

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, July 4

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Friday, July 7

7:00 a.m. Anthony Pennetti, req.
Bill and Barbara Gates

Saturday, July 8

5:30 p.m. Winona Gay Pfahler, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

Sunday, July 9

8:00 a.m. Sarah Serafino, req.
Pete and Mary Cangelosi
10:30 a.m. Richard Mason, req.
Jim & Roni Durham



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 2 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. Private Ceremony (Church Center)

Monday, July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day / Office Closed

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Wednesday, July 5 - Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

No Yoga Classes
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, July 7 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
12:00 p.m. Office Closed
7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour & Rosary (Church Center)

Saturday, July 8 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

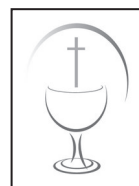
Sunday, July 9 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Back to School Giving Tree Begins

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

Mass Schedule - July 8/9

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Kathleen Swindler
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Debbie Kelemen
.....	Joan Eacovalle, Joann Gardner
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Brent Herrig
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Diane Lehnert
.....	Tom Klawuun, Jane Klawuun
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Steve Bauernfeind
Altar Server	Religious Ed Class Mass Altar Server
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Shirley Pojedinec
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anita Sawczuk, Patti Rittman
.....	Jane Albert, Jim DeVito, Ron Pojedinec

Pray the Rosary at First Friday Holy Hour



July 7th - 7:00 pm,
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: **Josephine Carroll, Antonio Muniz de Souza, Linda Barry.**

Deceased: Josephine Carroll, mother of Steve Carroll and **Antonio Muniz de Souza**, father of Marcio Souza, **Linda Barry**, friend of Dana Soltesz. 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,

I'm sure we have heard the name Dorothy Day. She is the uncanonized saint of the homeless, an American journalist turned social activist and a devout member of the Catholic Church. She was also an outspoken advocate for the poor. For most of her life she agitated for better treatment of the disadvantaged. The *Catholic Worker Movement*, which she started in May 1933, was a further extension of her interest in the poor. With the help of her friend Peter Maurin she revived the idea of hospitality once fostered by monasteries. All were welcome: the poor, the downtrodden and losers. She also started the first *House of Hospitality* where she could care for the poor. Dorothy and Peter suggested that every Catholic parish should have such a place of hospitality. Today there are nearly 175 of these *Catholic Worker Houses of Hospitality*. "Those who cannot see the face of Christ in the poor," she used to say, "are atheists indeed." "If I have achieved anything in my life," she once remarked, "it is because I have not been embarrassed to talk about God."

In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs Christians on how they should be hospitable and generous. We owe hospitality to strangers in Jesus' name ("offering a cup of cold water..") For the Jews, receiving a person's representative or messenger was the same as receiving the person himself. This is why welcoming others is given such high priority in the New Testament and is a tradition which still lives on in many parts of the Church today. The basis of all hospitality is that we all belong to God's family, and that every person is our brother or sister. In the game of life, while we would prefer to be the quarterback -- the hero -- Jesus' heart leans toward the water-boy or water-girl. Hence, providing a cup of water is a valid vocation.

Here at St. John's, we all can be happy and proud that we are a very hospitable and welcoming community. We have been "nourished by the hospitality of the Califon Christian Communities" (as stated in our Mission Statement) and we have been practicing hospitality and welcome in very tangible and visible ways. That has been the experience of so many unnamed needy persons and families that our Social Ministry has been helping -- thanks to the generosity of so many of you and that of the "Top O'the Barn" from the Califon United Methodist Church. That has been the experience of all our visitors, especially the fifty visiting friends of mine from New York last Sunday as they joined us at the 10:30 Mass and the were touched by the way so many of you welcomed them and interacted with them. May this Independence day long weekend be another opportunity for us to practice more of that welcoming and hospitality even as we have a great time with family and friends. Happy 4th of July!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2017

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."
MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

RECYCLE PATIO CUSHIONS



If you are planning to upgrade the seat cushions for your outdoor furniture - the parish staff would appreciate the opportunity to recycle or reuse your old cushions Consider donating your old set for the office patio chairs. We have 6 or 7 high back chairs .

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.

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HELP WANTED: ALTAR SERVING

5:30 OR 8 MASS



Looking for individual, couple, or family who would like to serve at Mass as Altar Servers. If you attend the 5:30 or 8am Mass please contact France at 307-7879 for more information.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?



Have you changed your email in the last 2 years? Do you receive emails from the parish? If not it means we don't have your email. We don't send out many emails but we would like to provide you important information periodically. So if you don't remember ever getting an email from us -- give us your email!

Also have you dropped your home phone -- are you strictly attached to your cell phone? We have found some families don't have a home phone anymore -- get us your cell phone so we can reach you!

Christian Formation

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



July 8th, 8 AM – Office

We had a great start to the new Women's Spirituality Group that began in June! Each 2nd Saturday of the month, we will hold a Women's Spirituality Coffee 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. Contact Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org for more info.

SUMMER STUDENT MASS ALL GRADES!



Sunday, July 9th 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.



2017-2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

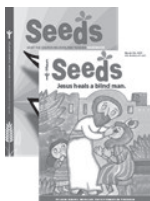
We are excited to offer the following Religious Education programs for the 2017-2018 school year:

- GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Family Faith Formation (Grades K-6) which meets once a month on your choice of Sunday mornings (8-10:15 a.m.) or Monday evenings (6-8 p.m.)
- Junior High/Confirmation Prep (Grades 7 & 8) which meets twice monthly on Sundays (6-8 p.m.)
- 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Prep which meets on ten Saturday afternoons throughout the year (registration for this sacramental preparation program is *in addition* to attending the GIFT Program)

All forms can be found on the parish website: ccsjn.org under the Faith Formation/Forms tabs. Any questions regarding faith formation, please contact the Religious Education office at 832-2162.

GOSPEL WEEKLIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS NOW AVAILABLE

It's never too early to plant the seeds of faith!



Since parents are the first instructors in faith to their children, we are excited to offer the preschool level Pflaum, "Seeds," for your use at home during the preschool years. These are fun, liturgically-based weekly readers you can do one on one with your child or grandchild. They make a great introduction to the Catholic faith, in addition to going to Mass and praying together as a family, that we hope you will take advantage of!

Pflaum orders are placed in July, please contact Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org if you are interested. There would be a fee of \$10 for the material.

"How precious is the family as the privileged place for transmitting the faith"
Pope Francis 2013 World Youth Day



The primary aim of all catechesis is to promote a deeper faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as well as a deeper love for him and commitment to follow him. The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the first and most important educators in the faith. During the summer months we invite all families of the GIFT Program at St. John Neumann Parish to continue family formation and Mass attendance at home or on vacation. Visit www.masstimes.org to locate a Mass at your destination. Each family will receive by mail a booklet, **Promises, Projects & Prayers for Kids**. We are pleased to share this resource with your family. Enjoy your summer and family time!
Peace, Fr. Abraham, Renee and JoAnn

Parish News

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"...although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." (Mt 11:25)

What have you recently learned from your child? (Susan Vogt)

YOU SHOP & AMAZON GIVES TO ST. JOHN'S!

Our Finance Council has been keeping themselves busy not only with the judicial management of our money but also with reflections and discussions on generating income for our Church. One bright idea they have come up with is shopping through Amazon's Associate program with commissions ranging from 2% to 12%. It is a very easy way to help St. John with no additional cost to you at all! You just buy the things you'd buy anyway, but buy them through Amazon. When you click on this link it takes you to the Amazon home page, and the only clue that St. John's is getting a commission on your purchase is the small phrase "ccsjn-20" that you will see in the middle of the Amazon URL address - everything else is transparent to the user. An do invite your family and friends to join this effort

<https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=ccsjn-20&camp=0&creative=0&linkCode=ur1&adid=15TJKAQ2QN89EK2VDBZA&>

Once you land on the Amazon site - simply bookmark it for future use. The members of the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council and our Parish Staff have already tested it and found it easy. Thanks to our Finance Council for this initiative about which they will familiarize us more one weekend this month..

SAINTS AND PREACHERS WHO LIVED FOR OTHERS

There are many Saints and preachers who lived for others as Jesus did: John Chrysostom, who lived in the fourth century, was one of the most powerful preachers in Church history. Yet, he devoted more time and energy to the poor than to preaching. He established many Christian charities, hospices, and hospitals for the destitute. Bernard of Clairvaux, a Cistercian abbot and renowned monastic theologian and preacher, led many people to Christ. He also established a network of hostels, hospices, and hospitals that survive today. John Wycliffe, who translated the New Testament into English, led a grass-roots movement of lay-preachers and relief workers who ministered to the poor. General William Booth was a Methodist preacher when he started The Salvation Army. Dwight L. Moody, one of the best known of all the pastors in America established more than 150 street missions, soup kitchens, clinics, schools, and rescue outreaches. [John Wimber and Kevin Springer, *Power Points* (New York: Harper San Francisco, 1991), p. 189.] *The Christian Faith is about giving. We only have to survey the ministry of Jesus to see that. There was nothing self-serving in anything Jesus ever did. He was truly the Man for others. And he called us to be men and women for others. At the very heart of our Faith is a spirit of giving.*



STAFF SUMMER READING PICK #1:

***Walking with Purpose: Seven Priorities That Make Life Work*
by Lisa Brenninkmeyer**

Drawing from her own experience of balancing marriage, motherhood, and work inside and outside the home, Lisa Brenninkmeyer helps you uncover the key to living a busy life with inner calm. What's the secret? Identifying key priorities, and doing first what matters most. With humor and wisdom, Lisa will help you:

- Stop striving and rest in God's unconditional love
- Experience new hope in your marriage
- Reach your child's heart
- Create clarity in a cluttered home
- Find friendships that go below the surface and satisfy
- Discover your passion and purpose

God wants us to experience the joy and contentment that comes from knowing we have given our all to what He considers most important. The abundant and purposeful life we were created to live is just around the corner.



YOGA IS BACK

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. See the Parish Calendar in each bulletin. If you have any questions, please email Ana Giametta at ana.giametta@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS

MR. AND MRS. HORTON!



Our parish celebrated a beautiful wedding last weekend. Carolyn King, daughter of Jim and Anne King married Kevin Horton last weekend. May God bless the happy couple with many years of happiness.



WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

We want to welcome two new families to the parish, Karolyn and Bob Fraine and their daughters Artemis and Kelly were welcomed on June 25. Dana and Will Soltez also were welcomed. Their daughter Quinn will be baptized this summer! Please take the opportunity to welcome our new families to the parish family.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

"In my goings about collecting items for the grand auction I came across an Indian vendor, Denesh Patel of Hindu faith, a pharmacist, who runs Greyrock Pharmacy in the strip mall at the bottom of Cregar Road where it intersects with Route 31 North. I have a business card from him. After explaining about our parish and ministries, he gave many gifts for our auction, antique picture frames, shelves for the kitchen, and other household items he had reserved in a storage facility nearby. **He told me that anyone in the parish who has little or no health insurance should be directed to him at the pharmacy to see if he could help out!!"** (Steve Bauernfeind)

Social Ministry



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Social Ministry thanks all who supported the needy, including the elderly and veterans in our community during our July 4th Card Drive. We want you to know that 9 families each received a \$50.00 food card and 21 individuals received a \$25.00 food card. This will enable them to buy food to celebrate the Fourth of July. Also know that any cards or monies collected today or later will be used to assist people in need during the Summer and Fall. Thanks again and God Bless All of Us!



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
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
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: Three Marriages, One Spouse...

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Matthew 10: 37-42

We've heard all the reasons: *He's not the man I married . . . She didn't change, but I did . . . We grew apart.* Why do most relationships end? Change - specifically, how to accept change in another. At some point in any long-term relationship, each partner is likely to evolve from the person we fell in love with into something new - and not always into something cuter or smarter or more fun. The same for our children. Spouses go from rock climber to couch potato, from rebel to middle manager, from incurable romantic to sleep obsessed. Sons and daughters, overnight it seems, devolve from their angelic First Communion photos into sullen, self-absorbed teenagers - who just as quickly blossom into responsible young adults. Writer Ada Calhoun, in her forthcoming memoir **Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give**, writes:

"A year and a half ago, Neal and I bought a place in the country. We hadn't been in the market for a house, but our city apartment is only 500 square feet, and we kept admiring this lovely blue house we drove by every time we visited my parents. It turned out to be shockingly affordable. So now we own a house. We bought furniture, framed pictures and put up a badminton net. We marveled at the change that had come over us. Who were these backyard-grilling, property-tax-paying, shuttlecock-batting people we had become? "When we met in our 20s, Neal wasn't a man who would delight in lawn care, and I wasn't a woman who would find such a man appealing. And yet here we were, avidly refilling our bird feeder and remarking on all the cardinals.

"Neal, who hadn't hammered a nail in all the years I'd known him, now had opinions on bookshelves and curtains, and loved going to the hardware store. He whistled while he mowed. He was like an alien. But in this new situation, I was an alien, too - one who knew when to plant bulbs and how to use a Crock-Pot, and who, newly armed with CPR and first aid certification, volunteered at a local camp. Our alien selves were remarkably compatible . . . Several long-married people I know have said this exact line: I've had at least three marriages. They've just all been with the same person. I'd say Neal and I have had at least three marriages: our partying 20s, child-centric 30s and home-owning 40s."

Our lives change over the years - the challenge is to continue to grow, to continue to love, to continue to be there for one another as we change. As Jesus says in today's Gospel, we find our true lives in the lives we "lose," we discover our true selves in the persons we become over time. In God's wisdom and grace, we can transform such change from a "cross" into an experience of resurrection in which we discover the love of God in our midst and become the means for revealing that love to those we love and who love us.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Father William, the old priest, made it a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name. They came up with about 40 names. Father William jokingly told them: "When I was your age, I knew the names of all the states. How come you don't?" One smart boy raised his hand and said, "Yes Father, but in those days there were only 13 states."

Alvin: My great-grandfather fought with Napoleon, my grandfather fought with the French and my father fought with the Americans.

Alex: Your relatives couldn't get along with anyone, could they?

Diocesan and Community News

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP OPPORTUNITIES

This year we are going to North Arlington, NJ from Sunday, July 23 to Friday, July 28. **We have several spots that have become available.** If you are entering 9th grade in the fall and would like to join us, please contact Mary Connolly ASAP at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

HELP! If you are interested in helping to set up for camp at Queen of Peace High School on Friday, July 21, Saturday, July 22 or Sunday, July 23, please be in touch. It takes about an hour to get to the school. We need assistance building showers, cleaning the kitchen, moving desks, hanging signs, and assisting with camper check-in on Sunday. My contact information is above. Thanks!

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.

JULY FOURTH IS OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY!

Yes, this weekend we commemorate the fact that in 1776, the Continental Congress, representing the 13 colonies, approved the Declaration of Independence. But that was only the first step on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. Many other steps followed - trials, tribulations, discussions, debates, violence, tragedies, hunger, sickness, deaths - to make the contents of that document a reality for us to enjoy that freedom given to us by those who went before us. When we see how that freedom is abused and how our "pursuit of happiness" is hindered, we need to revisit the most famous words from the Declaration and make a self-examination to see how we can make a difference in our world by living the spirit of this great document:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM

What is the Fortnight for Freedom? Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending Religious Freedom. We are already in the Fortnight for Freedom which began on June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More and ends on July 4, Independence Day. We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day of this fortnight to pray, reflect and take action on religious liberty both here in our country and abroad. More information can be found on the diocesan website, www.diometuchen.org or at Fortnight4Freedom.org.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$33,254.10 and payments totaling \$29,177.85. from 120 parishioners. This represents 87.5% of your \$38,000.00 goal.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

Save the Date - Sept. 16th, 8AM

Minebrook Golf Club - Hackettstown



You are invited to join us for a great time—our annual Golf Outing. Come by yourself and have fun with other parishioners or bring a foursome. We have a great morning golfing and wonderful lunch.

STORE CARDS



Thanks to **20 families** who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$3,035.00**. The stores gave us **\$152.50**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 25, 2017

74 Donors Weekly \$4,217.00
1 Donors Father's Day \$3.00
2 Donors Cath. Comm \$35.00
3 Donors YBR \$98.00

June 26, 2016

70 Donors Weekly \$3,958.00
4 Donors Mission Coop \$52.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., July 5 J. Santoro
Wed., July 12 C. Behrens

Store Cards

July 1 & 2

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

July 8 & 9

5:30 p.m. J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 7/2 C. Fortenbacker
Week of 7/9 B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

July 6 Team A
July 13 Team B

Altar Flowers

July 8 A. Sawczuk
July 15 M. Connolly

Counting

July 3 Malone/Bauernfeind
July 10 Kucharski/Cangelosi