

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, DD
Bishop Emeritus

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..... Pastor
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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, August 8

8:00 a.m. Mary Carra, req.
Kosakowski Family

Friday, August 11

7:00 a.m. Barbara Cooper, req.
Marie & Roger Malone

Saturday, August 12

5:30 p.m. Lucy Pojedinec, req.
Eileen McCabe

Sunday, August 13

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Mastro, req.
Pepperman Family
10:30 a.m. Lucy Pojedinec, req.
Sepe Family



Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 6 - The Transfiguration of the Lord Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - CHWC Return Mass (Church Center)

Monday, August 7 - Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday, August 8 - Saint Dominic, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Seton Room)

Wednesday, August 9 - Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

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, August 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

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

Friday, August 11 - Saint Clare, Virgin

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

Saturday, August 12 - Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious; BVM

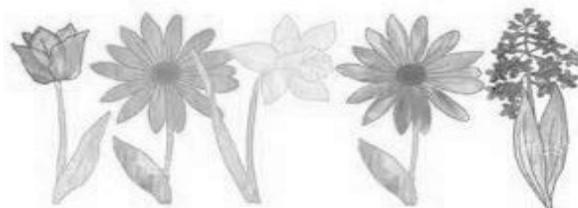
8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - August 12/13

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Torczon
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Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Owen Stanski
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Diane Lehnert, Gail Battell
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Alexa Johnson
Altar Server	Johnson Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Debby Kelemen
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Sobey, Sheena Carew
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Mark Brisson, Dick Wickel,

Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Lunch (Drexel Room)



Remembered at Mass



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

Deceased: **Richard Henry Baumann**, father of Peter Baumann, **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,

Last week you read about three prominent male saints; this week the Church honors three female saints: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, St. Claire of Assisi and St. Jane Frances de Chantal. Each of their biographies is so fascinating that it is movie material! Here I reflect on one of them. Please read about the other two in this bulletin.

St. Teresa Benedicta's original name was Edith Stein. She was born into a prominent Jewish family in Poland. Edith's father, who ran a timber business, died when she had just turned two. Her mother, a very devout, hardworking and strong-willed woman, now had to look after the family and their large business. However, she did not succeed in keeping up a living faith in her children. Edith lost her faith in God. "I consciously decided, of my own volition, to give up praying", she said as she abandoned Judaism when she was 14. She became a brilliant philosopher who taught in the University after getting a doctorate in philosophy. But she was so captivated by reading the autobiography of Teresa of Avila that she began a spiritual journey that led to her baptism in 1922. Twelve years later she imitated St. Teresa by becoming a Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.

The Nazis occupied the neighboring countries in 1940. They arrested all Jews who had become Christians. Teresa Benedicta and her sister Rosa, (who also had converted to Catholicism), died in a gas chamber in Auschwitz on August 9, 1942. Pope John Paul II beatified Teresa Benedicta of the Cross in 1987, and canonized her 1998. Out of the unspeakable human suffering caused by the Nazis in western Europe in the 1930's and 1940's, there blossomed the beautiful life of dedication, consecration, prayer, fasting, and penance of Saint Teresa. Even though her life was snuffed out by the satanic evil of genocide, her memory stands as a light undimmed in the midst of evil, darkness, and suffering.

The writings of Edith Stein fill 17 volumes, many of which have been translated into English. A woman of integrity, she followed the truth wherever it led her. She came to know Jesus Christ as "the way the truth and the life" and she accepted him whole-heartedly and died as his witness. The three disciples in the gospel of today were given a glimpse into the truth of Jesus Christ. That glimpse made them realize that they were following the Son of God whose glory and majesty were hidden to the human eyes. As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration, our effort should be to understand the full truth about the identity of Jesus as our Lord and Savior who is also the second Person of the Holy Trinity.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

THE CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The traditional site for the Transfiguration is Mount Tabor, a high mountain in the north country of Israel. Over the years, the Church has gone where Peter could not go, and we have built what he could not build. Helena, mother of Constantine, built a sanctuary on the top of Mount Tabor in 326 A.D. By the end of the sixth century, three churches stood on the mountaintop, one each for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. More shrines were built there over the next 400 years, and Saladin destroyed them all in 1187. A fortress built in 1212 was destroyed by the end of the thirteenth century. The summit was abandoned for another six hundred years, until a Greek Orthodox community built a monastery there. Sometime later, the Franciscans built a Latin basilica on the highest point of the summit, where they now maintain worship services.

ANNIVERSARIES

If you are celebrating 25 or 50 years of marriage, we ask that you let us know so we can recognize parishioners who are 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 for more information.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.



TRASH TO TREASURE

St. John's Annual Tag Sale will be held September 22nd and 23rd, 2017 in conjunction with Califon Townwide Tag Sale. **Please No Donations before the tent goes up.**



NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the area, just found St. John's, or have been here for years but never registered, we invite you to an informal lunch for information on the parish. Parish registration has its benefits! Email, call or text France Kennedy for information. 908-307-7879, fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

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Christian Formation

Religious Education Program



Jesus,
Fill our children with your peace,
teach our children how to pray, show
our children how to love.

WELCOME BACK STUDENT MASS – ALL GRADES!



Sun., Sept. 10th, 10:30a.m.

All students are invited to join us for a Welcome Back Student Mass on September 10th at 10:30 a.m. Students should arrive by 10:10 a.m. If you would like to send in an item for the food pantry with your child, the children will be bringing these gifts up to the altar during Mass. Religious Ed will provide a list of current food pantry needs. Please contact Jo Ann Jarvis with any questions.

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.

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 if you are interested. Our upcoming dates are Monday, August 14, Monday, September 11 and Thursday, September 28.

UPCOMING "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" SESSIONS

Whether you're a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involve children, please consider attending one of the following "Protecting God's Children" workshops:



August 9 at 7 p.m. – St. James, Basking Ridge
August 12 at 10 a.m. – St. Edward, Milford
August 22 at 7 p.m. – St. Brigid, Peapack
August 24 at 9 a.m. – St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway
August 24 at 6 p.m. – St. Philip & St. James, Phillipsburg
August 28 at 7 p.m. – Immaculate Conception, Annandale
September 11 at 7 p.m. – St. Magdalen de Pazzi, Flemington

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a complete listing of other sessions in the diocese, can be found on diometuchen.org and click on the "Sign up now for Virtus Sessions" link on the home page. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early.

CATHOLIC MOM HAS SOMETHING FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS



I can hardly believe that it is August and summer is in full swing! As families we are busy with activities, summer vacations and summer camps. The kids are working on completing their summer reading and math packets for September. We recently sent families registered in our religious education program a family booklet **Promises, Projects and Prayers for Kids** as a resource for faith sharing in the summer months. I would like to offer another suggestion for information, formation and spiritual renewal. Catholic Mom, www.catholicmom.com a great web site that provides articles and activities related to Catholic family, faith and formation. Next time you have a moment or are in the coffee shop waiting to pick up the kids, take a look and explore the web site.

Social Ministry

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!

TWO MORE WOMEN SAINTS OF THIS WEEK

St. Jane Frances De Chantal: Jane Frances was wife, mother, nun, and founder of a religious community. Her mother died when she was 18 months old, and her father, head of parliament at Dijon, France, became the main influence on her education. Jane developed into a woman of beauty and refinement, lively and cheerful in temperament. At 21, she married Baron de Chantal, by whom she had six children, three of whom died in infancy. At her castle, she restored the custom of daily Mass, and was seriously engaged in various charitable works. Jane's husband was killed after seven years of marriage, and she sank into deep dejection for four months at her family home. Her father-in-law threatened to disinherit her children if she did not return to his home. He was then 75, vain, fierce, and extravagant. Jane Frances managed to remain cheerful in spite of him and his insolent housekeeper.

When she was 32, Jane met Saint Francis de Sales who became her spiritual director who asked her to found an institute of women to undertake spiritual and corporal works of mercy. They were primarily intended to exemplify the virtues of Mary at the Visitation—hence their name the Visitation nuns—humility and meekness. She was canonized in 1767.

St. Clare of Assisi: The beginning of her religious life was indeed movie material. Having refused to marry at 15, Clare was moved by the dynamic preaching of Francis. He became her lifelong friend and spiritual guide. At 18, Clare escaped from her father's home one night, was met on the road by friars carrying torches, and in the poor little chapel received a rough woolen habit, exchanged her jeweled belt for a common rope with knots in it, and sacrificed her long tresses to Francis' scissors. He placed her in a Benedictine convent, which her father and uncles immediately stormed in rage. Clare clung to the altar of the church, threw aside her veil to show her cropped hair, and remained adamant.

Contemporary accounts glow with admiration of Clare's life in the convent of San Damiano in Assisi. She served the sick and washed the feet of the begging nuns. She came from prayer, it was said, with her face so shining it dazzled those about her. She suffered serious illness for the last 27 years of her life. Her influence was such that popes, cardinals, and bishops often came to consult her—Clare herself never left the walls of San Damiano. Clare was canonized on August 15, 1255 by Pope Alexander IV, just two years after her death!

CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE MASS

Bishop Checchio will offer Mass for all those engaged in farming and other agricultural related businesses on Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at Saint Ann Parish, 32 Main Street, Hampton, NJ 08827-0405.

Families and individuals who are involved in all aspects of agricultural production and services, such as tree farmers and nursery, horticulture, landscapers and lawn care service providers and home or community gardeners and bee keepers, are invited to attend.

Fellowship and light refreshments to follow Mass. So that we may plan properly, please register online by August 20, 2017 at <http://diometuchen.org/RuralLifeMass>.

For questions, contact Rev. Michael C. Saharic, Coordinator of the Diocese of Metuchen's Catholic Rural Life Ministry, at (732) 765-6435 or msaharic@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"



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 20th. If you have any questions please contact JT Altavilla at 908-574-9344 or jt.altavilla@yahoo.com.

CONGRATULATIONS! MARRIAGES-NEW & OLD



Congratulations to parishioners Beth Cestone and Mark Schenck who celebrated the sacrament of Marriage last Saturday. We pray for them as they start their life together as husband and wife. We also recognize and celebrate with Suzanne and Joe Kosakowski on the anniversary of fifty years of marriage. May God's blessing be on both of these couples.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

**Save the Date - Sept. 30th, 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.



MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, his face shone like the sun." (Mt 17:2) What is the most endearing physical feature of your beloved? Has it changed over the years? How have you reacted to the change?

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Has your family ever calculated your carbon footprint? August 2 was "Earth Overshoot Day 2017." (<http://www.footprintnetwork.org/>) It's late, but not too late. Talk with your child about one thing your family can do to lower your carbon footprint. (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: A STORYTELLER'S LOAVES & FISH!

Jesus was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.
Matthew 17: 1-9

The late Brian Doyle was one of the most gifted storytellers and spiritual writers of our time. He authored several books of essays and poems, including two novels, *Mink River* and *Chicago*.

As it was for so many, the horrors of September 11, 2001 were especially devastating to Doyle. Three good friends died in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. A few days after 9/11, a magazine called and asked Doyle to contribute to a special issue. He declined. That evening, he explained to his wife, Mary, "I said no, because what is there is say? I am not adding to the ocean of witless commentary and vengeful rant. The only thing to do is pray in whatever language and to whatever mercy you pray to, ideally silently, because if ever silence was eloquent now is the time."

That's when his eight-year-old daughter asked, "But, Dad, what are you going to do if you don't write anything?" "Dad, no offense, but you are always lecturing us about how if God gives you a tool, and you don't use that tool, that's a sin, and Dad, no offense, but you only have the one tool. You say this yourself all the time, you say you stink at everything else except catching and sharing stories, so if you are not going to catch and share stories, isn't that a sin? Actually, isn't that three sins, because three of your friends were murdered? Isn't that right?" Brian Doyle wrote that his daughter's question was life-changing for him.

"I think sometimes now that for me there was my life before that moment, when I was a writer intent on writing well and being published and selling books and earning a little extra cash so we could almost break even as a family, and there was after that moment, when I saw that my real work was to tell bigger stories than the thugs and liars of the world . . . Can we use humor and imagination as the most astounding weapons ever? Can I, can we, catch and share stories of defiant grace and unthinkable courage and unimaginable forgiveness? I think maybe so. I think maybe so. And I think maybe so because in my kitchen a child looked up at me and called me out of my old self into a new one."

When confronted by his disciples with the need to feed the crowds, Jesus first challenges them to give something from what they have. At first the disciples say, "We have nothing." But they manage to scrape together a few pieces of bread and fish - and with that, Jesus works a miracle. Whatever pieces of bread and fish we have and are willing to give for the good of others, God can take and transform them into something good and healing and affirming. As Brian Doyle's eight-year-old daughter challenges him to use his skills as a writer and storyteller to bring a measure of grace to the devastated of 9/11, Jesus challenges us to give of our "nothing" with faith that God can transform our "scraps" into manifestations of his loving presence in our midst.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



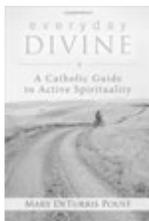
Transformation in old age: Two old men are chatting. One man says, "My friend, you must try this memory pill I'm taking. I remember everything. It's an amazing memory booster." The other man says, "Sounds wonderful. What is the name of the pill?" The first man says, "Hmm! The name of the pill ... Let's see ... Hmmm, what is the name of the flower produced on a garden plant with thorns? It's red ... You give it on Valentine's Day." The other man says, "A rose?" The first man says, "Yes, that's right!" Then, calling for his wife, he says, "Rose, what is the name of that pill which I take to boost my memory?"

How to start a prayer! At an inter-religious meeting, where no one agreed on how to name or call God, the opening prayer began in this way: "To Whom It May Concern"

Diocesan and Community News

“LORD, GIVE ME THE GRACE FOR TRANSFORMATION”

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoōmai* used in Matthew’s Gospel), to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. As children, we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Fr. Anthony De Mello tells the story of such a metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man. “I was a revolutionary when I was young, and all my prayer to God was: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change the world.’ As I approached middle age and realized that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.’ Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change myself.’ If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life.”



STAFF SUMMER READING

EVERYDAY DIVINE A Catholic Guide to Active Spirituality

By Mary DeTurrís Poust

Many people today are looking for opportunities to bring the spiritual into their everyday lives in non-traditional ways. Their days are so busy they can't imagine how they can fit in time to kneel or sit in prayer on a regular basis. As a result, they fly from one activity to the next at breakneck speed, always looking forward to some nonexistent time in the future when things will slow down long enough to allow them to breathe, center themselves, and pray.

Everyday Divine: A Catholic Guide to Active Spirituality helps busy readers explore different ways to achieve a place of stillness and peace while remaining very much in the world. In fact, the day-to-day activities of life become the pathway to prayer — even the prayer itself. Drawing on Catholic tradition, from ancient monastics to modern-day saints and sages, *Everyday Divine* looks at how we can adapt these ancient practices for modern times, quoting holy men and women on various methods and offering practical instructions and suggestions to help people put them into practice.

FINDING NEW EYES:

AWAKENING TO THE CALL OF THE SPIRIT

By learning to see with the *eye of the Spirit*, we can awaken to who we are & begin to live a new life more in tune with our true calling - regardless of age - *individually & communally*.

On Saturday, October 21, 2017, *Sacred Doorways* welcomes nationally acclaimed storyteller, author & theologian *John Shea*, along with teachers & authors Drs. Catherine & Michael Carotta for a retreat experience *Finding New Eyes: Awakening to the Call of the Spirit*. This retreat invites all to *learn* how to open our spiritual eyes & awaken with new breath: God's breath. *Shea* will offer thru story certain practices which invite us to *cooperate with the Spirit* & direct our spiritual development, no matter our age. The Carottas will invite us to consider that calls from God in life expand *far beyond work* to encompass the direction of each individual life. They will offer concrete ways to sustain the Spirit & fulfill our commitment to become who God has created us to be.

Registration now open -Join us October 21, 9 to 4 pm at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ. For further info or to register, contact us! Phone (609) 702-7858 or online at sacreddoorwaysnj.org



STORE CARDS

Thanks to **19 families** who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$3,150.00**. The stores gave us **\$162.63**.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



August 12th, 8 AM, Office

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 30, 2017

74 Donors Weekly\$4,343.00
4 Donors A/C & Lawn.....\$90.00
2 Donors YBR\$110.00

July 24, 2016

70 Donors Weekly\$2,265.00
2 Donors A/C & Lawn.....\$15.00
2 Donors YBR\$75.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., August 9 C. Behrens
Wed., August 16 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

August 5 & 6

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

August 12 & 13

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Aug. 6 M. Proano
Week of Aug. 13 C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

August 10 Team F
August 17 Team A

Altar Flowers

August 12 K. Heimall
August 19 A. Sawczuk

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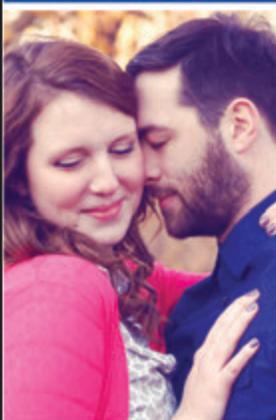
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