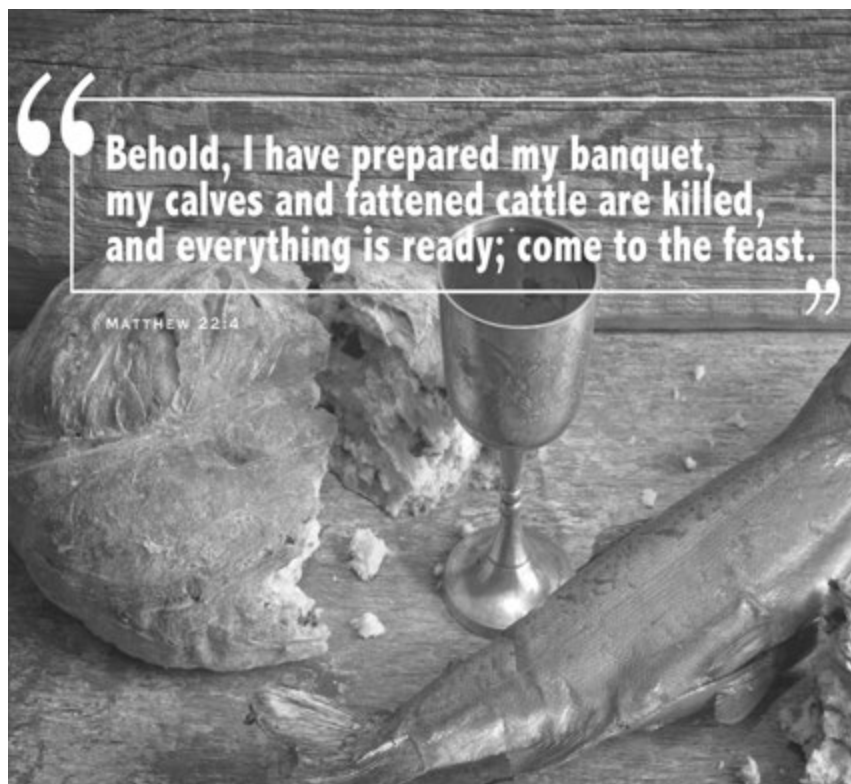


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Mission Statement

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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..... 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 17

8:00 a.m. Anna Larusso, req.
Susanne Larusso

Friday, October 20

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 21

5:30 p.m. Stan Sawczuk req.
Anita Sawczuk

Sunday, October 22

8:00 a.m. Jorge Bambalan, req.
St. John Neumann
10:30 a.m. Barbara Jiroushek, req.
St. John Neumann



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 15 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Half Price Tricky Tray Tickets

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)

Mon., Oct. 16 - Saint Hedwig, Religious, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Music Practice (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)

Tues., Oct. 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Small Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Confirmation (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, October 18 - Saint Luke, Evangelist

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
4:00 p.m. Tricky Tray Set-up (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Drexel Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thurs., Oct. 19 - Saints John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priests and Companions

4:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - October 21/October 22

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader..... Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Jim Oelkers
..... Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader..... Chris Bitters
Altar Server Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Barbara Gates
..... Joe Sima, Dorothy Sima

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader..... Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server Connery Family
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Bob sobey
Ministers of the Eucharist Anita Sawczuk, Ana Giametta
..... Patti Rittman, Donna Lance, Jim DeVito

7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Friday, October 20 - Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Tricky Tray (Church Center)

Saturday, October 21 - Weekday

3:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation-Session #1 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, October 22 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation (Valley View)
8:30 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Valley View)
10:30 a.m. Mass (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: **Richard Scott, Danny Mulvey, Thomas Regan, George Sekela, and Santo Molinari.**

Deceased: **Richard Scott**, relative of Renee Ciszewski, **Danny Mulvey**, friend of the Pfeufer family, **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,

This Tuesday – October 17 - is a special day for our Confirmandi. They will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from our Bishop Emeritus Paul Bootkoski. We are very happy to welcome Bishop Bootkoski to our Community for the first time after his retirement. As you are aware, we have been praying for this class of Confirmandi, and many of you wrote personal letters of encouragement which they were thrilled to read during their overnight spiritual retreat.

Our Confirmation day coincides with the feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch who was the bishop of the church in Antioch, Syria, and was martyred under Emperor Trajan around AD 110. He was apparently a disciple of John, the beloved apostle, along with Polycarp, the bishop of Smyrna. From what we know of his life, he was probably arrested on the charge of "atheism"—denial of the Roman gods—and was taken from Antioch to Rome by an escort of ten soldiers. At nearly every stop, he met leaders of local churches, and during the trip he penned, with the help of a secretary, seven letters which are excellent exhortations to any Christian. In the face of certain death, he was courageous to keep on witnessing to his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The presence of the Holy Spirit in each of us through Confirmation gives us the courage and conviction we need to practice and witness to our faith in the face of cultural challenges we face in our own times.

Besides living the gospel values in our own lives, one simple and easy method to be a missionary disciple can be learned from the parable Jesus tells us in the Gospel for today. The King sent out invitations for a banquet. Many refused that invitation. But then he expanded and extended the invitation to others outside the original list. And the banquet hall was filled. I have been writing frequently about the "Ministry of Invitation" that all of us can easily do. Thank you to those who have been doing it because of which we have more participants in our Sunday worship as well as in our social events. Taking a cue from today's Gospel, we need to double our efforts at inviting people. Rejection by some did not make the King give up on inviting still more people. If people have not responded to our invitation, let us not be discouraged, but keep persevering by expanding our pool of invitees. Or simply take an extra bulletin and give it to someone. Though simple, these require courage and conviction that "Each Member is a Minister" in our Community of faith in Jesus Christ. Being open to the Holy Spirit will enable us to do that. Congrats to our Confirmandi!

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.

To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.

Thomas Merton

28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2017

"My God will supply whatever you need..." PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

TRICKY TRAY - Oct. 20th - 6pm

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

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

Thanks to everyone
who signed up to donate
food for the Tricky Tray.

We still need help the night of the Tricky Tray. Please sign up in the Narthex for one of the various needs listed.

WORD AMONG US

The new month for Word Among Us is in the Narthex. Please advise if you enjoy this. The parish ordered a trial three month subscription to see if anyone wanted to order an annual subscription. Please contact the office if you are interested.

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Youth Ministry..... sjnygroup@gmail.com

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.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Gratitude is popular as a meal or night time prayer. That's good - but feeling grateful is not the end of the story. Act on it! Make a deal with your child. Each of you think of a person that did something you were grateful for and promise to tell the person.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

The King's invitation was rejected, in today's gospel. Have you experienced rejection from your spouse? The pain is great. But that is the same pain your spouse feels when you too may have rejected your spouse. Tell your spouse: "I know how you felt when I said"

NETWORKING BULLETIN BOARD

Do you need help?

Do you have a skill to offer?

We often get calls when our parishioners are looking for a reference for childcare/babysitting, a handyman or maybe someone who does home or office cleaning. If you are looking for someone to work for you or if you are looking for work, Please place a notice on the bulletin board in the Seton Room of the office Building and/or look to see if there is a notice there for what you need.

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



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.

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.erk@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

WHO HAS TIME FOR GOD!

There is not enough time. Particularly is that true for today's wives and mothers. A study by Bryn Mawr College fifty years ago stated that women then devoted more than eighty hours a week to cleaning the house, cooking meals, and taking care of the children. Did things get better? You know the answer to that. Another study twenty-five years later reported that full-time housewives spent more hours doing laundry in the 1970s than they did in the 1920s, despite all the new washing machines, dryers, detergents, and bleaches. The main change was that the family had acquired more clothing and now had even higher expectations about cleanliness and grooming. In the 1990's few women can even afford to dream of devoting full time to their families. Thus, the extraordinary demands of running a home are added to running an office or a classroom or a business. Who has time for God's banquet? Many men have the same problem. A University of Michigan study found that one-third of all physicians in the United States are so busy working that they are two years behind the breakthroughs in their own field. That's scary. Is your life so busy that you have no time for 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&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.

EASY TO MISLEAD AND WASY TO BE MISLED!

Huey Long was a very colorful Louisiana politician who had hopes of running for the presidency in 1936. He began as an unschooled farm boy and ended up in the governor's mansion, one of the most popular politicians in the history of the state. Long was born in the central part of Louisiana, and when he first campaigned for governor, he was given some advice about the voters in the New Orleans area. "South Louisiana is different from the northern part of the state," he was told. "We have a lot of Catholic voters down here." Long nodded knowingly and went out to make his speech. It began, "When I was a boy, I'd get up at six every Sunday morning, hitch our old horse up to the buggy, and take my Catholic grandparents to Mass. I'd bring them home and then take my Baptist grandparents to Church." The speech was a rousing success. Afterward, a New Orleans political boss said, "Huey, you've been holding out on us. We didn't know you had Catholic grandparents." Huey looked at him slyly and said, "We didn't even have a horse!" *Often truth is sacrificed for political convenience! Don't let anybody mislead you. Around the banquet table of God there won't be Baptists, or Catholics, or Methodists. There won't even be a head table reserved for the very saintly. There will only be sinners for whom Christ died. That includes you and me. Everyone is invited.*

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.

OVERCOMING REJECTION!

A girl named Kristi Yamaguchi was born to a young couple whose parents had emigrated to the U.S. from Japan in the early twentieth century. Unfortunately, one of her feet was twisted. Her parents tried to heal her by means of physical therapy. To strengthen her legs further they enrolled her in an ice-skating class. Kristi had to get up at four a.m. on school days to do her practice in the ice rink before she went to school. This helped her to develop into a world-class figure-skater. Believe it or not, in 1992 Kristi won the gold medal for the United States in women's figure-skating at the XVI Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, 1992. Kristi thus became one of the several examples of "the stone rejected by the builders" becoming a "cornerstone" of the U.S. Women's Olympic team. Kristi is very passionate about making a positive difference in the lives of children. In 1996, Kristi established the *Always Dream Foundation* whose mission is to encourage, support and embrace the hopes and dreams of children. Today's Gospel, the invitation is to all – irrespective of one's weakness or failures.

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.



CATHOLIC HEART WORK-CAMP 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.

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
Joan Myers
Megan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Nicholas Pallai
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Tommy Rack
Ali Redling
Anne & Joe Sacco
Anthony Sepe
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. 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: The dry cleaners' "coat"

The parables of the king's wedding feast and the wedding garment.

Matthew 22: 1-14

In these increasingly irritating and angry times, a customer finds a place of peace and serenity in, of all places, her dry-cleaners. She writes: "[They are open] for drop-off and pick-up six days a week, 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The same couple has run it for decades; they seem to work all 66 hours, through a maze of moving hangers and mechanical escalators up to cleaner heaven. Somehow, whether it is 7:01 a.m. or 5:59 p.m., humid or icy outside, they sustain a cheerful serenity with each other. A customer enters rushed or ill-spirited (many of us are both), dragging a heavy soiled coat behind, yet leaves a few minutes later feeling lightened of more than fiberfill. When one or the other proprietor wishes me a pleasant day, I believe it. I believe because I am already having it.

"Something in their calm air makes me want to pull up a chair and linger. It's not the décor: a few orchids scattered around, watered perhaps with the organic solvent advertised on a poster. It's not the bowl of lollipops or Munchkins on Saturday morning for those who pop in with kneepads and parents before soccer practice. These are material trappings. They can't fool anyone out of irritability into serenity . . . "[It's] profoundly simple. Irritability is effortless: the natural, default state of now. Happiness is not. You should plan for it . . . you must make [time] for it. At the dry cleaner, with its ever-present, serenely compatible couple, this seems so little to ask, for so much to receive."

These cleaners possess a special "coat" of their own: a "coat" of welcome, of joy, of generosity that is a sign to all that the wedding banquet of God has begun here and now. God's grace is the thread with which we can sew together the pieces of "fabric" of our lives in order to create a coat of joy and optimism, of kindness and generosity, of gratitude and respect, making our lives a proper garment for God's wedding feast - a feast that begins in our own homes and workplaces, at our own tables and benches.

FILL THE HOUSE WITH SICK PEOPLE?

The venerable servant of God, Canon Cottolengo, when but a boy of five years, was measuring with a cord one room after another. His mother, rather confused, asked him what he was trying to do. "Dear mother," was the reply, "I want to see how many beds can be placed in this house: when I am grown up I should like to fill the whole house with sick people." A tear of emotion glistened in his mother's eyes. In 1832 he founded at Turin the 'Little Asylum of Divine Providence', and today it is world famous. It shelters 5000 men and embraces within its precincts a church, a number of houses, terraces and courtyards. Like Canon Cottolengo, there are some who respond to God's call with passion and reach out to others to realize God's vision for the human race. But there are many who, like the invited guests in the parable (Mt 22:5), are complacent in their response to the Lord's invitation.

"One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us.

Gordon MacDonald

American pastor and teacher



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



An amusing story appeared recently in the magazine *Today's Christian Woman*. A woman took her four-year-old granddaughter, Amanda, to the doctor's office with a fever. The doctor looked in her ears and said, "Who's in there? Donald Duck?" She said, "No." He looked in her nose and said, "Who's in there? Mickey Mouse?" Again she said, "No." He put his stethoscope on her heart and said, "Who's in there? Barney?" Amanda replied, "No, Jesus is in my heart. Barney is on my underwear."

"Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother."

Parish and Community News

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.



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October 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On World Mission Sunday, October 22nd, Pope Francis invites each of us to promote change that comes from responding to the lifesaving message of the Gospel. We have been given a tremendous gift in the fact that someone has shared their love of Jesus Christ with us. Because of our baptism and confirmation, we are set on mission; we have the mandate to share as a gift what has been given to us as gift.

This year as we celebrate the 91st World Mission Sunday, our diocesan family of Metuchen will join our sisters and brothers around the world, as we gather to celebrate our faith at the Altar of the Lord. With them, we will celebrate our common vocation as missionaries. We participate in this world wide mission through our own prayers and financial sacrifices, and through the Church's missionary arm, The Propagation of the Faith. In this way, we continue to be faithful to the mission of Jesus in His Church.

In the words of Pope Francis, as we witness to Christ and serve the poor: "Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all humanity."

One way that we open our hearts is to make a sacrificial offering for the work of the world wide missionary efforts of the Church. We give not so much because there is a great need, of which there is, but more importantly because we have a need to give; to be part of the mission of making Jesus known and loved throughout the world.

I am delighted with all that I have learned about how generous this diocese has been in the past to this critical dimension of our walk with the Lord. I wish to encourage you to continue to give sacrificially in next week's collection for World Mission Sunday, so that the Joy of the Gospel may go forth to help those spiritually and physically in need, that everyone will know the personal love of the Lord Jesus.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

5TH ANNUAL TASTING EVENT



**Friday, November 10th
7:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Save the date! Looking forward to another great event filled with wine tasting and many tasty treats. We hope you will join us.

If you like to cook we are looking for help with preparing an hors d'oeuvre or two. We have some great recipes or you can prepare one of your own. Please contact Maggie Baumann at Mhbaumann@outlook.com or Barbara Pannone, Barbara.Pannone@gmail.com.

There are more opportunities to help, sign up sheets for volunteers will be in the Narthex starting Oct 20th.



STORE CARDS

Thanks to the **14 families** who purchased **\$2,775.00** in grocery and store cards last weeks. The stores gave us **\$139.50**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

October 8, 2017

78 Donors Weekly \$3,602.00

9 Donors YBR \$380.00

October 9, 2016

82 Donors Weekly \$2,930.00

12 Donors YBR \$395.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Oct. 18 M. D'Avella
Wed., Oct. 25 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

October 14 and 15

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

October 21 and 22

5:30 p.m. B. Schenck
8:00 a.m. G. Battell
10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Oct. 15 M. Cangelosi
Week of Oct. 22 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

October 19 Team D
October 26 Team E

Altar Flowers

October 14 M. Proano
October 21 M. Connolly

Counting

Oct. 16 Kucharski/Kosakowski
Oct. 23 Malone/Bauernfeind

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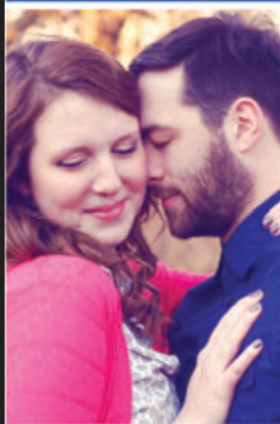
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