

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
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..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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Worshipping at:

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(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, September 5

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, September 8

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m. Marie Barwig, req.

Anita Sawczuk

Sunday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Anne Marie Brezin,

Marie Bruno, req.

The Stanski Family

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

Liz Harmon



Small Groups start week of Oct 2.
This is the year to try a group!
Sign ups start September 9th..

Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 3 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

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

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

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

Wednesday, September 6 - Weekday

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

7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, September 7 - Weekday

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

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

Friday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday, September 9 - Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)

8:44 a.m. Office Painting Party (Office Center)

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

Sunday, September 10 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Peter's Pence Collection

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

10:30 a.m. Welcome Back Student Mass (K-8)(Church Center)

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Leader Team Mtg (Drexel Room)

Mass Schedule - September 9/10

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Linda Caprio
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joann Gardner
.....	Lyle Garcia, Donna Torczon
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Brent Herrig
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Martalus
.....	Bob Martalus, Barbara Gates
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Jane Albert
Altar Server	Souza Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Shirley Pojedinec
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Ron Pojedinec, Ana Giametta
.....	Anthony DeStefano, Debby Kelemen, Gloria Cucchiara

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT

Inviting parishioners who want a quick easy service project! It is time for the exterior of the Parish Office Center to be painted. We have contracted with a painter for the second level, but decided to tackle the first floor with parishioners willing to spend two hours on any of the following four work parties. Come join the fun, help the parish save money and enjoy time with fellow parishioners. Any questions call the office.

Saturday Sept 9.....8:44 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday Sept 124:44 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday Sept 168:44 am to 11:00 am

Tuesday Sept 194:44 pm to 7:00 pm

Equipment will be supplied by parish. Evening work will have pizza.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Brandon Wieboldt**, and **Frances Connolly**.

Deceased: Brandon Wieboldt, friend of the King Family and Gerry Brisson and **Frances Connolly**, mother of Mike Connolly. 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,

This is a hectic time for parents who are making sure of everything related to the back-to-school event! Despite all the detailed planning, certain items can catch us off guard – parents know what they are! I wish you dear Parents, inner peace as you handle each of these challenges and ask you to say a prayer of blessing over your child before leaving home for school.

But this Labor Day weekend may help the parents to have a good relaxing time in the midst of the chaos. Labor Day is said to be the third most popular day in the United States for grilling - after the Fourth of July and the Memorial Day. Is it also the official ending of the hot dog season? More important is the opportunity we have as a nation to celebrate human labor that has helped our country to do well and prosper.

In ancient Greek and Roman cultures, slaves worked and freemen did not. Strenuous and backbreaking work was seen as beneath the dignity of free people and therefore expected of slaves. But Bible tells us that God himself worked – the loving Father worked “for six days” bringing to life all that exists and rested on the seventh day. (Genesis 2:2-3) Moreover, God’s creation was both a gift and a task. God’s creation was to be valued, developed, and worked to meet the needs of everyone in the community. All work contributing to the good of all contained its own dignity and worth. There was no shame in hard work; rather work was honorable and honored.

Sharing completely in our human condition, Jesus worked as a carpenter in his foster father’s shop. By the sweat of his own labors, He raised human work to a higher level of dignity. *The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* is a separate catechism developed by The Vatican consolidating Catholic Social Teaching in one volume. Issued in 2005, the *Compendium* has extensive teachings on the value of daily human work. Here is a great quote from the section “Jesus, A Man of Work”: “In his preaching, Jesus teaches that we should appreciate work. He himself, having ‘become like us in all things, devoted most of the years of his life on earth to *manual work* at the carpenter’s bench’ in the workshop of Joseph.” (*Compendium* #259)

Happy Labor Day weekend!
Your brother in Christ
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

CAN SUFFERING LEAD TO ANY GOOD?

When a bud goes through the pain of bursting, it is transformed into a beautiful flower. When a pupa struggles out of a cocoon, it is transformed into a charming butterfly. When a chicken breaks the shell and comes out it becomes a lovely bird. When a seed bursts the pod and falls to the ground it begins to grow as a plant. When we undergo the suffering and pain of life we are strengthened. Arthur Golden reminds us, “Adversity is like a strong wind. It tears away from us all but the things that cannot be torn, so that we see ourselves as we really are.” (Arthur Golden, *Memoirs of a Geisha*). St. Paul wrote: “Suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope (Romans 5:3-4).” Suffering is not the last thing in life. It leads us to something greater, as long as we are ready to accept its challenges. “A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn.” Conclusion? Graceful acceptance of temporary suffering results in lasting glory.

DO YOU KNOW OF OUR SOCIAL MINISTRY BOX?

Visitors have often asked me, “I want to put an offering. But I don’t see any candle offering stand or any saint’s statue with an offering box. Where shall I put this offering?” I always directed them to the Social Ministry Box in the Narthex. It is good for us to be aware that the presence of this Box is another symbol of our commitment to the poor. We are grateful to those who put offerings in that box which we open periodically. Last month we found the following: \$65 in loose cash, one gift card for back to school giving tree - \$25 Walmart, \$25 Shop-Rite gift card, envelope for St Mary’s and 2 envelopes for greeting card purchases.

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 3, 2017

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”

MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.



TAG SALE

Sept. 22nd & 23rd
POLICY CHANGE

We are ONLY ACCEPTING donations once the tent is up in mid September. Due to time constraints, we need donors to place items in marked designated areas under the tent.

Contact Suzanne 908-581-1869 or Sandra 908-507-2378 for furniture or large items before dropping them off.

Don't forget ...

We do not accept clothing, appliances, air conditioners, old tv's, stereos, cribs, computers or Upholstered Furniture.



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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:



September 11 at 7 p.m. - St. Magdalen de Pazzi, Flemington

September 27 at 7 p.m. - Immaculate Conception, Annandale

September 28 at 6 p.m. - St. Philip and St. James School, Phillipsburg

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.

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



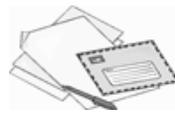
September 9th, 8 AM

Office Center

The Women's Spirituality group will meet next Saturday morning. Join us as we reflect on the Sunday's Scripture, while we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation.

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

TRICKY TRAY

Come One.....Come All and Have Some Family Fun !

Tricky Tray

Save the Date:

Oct. 20, 2017 - 6 P.M.

We are now accepting donations for our event.



Gift cards, New household items, New games Tickets to Sports Events, Crafts. Leave your items in the Seton Room.

Thank You for your generosity

THIS WEEK IN THE GARDEN



This week was a big week for root vegetables in the garden. We harvested our first potatoes (yukon gold) along with lots of carrots, beets and onions--all delivered to Elijah's Promise in New Brunswick. The green beans are catching their second wind and we are harvesting 3-5 pounds every other day. Tomatoes are ripening on the vine and the second planting of broccoli is coming along. The dahlias are in full bloom now and the zinnia border is alive with many different butterflies. Please join us on the weekend of September 16-17 for the Social Ministry Weekend. There will be displays in the narthex as well as tours of the garden after all of the weekend Masses.

CALIFON FARMER'S MARKET

Come visit St. John's at the Califon Farmer's Market. Our September dates will be September 9 and 23. Located on the river at the Califon United Methodist Church.

Social Ministry and Parish News

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Volunteer Opportunities - September 3rd to 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 dhuntfam1@comcast.net, or attend the brief Q&A at Spruce Run Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 27 at 10:30am.

IN BASEBALL AND IN CHRISTIAN LIFE YOU "SACRIFICE..."

In football, you "Tackle!" In baseball, you "catch flies..." In football, you "Punt!" In baseball, you "bunt..." Football is played on a "Gridiron"! Baseball is played on a "field..." In football, you "Score!" In baseball you "go home..." In football, you "Kill!" In baseball, you "sacrifice..."

Baseball may be the only sport where you actually can hear this last word. It's one of the few places anywhere that you hear it in a self-centered, take-care-of-yourself, don't-worry-about-anybody-else society. In contrast to football, sacrifice may sound like a sign of weakness, but I hardly think of any of the Atlanta Braves or Minnesota Twins as weak. Baseball's one thing; life is quite another. In our society, there are still Christians who sacrifice their lives for Christ and who really deny themselves and takes up their crosses. [*The Gates of New Life*, Charles Scribner's Sons, 1940), p. 3]. Here is a young man who wanted to be a lawyer, but his father died, and he had to leave school and work to keep things going at home. Here is a young woman who wanted to be a great doctor but was never admitted to medical school. Here is a businessman who had hoped all his life to make his business a great success, but the competition was much tougher than he had ever expected, and he soon found himself declaring bankruptcy. Here is a couple whose marriage is on the rocks. When it started out it was so sweet and good but now...now it's just not the same. There is not a person in any congregation who has not sacrificed a hope or a dream as burnt offering on the high altar of the providence of God.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Did you hear the joke about Labor Day?... It doesn't work for me! My first job was working in a donut shop, but I soon got tired of the hole business. Then I manufactured calendars, but my days were numbered. I tried to be a tailor, but I just wasn't suited for it. Mainly because it was a sew-sew job, de-pleating and depressing. I became a Velcro salesman, but I couldn't stick with it. I tried my hand at a professional career in tennis, but it wasn't my racket. I was too high strung. I became a baker, but it wasn't a cakewalk, and I couldn't make enough dough. They fired me after I left a cake out in the rain. I was a masseur for a while, but I rubbed people the wrong way. I managed to get a good job working for a pool maintenance company, but the work was just too draining. I became a personal trainer in a gym, but they said I wasn't fit for the job. I thought about being a historian, but I couldn't see a future in it. Next I was an electrician, but I found the work shocking and revolting, so they discharged me. I tried being a teacher, but I soon lost my principal, my faculties, and my class. I took a job as an elevator operator. The job had its ups and downs, and I got the shaft. I sold origami, but the business folded. I tried being a fireman, but I suffered burnout. I was a professional fisherman, but I couldn't live on my net income. I next worked in a shoe factory, but I just didn't fit in. They thought I was a loafer, and I got the boot. I worked at Starbucks, but I had to quit because it was always the same old grind. So I've retired, and I find I'm a perfect fit for this job!



SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

September dates for soup kitchen service are Monday, September 11 and Thursday, September 28. Please contact Anne Germino at projectearth@ccsjn.org or call the church office if you would like to serve or contribute a casserole.

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. bob.martalus@gmail.com

CATHOLIC HEART WORK-CAMP 2018

The planning for CHWC 2018 has started. We are not yet sure where and when we will attend camp but I am looking to get a rough idea of who might be interested. If you will be entering the 9th grade in September of 2018 through age 20 you are eligible. Please let me know weeks you would not be available. The camps fill quickly and we will register by September 13. Please contact Mary Connolly if you think you might be interested at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Infidelity is not always physical. A more subtle form is Emotional Infidelity. It can start when one spouse feels under-appreciated and gets affirmation from someone outside the marriage. Sometimes work (paid or volunteer) or even the needs of one's own children can be the source. Giving time and attention *now* can prevent an emotional affair later.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." (Jeremiah 20: 7) Sometimes each of us makes a fool of ourselves. Share a time that you did something foolish and how you recovered. It will give your child hope that they too can recover. (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
Tommy Rack
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: EXPANDING THE CAST OF YOUR LIFE'S PLAY!

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
Matthew 16: 21-27

In his book **Nine Essential Things I've Learned about Life**, Rabbi Harold S. Kushner tells of a meeting with a member of his congregation. "Rabbi, tell me why I should go on living." Rabbi Kushner did not know the woman well - she and her husband were occasional worshippers at the synagogue. There were no medical issues or financial problems; her two sons were grown, but neither had a serious girlfriend, so no weddings were in the offing; she had had a job until a couple of years before but had been laid off. "It's just that I feel that most of the nice things that will ever happen to me have already happened and that I have nothing to look forward to." The rabbi struggled with how to respond. Clearly, she was bored - but he couldn't tell her that. He had counseled the chronically ill, the seriously injured, and the dying with reasons to wake up every morning and look forward to the new day. But he had never counseled someone who didn't want to go on living because she found life boring. Rabbi Kushner writes:

"I pointed out that if her life was lacking in drama, it might be because she was operating with a limited cast of characters: herself, a husband, and two children. She had spoken about her husband and two sons, but were there no other family members, no friends, no organizations she belonged to . . . ? "The other thing that concerned me about what you said to me," I told her, 'was it was all about what other people were or not doing for you, and that is something you don't have a lot of control over. I didn't hear anything about what you were doing with or for others, yet that might be the exact thing to start changing, the easiest way to feel better about your life. "'I've been a rabbi a long time,' I told her. 'I've dealt with a lot of people who were hurting - women whose husbands had died or had left their marriage, people grieving the death of a child or the loss of a job, people whose deteriorating health left them unable to do the things they once enjoyed. In every case, I gave them one rule and it almost always worked: the best way to feel better about yourself is to find someone to help . . .

"'You came here,' I told the woman in my office, 'asking why you should go on living. I can't give you a compelling answer. I can only give you advice born of my own experience, which has probably been very different than yours. But I can tell you this with one hundred percent confidence: Stick with life, let more people into your life, learn to care for them. Leave them grateful for having known you . . . "

Rabbi Kushner doesn't know how the story ended. He stepped down from his position as rabbi not long after that. He never heard from her or about her since, "but at least I didn't see the woman's name on an obituary page." "If I were presented with the same challenge again, I would give the same answer. The best cure for feeling down on your own life is to reach out to help someone else. I've never known it to fail. And the best prescription for adding joy to your own life is to share your life with others. You will increase the happiness of your own life by sharing their happy times in addition to your own."

Christ urges us to "lose" that part of our life that is centered in ephemeral, perishable things so that we may "gain" lives grounded in the love of God: to lose our anger, our disappointment, our need for control in order to find meaning and purpose in doing for others and contributing to the common good. In "dying" to ourselves we become something greater; in letting go of the temporary and the fleeting we become richer; in the suffering we endure we become stronger, in the failures we experience we become wiser. Grace is to discover the fullness of what our lives can be in "losing" our self-centeredness and discovering our lives' joy in seeking happiness and blessedness for those we love.

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.

Parish and Community News



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.

VALERIE PRICE TOOK UP THE CROSS!

Twenty-three-year-old Valerie Price went to Somalia to work as a nurse. She wanted to help people who had nothing. She wanted to offer them a better way of life. Valerie was concerned about her safety, but nothing could stop her from doing her work. She was put in charge of a feeding center in Mogadishu. Through her efforts, children who had been near starvation were fed. Valerie even established a school so the children could learn and have some hope for the future. She became nationally known for her committed service. Valerie, however, was killed by armed bandits outside the school she had started. She was willing to risk her life to help other people. Her story, like those of millions of others, is the story of a Christian who accepted the challenge of Christian discipleship given in today's Gospel, by "*denying themselves, taking up their crosses and following Jesus.*"

"WHY CAN'T OTHERS DO MORE...?"

You may know the thrilling story of Glen Cunningham, a young man whose legs were so badly burned when he was a boy that doctors said he would never walk again. However, this determined champion went on to win an Olympic gold medal as a miler. Even more importantly, Glen Cunningham devoted his life to helping troubled young people. Once, his wife asked, "Glen, why do we have to give so much more than others? No one else is doing what we are." Glen answered, "That's the reason, Ruth. No one else is doing it."



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.

2017 CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES DINNER

**You're Invited - Monday, October 16 - The Palace at Somerset Park
6:30 p.m. Cocktails - 7:30 p.m. Dinner**

Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for the **2017 Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** where you will hear how American Standard, the well-known plumbing supply company that is part of LIXIL, joined forces with Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen to renovate Naomi's Way giving 12 low-income families a safe and attractive place to call their own. The dinner is an opportunity for us to publicly recognize our corporate partners while raising much-needed funds for our less-fortunate neighbors. For dinner reservations and sponsorship opportunities, call 732-562-2438 or visit www.diometuchen.org/champions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept.22-23 Tag Sale
Sept.24 Parish Picnic
Sept.30 Golf Outing
Oct.20 Tricky Tray
Nov.10 Tasting Event
Dec. 3 Christmas Cash Drawing
...and tell your friends and family!

STORE CARDS



Thanks to the families who purchased the grocery and store cards the last 3 weeks.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Families Purchased</u>	<u>Profit</u>
8/20	20	\$3100.00 \$151.38
8/13	20	\$2415.00 \$128.05
8/05	20	\$3170.00 \$165.75

WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 27, 2017

72 Donors Weekly \$4,104.00
1 Donors YBR..... \$100.00
3 Donors Assumption \$55.00

August 28, 2016

74 Donors Weekly\$3,732.00
5 Donors YBR\$265.00
1 Donor Assumption.....\$50.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., September 6 J. Santoro
Wed., September 13 C. Behrens

Store Cards

September 2 & 3

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

September 9 & 10

5:30 p.m. J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. G. Cucchiara

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Sept. 3 M. Cangelosi
Week of Sept. 10 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

September 7 Team D
September 14 Team E

Altar Flowers

September 2 A. Germino
September 9 M. Proano

Counting

September 5 Kucharski/Cangelosi
September 11 Malone/McCabe

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