

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
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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

Worshipping at:

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Check the bulletin for any changes

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday8:00 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday.....5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 22

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, August 25

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 26

5:30 p.m. Henry Edson Drucker, req.
Veronica Drucker

Sunday, August 27

8:00 a.m. Deborah Kowalak, req.
Kosakowski Family

10:30 a.m. Rita Price, req.

Dick and Maureen Sepe



Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 20 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time /

Back to School Giving Tree Ends

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

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

Monday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

Tuesday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

7:30 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Wednesday, August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

10:30 a.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

Thursday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

10:00 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, August 25 - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

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

Saturday, August 26 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)

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

Sunday, August 27 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Mass Schedule - August 26/27

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	David Geerinck
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Torczon
.....	Lyle Garcia, Mary D'Avella
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates
.....	Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Cucchiara Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Marlene Milko
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Anthony DeStefano
.....	Ana Giametta, Patti Rittman, Jim DeVito



Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Frances Connolly, Richard Henry Baumann, and Carol Lacy.**

Deceased: **Frances Connolly**, mother of Mike Connolly, **Richard Henry Baumann**, father of Peter Baumann, and **Carol Lacy**, mother of Jack Lacy. 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,

As our nation is grappling with racial tensions once again, and our political pundits are busy giving varied opinions and solutions, we can learn many wonderful lessons from the Scripture readings of this Sunday. By declaring through the prophet Isaiah (the first reading), "*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples,*" God reveals the truth that in His eyes there is no distinction among human beings on the basis of race, caste or color. The long-expected Messianic kingdom was intended not only for the Jews but for all nations as well. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) rejects all types of religious exclusivity: "*Let all the peoples praise You, O God; ...For You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth, so that Your saving power may be known among all the nations.*" In the second reading, Paul explains that, although the Jews were the chosen people, most of them denied the promised Messiah, and, consequently, God turned to the Gentiles who received mercy through their Faith in Jesus. In the Gospel story, Jesus demonstrates that salvation was meant for the Gentiles as well as for the Jews by healing the daughter of a Gentile woman as a reward for her strong Faith.

Overemphasis on Difference can blind us to our common humanity. Our human instinct, most of the time, is to erect protective barriers between ourselves and those who we perceive as different from us. Instead of respecting differences, certain attitudes and rhetoric can devalue and stigmatize them. Jean Vanier, the world renowned philosopher and theologian, stated: "*It is the human heart and its need for communion that weakens the walls of ideology and prejudice. It leads us from closedness to openness, from illusion of superiority to vulnerability and humility.*"

The best way to reduce the harmful exclusion that so many people experience today would be to have the attitude of Jesus who taught us the expansive and universal nature of the "Kingdom of God," in contrast with the theory that salvation was offered first to the Jews and only then to the rest of the world. Although God set the Hebrew people apart as His chosen race, He included all nations in His plan for salvation and blessed all families of the earth in Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). This universalist theme, proclaimed in today's Scripture readings, is something we need to reclaim in the present disturbing trends caused by some who assert superiority over the inherent value of all peoples. Jesus teaches us not mere tolerance, but acceptance and understanding people who are different.

Our parish community has been a model of this. Let us continue this good tradition of being a welcoming and hospitable community.

Your brother in Christ
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

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 of Adults. 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, it 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. We will be starting up our session in September. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone or text: 908-307-7879 or email fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

20TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 20, 2017

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." **ROMANS 11:29**

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.



BAPTISM

Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptize 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.

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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.

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.

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[®] 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.

CATECHIST GATHERINGS

Wednesday, August 30,th

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 30th. They will take place in the Drexel

Room of the Office Center. Light refreshments will be served.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR LETTERS

Return Letters by September 15th



The 2017 Confirmation class will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Emeritus Bootkoski on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. At this time, we are inviting the community of St. John's to participate as Confirmation Prayer Sponsors. Parishioners are asked to take home a photo of a Confirmation candidate from the tri-fold board that is set up in the narthex. Be sure to sign your name next to the candidate's name in the log provided. Then pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their Cross Roads Retreat. Letters should be returned no later than September 15th to the basket in the narthex or to the Office Center.

Social Ministry



**Time
Talent
Treasure**

At St. John Neumann



BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree donations for Back to School items and gift cards are due back today! Please return the donations to the collection bin in the Narthex by Sunday, August 20th. If you have any questions please contact JT Altavilla at 908-574-9344 or jt.altavilla@yahoo.com.

Social Ministry and Parish News

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Volunteer Opportunities - September 3rd - 10th

Yes, it feels like we just finished a week of hosting, but we need to keep rolling out the kindness, because our third and final hosting week of 2017 for the Interfaith Hospitality Network starts September 3-10! Run by Family Promise, Interfaith Hospitality serves the homeless right here in Hunterdon County. It all takes place at Spruce Run Lutheran Church on Hill Road and you can help in a number of ways. Please check Sign Up Genius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family5> to see where you can help. Make it a fun family & friend activity by inviting someone to volunteer with you, and it's a great way to start the school year with some community service hours for students! If you have questions, please contact Debbie Hunt at dhunfam1@comcast.net, or attend the brief Q&A at Spruce Run Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30am.



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!

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 Aug. 20, 2017 at <http://diometuchen.org/RuralLifeMass>.

If you have any questions, contact Rev. Michael C. Saharic, Coordinator of the Catholic Rural Life Ministry for the Diocese of Metuchen, (732) 765-6435 or msaharic@diometuchen.org.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A priest in the mountains of Kentucky had gone home with a family of new converts for dinner. He was received cordially by all but the small daughter in the family, who stared at him unblinkingly throughout the meal. The priest, somewhat uncomfortable, tried to put the little girl at ease. "Is it my collar you are staring at?" he asked, taking it off and holding it up. When he did so he saw the cleaning instructions on the inside of the collar, and to make conversation, he asked, "Do you know what it says here?" "Yes," responded the little girl. "My cat has a small collar like it. It says, *Kills fleas for six months.*"

FAMILY FISHING TRIP



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Family Fishing Trip on Saturday, September 23rd. The fishing boat is the "Mi-Jo", it sails out of the Atlantic Highlands, and it is chartered for the day. For further information, flyers are available in the Narthex following Mass. You may also call Tom Klawunn at 908-246-3722, or Steve Bauernfeind at 908-399-6867.

ST. JOHN'S GOLF OUTING

Note Date Change - 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.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Do you treat your boss or friend better than your spouse? Who gets your promptness? Who do you dress up for? Who do you clear your calendar for? Who gets your undivided attention and best effort?

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Read a book to (or with) your child that was a favorite when you were their age. Already did that? Do another. Already did that? How about writing or telling a short story together. **(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
David Rasa
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: "WE ARE NEVER AMONG STRANGERS..."

Jesus said to the Canaanite woman, "It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."
Matthew 15: 21-28

Many years ago, in a Thailand village, a Buddhist woman named Malai became a Christian at the request of her husband. The village's strict and overly scrupulous priest at the time, a missionary, told Malai that she must never again go inside a Buddhist temple because that would give people the impression that she was not a sincere Christian.

Her elderly mother continued to practice Buddhism. Malai would take her mother to the temple gate, but faithful to the injunction of her pastor, she had to ask strangers to take her mother inside the temple itself and help her light the incense sticks and worship. In Thai society, to take care of one's elders was a sacred responsibility. It broke Malai's heart that she had to rely on the kindness of strangers to assist her mother and could not help her herself. But she obeyed her pastor.

One day while waiting for her mother to return from going inside the temple on the arm of a stranger, Malai began to cry. A Buddhist nun who was sweeping the forecourt of the temple saw her. The nun stopped her sweeping and gently took Malai's arm. The nun asked what was wrong. Malai explained that as a Christian she could not go inside the temple to assist her elderly mother as she prayed. The nun stared for some time at the ground and then responded:

"Those who recognize the Holy and are moved to worship it, are never among strangers, no matter what their religion happens to be. And those who are moved by the Holy to be compassionate are already one family. Do not let your heart be so troubled . . . Mercy has given you the opportunity to allow someone else to perform an act of compassion towards your mother. Is that not beautiful?"

Malai's encounter with the Buddhist nun mirrors the Canaanite woman's exchange with Jesus. In our common search for God in our lives, the labels and stereotypes that separate different classes and religions collapse; the search for meaning and purpose - what the Buddhist nun calls "the Holy" - transforms "strangers" into a community and "family" dedicated to the good of all. Just as the wisdom of the Buddhist nun transforms Malai's perspective of those who help her mother, Jesus' compassion for the Canaanite woman and his healing of her daughter breaks down the wall between Gentile and Jew. The call to discipleship demands that we look beyond labels and stereotypes to realize that every one of us is a child of God, brothers and sisters all.

"YES, BUT NOT WITH THAT BUNCH!"

Billy Graham once told of an incident that happened a long time ago when teachers could talk about religion in the classroom. A teacher was talking to her class of young boys, and she asked, "How many of you would like to go to Heaven?" And all the hands instantly shot into the air at once, except one. She was astounded. She asked, "Charlie, you mean you don't want to go to Heaven?" He said, "Sure, I want to go to Heaven, but not with that bunch!" Unfortunately, that is how many religious groups feel about one another. Consider the Middle East, in parts of Lebanon, Christian militias fighting each other and in Syria and Iraq extremist Muslims driving all Christians from their territories on pain of death, unless they convert; and the never-ending conflict between Arabs and Jews.... All three great Faiths in that part of the world trace their origins through the patriarch Abraham. All three of them honor the Mosaic Law. All three are monotheistic. And yet as the political walls of this world come tumbling down, the religious walls seem to grow higher and higher. How tragic. Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus healed the daughter of a Gentile woman in spite of the religious prejudice of his fellow Jews for the Gentiles.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Inscribed in stone over the great front doors of an old church that was being restored was: "This is the gate of heaven." Just below it someone had placed a small cardboard sign that read: "Use other entrance."

Diocesan and Community News

"WHO IS YOUR MOST FAVORITE CHILD?"

A professor of mine once told me the following story: I'm one of thirteen children. One day when I was playing in the street of our hometown, I got thirsty and came into the house for a glass of water. My father had just come home from work for lunch. He was sitting at the kitchen table with a neighbor. A door separated the kitchen from the pantry and my father did not know I was there. The neighbor said to my father, "Joe, there's something I wanted to ask you for a long time. You have thirteen children. Out of all is there one that is your favorite, one that you love more than all the others?" I had pressed my ear against the door hoping against hope it would be me. My father said: "That's easy. That's Mary the twelve-year-old. She has got braces on her teeth and feels so awkward and embarrassed that she won't go out of the house any more. Oh, but you asked about my favorite. That's my twenty-three-year-old Peter. His fiancée just broke their engagement and he is desolate. But the one I really love most is little Michael. He's totally uncoordinated and terrible in any sport he tries to play. But of course, the apple of my eye is Susan. Only twenty-four, living in her own apartment, and developing a drinking problem, I cry for Susan. But I guess of all the kids.... and my father went on mentioning each of us thirteen children by name.

The professor ended his story saying: "What I learned was that the one my father loved most was the one who needed him most at that time. And that's the way the Father of Jesus is: He loves those most who need Him most, who rely on Him, depend on Him, and trust Him in everything. All that matters is trust. God doesn't wait until we have our moral life straightened out before He starts loving us." (Brennen Manning, taken from Lion and Lamb)

RELIGIOUS FANATICISM

A Jewish professor of psychology said of his tradition, "If there are ten Jewish males in a city, we create a synagogue. If there are eleven Jewish males, we start thinking about creating a competing synagogue." A Baptist police officer had a similar tale. He said, "One Baptist family in a neighborhood witnesses until they bring another family to Christ. Then they form a Church, and start witnessing to the rest of the community. When another family joins, they have a schism and form a rival Church." According to a Presbyterian homemaker, her communion was a little like vegetable soup. "We have," she said, "the OPs, RPs, BPs, and Split Peas!" And a Methodist businessman complemented these tales with an apocryphal tale of a man from his Faith community who had been shipwrecked for years on a small island. When found by a passing ship, rescuers asked him why he had constructed three huts, since he was there by himself. "Well," he replied, "that one is my home, that one is my Church, and that one is my former Church." Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus extended his healing mission to the Gentiles too.

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&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.



TAG SALE

Sept. 22 & 23, 2017

Please remember WE DO NOT ACCEPT:
Clothing, Appliances, Air Conditioners, Old TVs, Stereos, Cribs, Computers, Monitors or Upholstered Furniture.
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 13, 2017

75 Donors Weekly\$5,077.99
11 Donors YBR\$315.00
9 Donors Assumption\$43.00

August 14, 2016

74 Donors Weekly \$4,723.53
9 Donors YBR..... \$280.00
24 Donors Assumption \$347.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., August 23 L. Caprio
Wed., August 30 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

August 19 & 20

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

August 26 & 27

5:30 p.m. B. Schenck
8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m. S. Kosakowski

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Aug. 20 B. Lee
Week of Aug. 27 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

August 24 Team B
August 31 Team C

Altar Flowers

August 26 A. Germino

Counting

August 21 Kucharski/Kosakowski
August 28 Malone/Bauernfeind

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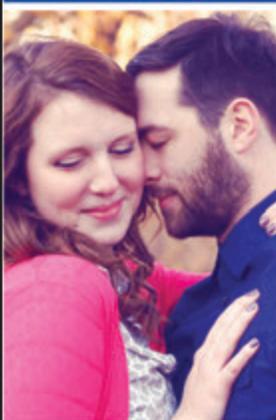
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