

## 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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## *Our Parish*

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD .....  
..... 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, August 15

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant  
7:00 p.m. Sharon Sutton, req.  
Baumann Family

### Friday, August 18

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, August 19

5:30 p.m. Rosemary Cicchitti, req.  
Kenna, Ed & the Caprio  
And Doerr Families

### Sunday, August 20

8:00 a.m. James Durham, Sr., req.  
Jim and Roni Durham  
10:30 a.m. Tony Amico, req.  
Doug and Bernice Rude



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, August 13 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

### Monday, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

10:00 a.m. S.H. I. P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)  
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

### Tuesday, August 15 - The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. Mass (Church Center)  
7:30 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

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

### Thursday, August 17 - Weekday

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

### Friday, August 18 - Weekday

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

### Saturday, August 19 - Social Ministry Weekend /

#### Saint John Eudes, Priest; BVM

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

### Sunday, August 20 - Social Ministry Weekend /


#### Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

## Mass Schedule - August 19/20

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Jim Murray
Altar Server .....	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Lance
.....	Jim Oelkers, Anita Sawczuk
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Chris Bitters
Altar Server .....	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joe Sima
.....	Barbara Gates, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Joann McNamara
Altar Server .....	Heimall Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Mark Brisson
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Albert, Jim DeVito
.....	Peter Royal, Doris Royal, Patti Rittman



Remembered at Mass	
	We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: <b>Richard Henry Baumann, Carol Lacy, Brent Evans, Jacob Lopata, and Bob Simms.</b>

<b>Deceased:</b> <b>Richard Henry Baumann</b> , father of Peter Baumann, <b>Carol Lacy</b> , mother of Jack Lacy, <b>Brent Evans</b> , fiancé of Aisling Carroll, <b>Jacob Lopata</b> , uncle of Shirley Pojedinec, and <b>Bob Simms</b> , 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.
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

Dear Friends,

"130 pounds!?" When Anne Germino informed me that the peach fruit that she harvested with the help of Nadine and Ray Fotta and others totaled 130 pounds, I was pleasantly surprised. It is a record harvest from that one little tree in the corner of our Project Earth Garden!

How wonderful to see our parishioners and others from the larger community tending the garden! How wonderful that our parish's appreciation of the wonder of creation is shared by more people, as we hear or read about churches, small farmers, local food advocates and environmentalists. Do we realize that our farm is not just a place of work and cultivation, but it is a place of prayer that reminds us of the spirituality of farming? When I saw a person weeding in our garden by herself, I offered to join her, and her reply was, "You are welcome, but what I am doing here is prayer for me!"

You may remember that last year Pope Francis added the care of creation to the traditional sets of both the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: "We usually think of the works of mercy individually and in relation to a specific initiative: hospitals for the sick, soup kitchens for the hungry, shelters for the homeless, schools for those to be educated, the confessional and spiritual direction for those needing counsel and forgiveness." However, when we look at the works of mercy as a whole, "we see that the object of mercy is human life itself and everything it embraces."

It is this spiritual connection between humans and creation that Pope Francis has been teaching us in his green encyclical "Laudato Si", (On Care for Our Common Home) and established the World Day of Prayer for the Care of creation to be celebrated every first day of September. And as a parish, this is precisely what we have been trying to accomplish through our garden and its produce, as well as through the many other activities (corporal works of mercy) that the Social Ministry has been engaged in. Have you been to the garden? Why not take a leisurely walk after Mass to be amazed at the beauty of God's creation and the fruits of human labor? The Social Ministry weekend is coming up and we will have a chance to know more about this important ministry that is so dear to the heart of our parish community. By the way, all of those 130 pounds of peaches went to the soup kitchen!

Your brother in Christ  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON GOD OR ON YOUR PROBLEMS?

There is a story about the famous statesman Bismarck who came into a friend's house and saw a portrait of himself on display in the friend's parlor. The picture portrayed Bismarck as a strong and forceful man. Bismarck shook his head and asked, "Is that supposed to be me? It can't be." Then he turned around to a picture his friend had of the fearful Simon Peter sinking beneath the waves and said, "That is!" That is how we feel when we take our eyes off of Christ. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale tells how he once developed laryngitis because he worried about a speaking engagement at which he would be speaking to over a thousand people. When he sought medical help, his doctor said, "I didn't think I would ever have to give this kind of advice to Norman Vincent Peale: Focus your thoughts on God, don't focus them on your problems...when you focus on your problems, your nervous system tightens up so your blood doesn't flow harmoniously. As a result, you experience sickness. Focus your thoughts on God instead of on your problems..."

## 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 on Sunday, Sept 17th. Please contact the office 832-2513 or [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org) for more information.

## 19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 13, 2017

**"He said, "Come". Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." MATTHEW 14:29**

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you.



## 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.



## 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](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

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# Christian Formation

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS



The Religious Education program invites you to share your faith with the children of St. John's by becoming a catechist in our monthly family faith formation program, GIFT (Growing in Faith Together), either on Sundays, 8AM-10:15AM, at Valley View School or on Mondays 6 – 8 PM in the Church Center. Both programs run just once a month. The Jr. High/Confirmation Prep program could also use a few more teachers; sessions run twice a month on Sunday evenings. Being a catechist is a wonderful way to enrich your personal and family faith, and each catechist is provided with resources and support. Prayerfully consider this invitation to teach (you do not have to have a child in the program)! Teen volunteers are welcome, too! Contact Renee Ciszewski at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org).

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

This Tuesday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary: we honor her important role in Jesus' life from her initial "Yes" to her presence with the apostles after his death. Although we don't expect to be assumed into heaven, spouses sometimes get into trouble by assuming they know what the other thinks. Don't mind read. Check it out with words.

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

What do you and your child think God looks like? - a grandfather, wind, an earthquake, fire, a cloud, a ghost...(1 Kings 19: 9-13) Each of you draw your idea. Talk about the qualities of God that are beyond what you can draw. (Susan Vogt)

*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. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:30a.m.*

All students are invited to join us for a Welcome Back Student Mass on September 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 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<sup>®</sup> for Adults** is training conducted by VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> 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](http://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.

## CATECHIST GATHERINGS

*Wednesday, August 30, 6:30 p.m. – K-6 Catechists*

*7:30 p.m. – Jr. High Catechists*

Catechist gatherings for K-6 and Jr. High Catechists have been scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup>. They will take place in the Drexel Room of the Office Center. Light refreshments will be served.



# 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).

## 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.



## AUGUST NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

130 pounds of peaches were harvested from the Project Earth Garden last week! The peach tree is heaving a sigh of relief and her newly unburdened branches are finally able to lift from the ground. She was very generous this year. We have picked more than 60 pounds of green beans to date. The bushes look green and healthy and have now set a second wave of blossoms. Onions and some of the potatoes will be harvested soon along with more beets. Fresh peaches, green beans, beets, tomatoes and some kale were all delivered to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen this week. A new batch of broccoli seedlings go in next weekend as well as another planting of beets and some fall peas. Come out and see the Amaranth ("red spinach") we have growing. The large red-leafed plants are topped with beautiful red flower plumes. Many know it as a cut or decorative flower but the leaves have been eaten since ancient times and are full of niacin and calcium. The flowers contain thousands of seeds that are used by some cultures to make a type of flour. The small leaves are often served fresh as in a salad and the larger leaves can be cooked and seasoned like spinach. The community garden beds are filled to the brim and overflowing with good things to eat and the sunflowers are towering over the beds with their beautiful sunny yellow blooms. Come out and see the wonders in the garden--you won't be disappointed!

## CALLED OR NOT, GOD IS PRESENT!

Above the office door of the Swiss psychiatrist, Carl Jung (1875-1961), hung a stone plaque inscribed with the words: Called or Not, God is Present. Jung's sign encapsulated in a few words what the joint testaments of Judaism and Christianity have put forth in hundreds of thousands of words for centuries, viz., that the transcendent almighty God chooses to be with humankind, to commune with us, to love and move among us, to be near, to abide, to be present whether called or not, in peace, as well as in panic. God's presence is a dynamic divine presence, ever communing, ever revealing, ever abiding, ever calling, ever drawing near. *This Sunday's first reading relates the experience of the prophet Elijah who sought and realized the presence of God in the peaceful silence of Horeb (Sinai). Peter and the disciples (gospel) experienced the presence of God in the person of Jesus whose power over the sea calmed their panic and fostered their faith. Paul, in the second reading from Romans, lamented the fact that not all of his fellow Israelites had come to know the saving presence of God as he had, on the road to Damascus..*

## THE YOUNG PASTOR WHO WANTED TO RETIRE!

One upon a time a battered parish priest approached his bishop. "I want to retire," he said. "You're not old enough to retire." "Yeah, but I'm worn out. My laity are fighting one another, my young people don't come to Church. My parish Council has no guts. My teenagers drink too much. My staff members are in constant conflict. A couple of women are trying to take over the parish. Men can't stand the tension. My collections are down. Spies are reporting me to you every week. Grammar school kids are breaking windows and writing graffiti. I receive anonymous hate mail every day." The bishop sighed loudly, that West of Ireland sigh which suggests the advent of a serious asthma attack. "Let me tell you about my problems." The two men sat in silence for a few minutes after they had exchanged woes. "Well," said the bishop, "congratulations on having a lively parish. It's still alive and kicking and Jesus is active in your parish boat calming the sea." So, the pastor went back to his parish resolving to walk on the stormy parish sea with Jesus. He did not resign.

## 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.

## CONGRATULATIONS



## SOLTESZ FAMILY

The parish family recently celebrated the baptism of Quinn Harper Soltesz. Dana and Will joined the parish earlier in the year and we happily join them in welcoming their daughter Quinn to share the faith.



## 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](http://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.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joan Cardierre  
Eugene Cifranic  
Marie Colabella  
Fran Connolly  
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: "WHY DO YOU DOUBT?"

*When Peter saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

*Matthew 14: 22-33*

ONE: A nurse returned from a month-long stint serving a volunteer in a mobile clinic in Haiti. Once back home, she asked to meet with her parish's pastoral council. She talked excitedly about her trip and passionately about the needs of the Haitian people. She showed pictures of the people she met and served - including a small church where the clinic set up shop. "Do you think we could adopt that church?" she proposed. Everyone thought it would be a wonderful thing to do - but the parish's budget was already tight, numbers were down, and what did any of them know about Haiti? But three members of the council offered to work with her to see what they could do. And before long, the little Haitian mission became their sister parish, bringing a new sense of meaning and fulfillment to both communities. *Why did you doubt?*

TWO: He arrives at the hospital, having driven three hours from school. He takes the elevator to her floor and arrives at her room. He stops just short of the doorway. He can't bring himself to go in. What if he says something dumb - or he freezes up altogether and says nothing? What if she's tired, what if she's in pain, what if she doesn't recognize him? What if he can't hold it together? He paces for several minutes trying to work up the courage to go into her room. A nurse walks by. "Are you Clara's grandson? She's going to be delighted to see you!" And before he realizes it he is swept into her room by the nurse. His grandmother appears to be asleep. "Grandma?" he whispers. She turns her head and, seeing him, her face lights up. And they talk and laugh for the next hour. *Why did you doubt?*

THREE: School starts in a few weeks - and she's not ready for this. No, she's not a student. She's a teacher. This is her first year with her own class, something's she worked hard for for six years. She spends hours and hours making lesson plans, going to workshops, reading and re-reading the year's material. She doesn't sleep the night before. On the first morning, the bell rings and her third-graders come scurrying into her classroom. She settles everyone in, then takes a deep breath. "Good morning, everyone. I'm Miss Harrington. Welcome to the third grade!" And the 20 smiling faces looking up at her assures her that it will be a great year. And it is. *Why did you doubt?*

**What happens to the parish council, to the grandson, to the new teacher, what happens to Peter in today's Gospel, happens to all of us at one time or another: We panic. We don't trust ourselves to know what the right thing is or our ability to do it. But, somehow, God reaches out and catches us - if we're willing to put aside our fears and try to do as Jesus would do, trusting in God's grace to realize that good. Today's Gospel challenges us to trust our understanding of discipleship and our ability to live our baptisms. Christ, in turn, promises to make his presence known to us, to hold us up and support us as we make our way through life's most turbulent waters and "walk on water" for the good of the kingdom of God.**

## 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](mailto:msaharic@diometuchen.org).

# Diocesan and Community News

## **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE GREAT!**

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Metuchen link living our faith with academic excellence. It's a proven formula that leads to success in the classroom and in life. If you are new to the area or desire a faith-filled school experience for your child, we invite you to learn more about the Catholic school advantage. In the Diocese of Metuchen, we are proud to offer 23 Catholic elementary schools and four Catholic high schools located throughout Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties. Enrollment is available for students in Pre-k through Grade 12. Learn more and find a complete list of schools and locations at : <http://diometuchen.org/schools>

## **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. 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&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 next weekend.



## **SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY**



In one of his books, Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land and a stay in Capernaum. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a rowboat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes and white hat and supposed he was a rich Texan. So he said the cost would be twenty-five dollars. Twain replied, "Twenty-five dollars?! Now I know why Jesus walked on water!"

Joe heard a rumor that his father, grandfather and great-grandfather had all walked on water on their 21st birthdays. So, on his 21st birthday, Joe and his good friend Brian headed out to the lake. "If they did it, I can too!" he insisted. When Joe and Brian arrived at the lake, they rented a boat and began paddling. When the got to the middle of the lake, Joe stepped off of the side of the boat... and damn near drowned. Furious and somewhat shamed, he and Brian headed for home. When Joe arrived back at the family farm, he asked his grandmother for an explanation. "Grandma, why can I not walk on water like my father, and his father, and his father before him?" The feeble old grandmother took Joe by the hands, looked into his eyes, and explained, "That's because your father, grandfather, and great-grandfather were born in snowy January... you were born in July, dear."



**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"**



## **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.**



## **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**.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

### **August 6, 2017**

73 Donors Weekly .....\$4,661.00  
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### **August 7, 2016**

76 Donors Weekly ..... \$4,502.00  
4 Donors AC / Lawn..... \$55.00  
42 Donors YBR..... \$1,196.00

## **VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

### **Office Angels**

Wed., August 16 M. D'Avella  
Wed., August 23 L. Caprio

### **Store Cards**

#### **August 12 & 13**

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

#### **August 19 & 20**

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti  
8:00 a.m. M. Kearns  
10:30 a.m. H. Quigley

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of Aug. 13 C. Fortenbacher  
Week of Aug. 20 B. Lee

### **Church Center Cleaning**

August 17 Team A  
August 24 Team B

### **Altar Flowers**

August 19 A. Sawczuk  
August 26 A. Germino

### **Counting**

August 14 Malone/Cangelosi  
August 21 Kucharski/Kosakowski

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