

“Seek the *Lord* while He may be found.”

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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Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD
..... Pastor
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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, October 10

8:00 a.m. Pascale Pecoraro, req.
Celia Arthur

Friday, October 13

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 14

5:30 p.m. Rosemary Cicchitti req.
Debby Kelemen

Sunday, October 15

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks, req.
The Janks Family

10:30 a.m. Diane Wichtendahl, req.
Nancy & Steve Bauernfiend



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 8 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Begin Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection

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

Monday, October 9 - Columbus Day / Office Closed Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Office and Church Center Kitchens)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Office Center Kitchen)

Tuesday, October 10 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Small Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Seton Room)

Wednesday, October 11 - Saint John XXIII, Pope

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Office Center Kitchen)

Thursday, October 12 - Weekday

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Small Groups (Upper Rom)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, October 13 - Weekday

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

Mass Schedule - October 14/October 15

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Youth Mass Reader
Altar Server	Rel Ed. Class Mass Server
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Donna Lance
.....	Debby Kelemen, Joann Gardner
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Jane Klawunn, Tom Klawunn
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader.....	David Geerinck
Altar Server	Cucchiara Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Dick Wickel, Gloria Cucchiara
.....	Doris Royal, Peter Royal, Anthony DeStefano

Saturday, October 14 - Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; BVM

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)
5:30 p.m. Mass - 7th Grade Class Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, October 15 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Faith Formation (Church Center)



The Office Will Be Closed on Monday October 9th for the Columbus Day Holiday !



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Thomas Regan, George Sekela, and Santo Molinari.**

Deceased: Thomas Regan, father of Brian Regan, **George Sekela**, husband of Nadima Melhem-Sekela, and **Santo Molinari**, brother of Rose Mastroianni. 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,

Our first ever "Blessing of Animals" was a happy event with many of you bringing pet animals last Sunday. The variety of dogs and a guinea pig were a feast to the eyes. Many churches around the world organized similar service of blessings of pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. God created the physical world as a deliberate act and declared them all good in Genesis chapters 1 and 2. The Bible further reminds us in 1 Timothy 4:4: "For everything created by God is good and nothing is to be rejected, if it is received with gratitude." Psalm 104:31 mentions that God rejoices in His works. Thus when we treat God's creation well, we are glorifying God.

I am very happy that we have eight Small Faith Sharing Groups that kicked off their first session this week. The main reason I am passionate about this movement in our Community is because the participants experience spiritual growth as they learn God's Word, ask questions, and experience good fun and fellowship with others. I just can't do that in sermons as there is no conversation, no feedback, and no questions. Listen to what one participant elsewhere shared about his experience of small group: *"Even though I have always pursued relationships through small groups, I can't say that all those relationships ended in earth-shattering epiphanies or deep friendships. But one thing is for sure: I experience life change. When I think back to my first small group, I don't remember what we studied. But I do remember that we experienced fun as well as struggles with real life issues. I also remember this: I am stronger spiritually and emotionally when I am a part of a small group than when I am not."* Yes, spiritual life happens better with others in a small group. Thank you to all of you who have opted to be in this parish movement. Others can still drop in to any of these groups to "taste and see!"

This Wednesday – October 11 – is the feast of St. John XXIII who was canonized by Pope Francis in 2014. Though he was pope for less than five years, he made a big splash as he convened the Second Vatican Council in 1962 which ushered in an era of change with its many long-standing achievements. Pope John was convinced of the pastoral nature of Church doctrine and he wanted to bring the pastors and all church leaders more in line with the life situation of the people. Massimo Faggioli, a church historian, wrote in his book "John XXIII: The Medicine of Mercy": *"He saw that doctrine is not a goal in itself; it is a tool for the spiritual health of the human person. The pope insisted as the council opened that 'the substance of the ancient doctrine of the deposit of faith is one thing, and the way in which it is presented is another."*

We thank God for St. John XXIII and we pray for our Church to embrace his spirit – a spirit that Pope Francis is constantly asking us to embrace.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

We'd like to take this opportunity to share a couple of exciting financial stewardship updates. We are switching the calendar for giving to a calendar year (January 1 - December 31).

Because of this change:

- If you use envelopes you will receive new envelopes that will begin with January 2018. Finish your current box with the envelope dated December 31, 2017.
- Envelopes for the calendar year 2018 will be available for pickup in the Narthex.
- If you are an automated giver, you will need to fill out a new form for the 2018 year. The new form will be included in the Stewardship Mailing. If you would like to start Automated Giving use the sheet included in the mailing to begin.
- On the weekend of November 4th and 5th you will be asked to complete a commitment pledge for your 2018 giving. Packets will be mailed home and available at Masses.

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."
Mother Teresa

27TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 8, 2017

"The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."

MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others in today's society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well!

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



October 14th, 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.

TRICKY TRAY - Oct. 20th - 6pm

***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.

1/2 price tickets will be sold after the Masses of October 14th & October 15th.

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Christian Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES



First Reconciliation classes will begin on Saturday, October 21st, at 3:30 pm. in the Church Center. There will be a Parent Meeting at 8:30 a.m. on October 22nd at Valley View School.

LAST FARMER'S MARKET OF THE SEASON



The last Califon Farmer's Market of the season will take place on Saturday, October 14 in the parking lot of the Califon United Methodist Church. Come out and say hello to our neighbors and enjoy some of the last fresh produce from the garden this year

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

Be A Winner!

Drawing on November 17, 2017
Winner need not be present.

1st Prize - 2018 Volvo XC60 SUV

Valued at \$43,500

2nd Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$1,000
3rd Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$750
4th Prize Shop-Rite Gift Card \$500

Proceeds For Benefit of
New Jersey Right to Life

Tickets will be on Sale after all Masses
October 21 and 22

PARENTING TUNE-UP

The tenants in the gospel today were ungrateful. As a parent, have you experienced ingratitude from your children for what they perceive as unfair? For your choice of a perfunctory birthday card for your son, for imposing spending limits on your teenage daughter, and other such ludicrous accusations? Know that your children will realize your goodness later.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

When was the last time you thanked your working spouse for working? It might sound funny in the beginning, but it is as simple as, "Thanks for getting up every day and working so hard for us so I can stay home/work from home/work part time. I love being able to be here for the kids."



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.



GIFT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION HAS BEGUN!

Family Formation is designed to help parents respond to the Church's call to be "the first and foremost educators of their children"* and to help families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding and living the Catholic Faith.

Gravissimum Educationis, 3

All parishioners are invited to join us for the adult formation session of the GIFT program. These sessions will be lead by Fr. Abraham and this years focus includes: **What we celebrate-Sacraments and What we believe-moral life.** and meet monthly on Sunday mornings at 9AM in Valley View School and Monday evenings at 6:15PM in the Church Center. Next sessions are **Sunday October 22 and Monday October 23.** Please contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions at renee@ccsjn.org. Hope to see you at our next session.

Social Ministry & Parish News

SOCIAL MINISTRY IS HOLDING A COAT DRIVE

October 1st - November 11th



Please help us to keep our neighbors warm this year and donate gently used & cleaned coats, gloves hats and scarves. Please drop off coats under the portico at the front door of St. John Neumann church in the designated container. Please help spreading the word about this collection to help making it a success.

And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." (Luke 3:11 RSV)

If anybody has deck boxes they can spare to be used as collection bins and/or garment racks and clothes hangers for easy sorting of coats for the duration of the coat drive. Any questions contact Susanne Erz at susanne.erz@gmail.com or (908)500-8441. There will be service hours opportunities for Confirmandi classes to help sorting coats for delivery. More information will be given at a later time.

God bless, Social Ministry



LAST CHANCE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP

The Small Groups just started; don't miss this opportunity to try a wonderful small group experience. This session is focused on Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is one of the most familiar figures in our Catholic faith. But how well do we know her, and how clearly do we see the connections between her life and our own? If you want to try one of the groups please contact France - 908-307-7879, france-kennedy99@gmail.com



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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.

CONNIXIONS MINISTRY THANKS YOU!

Thank you for joining the Connixions Ministry in the Narthex last weekend. If you have any questions on any of the ministries under Connixions please feel free to talk to any member of the teams or the ministry team.

We do hope you will participate in some events or ministries of Connixions.

Baptism	Children's Liturgy of the Word	Community Life
Consolation	Discover St. John's	Evangelization
Family Life	Prayer Ministry	RCIA
SJN Support	Spiritual Life	Welcome



WELCOME

The parish welcomed two families recently. The Foley family Chas and Jen Foley and their children Rose and Travis. The Wenger Family Tim and Claudia and their sons Oliver and Cooper have also been welcomed to the parish. Their photos are displayed in the narthex so you can recognize them and introduce yourself to them personally.

THE FARRELLS SHARE ABOUT THEIR GOLDEN JUBILEE

On September 17th, my husband and I participated in an evening prayer service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen, to celebrate the silver and golden wedding anniversaries of couples in the diocese. The principal celebrant was the Most Reverend James Checchio, Bishop of our diocese. This celebration, which is a yearly event, is one aspect of the ministry of the Office of Family Life, of which our own Fr. Abraham has been the director.

We had no idea what to expect. The cathedral was filled with the honored couples and family members and /or friends. 73 couples were celebrating their silver anniversaries, 90 couples - golden, 9 couples - 60 years, and even one couple celebrating 70 years! It was very obvious that this was a well-planned event. The music, scripture readings and homily were beautifully inspirational. In unison, all couples renewed their marriage commitments, followed by the episcopal blessing. During the service, the Bishop warmly greeted each couple in a manner that was experienced as being personal.

Having never participated in such a celebration for our 25th anniversary, we had decided to attend this service which was coincidentally one day after our actual anniversary. The overriding feeling we took away from this experience was that the Church honors and celebrates the marriage commitment each couple made, and views this expression of love as a model for one's family and for all members of the Church. For us, it truly was a renewal of the love and hope that those vows signified, but with a more mature understanding of all that entails. It was a renewal for us to lovingly look forward to the next 50!

My husband and I would encourage other couples celebrating jubilee wedding anniversaries to consider taking advantage of what we found to be a beautiful and moving experience. If interested, contact France Kennedy for further information.

Regina and Philip Farrell

TAI CHI FOR MEDITATION AND HEALTH

Prayer Ministry has been presenting some of the Catholic traditions and methods of Prayer. Now a six week session, Tai Chi for Meditation, will start on October 19th. The sessions will take place on Thursday evenings from October 19th thru December 7th in the Church Center Loft, beginning at 6:30 pm .

The sessions will include the Eight Brocades of Silk, a sequence which encompasses eight posture positions, helpful in promoting health, relaxation, personal meditation, and breathing techniques and proceed into the elements of the "24 Form", a more complex and physically active set of movements which encourage more physically active meditation.

Space is limited to 20 parishioners, contact Bonnie Garcia at 908-975-3003 or bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com.

There is a \$5 charge per session.

CD LENDING LIBRARY

You will find a new offering by the Connixions Spiritual Life Ministry in our Narthex. On the green counter under the wall statue of Jesus and children are CD's that you can sign out for a week or two. Take the time to rate the CD when you return it. There is a log sheet for each CD.

LAS VEGAS MASSACRE

During this time of tragedy, we as Church are called to unite in prayer and solidarity. Let's pray for comfort for the hurting, to God, ***"who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God"*** (2 Cor. 1:4).

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



What a blessing! On Sunday, October 1st Fr. Abraham blessed 18 animals (all dogs and 1 gerbil). St. Francis reminds us that the wonders of God's creation are present in animals and our relationships with them. So, in honor of St Francis eleven families brought their animals for a blessing. It was a wonderful time and the Spirit was present--no fighting! Check it out on our Facebook page!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joseph Angeline
Pete Cangelosi
Joan Cardierre
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
Megan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Nicholas Pallai
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Tommy Rack
Ali Redling
Anne & Joe Sacco
Diane Siti
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Bonnie Spyer
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. Army
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: Enlightening the Dragon

The parable of the vineyard owner's son and the wicked tenants.

Matthew 21: 33-43

Once upon a time, in a kingdom far away, a dragon wreaked havoc throughout the land. One day, while the king was away, the dragon attacked the castle. The dragon was so ugly and smelled so disgusting that the guards froze in terror as the dragon demolished the palace. As the destruction continued, the guards finally came to their senses and began to shout and curse at the dragon and threatened the beast with their weapons. But the angrier and more threatening the guards were, the bigger the dragon got, the worse the dragon's smell became, the more violent destruction the dragon wreaked.

In the midst of the turmoil, the king returned. He had never seen a creature as ugly or experienced a stench as foul as this dragon, now twice the size it had been. But the wise king knew exactly what to do. He smiled at the dragon and welcomed it. He softly patted the dragon's scaly tail. "Welcome to our palace," the king said. "Has anyone offered you anything to eat or drink?" And with each kind word and gesture, the dragon became a little smaller, less smelly, and less threatening.

The king's court began to catch on. One steward offered the dragon tea; another brought bread and jam; the court physician treated an old wound in the dragon's hide. At every kind word, deed or thought, the dragon grew smaller and less threatening. The king and his court continued to be kind. Soon the dragon became so small he could hardly be seen. Then, after a maid offered a blanket for the night, the dragon vanished completely. In its place there appeared a small dove, that flew away into the morning light.

In the person of his Son, God transforms the ugly "dragons" in our "vineyards" by his Spirit of compassion, mercy and forgiveness. We, too, can re-create our vineyards and castles by embracing Christ's Gospel of selfless and humble servanthood. Christ the Messiah comes with a new, transforming vision for our "vineyard": a vision of love rather than greed, of peace rather than hostility, of forgiveness rather than vengeance, a vision that enables us to reconcile even the ugliest and smelliest dragon among us.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: September 18, 2017

After the Lectio Divina opening prayer, we conducted the business items among which the following are of interest to the whole Parish:

- Town Hall Meeting: It was decided to wait until the results of the parish survey, initiated by the Stewardship Committee, have been compiled so we can better assess the mind of our parishioners.
- Discussion on the Annual Parish Goal generated some ideas which will be finalized at the next meeting.
- The PPC fully supports the Connxions Committee as it is exploring a new initiative: the formation of a support group for people with trauma in their lives such as death, divorce, etc.
- The PPC is very happy at the number of people who have signed up for the Small Faith Groups set to begin in the beginning of October. Everyone is encouraged to use this as an opportunity for evangelization by inviting friends and even non-parishioners to join. The casual atmosphere of these groups may be more comfortable for people than the formal church setting.

The meeting came to an end with a short prayer.

SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

A lady answered the door to find a man standing there. He had a sad expression on his face. "I'm sorry to disturb you" he said, "I'm collecting money for an unfortunate family in the neighborhood. The husband is out of work, the kids are hungry, and their utilities will soon be cut off. Worse yet, they're going to be kicked out of their apartment if they don't pay the rent by this afternoon." "I'll be happy to help," said the woman. Then she asked, "But who are you?" He replied, "I'm the landlord!"

Parish and Community News

THE MOVIE, LIFE OF PI

Life of Pi is a 2012 American survival drama film based on Yann Martel's 2001 novel of the same name. You may have seen it. The storyline revolves around an Indian man, "Pi" Patel, telling a novelist about his life story, and how at 16 he survives a shipwreck in which his family dies, and is adrift in the Pacific Ocean on a lifeboat with a Bengal tiger. The others who came on his boat, an injured zebra and an orangutan were killed by the hyena, which was later killed by the Tiger. When Pi ends the story he offers another version of his survival story that simply replaces the animals with human characters. An injured person-zebra, his mother-orangutan, a cannibalistic cook-hyena and himself-the tiger. Despite early reluctance, the listeners in the story chose to go with the Animal version rather than the brutal human version, which seems to be the real one, but we would never know. However, allegorization is needed in life, in our story telling, especially to explain life's reality. One such story that has two layers is the one that we read today – the parable of the wicked tenants. It is heavily allegorized by the Evangelists themselves and the history of interpretation.

2017 FALL BEREAVEMENT SEMINARS AT ST. JOHN'S

Please note change of date 1st session November 1st

There will be a series of interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann beginning November 1st. John Cole, transition professional, will facilitate the sessions. The 1st session starts at 7:30pm and all other sessions start at 7pm. The dates are November 1, 6, 14, 20, December 5, 12. Please note each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best for optimal benefit.

To register contact France Kennedy in the office 908-832-2513. For questions about the seminars or participation, call John Cole 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit, suggest that he or she call France Kennedy.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

Here at St. John's, October 24

There will be a career development discussion and resume writing workshop on October 24th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the office building. Please call the Parish Office (908-832-2513) on or before October 23rd if you are interested. 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.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2018

Next summer we will be going to CHWC in Cumberland, Maryland. The camp is located in the Appalachian Mountains in Western Maryland. The camp is from Sunday, June 17 to Friday, June 22. A limited number of spaces have been reserved. The cost of the camp will be around \$380 per person and a non-refundable \$90 deposit is due now. If you are interested, please contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.

ACTION ALERT TO SUPPORT DREAM ACT OF 2017

The Dream Act of 2017 (S. 1615 / HR. 3440) was recently introduced in Congress as a bipartisan effort. The bills are intended to protect immigrant youth who entered the United States as children and know America as their only home. The bills offer qualifying immigrant youth "conditional permanent resident status" and a path to full lawful permanent residency and eventual citizenship. These bills would protect numerous youth, including the over 780,000 individuals who received temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The young people S. 1615 / H.R. 3440 seeks to protect are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes and communities. As Catholics, we have long supported DREAMers as we believe in protecting the dignity of every human being, especially that of our children. To make your voice heard visit: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/action-alerts/action-alert-support-dream-act-2017/>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct.20 Tricky Tray
Nov.10 Tasting Event
Dec. 3 Christmas Cash Drawing
and tell your friends and family!

5TH ANNUAL TASTING EVENT

Nov. 10th - 7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Please join us for our 5th Annual Wine and Chocolate Tasting from 7 to 10 p.m. Sign up sheets for volunteers will be in the Narthex starting Oct 20th.



STORE CARDS

Thanks to the families who purchased the grocery and store cards the last 2 weeks.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Profit</u>
9/24	21	\$3,115.00	\$156.05
10/1	18	\$2,600.00	\$139.38

Amazon Donation for August \$27.81

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 1, 2017

71 Donors Weekly\$4,377.00
44 Donors YBR\$1,388.00

October 2, 2016

87 Donors Weekly\$5,648.96
49 Donors YBR.....\$1,882.50

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Oct. 11 C. Behrens
Wed., Oct. 18 M. D'Avella

Store Cards

October 7 and 8

5:30 p.m. J. Gardner
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

October 14 and 15

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Oct. 8 L. Livoti
Week of Oct. 15 M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

October 12 Team C
October 19 Team D

Altar Flowers

October 7 L. Mullen
October 14 M. Proano

Counting

Oct. 10 Malone/Cangelosi
Oct. 16 Kucharski/Kosakowski

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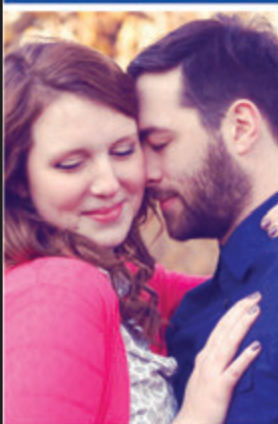
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