

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
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398 County Road 513
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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, September 12

8:00 a.m. Frank Murray, req.
The Murray Family

Friday, September 15

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 16

5:30 p.m. Kenneth Baader, req.
Marlene Milko

Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. Tony Amico, req.
The Stanski Family

10:30 a.m. Lucy Pojedinec, req.
Diane Lehnert



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, September 11 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)

Tuesday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
4:44 p.m. Office Painting Party (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, September 13 - Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A (Drexel Room)

Thursday, September 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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

Friday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation 2 (Office Center Kitchen)

Mass Schedule - September 16/17

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Youth Mass Reader
Altar Server	Religious Ed Class Mass Altar Servers
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jim Oelkers
.....	Debby Kelemen, Lyle Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Linda Caprio
Altar Server	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Tom Klawunn, Jane Klawunn
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anita Sawczuk, Jim DeVito
.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Sheena Carew, Dick Wickel

Saturday, September 16 - Social Ministry Weekend Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:44 a.m. Office Painting Party (Office Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass - 8th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Coffee sponsored by Social Ministry (Narthex)

Sunday, September 17 - Social Ministry Weekend 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hurricane Harvey Diocesan Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Coffee sponsored by Social Ministry (Narthex)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Lunch (Drexel Room)
11:30 a.m. Coffee sponsored by Social Ministry (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Faith Formation (Church Center)



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,

With the summer officially coming to an end, we all have resumed our regular activities. This is true not only for school and work, but also for the Church community. Therefore please notice that September is a busy month:

- Our Parish painting project is already under way. The next dates are: Tuesday, Sept 12, 4:44 pm to 7:00 pm; Saturday, Sept 16, 8:44 am to 11:00 am; and Tuesday, Sept 19, 4:44 pm to 7:00 pm
- September dates for soup kitchen service (SHIP) are Monday, September 11 and Thursday, September 28.
- Sept 16-17 is Social Ministry Weekend. The idea to host a weekend during the year for each parish ministries was initiated by the Stewardship Committee.
- Tag Sale is Sept. 22 and 23, and our determined and passionate coordinators, Sandra Aarons and Suzanne Kosakowski, have been working on it for months!
- Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sept. 24 and there is something for everyone. Don't forget to get your duck or ducks, it's a lot of fun for the family to see which duck will win the race down the river.
- The month ends with our annual Golf Outing on Sept.30, a great morning golfing and a wonderful lunch – both are filled with fun and fellowship.

Also please see the insert regarding an update of our finance and fundraising scenario that our Committees have prepared. All these are meant to help us become stronger as a community of the disciples of Jesus. Without making Jesus as the center of our lives, these activities are meaningless, just empty shells. That's why I'm glad that:

- Today we are having a "Welcome Back Students Mass for all grades" – thanks to this initiative by the Religious Ed Office.
- Our Sunday Liturgy is reenergized with more parishioners joining the music ministry – for all the Masses.
- We have a good group for The RCIA program – which is open to all.
- And St. John's signature spiritual enrichment program – the small faith-sharing groups - will begin in October.

The success of all these spiritual and social events will depend on you and those you invite. Life Way Research Inc. did a study with over 15,000 adults and it revealed that "about two-thirds are willing to receive information about a local church activity from a family member and 56 percent from a friend or neighbor." The message is very clear: personal invitation really matters. So my urgent request to you is: please spread the word about these. Bring these up in conversation with your family, friends and neighbors. And DO INVITE THEM! Yes, more people would attend all of our church's spiritual and social programs if given one simple thing – an invitation. Will you invite? I believe you will.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

2017 FALL BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS AT ST. JOHN'S

There will be a series of interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann beginning September 26. John Cole, transition professional, will facilitate the sessions. This short-term program has been highly rated by past participants. The conversations will take us from understanding loss and normal reactions to steps, guided by faith, towards acceptance and the recreation of hopeful lives. While a primary focus has been, and will be, the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcomed. All sessions start at 7 p.m. The dates of the seminars will be September 26, October 2, 17, 24, November 6 and 14. Please note that each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best to derive optimal benefit.

All sessions are in the upper floor of the parish office building, unless participant mobility issues arise.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy at the parish office by calling her at 908-832-2513 before September 22. If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, please suggest that he or she call France Kennedy.

23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2017

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel."

EZEKIEL 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION

Remember when Superstorm Sandy hit New Jersey nearly five years ago? Help came to us from parishes and dioceses throughout the United States. Now with Hurricane Harvey, which is being described as a natural disaster beyond anything our nation has ever experienced, we are presented with the opportunity to show the grieving and displaced people in Texas the same compassion that was so generously shown to us. A collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey will be taken up the next weekend. Please continue to pray for the people of Texas as they struggle to recover.



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Christian Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEEDS



Thank you to those parishioners who responded to our call to become a Catechist this year. We just need one more Catechist. Will you consider taking just 9 sessions this year? All help and resources will be provided.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2017



**Tuesday, October 17,
7:00 p.m., Church Center**

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. John's on Tuesday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation this October. They are: Casey Ayotte, ToniAnn Brezina, Oliver Kivett, Zachariah Lowary, Matthew Martino, Grace Medea, Lucy Meekings, Kevin Menzie, Shane Menzie, Thomas Menzie, Rafael Proano, Curran Regan, Daniella Sarubbi, Amanda Stanton, and Owen Tabor.



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.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - GIFT

Welcome Back!

We are excited for this year's start-up of our family faith formation program, called GIFT, for grades K-6 here at St. John Neumann! *Family Faith Formation works for parishes!* It combines a **Monthly Gathering** (including grade-specific classes, adult formation, and group activities) with **Family Home Lessons** where parents, equipped with materials and an understanding of the lessons, continue to teach their children the faith.

See you in September! Sessions begin:

- Sunday Family Formation - Sunday, Sept. 24 at 8 AM at Valley View School
- Monday Family Formation - Monday, Sept. 25 at 6 PM in the Church Center
- Jr. High Confirmation Preparation - Sunday, Sept. 17 at 6 PM in the Church Center

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 VIR-TUS[®] 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.



CLASS MASSES

Once again, this year we would like to invite our religious education students in grades 3 through 8 to participate in a Class Mass. Each grade will have the opportunity to take part in the Mass as a class community. The students will arrive early on the day of their scheduled Class Mass, and Fr. Abraham and/or Renee Ciszewski will lead an interactive and informative session prior to Mass teaching the children about the Mass in terms that they can understand. These Masses will take place over the course of the school year during our regularly scheduled Mass times. We encourage family and friends to attend Mass. The children will be happy to have you join them in prayer! The first Class Mass will be with the 8th grade on Saturday, Sept. 16th, during the 5:30 p.m.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR LETTERS

Return Letters by September 15th

Thank you to all parishioners who signed up to be prayer sponsors for this year's Confirmation. Please remember to pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to the candidate during their retreat at Cross Roads Camp. Please drop off your letter in the basket by the Confirmation Prayer station or at the Office Center by September 15. Thank you!

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 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.

Social Ministry and Parish News



NOTES FROM THE GARDEN

Where did all those carrots go? This year we harvested 104 lbs of carrots. They made their way onto many different plates. The first 10 pounds, harvested in early August, were prepared and served fresh at SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville. In mid-August 44 lbs were delivered to Elijah's Promise soup kitchen in New Brunswick. The last 50 pounds were harvested on August 31. The longest carrot contest was won by Karisa Caldero who pulled a 19 inch carrot! 15 pounds were delivered to the home for retired priests in Somerset and the remaining carrots will be divided between Elijah's Promise and SHIP. The gifts of the earth become a blessing to many!



TAG SALE VOLUNTEERS

Needs:

- Volunteers to bring items out of the Carriage House once the tent is up.
- Volunteers to arrange and price items
- Volunteers to work the **Tag Sale on Sept. 22 and 23** from 8am to 5pm (in shifts)
- Volunteers after the 8am Mass on Sept. 24 to pack up left over items for Veteran pickup

* Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to help. If you prefer you may text or call Sandra 908-507-2378 or Suzanne 908-581-1869. Thank You!!

HAPPY GRAND PARENTS' DAY!

Today is national Grandparents Day - the Sunday after Labor Day. The official song of National Grandparents Day is "A Song for Grandma And Grandpa" by Johnny Prill. The official flower for the day is the "forget-me-not" flower. Most people would admit that family is one of the most important things in life and grandparents are VIPs in the life of their grandchildren. Anthropologist Margaret Mead once even stated that connections between the generations are "essential for the mental health and stability of a nation." Did you know that Jesus also had grandparents? They were St. Joachim and St. Anne. How do we know, as this is not mentioned in the Bible? Joachim and Anne's names are known to us from an ancient Christian document called the *Protoevangelium of James*. This non-canonical writing, dating from the second Century AD, mentions the names of Joachim and Anne as the grandparents of Jesus.

Father, we thank you for the gift of grandparents and grandparenting. May they help spread your love in our families from generation to generation. Amen.

Tricky Tray



TRICKY TRAY - Oct. 20, 2017 - 6 P.M.

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

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.

"LET'S HAVE HARMONY!"

More than thirty years ago, a brief story appeared in *Reader's Digest* about a town in Minnesota that got its name in a strange way. When the community was first settled, it had no name. People began to move to the area, and soon the townspeople called a meeting to choose a name for their town. Many suggestions were made, but they couldn't agree on the name. The discussion soon became heated and quarrelsome. One man in attendance that night became so disgusted by the way things were going that he jumped up, pounded on the table with his fist, and shouted, "Let us have harmony!" Someone present suddenly seized the idea and shouted back, "Yes! Let's have harmony!" And the town got its name: Harmony, Minnesota.

Harmony is a wonderful thing to have in a community, a family or a church. If harmony is going to take place, someone has to heed Jesus' advice for reconciliation as given in today's Gospel.



PARISH PICNIC

Come enjoy a wonderful day, our Parish Picnic is a great time for everyone! Sunday Sept 24, the fun starts at 2pm with the Duck Race, plenty of things to do, inflatables, face painting and games for kids as well as great food that everyone brings their favorite picnic fare! It is a great time to just sit back and enjoy friends! It's a great time to meet parishioners if you are new to the parish. Even if you can't come the whole time - feel free to stop in and enjoy what you can. Hope to see you then. Remember to bring burgers or hotdogs for your family and a side dish to share.



TAG SALE

**Sept. 22nd & 23rd
POLICY CHANGE**

We are ONLY ACCEPTING donations once the tent is up on Sept. 11 (weather permitting). 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.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Which of the 10 commandments is hardest for you (or your spouse) to keep? Do you know your beloved well enough to predict their answer? Of course there's always the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Your spouse is your closest neighbor.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

With all the violence in the news and perhaps in your neighborhood or your child's school, kids can feel afraid or pick up the fears of their parents. Help your child become a peacemaker.

Taking the Pledge of Nonviolence (<http://www.ipj-ppj.org/Children%20%20Youth.htm>) can be a practical start. (Susan Vogt)

Parish News

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
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
George Sekela
Diane Siti
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Pam Stewart
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
William Weimer
Josh Wilkes
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: AN "EXCEPTIONAL" CHURCH!

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone . . . If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church . . . **Matthew 18: 15-20**

She lived in the group home next to the church. She was painfully overweight; her clothing didn't fit. She hadn't bathed and wasn't able to breathe or move comfortably. Her medication made it difficult for her to follow the prayers and hymns. She fell asleep during sermons; her snoring, escalated by her breathing problems, echoed through the church. Once or twice she even forgot where she was and lit up a cigarette right there in the pew. She wouldn't speak or make eye contact with anyone.

Parishioners began to complain: *She doesn't belong here. She couldn't be getting anything out of it so heavily medicated. She shouldn't be allowed to ruin it for everyone.* The poor woman was the subject of more than one parish council meeting: Her presence was a serious distraction; she was a deterrent to visitors. And someone noted that she ate too many cookies at coffee hour. Finally, one council member had had enough of the complaining and lack of compassion. She was determined to make a friend out of their troubled visitor. The parishioner left her usual pew and began to sit next to her. When the snoring started, the parishioner gave her a gentle nudge; she helped her find her place in the hymnal; she quietly reminded her to put the cigarettes away and leave enough cookies and sweets for others during the coffee hour after church.

The parishioner's unheralded kindness was all the visitor needed. She began talking to people. She made eye contact and made a point of shaking hands with the pastor: "Bless you," she would say. A few months later, the pastor received a phone call from the woman's social worker. The social worker explained that the woman had never been accepted by any group or able to sustain a single positive relationship until she started coming to church. She was now making friends in her group home and had begun to bring them to *her* church. "Thank you for welcoming her," the social worker said to the pastor. "I've never been to your church, but I know that it is an exceptional place." After hanging up the phone, the pastor sat for a moment, pondering that word: *Exceptional.*

In this difficult situation, one parishioner manages to embrace the spirit of Jesus' instructions in today's Gospel: that to follow Jesus means to take on the hard work of building community by welcoming the stranger, the disrupter, the estranged. In today's Gospel (which sounds more like a set of regulations devised by a church rules committee than a teaching of Jesus), Jesus calls us to take on his work of reconciliation: work that is grounded in love for the other, work that begins with respect and love for every human being, work that seeks God's justice and peace above all. Gospel-centered reconciliation confronts those misunderstandings and issues that divide us, grieve us and embitter us, not out of anger or a need to "even the score," but out of a commitment to imitate the great love and mercy of God.



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.

Parish and Community News



SMALL GROUPS START WEEK OF OCT 2

This is the year to try the small groups! Come try it and experience the benefits of small group sessions. We have groups scheduled weekday evening and a few mornings, and after the Masses on Sunday. The groups meet seven times starting the week of Oct 2. Call, text or email for information 908-307-7879, francekennedy99@gmail.com

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Here at St. John's, September 27

There will be a career development discussion and resume writing workshop on September 27th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the upper room of the St. John Neumann office building. To participate, please call France Kennedy at the Parish Office (908-832-2513) on or before September 25. There is no charge for this event, we just need your name. Parish membership is not necessary. The session will be led by John Cole, a parishioner and transition specialist.

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.

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.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A woman was bitten by a rabid dog, and it looked as if she was going to die from rabies. The doctor told her to put her final affairs in order. So the woman took pen and paper, and began writing furiously. In fact, she wrote and wrote and wrote. Finally, the doctor said, "That sure is a long will you're making." She snorted, "Will, nothing! I'm making a list of all the people I'm going to bite!"

A teacher had her grade four students talk about their heroes one day in class. One girl said her grandmother was her hero. When the teacher asked why, the girl explained, "Because she's the only one in the whole world who can boss my parents around!"

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.

CHAMPIONS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

50/50 Raffle

By entering our Champion 50/50 Raffle, you are helping our neighbors in need and you just may win one of the two grand prizes. **The prize for our last year's raffle was over \$28,000 each for two lucky winners.** With your participation, we are hoping for even greater success this year. Tickets are \$100 each. The drawing is scheduled for Monday, October 16 at the **Champions for Catholic Charities Dinner** being held at The Palace in Somerset Park. Download a raffle form at www.diometuchen.org/champions or call 732-562-2438. Thank you and good luck.

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!

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 3, 2017

79 Donors Weekly \$4,177.00

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September 9 & 10

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
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Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Sept. 10	B. Sobey
Week of Sept. 17	M. Proano

Church Center Cleaning

September 14	Team E
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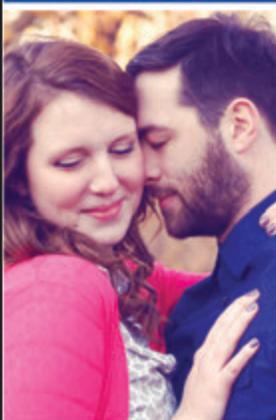
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