

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
Earl Roberts.....Deacon
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Fred Heimall.....Trustee

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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
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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, November 21

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, November 23

9:30 a.m. George Hilger, Jr, req.
Jarvis Family

Friday, November 24

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, November 25

5:30 p.m. Josephine & Leonard Handy,
req. Gardner Family

Sunday, November 26

8:00 a.m. Mario Alberto Diaz, req.
Roger and Marie Malone
10:30 a.m. Henry Edson Drucker, req.
Veronica Drucker



Parish Calendar

Sun., Nov. 19 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Campaign for Human Development

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation (Valley View)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Youth Mass (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Faith Formation (Church Center)

Mon., Nov. 20 - Weekday

Tues., Nov. 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wed., Nov. 22 - Saint Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr Office Closes at 12:00 Noon

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

Thurs., Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving Day / Office Closed Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

9:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

Fri., Nov. 24 - Office Closed / Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
4:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Church Center)

Sat., Nov. 25 - Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr; BVM

3:00 p.m. Klacik/Anderson Wedding (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - November 23 & 25 /26

Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader.....	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server	Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gail Battell	
.....	Diane Lehnert, 1 Needed	
Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader.....	Kathleen Swindler	
Altar Server	Kucharski Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Lyle Garcia	
.....	Mary Connolly, Joan Eacovalle	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader.....	Chris Bitters	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jane Klawunn	
.....	Tom Klawunn, Sharon Janks	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader.....	Mary Sorgi	
Altar Server	Erz Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Shirley Pojedinec	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Ron Pojedinec, Ana Giametta	
.....	Doris Royal, Peter Royal, Sheena Carew	

Sun., Nov. 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

Join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving Thursday, November 23 – 9:30am



Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Marie Colabella**, and **Mary Lorraine Fraine**.

Deceased: **Marie Colabella**, mother of Joanne Fabiano, and **Mary Lorraine Fraine**, mother of Bob Fraine. 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 Thanksgiving almost at the door, we are entering a festive season. With the temperatures dipping further, Thanksgiving brings lots of joy and fun with good family fellowship. How wonderful to see the way families are taking the lists and tags for Thanksgiving and Christmas from our narthex. A little boy who picked up a tag turned to me smiling as he said proudly: "I will bring all the items on this one!" The spirit of giving and sharing is around us. The Social Ministry has just finished a Coat Drive that was a big success beyond expectation – thanks to the initiative of Susan Erz.

When the frantic rush for shoppings happens soon after Thanksgiving Day, (with Black Friday, Cyber Monday, etc), it is heartening to see how a new special day called "Giving Tuesday" is spreading nationally in the recent years. Entering its sixth year, Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. After such big shopping event days, Giving Tuesday celebrates the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. According to GivingTuesday.org, last year:

- Over \$116 million was donated in one day across all fundraising sectors
- Faith-based organizations represented 21% of all contributions, the highest of any sector
- The average donation was \$107
- Faith-based organizations averaged \$280 per donation

As we are promoting the Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure in our parish during this month of November, Giving Tuesday is an opportunity for us to specially consider giving to the needs of our own Church, the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. You can easily use the button on the Parish Web site to do this.

Last week's Tasting event was a great success with a handsome amount of over over \$6,500 in income for our parish. But the event also generated so much good will in the many who had a great time. One participant texted me: "So many wished they had asked their friends to attend because they did not realize how wonderful it would be. My Catholic neighbors from Whitehouse came and said how gorgeous the church is and don't know why their own churches did not host such a great event!" Certainly we are grateful to Barbara Pannone and Maggie Baumann who pulled this off with help from their wonderful team of helpers and volunteers.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Your brother in Christ.

GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT!

Tom Dempsey was born without a right hand and with only half a right foot. Tom went to school and played football. He even played on a junior college team in California. In time he began to place kick for the team. He got so good that eventually he was signed by the New Orleans Saints. On November 8, 1970, the Saints were trailing Detroit 17-16 with two seconds to go. They had the ball on the Detroit 45 yard line. New Orleans coach J. D. Roberts tapped Tom on the shoulder and said, "Go out there and give it your best shot!" The holder set the ball down eight yards behind the line of scrimmage, instead of seven, to give Dempsey a split second more time to get the ball off. This put the ball 63 yards from the uprights. The rest of the story is history. Tom's half a right foot made perfect contact. Tom later said in *Newsweek Magazine*: "I couldn't follow the ball that far. But I saw the official's arms go up, and I can't describe how great I felt." The Saints won the game 19-17, Dempsey shattered the NFL field goal record by seven yards. What does this story have to do with today's Scripture readings - especially Jesus' point in today's Gospel?

SHARING THE BEST YOU HAVE!

Mother Theresa of Calcutta was summoned to the court on the charges of converting children to the Catholic faith. When she stood in the dock, the judge asked her if the charges were true. She asked for a baby to be given to her. She held the baby in her arms and said, "This child I picked up from the dust bin; I don't know to what religion this child belongs or what language it speaks... I give this child my love, my time, my care, my food... but the best thing that I have in my life is the faith in Jesus Christ. Can't I give this child the best I have in my life?" The case was dismissed in favor of Mother Theresa,

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 19, 2017

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities." MATTHEW 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

WHY DO WE HAVE MASS?

We celebrate the Mass because Jesus asked us to this when he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. St. Paul tells us that Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the early Christians would gather for the breaking of the bread in remembrance of Jesus' death and resurrection. They believed, as we believe today, that the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



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Christian Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Saturday, December 2nd

The Holy Communion class will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 2, at 11:00 a.m., in the Church Center. A reception for the children and their families will follow.

ADVENT APPS



It can be challenging to focus on the true meaning of Christmas amidst the endless shopping. Let's do the same thing but in a different way this Christmas season! Look at some apps and websites that will help you keep "Christ" in Christmas.

Xt3 Advent Calendar App - An Australian Catholic media ministry that provides you with a digital Advent calendar- a countdown to Christmas. Visit www.Xt3.com/Advent

Naxos Musical Advent Calendar- Seasonal classical music is featured each day. Visit www.CAT.mag/2iL1jp9

Sacrament of Reconciliation- This app helps parishioners with prayers of sacrament and a review of the examination of conscience. Visit www.littleapps.com/confession



GIFT ADULT FORMATION- WHAT'S NEW?

Recent history bears witness that if adults are not well-formed in the Faith, the younger generations will lack formation as well. A solid and vibrant adult faith formation provides all adults an opportunity to learn about the church and develop a personal relationship with Christ. The Sacraments begin to take on more relevance to everyday life. Simply put, the benefits are incalculable!

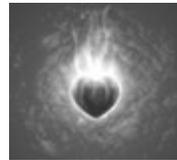
Consider joining us for the adult formation session of the GIFT program. These sessions will be led by Fr. Abraham and this year's sessions focus on: **What we celebrate-Sacraments and What we believe-beatitudes/moral life.** and meet monthly on Sunday mornings at 9AM in Valley View School and Monday evenings at 6:15PM in the Church Center. Next sessions are **Sunday November 19 and Monday, December 18.** Please contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions at renee@ccsjn.org. Hope to see you at our next session.



SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST AND SPEAKER

December 9th, 7:30 a.m. – Church Center

The Men's and Women's Spirituality groups are combining for breakfast on Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30 a.m. We will be hosting speaker Ray Zolnowski, as he discusses his "Journey to Rome." Ray has a doctorate in theology and was an Anglican priest for 14 years before converting to Catholicism. We're looking forward to a wonderful morning sharing prayer, good food and warm conversation. Feel free to invite your spouse, friend or neighbor – all are welcome!



GO SET THE WORLD ON FIRE

Catechetical Conference Workshop

Best-selling author Joe Paprocki emphasizes the need to emanate joy when proclaiming the Gospel message and, "set their hearts on fire." In his workshop he identified and explained 9 key steps to sharing God's Word with our families and parishioners. These steps are nicely outlined in his book, "A church on the Move." Today, more than ever we need to proclaim the Gospel exuding joy!



PARENTING TUNE-UP

Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the "P" word - Practice. (Mt 25: 14-30)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money]." (Proverbs 31:10) Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

Social Ministry

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex. We need your help to make a difference in the lives of so many challenged by their circumstances. We are supporting six different organizations this year: Anderson House, Freedom House, Little Brook Nursing Home, Newton's Guest House, SHIP and St. John's individuals and families in need. Some tags have more than one gift listed, feel free to purchase one or more of the gifts on the tag.

Please: 1. Take a tag from the Tree, 2. Sign it out on the appropriate Log Sheet. 3. Purchase and wrap your gift, attaching the tag you took as the label. 4. Drop off your gift in the Narthex or the Seton Room by Sunday, December 10th.

If you have any questions, contact Karen Porto 908-832-9820 or kporto@aol.com.

"I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him." **William Carey**



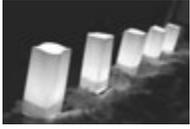
BICYCLE & SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION

Thank you to the many St. John parishioners that were able to participate in our bicycle and sewing machine collection!



Last Saturday we collected 106 used bicycles, 8 sewing machines and \$ 1,100.00. The bicycles are going to Nicaragua, the sewing machines are going to Ghana. We've made a positive difference in so many lives!!!

Parish News



IT'S TIME TO PASS THE TORCH

(actually the Christmas Luminaries)

We are seeking a family who would like to begin their own Christmas Eve tradition. What began as a service project when our boys were young, grew into family tradition lasting into their college years. Our family has enjoyed preparing the luminaries and placing them out on the church driveway for the Christmas Eve Masses. The boys are grown and starting out on their own and we have decided to pass the torch to an interested family. You will find it's a fun and meaningful family tradition that you will all share in to help ready the Church for the celebration of Christmas. If you are interested in this experience with your family for Christmas 2016 or would like more information, please contact us now or the parish office. We are happy to lend you a hand if needed! Linda and Hunt Patterson @ 537-9488 or the parish office @ 832-2513.

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

Ellis Gates
Gregory Gates
Margaret Gates
Alfred Harvst
Erna Harvst
Ralph Pellegrino
Theodore Semper
Sarah Serafino



Members of the:
D'Armiento Family
Notaroberto Family

A SUCCESSFUL TASTING EVENT



Due to the many hands that helped, the Tasting was a great success. Our heart filled thanks to the following:

Lauren Alligood	The Fabiano Family	Hannah Nacamuli
Phylis Baker	Nadine Fotta	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
David Baumann	Ray Fotta	Joelle Pilek
Peter Baumann	David Geerinck	Anne Sacco
Kerri Caldero	Wayne Infusino	The Sansone Family
Lauri Ciriani	Sharon Janks	Diane Stewart
Andrew Classen	France Kennedy	Kathleen Swindler
Jim Codd	The Kuhn Family	Dan Uss
Mary Connolly	Donna Lance	Tony's Bistro
Regina DeStefano	Liz Livoti	Kristen Bolek and the
Kyle Erz	Lou Livoti	Staff of Bourbon Street
Jen Evanko	Marlene Milko	Wine & Spirits

This successful Tasting Event was organized by **Barbara Pannone** and **Maggie Baumann**. The income to date for this event without expenses is \$7,091.00.

YOUR AMAZON SHOPPING ALREADY GAVE US \$328



Our Finance Council has been keeping themselves busy not only with the judicious management of our money but also with reflections and discussions on generating income for our Church. One bright idea they have come up with is shopping through Amazon's Associate program, with. It is a very easy way to help St. John with no additional cost to you at all! You just buy the things you'd buy anyway, but buy them through Amazon. When you click on this link it takes you to the Amazon home page, and the only clue that St. John's is getting a commission on your purchase is the small phrase "ccsjn-20" that you will see in the middle of the Amazon URL address - everything else is transparent to the user. https://www.amazon.com/?&tag=ccsjn-20&camp=0&creative=0&link_code=ur1&adid=15TJKAQ2QN89EK2VDBZA&

Once you land on the Amazon site - simply bookmark it for future use. The members of the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council and our Parish Staff have already tested it and found it easy. Thanks to our Finance Council for this initiative about which they will familiarize us more next weekend.



Like us on Facebook! Find us as "St. John Neumann RC Church, Califon NJ" or follow the link from the home page of our website at www.ccsjn.org

THANKSGIVING

Count your blessings instead of crosses
Count your gains instead of your losses
Count your joys instead of your woes
Count your friends instead of your foes
Count your smiles instead of your tears
Count your courage instead of fears
Count your full years instead of lean
Count your kind deeds instead of mean
Count your health instead of wealth
Count on God instead of yourself

MASS BOOK DEDICATION



Would you like to dedicate one of our Mass Books to a loved one? This is a nice way to honor someone you love.

You can either dedicate it in honor of or in memory of someone who is important to you. If you are interested please contact the office. \$50 per book.



HELP NEEDED TO PREPARE MEALS FOR FATHER

About twenty parishioners prepare meals for Fr. Abraham once every 4 to 6 weeks. We want to add a few more people to the schedule to keep each person's participation to a 6 week commitment. Please contact Lucy Meekings if you would like to volunteer for this fun family service opportunity. Father Abraham loves all food and is appreciative of the variety, which makes it easy for our volunteers. It is not necessary to provide a dessert. To volunteer or inquire as to what is involved contact lucybmeekings@comcast.net or by cell 732-672-0539.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Donna Angeline
 Joseph Angeline
 Pete Cangelosi
 Joan Cardierre
 Jean Crickenberger
 John D'Almeida
 Barbara DelPiano
 Sophia DeVita
 Jennifer Bennett Duckworth
 Paul Ferri
 Sophie Geist
 Father Luigi Hargen
 Liz Harmon
 Jay Heyman
 Fred Holub
 Manuel Jimenez, Sr.
 Miriam Jiminian
 Bonnie Lieberwirth
 Lou Livoti
 Dick McCall
 Maggie McKeon
 Jan McLeavey
 Christine Meyer
 Fran Miceli
 Joan & Megan Myers
 Mary Lou O'Brien
 Nilsa Perez Parsons
 John Pfeufer
 Tommy Rack
 Ali Redling
 Roy Rittman
 Anne & Joe Sacco
 Richard Sepe
 Noah Skinner
 Michael Slivka
 Dick Slusher
 Pam Stewart
 Nicholas Troiano
 Don Velli
 William Weimer
 Josh Wilkes
 Dana & Greg Wilson
 Mari Wilson
 Caden & Jill Zane
 Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

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, Jenkinson, Devin, U.S. Air Force
 Spec. Jablonski, Jon Tyler, 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, Vardian, Justin, U.S. Air Force
 Ensign, Webster, Justine, U.S. Navy

SUNDAY REFLECTION: A General's New Mission

The parable of the talents: "For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."
Matthew 25: 14-30

"Green Berets don't get post-traumatic stress disorder. Especially generals. You don't seek help. You tough it out." That's what Brigadier General Donald Bolduc thought. But shortly after returning from eight combat tours, General Bolduc began suffering from severe headaches. He was moody, he couldn't sleep - even his balance was off. It took 12 years from his first battlefield trauma for him to seek help. But at his wife's urging, he did the unthinkable in the hypermacho culture of the military: he sought medical help. He learned that he not only suffered from PTSD, but he also had a bullet-size spot on his brain, an injury probably suffered in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan in 2005 that the general walked away from.

After three years of treatment, General Bolduc is doing well. He is now commander of American Special Operations Forces, battling terrorist groups in Africa - and he has become an evangelist for letting soldiers in his command know that it's all right to get help for mental health problems and brain injuries. He makes it clear to his soldiers - who are stationed in some of the world's most dangerous places - that seeking help will not hurt their careers. To their CO, PTSD is the same as a broken arm. "The powerful thing is that I can use myself as an example," the 54-year-old general says. "And thank goodness not everybody can do that. But I'm able to do it, so that has some sort of . . . credibility to it."

General Bolduc's initiative is helping bring an end of the stigma attached to seeking help for PTSD. Other high-ranking officers are coming forward, as well, talking openly about their struggles with post-combat stress and brain injuries. The Defense Department estimates that a quarter of all injuries suffered by U.S. military in Afghanistan and Iraq were brain injuries and as many as 20 percent of veterans of those two conflicts experience post-traumatic stress disorder. General Bolduc tells his personal story every time a new soldier comes into his command and urges anyone experiencing the same kind of symptoms to get help.

Recently, General Bolduc was visiting a team under his command who had just returned from battle. He asked how many of them had been close to blasts, bombs and mortar shells. Everyone raised a hand. The he asked how many had sought treatment. No one's hand went up. General Bolduc told them his own story. All of them men decided to get exams. Doctors found a tumor in one soldier's brain, and he was flown to Walter Reed in Washington for treatment.

An Army general uses his experience and position to confront a serious medical and psychological issue affecting thousands of soldiers. He devotes the "talents" entrusted to him - leadership, experience, courage - to realize a harvest of hope and healing, to bring light to those lost in a darkness of illness and fear. The parable of the talents focuses on the critical question of not what we possess in terms of talent and ability but on our willingness to use those skills to make the Kingdom of God a reality here and now. We may have the skills to lead men and women into combat - or we may be able to bring healing to others by our simple but under-appreciated ability to listen to them in their pain; we may have the opportunity to influence the lives of many people - or we may be a good mom or dad to our own children; we may have the skills to manage big organizations that accomplish much good - or we may take a regular turn at the local soup kitchen. The Spirit of God prompts us to use whatever our "talents" for the common good, for bringing healing to the broken and hope to the struggling, for making the peace of Kingdom of God a reality in our time and place.

ST. JOHN'S LABYRINTH

Immortalize your family, friends, yourself - purchase a stone to honor those you love, mark a birthday, anniversary -- the possibilities are endless.

Thanksgiving or Christmas - such a perfect time to honor your family's Special Events with an engraved stone at the Labyrinth of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. The pavers measure 5"X9" and can have 3 lines of engraving, or an 11"X11" which can be engraved with 5 lines. See the brochure in the Narthex for prices. Commemorative pavers will serve as a permanent acknowledgement of your commitment to the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann.

Parish and Community News

SIMPLE THINGS TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

- "I am thankful for the mess to clean up after a party because it means I am blessed with friends.
- I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.
- I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snugly because it means I have had enough to eat.
- I am thankful for my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- I am thankful for a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- I am thankful for all the complaining I do about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- I am thankful for the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- I am thankful for my big heating bill because it means I am warm.
- I am thankful for the lady behind me in Church who sings off-key because it means I can hear.
- I am thankful for the piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- I am thankful for weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
- I am thankful for the alarm that goes off early in the morning because it means I am alive."

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: OCTOBER 23, 2017

After the Lectio Divina Opening Prayer, the Fundraising Committee made a presentation about their goals and how they have been achieving them. They also shared the challenges they encountered, such as volunteer burn out, finding chairs, marketing events, and defining their roles. They suggested that the parish have a central PR person or team to handle web page updates, press releases etc. for any church events.

These are the important points the PPC discussed:

- The Stewardship committee is finalizing the upcoming Parish survey to be held in January or February.
 - The Annual Parish Goal, adopted last year, was found meaningful by the Council to keep for another year.
 - Gloria Cucchiara's initiative to coordinate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima with the monthly rosary service was appreciated.
 - The next First Friday devotion will be focused on praying for the return of those in our families or neighborhood who have stayed away from the Church.
 - An All Souls Mass on Nov 2nd will celebrate the lives of those lost.
 - The PPC Liaisons are to promote the efforts of the Stewardship Committee that is coordinating the Ministries' Weekend Coffee this year.
- The next meeting will be on November 27 at 7:30pm.
The meeting ended with a short prayer.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Upgrade mine: "Mom, our Sunday school teacher said that God made our brains and they are like computers; when is God going to upgrade mine?"

Kidding?: Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES

316 Families

47 Commitment Cards
17 Automated Giving



STORE CARDS



Thanks to the **20 families** who purchased **\$3,645.00** in grocery and store cards last week. The stores gave us **\$168.50**.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 12, 2017

84 Donors Weekly \$3,526.00
6 Donors Yellow Brick Rd \$460.00
4 Donors All Souls \$60.00

November 13, 2016

70 Donors Weekly \$3,588.00
10 Donors Yellow Brick Rd \$295.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Tues., Nov. 28 L. Caprio
Tues., Dec. 6 J. Santoro

Store Cards

November 18 and 19

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

November 26 and 26

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone
8:00 a.m. J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Nov. 19 L. Livoti
Week of Nov. 26 M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

November 23 Team C
November 30 Team D

Altar Flowers

November 18 M. Connolly
November 23 M. Connolly

Counting

Nov. 20 Malone/Bauernfiend
Nov. 27 Kuicharski/Cangelosi

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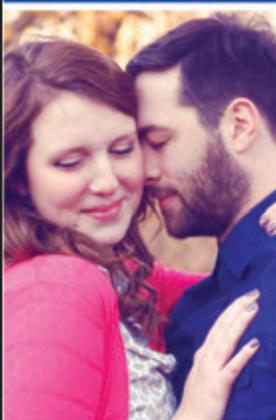
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