

## 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 25

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, July 29

5:30 p.m. Elvira McLees, req.  
Judy Ingunza

### Sunday, July 30

8:00 a.m. Raffaella Williamson, req.  
Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. Anne Marie Brezin, req.  
France Kennedy & Karen Verso



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, July 23 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. CHWC Departs (Parking Lot)

### Monday, July 24 - Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest

7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)  
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

### Tuesday, July 25 - Saint James, Apostle

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

### Wednesday, July 26 - Saint Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:30 a.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

### Thursday, July 27 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Kitchens)  
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

### Friday, July 28 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
11:30 a.m. CHWC Returns (Parking Lot)  
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church Center)

### Saturday, July 29 - Saint Martha

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)  
1:30 p.m. Schenck-Cestone Wedding (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - July 29/30


Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	David Geerinck
Altar Server .....	Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Torczon
.....	Joan Eacovalle, Mary D'Avella
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Jim Murray
Altar Server .....	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates
.....	Gail Battell, Dorothy Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Mike D'Avella
Altar Server .....	Erz Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anita Sawczuk, Peter Royal
.....	Doris Royal, Sheena Carew, Ana Giametta

### Sunday, July 30 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - Soltesz Baptism (Church Center)  
12:00 p.m. Private Gathering (Church Center)



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
III. Mark Alan Schenck & Elizabeth Joanne Cestone



**Remembered at Mass**  
We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Carol Lacy, Brent Evans, Jacob Lopata, Bob Simms, Jacob McCreesh, and Matthew DaSilva.**

**Deceased:** **Carol Lacy**, mother of Jack Lacy, **Brent Evans**, fiancé of Aisling Carroll, **Jacob Lopata**, uncle of Shirley Pojedinec, and **Bob Simms**, parishioner and husband of Sheila. 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,

When most of us think of Vikings we think of fearsome warriors wearing horned helmets. But did you know that Vikings never wore horns on their helmets? They would have snagged on weapons. But the Scandinavian Viking raiders and traders who swept through Europe so effectively from the 8th to the 11th centuries AD were pagans, so leaders of the Christian church at the time had to demonize them. Hence they depicted them with a negative judgment at every opportunity with horns.

Judging others comes so easy to us humans. But Jesus teaches us not to judge. One of the lessons from today's gospel is to withhold judgment. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, the servants truly wish to root out the weeds so that the good plants may grow. But the wise farmer does not let them. His reason? "Because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them." (Matthew 13:29). It is so easy to mistake the good for bad and the bad for good. Sometimes these evil plans of some people are disguised as good plans or good people. It's not always easy to distinguish the good and the bad. Sometimes a person we think is good turns out to be bad and vice versa. We must not be quick to judge others. Evil, especially evil that is disguised as something good, will become recognizable at harvest time. Hence be patient. Such a patience must not be confused with condoning evil.

We have good advice from Pope Francis: "When we judge others, we put ourselves in the place of God, but our judgment is poor judgment; it can never be true judgment. That is why being judgmental is very ugly. Judgment belongs only to God, to Him alone. It is for us to love, to understand, to pray for others when we see things that are not good. But never judge. Never. If we judge, this is hypocrisy." Also heed to St. Paul who said: "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orpankankal



### ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage, we ask that you let us know so we can recognize parishioners blessed in the sacrament of marriage. You are also invited to a special celebration with the bishop at the cathedral. Please contact the office 832-2513 or [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org) for more information.

### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY

*Week of July 23—30*

If you have just a few hours to make an impact on the life of another person this summer, please consider signing up to help with Interfaith Hospitality Network at Spruce Run Church on Hill Road during the week of July 23-30.

With vacation time upon us, this is a great opportunity for you and/or your family to take an active role in helping those less fortunate right where we live. You can help in a number of ways from sharing a meal to staying overnight or just keeping them company. To see what time slots are available, please click the link to Sign Up Genius and make a difference.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family4>

If you need further info or have questions, please contact Debbie Hunt at [dhuntfam1@comcast.net](mailto:dhuntfam1@comcast.net).

### 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - Ambassadors for Christ

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$33,364.10 and payments totaling \$30,030.35. from 120 parishioners. This represents 87.8% of your \$38,000.00 goal.

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2017

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."* MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

### 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 8 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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# Christian Formation



## **STUDENT MASS THANK YOU**

What a pleasure to see our young members celebrating Mass on Sunday with our talented music ministry! Thank you to all our singers, altar servers, and gift bearers.

**“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](http://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

# Social Ministry



## **BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is blooming with tags for Back to School items and gift cards! Please take a tag or two after Mass and then return the donations to the collection bin under the tree. All items must be returned to the Narthex by Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact JT Altavilla at 908-574-9344 or [jt.altavilla@yahoo.com](mailto:jt.altavilla@yahoo.com).

## **NOTES FROM THE GARDEN**



The summer is flying by so quickly and so much is happening in the garden that we can hardly keep up! We harvested many, many pounds of Strawberries (delivered to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick) in June and now the blueberries are here. The broccoli produced about 30 good heads and then almost a half bushel of side shoots. The bed has been cleaned out and new seeds started for a fall crop. Shelling peas produced well and were enjoyed by the folks at SHIP along with a fresh cream of broccoli soup and broccoli salad. Despite the heat, the plants have set a second batch of blossoms so we could see another round soon. Green beans started coming this week and in two days we picked almost 5 pounds. In 2014 we picked a total of 134 lbs of green beans (french filet) from a similar bed. The plants are large and healthy so this could be another banner year. The community garden beds are amazing!! Produce of all kinds coming in and beautiful flowers too! The first sunflowers opened this week. Thanks to the hard work of the community garden members, both sections of the garden are in tip-top shape. Wayne has worked hard to keep neat pathways leading from the church to the garden mowed so it is a pleasure to walk across the grass (no wet shoes!). Take a stroll after Mass and enjoy the beauty!

## **CALIFON FARMER'S MARKET**



Please join us for the Califon Farmer's Market located in the parking lot of the Califon United Methodist Church on the Raritan River right next to the Top 'O the Barn Thrift Shop. Our August dates will be August 12 and August 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stop by the St. John tent to say hello and check out our produce from the Gift of Good Land Community Gardeners.

## **WE CAN HELP “WEEDS” TO CONVERT TO “WHEAT”!**

We are called to recognize evil, name it and then to give it to God in prayer so He can take care of it, the way the farmer in the parable told his servants that he would take care of the weeds. God wants us to do good instead of evil, to bless instead of cursing, to praise instead of criticizing, to help instead of standing aside, to love instead of hating, to forgive instead of resenting and to tell the truth instead of lies. The disciples to whom Jesus addresses this parable include Judas who will betray Jesus, Peter, who will deny him, Thomas, who will doubt him and James and John, who cherish personal ambitions. In the end, only Judas is (apparently) lost, showing us that many “weeds” can become high yielding wheat.



## **Stewardship** *A Way of Life*



## **SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN**

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann serves lunch at the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville, NJ twice per month--the 2nd Monday and the 4th Thursday. Interested in helping out? Try a sample serve--pick a date and sign up to serve the meal from 11a-2p or prepare a hot casserole, salad or dessert. Contact Anne Germino at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org) if you are interested. Our upcoming dates are Monday, August 14, Monday, September 11 and Thursday, September 28.

## HERE'S A "WEED-GATHERER"!

A teenage daughter asks her father, "Why don't you go to Church?" He replies, "Because the Church is full of hypocrites." "What do you mean by a hypocrite?" she asks. He thinks for a moment and answers, "A hypocrite says one thing and does something else." "That sounds like you, Daddy!" she replies. "I'm no hypocrite!" he responds. "Yes, you are," she says. "You tell me that going to Church is important. You say that I have to go to Church, but then you don't go. You say one thing and do another. Doesn't that make you a hypocrite? I wish you could go with me because there is room in the Church for one more hypocrite."

## WHY WE SHOULD NOT TREAT OTHERS AS "WEEDS"

The parable hints why we should not treat others as "weeds," i.e. evil or wicked.

- 1) Each one of us is a combination of wheat and weeds. In each of us there are elements of the Kingdom of God and elements that are deeply opposed to it. Even Paul recognized that struggle within himself (cf. Romans 7:21-25). God told Paul that it was precisely through his weaknesses that He could reveal His glory. "*My power is made perfect in [your] weakness*" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Relying on the power of God, we, too, must learn to be patient with the evil ones.
- 2) The time for judgment is not yet come because the Kingdom of God is still in the growing stage. Now is the time to expect conversion, because with the help of God's grace sinners can change.
- 3) Another reason we should avoid judgment is that we cannot draw a line which would neatly separate the good from the bad because everyone is a mixture of good and evil. Here is Karl Rahner's piece of advice to enthusiastic "weed"-gatherers: "The number-one cause of atheism is Christians themselves. What an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable is the presence of those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles. Perhaps, the best defense of God would be to just keep our mouths shut and to live as He told us to. The Gospel would then have such a power and attraction that we wouldn't have to worry about defending it."

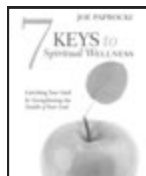
## YOU SHOP & AMAZON GIVES TO ST. JOHN'S!



Our Finance Council has been keeping themselves busy not only with the judicious 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. 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. <https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=ccsjn-20&camp=0&creative=0&link Code=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 next weekend.

## STAFF SUMMER READING



**7 Keys to  
Spiritual  
Wellness**  
by Joe Paprocki

Joe Paprocki offers insight and practical reflection for spiritual health based on the wisdom of Catholic Tradition. His non dogmatic, approach to faith and everyday life is an inviting to Catholic and non-Catholic readers.

Paprocki offers seven enduring and reliable strategies for achieving spiritual wellness. He explores ideas like; **seeing yourself as you really are, seeking the good in others, thinking before acting, holding on loosely, recognizing and setting limits.**

*7 Keys to Spiritual Wellness* helps us see the Christian faith not as a collection of rules and doctrine, but as a spiritual path—a path whose guideposts for spiritual wellness are sure to lead us to a more meaningful life and to a much richer experience of our faith. Joe Paprocki is the key note speaker for the Diocese of Metuchen Catechetical Conference on October 28, 2017.

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"For we do not know how to pray as we ought." (Romans 8: 26) Praying together is one of the most intimate (and scary) deeds a couple can do. Revealing our innermost thoughts and feelings can be a risk. Read *Who Me, Pray? With Her?* for ideas. <http://susanvogt.net/PDF/PDF%20M-Who%20Me%20Pray%20With%20Her1.pdf>

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

Consider adding this to your family prayer. If you don't have a family prayer tradition, start one with this ancient prayer: "May God bless you and keep you! May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you! May God look upon you kindly and give you peace!" (*Numbers 6:22-27*) **(Susan Vogt)**

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joan Cardierre  
Eugene Cifranic  
Marie Colabella  
Jean Crickenberger  
John D'Almeida  
Barbara DelPiano  
Tino DeSantis  
Sophia DeVita  
Paul Ferri  
Helen Gallagher  
Sophie Geist  
Liz Harmon  
Jay Heyman  
Fred Holub  
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: COVER-UP

*The parables of the wheat and weeds, the mustard seed and the yeast.*

**Matthew 13: 24-43**

The man who walked into Dave Cutlip's tattoo parlor near Baltimore was hard to miss. His face bore a gang tattoo. The man sought Cutlip's help in literally covering up his violent past. "I could see the hurt in eyes," Cutlip says. Dave Cutlip couldn't help the man - the tattoos were too close to his eyes. But it got him thinking. Many young people get tattoos that they come to regret - a few, like the one-time gang member, can mark them for the rest of their days. Inking over a tattoo can cost hundreds of dollars - and getting one removed by laser is even pricier. So Dave Cutlip and his wife Elizabeth decided they would donate their services to help individuals hide racist and gang-related tattoos. The Cutlips put out the word via Facebook: "Sometimes people make bad choices and sometimes people change. We believe there is enough hate in this world, and we want to make a difference."

Cutlip explains that in prison and on the street, some people are forced into hate groups and gangs to avoid becoming victims themselves. But, in time, those tattoos memorializing that hatred and violence works against them. Since January, Cutlip has done nine such jobs, each taking several hours. He removed a racist tattoo from a 25-year father of three who wants to move into management at the trucking company where he works. He says he got the tattoo at 18 - when "he was young and dumb"- because that's what guys did where he grew up. Cutlip also removed a swastika tattoo from the lower back of a young mom and the words "white power" from the arms an ex-con who fell in with a gang while serving a year in prison for assault - now out, he'd like to work in construction or maybe study nursing, but the tattoo could be a major obstacle to those goals.

With three liked-minded tattoo studios in other parts of the country, the Cutlips have founded "Random Acts of Tattoo." "If we can erase just one hate tattoo at a time," Dave Cutlip says, "then we're on to something."

**Dave Cutlip's understanding and compassion are the "yeast" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel: the "yeast" that makes our lives and communities rise above the tragedies and devastation (often of our own making), transforming such sadness into joy, despair into hope, death into life. With the "yeast" that is the Spirit of God, may our "flour"- whatever we have and can do for the good of others, be it our ability to listen patiently or removing ugly tattoos - be the means for transforming our world in the peace and mercy of Christ.**

## BAD CHOICES ARE "WEEDS" RUINING OUR LIVES!

You may have read about a 61-year-old Massachusetts grandmother who ended up in a mess of trouble sometime back. It was on the first day of her new job as a school bus driver. She took some wrong turns and made some poor decisions as to which roads to take. She got so lost that she wound up in the state of Connecticut. Because she had already picked up ten kids on her route, an all-points bulletin was issued for her on charges of kidnapping, and, since she had crossed the state line, the F.B.I. was called in. After finally locating the lady and interrogating her, the police and F.B.I. agents concluded that she had made some wrong turns and had simply lost her way. So they released her. *A few wrong turns. It happens in life. It happens to good people. A few bad judgments and suddenly you are lost, entangled, trapped in the weeds, a golfer might say. Sometimes much is at stake. A marriage. Your health. The safety of others. Pulling weeds is an important part of a successful life.*



**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

## **EMERGENCY NUMBERS!**

Talking to God is like talking to a friend on the telephone . . . We may not see Him on the other end but we know He is listening. Here is a helpful guide to emergency Scripture numbers for those times of need! Do not be afraid to call on the power of prayer when in need of assistance.

*Please note: Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to heaven are open 24 hours a day!*

- When in sorrow ..... call John 14
- When men fail you ..... call Psalm 27
- When you worry call ..... Matthew 6:19-34
- When you are in danger ..... call Psalm 91
- When God seems far away ..... call Psalm 139
- When your faith needs stirring ..... call Hebrews 11
- When you are lonely and fearful ..... call Psalm 23
- When you grow bitter and critical..... call 1 Cor. 13
- When you feel down and out ..... call Romans 8:31
- When you want peace and rest ..... Matthew 11:25-30
- When you leave home for labor or travel ..... call Psalm 121
- When you want courage for a task ..... call Joshua 1
- If you are depressed ..... call Psalm 27
- If your pocketbook is empty ..... call Psalm 37
- If people seem unkind..... call John 15
- If discouraged about your work..... call Psalm 126
- If self-pride takes hold..... call Psalm 19
- For Paul's secret to happiness ..... call Col 3:12-17

## **THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS ALWAYS GROWING!**

It started small when Christ established it, like a mustard seed as told by Jesus in today's Gospel. Just a few disciples gathered in a room on the first Easter Sunday. And it starts small wherever it goes. St Augustine of Canterbury had only a handful of monks when he crossed the English Channel around the year 600 to evangelize the barbaric Anglo-Saxons. Just over a century earlier, St Patrick had gone to the even more barbaric land of Ireland, which even the Roman Empire had never conquered, all by himself. It starts small inside our souls as well. The voice of conscience, God's voice within us, is often only just a whisper, like a tiny breeze. Christ's Kingdom starts small, like a mustard seed, like a little bit of yeast in a huge batch of flour - but it's alive, and so it is always growing. And so, 100 years after St Augustine and a couple of buddies arrived in England, the English Church was exporting hundreds of saints and missionaries back to continental Europe to evangelize the new waves of barbarian invaders. And so, by the time of St Patrick's death, an entire nation of primitive tribes had begun to be civilized and united under the Christian Faith. And so, even if God's voice is only a whisper in our conscience, when we follow it, He works wonders. Some critics of the Catholic Church say that today's Church is too big and developed to be the descendent of that small group of fishermen that Jesus started with. But when you plant a mustard seed, you expect something to happen. You expect to go back and find a vibrant bush (mustard shrubs grow to about 10 feet in height) which doesn't look anything like the seed. Christ's Kingdom is always alive, dynamic, always growing. And so, if we ever find ourselves bored with our Christian Faith, it's simply because we have wandered away from Jesus.



## **STORE CARDS**

Thanks to **16 families** who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$2,025.00**. The stores gave us **\$95.50**.



## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### **July 16, 2017**

75 Donors Weekly ..... \$2,835.00  
 43 Donors A/C & Lawn ..... \$832.00  
 6 Donors YBR ..... \$215.00

### **July 17, 2016**

85 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,177.08  
 55 Donors A/C & Lawn ..... \$1,277.00

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### **Office Angels**

Wed., July 27 L. Caprio  
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Week of 7/23 M. Cangelosi  
 Week of 7/30 B. Sobey

### **Church Center Cleaning**

July 27 Team D  
 Aug. 3 Team E

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