, degree, future school (if applicable) at fkennedy@ccsinj.org by June 1. You may provide this information even if you cannot attend the Mass that day.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Ambassadors for Christ

As baptized Catholics, we are all *Ambassadors for Christ*. Like the first disciples, we are sent into the Lord's vineyard with a mission of bringing hope and goodness to our world. Some things are possible for us as individuals, but some need the combined efforts of many. The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal is an opportunity for us to come together to serve as *Ambassadors for Christ*. By contributing to the life of the Church through our support of the many and varied diocesan ministries, we reflect our commitment to evangelization, priestly vocations, religious formation for our youth, assisting the poor, and so much more. All of the money donated goes to these and all of the pastoral and charitable ministries mentioned in the Appeal brochure and none is used for administrative costs. Thank you for your generous support.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$ 32,624.10 and payments totaling \$ 27,872.85 from 115 parishioners. This represents 85.9% of your \$38,000.00 goal.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY - Cute Answers from Kids!



Six year old Angie and her four-year old brother Joel, were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked out loud. Finally, his sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They are *hushers!*"

A Creation humor for women: So what if God made man first? "Well, Doesn't everyone make a rough impression before making a masterpiece!"

YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT



If you have not already purchased tickets for the Fab 5 or the 50/50 raffle, they are available in Narthex after all the Masses or at the parish office during the week. Depending on the number sold, the 50/50 can go as high as \$25,000.

Wouldn't that be nice to take home.



ALTAR SERVING

If you enjoy watching the Altar being set during Mass, and appreciate the tradition at St. John's of a family joining together for this simple service, we ask you to consider your family participating in the Mass in this way. It is a wonderful way to serve and it can be adapted to work for two people or a family of 5. If you would like to discuss before deciding please contact the office or talk to an Altar Server at Mass!

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"If you love me..." (John 14:15)

If you love me, you'll clean the bathroom, watch the kids, make enough money to support us...The list can be endless - and so is love. What would your beloved love you to do for them today? It's OK to ask. Mind reading not required.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Families can be really healthy only when children once again have communities of real people who care about them." (Mary Pipher) Who are the caring community of people who surround your child? What child needs *your* family to care? (Susan Vogt)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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
Carol Lacy
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
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
Seaman, Devin Jenkinson, U.S. Air Force
Spec. Jon Tyler Jablonski, U.S. Army
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
Airman, Justin Vardian, U.S. Air Force

SUNDAY REFLECTION: A Day to "Bear the Beams of Love..."

"The Father will give you another Advocate to be with you always . . . he remains with you and will be in you . . ."
John 14: 15-21

An extraordinary day: The family has gathered at the hospital to welcome its newest member. The proud, bleary-eyed mom and dad are cradling their hours-old daughter, Claire Cecelia. The aunt, the new mother's godmother, beams with delight to meet her new niece. The baby's little rosebud of a mouth reminds her of her own daughter's birth 12 years before. Later that day she brings her elderly mother to the hospital so she can see her first great-grandchild, who shares her name Cecelia. The great-grandmother kisses the newborn's forehead with gentle commitment.

It's also Great-Grandma's birthday. So the entire clan gathers that evening at the aunt's house. A nephew arrives, wearing the neck brace he's had on for two month's now, since the car accident. Someone crossed the center line and hit them. His wife was badly injured and is still recovering; her father was killed. But he's here, back from the brink. A walking miracle. A family friend rings the doorbell. She started chemo the day before for lung cancer. Hard times lie ahead - but to-night, she's here to party.

Candles are lit, cake is served, gifts are given, memories are shared. And of course, everyone talks about the baby. It's an extraordinarily beautiful day in the life of this family. The aunt-godmother and host of the party, Catherine O'Connell-Cahill, writes about it in *At Home With Our Faith* [March 2008]:

"Every now and then - maybe a handful of times over the course of a lifetime, maybe more if you are lucky - you have a day like this yourself. The bones of life poke through the fluff that otherwise preoccupies you year in, year out. You hold someone's hand as they approach death. You pick up a newborn babe. You fall in love. You are truly forgiven. Someone you love is saved from death. You marvel at the goodness of God. Claire Cecelia's first day of life was such a day. Maybe poet William Blake put it best: *And we are put on earth a little space / That we may learn to bear the beams of love.*"

In the simplest, everyday celebrations and expressions of love, God is present. The "Advocate" that Jesus promises is the Spirit of God that opens our hearts and spirits in gratitude for days like the day this family experiences and that we all experience, even if not as often as we'd like. God is in our midst in the love of a spouse holding the hand of his or her dying spouse, in the love of a new mom feeding her baby, in the love of two friends walking the beach. In the joy of the Easter season, may the Advocate enable us to "bear the beams of love" and mirror that love in our compassion and care for one another.

ATTENTION! HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, will celebrate Mass for Home School Students and their Families Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:00 a.m. St. Magdalen de Pazzi Roman Catholic Church, 105 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. Light refreshments and fellowship to follow. RSVP by May 31, 2017. Register online at diometuchen.org/homeschoolmass If you have questions, call Erin at (732) 562-2463 or email communications@diometuchen.org.



Are you on social media? Your stewardship could be keeping St. John's activities present on the web! Contact the office and find us on Facebook, "St. John Neumann RC Church, Califon NJ"

Diocesan and Community News

"I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT YOU JUST DID."

There is a story about a woman, Dorothy Pryse, who was listening to a Christian radio station as she drove to the grocery store one morning. The radio preacher was talking about kindness. He said, "I wonder how many of you are listening to me on your car radio and thinking of how you can be kind while driving?" Dorothy began thinking about what he was saying. A few blocks away, she saw a woman waiting in her car to come out of her driveway. Traffic was heavy, and Dorothy knew this woman would have a hard time getting out, so she slowed down and let her back out. The woman smiled and waved. When she got to the grocery store, Dorothy saw a parking space. As she started pulling in, another car on the opposite side began to pull in to the same spot. Once again, Dorothy backed out and found another parking spot. As they both got out of their cars, the driver of the other car said, "I can't believe what you just did. Anyone else would have made me back out." Dorothy explained what she had heard on the radio about showing love. The two women began talking. Dorothy discovered the woman had just moved into the area, didn't know anyone, and was looking for a Church. "I invited her to come to our Church," Dorothy says, "and a strong friendship has blossomed from our chance meeting and a small act of kindness."

This story illustrates that one can experience the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit and act according to His promptings -- just as Dorothy and the apostle Philip did.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES: APRIL 24, 2017

After praying and sharing the Gospel we watched a powerpoint presentation by Father Abraham, on the goal, mission, requirements and responsibilities of the Parish Pastoral Council. All agreed it was very informative. It was followed by Mike Connolly presenting for the Fundraising Committee which is co-chaired currently by Marlene Milko and Susan Kuhn. After that, the following were the main topics of discussion:

- Bishop Checchio's visit to the Parish on April 2: he seemed very happy with presiding at Mass and meeting with all especially during the community coffee;
- Lenten Fridays' the Soup and Stations were well attended, bringing in more parishioners than in previous years. Good Friday live stations was well re-enacted by the Confirmandi class and it is significant that there were 4 pastors of the Protestant Churches who joined us for the same;
- Mauricia Nacamulli attended the Chrism Mass on April 10 with her family, where she received the sacred oils for our parish.
- St. John's is in need of someone to take on the much needed service of technology. A suggestion was made to post a request for help in the bulletin.
- Guest speaker Sister Teresa Rickard, Author of Live Lent, will join us on May 3rd in the Church Center at 7pm.
- There will be a Discernment Retreat on May 20, for parishioners who have shown an interest in joining the Parish Council. The commissioning of new Parish Council members will be done under the tent on June 4.
- On this 100th anniversary of Fatima apparitions, we will ask the parishioners to make a trip to the Blue Army Shrine in Washington NJ; and with a view to make our parishioners more aware of the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, we will replace the Divine Mercy Chaplet with the Rosary during First Friday Adoration starting May 5 and continue each month for 6 months, corresponding to the 6 apparitions of Mary to the three children.

After noting that the next meeting will be held on May 20, 2017, this meeting concluded with a short prayer.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 14, 2017

78 Donors Weekly	\$3,323.25
22 Trinity Dome Collection	\$404.00
10 Initial Offering	\$32.00
10 Yellow Brick Road	\$520.00
1 Easter Donation.....	\$10.00

May 15, 2016

81 Donors Weekly	\$7,359.00
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STORE CARDS

Thanks to **23 families** who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$3,010.00**. The stores gave us **\$146.67**.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., May 24	M. D'Avella
Wed., June 7	J. Santoro

Store Cards

May 20 & 21

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

May 27 & 28

5:30 p.m.	B. Cestone
8:00 a.m.	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.	S. Kosakowski

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 5/21	C. Fortenbacher
Week of 5/28	B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

May 26	Team A
June 2	Team B

Altar Flowers

May 27	Sawczuk
June 3	Grmino

Counting

May 22	Kucharski / McCabe
May 29	Malone / Kosakowski

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