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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

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

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Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....Founding Pastor Emeritus
Earl Roberts.....	Deacon
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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday.....10:30 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, June 13

8:00 a.m. Antoinette Hilger, req.
Jo Ann Jarvis

Friday, June 16

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, June 17

5:30 p.m. Linda Owens, req.
Hunterdon Boy Scouts
8:00 a.m. Eleanor Mastro, req.
Cathy and Tom Bennett
10:30 a.m. Robert Seijas, req.
Erica Janks & Nick Parolari



Parish Calendar

Sunday, June 11 - Most Holy Trinity / Father's Day Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Gattone Baptism (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)

Monday, June 12 - Weekday

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

Tuesday, June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, June 14 - Weekday

10:30 a.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, June 15 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. Nursing Home Picnic (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, June 16 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
12:00 p.m. Office Closed
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Saturday, June 17 - Weekday

12:00 p.m. Kowaleski Recital (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - June 17/18

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, Lyle Garcia	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Allan Piechowski	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates	
.....	Joe Sima, Dorothy Sima	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Youth Mass Reader	
Altar Server	Youth Mass Altar Serving Group	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Jane Albert	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Mary D'Avella, Sheena Carew	
.....	Bob Sobey, Dick Wickel, Donna Lance	



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III. Kevin Horton & Carolyn King



Remembered at Mass

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

Deceased: **Virgilio Alves**, father of Anna Sollacio, **Al Sterphone**, parishioner, **Susan Riemony**, cousin of Linda Caprio, and **John Morrison** uncle of Ray Klacik. 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,

Do you know that we are now in the "Ordinary Time" according to the Liturgical Calendar? The term 'ordinary' means usual, everyday, average, etc, denoting an absence of excitement or drama. Hence it is only natural if some think that this is an unimportant time! The fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. So what is the truth?

Yes, on the one hand, the dramatic times are over and we are in the ordinary time! Last Sunday was the great Feast of Pentecost concluding the great and distinctive season of Easter. For our parish, last Sunday had a special significance as we had our annual Auction/Tasting/Dinner/Dance event which was an unforgettable time of fellowship and fun through which we continue to care for the financial health of our parish. Its success is to be credited to the dedicated and passionate leadership of the organizing team of France Kennedy, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca and Suzanne Kosakowski who, in their tireless efforts, were blessed with the good will and cooperation of so many subcommittees and other wonderful volunteers and the rest of the parish community who participated in the event in some way or other. A detailed acknowledgment and appreciation can be seen in this bulletin.

But on the other hand, Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word *ordo*, from which we get the English word *order*. Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time in fact represent the ordered life of the Church—the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ.

Yes, The Acts of the Apostles narrated the Pentecost story as a stunning, incredible and ecstatic experience with the sound of a violent wind, fire appearing over their heads and 3,000 new members as the result of one sermon. But the drama subsided, for the very next verse says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42). Not much drama here. Worshiping together, eating together, learning together. Yes, a big segment of our life consists of the ordinary. It is in living the gospel values in the ordinary time that we truly become extra-ordinary!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

A SCIENTIST TESTIFIES TO TRINITY!

A good illustration of the Trinity comes from world-renowned scientist Dr. Henry Morris. He notes that the entire universe is Trinitarian by design. The universe consists of three things: matter, space, and time. Take away any one of those three and the universe would cease to exist. But each one of those is itself a trinity. **Matter** = mass + energy + motion. **Space** = length + height + breadth. **Time** = past + present + future. Thus the whole universe witnesses to the character of the God who made it (cf. Psalm 19:1).

GRADUATES MASS - SUNDAY 10:30AM JUNE 18



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!

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT WITH A MORNING MEDITATION

Try a good way to start your day - meditation in your email.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 18, 2017

"Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!



BAPTISM

Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptizing their child. Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized should call France Kennedy at the office (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.



YOGA IS BACK

June 14, 10:30am & 5:30 pm

Gentle Yoga will be offered through the summer. We will offer a morning and an afternoon session Wednesdays as long as attendance at each is good. If you have any questions, please email Ana Giometta at ana.giometta@gmail.com.

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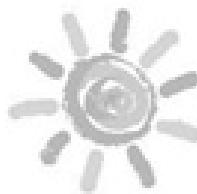
Bulletin bulletin@ccsjn.org

Youth Ministry sjnygroup@gmail.com

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.



SUMMER STUDENT MASS – ALL GRADES!

Save the Date – Sunday, July 9th at 10:30 AM

As an extension of our popular Class Masses, we are inviting all students to join us for a Summer Student Mass on July 9th at 10:30 Mass. Students should arrive by 10:15. Contact Religious Ed with any questions.

Social Ministry

PARTHIONER IN NEED

One of our parishioner is recuperating and needs help Monday to Friday. Looking for a woman for night stay. She is willing to pay. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 908-832-2513.



JULY 4TH FOOD CARDS

If you check out the Social Ministry Station in the Narthex you'll find envelopes for your donations. Our mission this year is to provide 19 individuals(veterans or elderly) with \$25/\$50 food cards and 9 families with \$100 food cards. Please assist us in making this holiday special for some of our most needy. Thanks and God Bless !

Parish News

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Marriage is often made up of two "stiff-necked people." (Exodus 34:9) What are you most stubborn about in your relationship? It's natural to want to get one's way. However, sometimes it's better to give way as a sign of love.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

We sacrifice our time, money, and ego for those we love. Which of these is easiest and hardest for you to sacrifice for your own child? (Susan Vogt)



ATTENTION! HOME SCHOOLING FAMILIES

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

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have ever considered becoming Catholic or know someone who may be interested, there is a process to help you discern whether it is what you want to do. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation. Every year teams in parishes meet with unbaptized persons and those baptized into other faiths to discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. The first stage is called Inquiry and simply put, is a time for you to ask any and all questions about God and the church. This is the period to help you find out if you are interested in becoming Catholic. So please don't think you have to know this is what you want to do. The Inquiry phase helps in that discernment. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone or text: 908-307-7879 or email fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Zen Master Has A Hotdog: The Zen master steps up to the hot dog cart and says: "Make me one with everything." The hot dog vendor fixes a hot dog and hands it to the Zen master, who pays with a \$20 bill. The hot dog vendor puts the bill in the cash drawer and closes the drawer. "Where's my change?" asks the Zen master. The hot dog vendor responds: "Change must come from within."

When the new patient was settled comfortably on the couch, the psychiatrist began his therapy session. "As you are a new patient with me, I do apologize, but I haven't had time to review your case file and I'm not really aware of your problem." The psychiatrist said, "So perhaps, you should start at the very beginning." "But of course." Replied the patient, "In the beginning, I created the Heavens and the Earth ..."

SUMMER EVENING GARDENING

It sounds nice, being in the garden in the summer with the evening breeze, but alas this is just a euphemism for work – weeding to be precise. However, we do think we can make the task more palatable. The goal is to gather a few parishioners who would like to come together to help maintain the flower gardens around the church and perhaps help the time pass with a bottle while enjoying conversation. If you are interested please email fkennedy@ccsjn.org with some evenings in June you might be available.

Parish News

AUCTION SUCCESS AND THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Auction. We are happy to announce that the profit is approximately \$53,265.56.

We are all involved in the Stewardship of the parish through the Auction in various ways; from the solicitors that start the ball rolling securing donations from local businesses, to the parishioners themselves who donate great items for others to bid on; to everyone who bought a Fab 5 or 50/50 Raffle Ticket; to those who attended the Wine Tasting and/or the Dinner; to those who bid; and those who helped with setup and cleanup; or helped out in any way. Thanks to Suzanne Kosakowski, Kathy Kelly Pagliuca, Karen Porto and France Kennedy for the many hours of work to put this all together. All of these efforts helped to make the Auction a success and we thank you.

We enjoyed a great time last Saturday night. It was a lot of fun seeing some TV characters come to life through our guests. We had Fred & Wilma Flintstone, members of the MASH Unit, Gilligan & Mary Ann, the Bionic Woman, Squiggy & Shirley and more. The night started with the Wine, Beer & Cheese Tasting, run by Annette Schettino and Ray Klacik, socializing with friends and meeting new people. Thank you to Hunt Patterson, Rob Sansone & Ray Klacik for their wine donations for the evening.

The delicious dinner was prepared by our very own parishioners. Thank you to our Chefs and Kitchen staff. Thanks to Jim Codd for his help organizing the kitchen. Thank you Marcio Souza who cooked the delicious tenderloin, Donna Lance who prepared the salad, Jim Codd who made the mashed potatoes, Shannon Lang who prepared the roasted vegetables. All those in the background who helped with the chopping and prep work and those who supplied us with the scrumptious desserts. Thank you to Max's for the Rolls and for preparing the Chicken Marsala. We'd also like to thank Calalillo Shop-Rite of Clinton and Bourbon Street Liquors for their generous donation to the Auction. We appreciate these and all the businesses that support St. John's in this effort and hope you will support these businesses in turn. Pick up a copy of the Auction Book and patronize the donors who are listed in the back of the book.

Thank you to all those who helped before, during and after with cleanup. Thanks to Brent Herrig for assembling the Titan Pro Bicycle. We apologize to any names we may have missed, please know that your help was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the winners of the Live and Silent Auction Bidding and the Raffle Winners.

The Fab 5 Raffle Winners are: Weber Grill - Kuhn Family, Snow Blower - Liz Livoti's, iPad - Phil Peluso, iRobot Roomba - John Niemiec, Fitbit - Marlene Milko. The 50/50 Raffle winner is Gary Porto for the Prize amount of \$ 6,570.00.

Sandra Aaron	Joan & Lou Eacovale	Andy Kozlowski	Kathy & Mike Pagliuca
Jane Albert	Susanne & Kurt Erz	Marion & Kevin Kucharski	Barbara & Steve Pannone
Kathy & John Altavilla	Joanne & Paul Fabiano	Andrew & Susan Kuhn	Hunt & Linda Patterson
Celia & Chris Arthur	Dana Fabiano	Alex Kuhn	Colleen & Phil Peluso
Casey Ayotte	Regina & Phil Farrell	Emelia Kuhn	Mary Phillips
Phyllis Baker	Charlie Fortenbacker	Donna Lance	Ron & Shirley Pojedinec
Steve & Nancy Bauernfeind	Cathy Gagen	Molly Lance	Karen & Gary Porto
Maggie & Peter Baumann	Bonnie & Lyle Garcia	Shannon Lang	Mia Ranallo
Cyndy & Bill Behrens	Bob & Joann Gardner	Suzanne Larusso	Walt & Irene Riley
Tom & Cathy Bennett	Barbara Gates	Reed Laverty	Patti Rittman
Kenneth & Renate Bernard	Germino Family	Bobbie Lee	Doris & Peter Royal
Nick Brezina	Linda & Bill Gerristead	Diane Lehnert	Jason Rudin
Toni Ann Brezina	Mike & Sue Griffin	Marisa & Steve Leyden	Robb Sansone
Maria & Chris Brynildsen	Fred Heimall	Bonnie Liddane	Anita Sawczuk
Jess Brynildsen	Shaun Heimall	Liz & Lou Livoti	Annette Schettino Uss
Kerri Caldaro	Brent Herrig	Sharon Lohrmann	Bob Sepe
Mary & Pete Cangelosi	Joe Hulseman	Zack Lowary	Laura & Joe Sharp
Linda & Gary Caprio	Wayne Infusino	Barbara Mager	Joe & Dorothy Sima
Pam Casserly	Daniel Infusino	Roger & Marie Malone	Peter Sorgi
Beth Cestone & Mark Schenck	Sharon & Alan Janks	Bob & Barbara Martalus	Marcio Souza
Jim Codd	Erica Janks	Mike & Mary Mastro	Joe Stanski
Charlotte & John Cole	Jo Ann Jarvis	Liz & Fred Mattrey	Bryan Stanski
Mike & Mary Connolly	France Kennedy	Marlene Milko	Diane & Bruce Stewart
Marion & Kay Dabrowski	Anne King	Jim & Joann Murray	Kathleen Swindler
Mary D'Avella	Oliver Kivett	Mauricia & Richard Nacamuli	Donna Torczon
Megan D'Avella	Owen Kivett	Hannah Nacamuli	Jonathan Uss
Morgan D'Avella	Ray Klacik	Patti Nanna	Jane & Joe Varcadipane
Virginia DeLalla	Jane & Tom Klawunn	Stacy Neimiec	Julie & Brandon Weldon
Anthony & Regina DeStefano	Kate Knight	Jill O'Brien	Donna Wellbrock
Cookie & Jim DeVito	Hailey Koplowitz	"Office Angels"	Richie Wellbrock
Roni & Jim Durham	Suzanne & Joe Kosakowski	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	

Parish News

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
Destiny Lightfoot
Lou Livoti
Dick McCall
Maggie McKeon
Jan McLeavey
Christine Meyer
Fran Miceli
Danny Mulvey
Joan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Nilda Perez Parsons
John Pfeuffer
Ali Redling
Anne & Joe Sacco
Diane Siti
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Pam Stewart
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
William Weimer
Josh Wilkes
Jessica Williams
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
C2C, 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... GOD'S GARDEN IN BALTIMORE

"... God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

John 3: 16-18

A group of high school students organized to clean up an abandoned park in a Baltimore neighborhood. They picked up trash, repaired fences and converted old bookcases into raised gardening beds. They built up soil, dug holes, and carefully planted impatiens and coleus.

Some days the kids became frustrated, because the broken bottles, syringes, and wrappers that they had picked up would reappear. They felt their work was being disrespected. But they persisted - and as the months passed, the students saw their work grow exponentially. The flowers bloomed, and people donated additional plants and pitched in to help water them. A steady stream of people told the students they were glad that the little park hadn't remained abandoned.

The community leader who organized the students says: "Planting flowers goes against the culture of death and violence. It pushes back against the corrosive effects of much of everyday life . . . [The students] began to think about how they could improve the quality of the neighborhood where they live. They took pride in it." The team pursued beauty in the midst of neglect. They became aware of God's kingdom on that small patch of land.

God is present in the persistent, hard work of these students, in the beauty of the flowers that re-claims the barren park, in the Spirit of cooperation of the neighborhood to maintain the park. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges Nicodemus to move beyond old, incomplete and "childlike" images of God in order to grow toward a more complete, "adult" faith that recognizes the God who works and moves from his Spirit of unfathomable love; the God who constantly takes the initiative to be reconciled with us, despite our failings; the God who is not removed from his creation but constantly present in every act of love and compassion and forgiveness.

TRINITY IS GOD WITHIN US

Today's feast invites us to live in the awareness of the presence of the Triune God within us: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The mystery of the Holy Trinity, a doctrine enunciated by the ecumenical councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, is one of the fundamental doctrines of Christianity and the greatest mystery of our Faith, namely, that there are Three Divine Persons, sharing the same Divine nature in one God. "There is one God, Who has three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each Person is God, yet there is still only one God" (CCC #234, #253-256). We have the Father Who is the Creator, the Son the Redeemer and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier and the Counselor. The doctrine of Three Persons in one God, co-equal and co-eternal in Divinity yet distinct in Person, is not explicitly spelt out in the Bible. Even the very word "Trinity" is not found in the Bible. But the doctrine of the Trinity underlies all major Christian feasts, including Christmas, the Epiphany, Good Friday, Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. All the official prayers of the Church, including the Holy Mass and the Sacraments, begin with an address to the Holy Trinity: *"In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* We are baptized, absolved of our sins and anointed in the name of the Blessed Trinity. Throughout the world, church bells can ring three times a day inviting Christians to pray to God the Father (the Provider); God the Son (the Savior); and God the Holy Spirit (the Sanctifier), giving glory to the Triune God for the Incarnation of the Son and our Redemption. We bless ourselves with the Sign of the Cross, invoking the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and we conclude our prayers glorifying the Holy Trinity, saying *"Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit."* Today's readings convey the fundamental mystery that the Triune God reaches out to people with love, seeking the deepest communion with them.

Diocesan and Community News

PASTORAL COUNCIL MAY 20 2017 REPORT

After the Opening Prayer (Lectio Divina) and Reflection on our annual goal, the following were the main topics of discussion:

- Sharon Janks and Bill Behrens presented the 5 year plan for the Property Management Committee, explaining how they prioritize the money to use for the most needed jobs. They work with the Budget Committee to determine the needs of the Parish and grounds.
- Rosary is now included in the First Friday Adoration for promoting the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions from May to October this year; the Pastoral Council members were requested to invite someone to attend the Rosary each month.
- An ad is to be put in the bulletin to find someone to help with maintenance, upgrades, and training for computer hardware and programming.
- The new team of Pastoral Council will be commissioned on June 4, Pentecost Sunday, under the tent! We have five potential candidates who could replace the retiring members.

- The Finance Committee has been testing an income generating program through Amazon which gives 6-12% commission to St. Johns for orders from them; the staff and the Pastoral Council will be given the link for testing the same;
- The Stewardship Committee has taken upon themselves two initiatives: A) Ministry Fair, which has been a successful way to give parishioners information as to what each committee is responsible for. B) A Parish Survey is being prepared with the goal of getting parishioners feedback, to help our committees better serve the parish. The Pastoral Council will discuss the survey and give feedback at our next meeting.

The meeting concluded with a short prayer after announcing the next Meeting which will be the transitional meeting to be held on June 19th.

"TRINITY" IS NOT IN THE BIBLE, BUT ...

True, the term "Trinity is not in the Bible, but the doctrine of the Trinity is based fully in the Bible:

a) The Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38), describes how God the Father sent the angel Gabriel to Mary to announce to her that God the Holy Spirit, would "come upon" her, that "the power the Most High will overshadow" her, that the Son would be made flesh in her womb: "Therefore, the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."

b) During the baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: 16-17), the Holy Spirit was shown descending on Jesus in the form of a Dove, while the Voice of God the Father was heard from the clouds, saying, "You are My Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased" (Luke 4:22).

c) John (Chapters 15 through 18), presents the detailed teaching of Jesus on the Persons of the Holy Trinity.

d) In the preaching mission given by the risen Lord to the disciples, Jesus commanded them to baptize people "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Confer also Matthew 28:19; John 10:30).

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$33,034.10 and payments totaling \$28,957.85. from 119 parishioners. This represents 86.9% of your \$38,000.00 goal.



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"

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 for more info.

STORE CARDS



Thanks to 16 families who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$3,175.00**. The stores gave us **\$157.87**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 4, 2017

73 Donors Weekly \$4,345.00
42 Donors Yellow Brick Rd. \$1,220.00
2 Donors Mission Co-op \$50.00

June 5, 2016

74 Donors Weekly \$3,442.00
46 Donors Yellow Brick Rd. \$1,221.75

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., June 13	A. Sawczuk
Wed., June 14	L. Caprio
Wed., June 21	C. Behrens

Store Cards

June 10 & 11

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	G. Battell
10:30 a.m.	D. Hunt

June 17 & 18

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 6/11	M. Cangelosi
Week of 6/18	B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

June 16	Team D
June 23	Team F

Altar Flowers

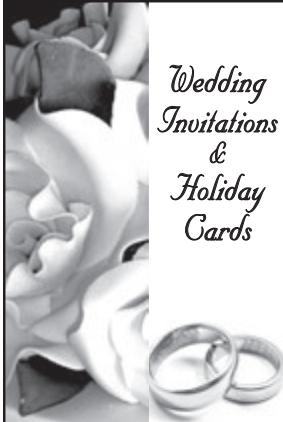
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