

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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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.***

### **Diocese of Metuchen**

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen  
[www.diometuchen.org](http://www.diometuchen.org)

Rev. Richard Rusk ..... Pastor  
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....Pastor Emeritus

#### **Trustees**

Fred Heimall ..... Trustee  
Mary Cangelosi ..... Trustee

#### **Church and Office Center:**

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908-832-2513 Office/908-832-7618 Fax

#### **Office Hours**

Mon.-Thurs.....9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.  
Friday.....9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

#### **Worship at Church Center:**

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Or anytime by appointment

#### **Weekday Masses at**

**Neumann Residence Chapel:**  
390 County Road 513

Tuesday ..... 7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday ..... 7:00 a.m.  
Friday.....8:00 a.m.

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# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, December 3

7:00 a.m. No Intention

### Wednesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. No Intention

### Thursday, December 5

7:00 a.m. No Intention

### Friday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Estella Hernandez, req.  
Lourdes and Zeus Quijano

### Saturday, December 7

5:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

### Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Fred Holub, req.  
Marie and Roger Malone  
10:30 a.m. Bill Hildebrandt, req.  
Erica Janks and Nick Parolari

## Mass Schedule - December 7/8

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	J. Murray
Altar Server .....	Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance
.....	J. Eacovalle, J. Oelkerrs
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	B. Herrig
Altar Server .....	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Martalus
.....	D. Lehnert, B. Martalus
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	P. Gagen
Altar Server .....	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	M. Milko
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Sobey, A. DeStefano
.....	M. D'Avella, D. Royal, P. Royal



*Santa Claus is coming to St. John's Sunday, December 16th*

*Following the 10:30 Mass (bring your cameras)*

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 1 - First Sunday of Advent / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
11:30 a.m. Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing (Church Center)  
12:00 p.m. CPII & CPIII Advent Adoration Prayer with Reconciliation (Church)

### Monday, December 2 - Holiday Gift Card Orders Due

7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting (Seton Rm)

### Tuesday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
2:30 p.m. Meditation (Church Center Loft)  
6:30 p.m. Meditation (Church Center Loft)

### Wednesday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Thursday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Enrichment (Church Center)

### Friday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
6:30 p.m. Tasting Event (Church Center)

### Saturday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

11:00 a.m. 1st Reconciliation Celebration & Reception (Church)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent / Immaculate Conception Collection / Christmas Giving Tree Ends

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)



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Whenever ordering from Amazon.

Go to our website [ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org) and click on the button on the front page.

Or go to : <https://tinyurl.com/ccsjnamazon>



### Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Diane Thomas, Gisele Boulay and Charlie Radomski.**

**Deceased:** Diane Thomas, stepmother of Tim Barrow, Gisele Boulay, friend of Julie Cruz, and Charlie Radomski, uncle of Warren Geist. 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.

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: *The busyness of Advent waiting***

*“ . . . Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. . . ”*  
*Matthew 24: 37-44*

She saw the posting on a professional web site: an editing position with a major publisher of cook books. This was her dream job. So she re-worked and edited her resume, wrote and re-wrote a concise cover letter that checked all the boxes in the posting, and sent it off.

Then the first round of waiting began. But while she waited, she discretely asked friends in the business what they knew about the publisher and the kind of shop they ran. She researched the company's most successful projects — and their biggest flops. She also checked out the company's financial picture — how stable are they and how is their market trending?

Then she got a call. Could she come in for an interview? *Of course!* she said, trying to remain cool and professional. A day and time were arranged.

She then set to work imagining the questions she would be asked, what they would most like to know about her and her experience and how well her skills matched up with what the company was looking for. She also collected samples of her work that best showcased those skills.

The first interview went well, she thought. The interviewer thanked her for coming and said they would be in touch.

More waiting. She went over her first interview again and again, re-working some of her answers and re-thinking her responses to questions that threw her. After that first interview, she had a better sense of what the company was looking for this hire and re-worked her portfolio.

After what seemed like an eternity, she was called back for a second interview — this time with the editor she would be working for. Before the meeting, she was able to talk with a former boss of hers who knew the editor and the publisher's work. He offered wise counsel to her on how to approach the interview. He even offered to make a call to the editor on her behalf.

She met with the editor for over two hours. They immediately clicked, swapping ideas like trusted colleagues. The meeting ended with an offer, which she accepted immediately.

She owes her dream job to her ability to wait in the spirit of Advent.

**We think of “waiting” as wasted time: prevented from moving while we wait for someone else to act. But the season of Advent calls us to more “creative” waiting: envisioning what is to come and making it possible for that vision to be realized. Waiting to become, to realize, to complete, to restore is all part of the human experience — and though such waiting can be agonizing, frustrating, and terrifying, Advent is about waiting in hope, anticipating the good that is possible and purpose that can be fulfilled in the dawning of God's Christ.**



### **ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS NOW!**

***Orders Due Dec. 2nd***

If you give Gift Cards for presents please pick up the list of Cards available in the Narthex. Fill out your order form and return it with your payment in the envelopes supplied.

Order will be placed on **December 2nd** and cards are back in the office in one week or will be in the Narthex by the 2nd weekend..

### **CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE**

Last Chance before the 50/50 raffle winners are drawn. Our grand total is now over \$3,700 – that's over \$1,850 in prize money divided among 3 lucky winners!

The winning tickets will be drawn after the 10:30 Mass this weekend. First Prize is – 25%, Second Prize – 15%, and Third Prize – 10% of the total. Additional tickets are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Returns must be dropped off at the Church this weekend before the drawing on Sunday.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

We begin the new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. As disciples of the Lord we begin a new year of reflecting and pondering the mysteries of our faith. Advent is the first pondering of the new year. The world is in darkness of sin and death and we cry out: “Come Lord Jesus!” Advent is the time for us to pray that each and every day. May the Lord come into our lives with an abundance of His grace! We look to Him to save us!

Blessed Advent to all!  
Fr. Rick

## **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

***December 1, 2019***

***“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.”***  
***(Matthew 24:42)***

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.



**December 3rd at [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)**

### **WHAT IS GIVING TUESDAY?**

Giving Tuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of Social media and collaboration celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving. Giving Tuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end of year giving.

We are happy to receive a donation on Giving Tuesday for support of the parish! Use the link on our homepage through our Parish Giving program!

### **STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES**

***Count 34 out of 305 Families***

Thank you for your support of your parish! The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is here to share God's Word, minister to those in need spiritually and materially, and we are able to do so with your financial support! Please complete a commitment card for your intended support for 2020.

# Christian Formation

## **6TH GRADE RITE OF ENTRANCE MASS**

**December 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m. Mass**

CPI (6<sup>th</sup> Grade) Candidates there will no longer be a Day of Discernment just the Rite of Entrance Mass which will take place on December 7, 2019 at the 5:30pm mass.



## **ROSARY**

**December 8th, 10 a.m.**

Please join us in the Seton Room, the 2nd Sunday of each Month from now until June to pray the rosary.



## **TIME TO PUT UP THE NARTHEX CHRISTMAS TREE**

**Friday, December 13th, 6:00 p.m.**



We could use your help to put up the large tree in the Narthex. Please consider helping out. It's that time when we could use some of our wonderful new young fathers to carry on the tradition. Please call the office if you have any questions.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17th - 6pm**



Everyone is invited to the St. John's Christmas Decorating Party. Adults and kids are welcome. While we enjoy socializing with fellow parishioners, with music, appetizers and desserts, we have something fun to do: decorate the church! You can bring a goodie to share- cookies, sweets, appetizers or any kind of drink. It is not required to bring food – there is always too much – we are just happy to enjoy Christmas merriment with everyone! So please join us for an hour.



## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU**

It felt as though Christmas had come early as we collected 38 shoe box gifts from Religious Education families for Operation Christmas Child! These gifts will be distributed through Samaritan's Purse to needy children around

the world in time for Christmas. Thank you so much for your participation and thanks to those who donated toward shipping costs as well!

## **ADVENT ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION**

**CP II and CP III - December 1, 2019, 12:00 p.m.**

"No one knows the precise coming of the Lord". How do we prepare? CP II and CP III (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade) on **December 1, 2019 at 12pm** after the 10:30 Mass you will be participating in the Advent Adoration of Jesus and Reconciliation which will be heard by Fr Rick. Dec 1 is the first day of Advent and start of the new liturgical year Cycle A and the key themes in this season are waiting preparation and justice.

# Social Ministry & Parish News

## **INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY**

**December 8 through 15**

If you are looking for a way to make the holidays more about giving by helping those in need, consider helping those in our area who are without a home at this time. Our last Family Promise hosting of the year, in conjunction with Spruce Run Lutheran Church is December 8-15 and there are many ways to lend your support. Prepare a meal to share, help to set up, spend the night, play with young children or just be present. It only takes a few hours of your time to make a difference. Please check the following link to see where help is needed & sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family12>.

If you wish to be paired with a more experienced volunteer, or have questions about the program, please feel free to contact Debbie Hunt at [dhuntfaml@comcast.net](mailto:dhuntfaml@comcast.net).



## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

There are still plenty of tags on the Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex. Please help 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 Sun., Dec. 8th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Porto at 908-507-4359 or [kporto@aol.com](mailto:kporto@aol.com).



## ONLINE PARISH GIVING

At this time of Stewardship, we hope you will consider our online Parish Giving Program. Parish Giving offers secure flexible online giving for our parishioners who would like to make their donations online using a credit card or bank transfer. You never have to bring cash or checks to church. Giving electronically also helps the church save money and plan the budget. If you want to simplify your life, go to our website [ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org) and click on the Parish Giving Link on the home page. Parish Giving offers you complete control over your account to change your giving as needed. You have the benefit to generate a giving report and easily choose the specific collections you wish to support. We thank you for your support which enables St. John's to minister to the community.

## WASHINGTON MARCH FOR LIFE

*January 24, 2020*

Thinking about attending the 47th annual March For Life on Friday, January 24th, 2020 In Washington? The Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Ministries are again sponsoring a bus trip from Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale. The cost is \$50.00 per person, including lunch on the bus and dinner, with discounts for family and children. There is a Mass at 6:00 a.m., and the bus leaves at 6:30 a.m. It returns in the evening, last year about 10:00 p.m. Payment instruction forms are located in the narthex. Please contact Mauro Fanelli @ 908-627-1127 or Email; [m.n.fanelli@comcast.net](mailto:m.n.fanelli@comcast.net) or Eric Svendsen @ 908-500-8313 or Email @ [ersvendsen@gmail.com](mailto:ersvendsen@gmail.com) for questions, student permission forms and special fares by January 5th.



## MUSIC

Do you play piano? Guitar? St. John's Music Ministry could use accompanists to substitute when our regular accompanists are unavailable. Training and guidance would be provided. Your service to this ministry would be needed only on a substitute basis, depending upon your availability. Please consider sharing your talent! Contact Arminda at [quiltblockhead@gmail.com](mailto:quiltblockhead@gmail.com) or 908-537-2637 or come talk to us after Mass!

Do you like to sing? Join Music ministry at one of our Masses. We welcome new singers any time of the year. Let us know if you are interested in participating year round or only for special seasons, such as Christmas or Easter. Talk to us after Mass or contact Gerry Brisson at [gbrisson1@hotmail.com](mailto:gbrisson1@hotmail.com) or 908-500-8308 or Arminda Barbone [quiltblockhead@gmail.com](mailto:quiltblockhead@gmail.com) or 908-537-2637.

## TASTING EVENT 2019

*Friday, December 6, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.*

Join us for our Seventh Annual evening of wine, beer, chocolate and food tasting. Friday, December 6, 2019. Each

year we try to offer more varieties of food, beverage and chocolate pairing for your enjoyment! Tickets are available on line at our website [ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org).

In addition to the tastings, there will be gourmet gifts for sale and the opportunity to place orders for holiday gifts from the various representatives: The Cocoa Exchange, Black River Roasters, Floral and greens arrangements, local craftsman, among others. There will also be door prizes. This year we will offer an incentive to visit all of the vendors while enjoying wine and food.

The cost is \$40.00 per person in advance; \$50.00 at the door ; tickets are available at The Community of St. John Neumann (908-832-2513) or 908-832-2207. Please join us for a great evening! For more information please contact: 908-832-2513 or visit the website: [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org).

## Prayer Ministry



## ADVENT PREPARATION

How can we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming, both at Christmas and at the Second Coming? Here's one idea: just as you give Christmas gifts to your friends and family, think of a gift you could give the Christ child. Here are some possibilities.

Set aside an hour each week to sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. In the quiet of his presence, praise and thank him for becoming a man and saving you from sin and death.

Serve the needy in some way. Volunteer at a food kitchen, buy gifts for a struggling family, or help decorate the home of an elderly neighbor.

See where you have strayed from God. Then go to Confession and receive his forgiveness and the grace to follow him more closely.

Is there anyone you need to forgive? Ask Jesus to help you forgive that person, and then reconcile with them if possible.

As you decide what you will give Jesus, remember: it's not only about what you do to get ready for his coming. It's also about what he wants to do for you.

As you sit before him in adoration, he wants to give you his peace.

As you reach out to the needy, he wants to encounter you in his beloved poor.

As you go to Confession, he wants to fill you with his mercy.

As you forgive other people, he wants to help heal your wounded relationships.

Slow down this Advent, and let him give you the gift of a willing heart.

***"Jesus, I long for your coming. Help me to get ready."***

*If you enjoyed this reflection pick up a copy of the Word among us from the Narthex.*

## **SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST AND SPEAKER**

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00am**

The Men's and Women's Spirituality groups will hold their joint Annual Advent Breakfast on December 14 at 8am in the church. We are looking forward to wonderful conversation, food and discussion about our faith. Bring your spouse, friend or neighbor – we have food to share! If you have never attended one of the spirituality sessions why not give it a try!

## **CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2020**

High school students, if you are interested in a week long work camp next summer. We will be going to Saranac Lake, NY from June 21-26. Please contact Mary Connolly as soon as possible for information at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com).

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Dana Colabella  
Steven Geist  
Tulio Hargain  
Jay Heyman  
Madi Kinney  
Bonnie Lieberwirth  
Samantha Livoti  
Declan Maloney  
Karen Moore  
John Pfeufer  
Ali Redling  
Earl & Denise Roberts  
Michael Rubright  
Tracy Schauer  
Edward E. Sharpe  
Tom Wiles  
Joey Zieba

## **MILITARY PERSONNEL**

***Please remember in your prayers:***

Captain Baumann, Katherine, US Army  
Spec. Bitters, Christian, US Army  
Cavallo, Chris, USMC  
2LT, Michael Tyler D'Avella, US Air Force  
SSO, Andrew Fabiano, US Navy Reserve  
2LT, Molly Ferguson, US Air Force  
2LT, Geerinck, Josh, US Air Force  
Spec. Jablonski, Jon Tyler, US Army  
Private, Linzer, Matthew, US Army  
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, US Navy  
SR O'Leary, Thomas, US Navy  
Lieutenant Simila, Nicole, US Navy  
Airman, Vardian, Justin, US Air Force  
Jr. Lieutenant, Webster, Justine, US Navy

## **F A I T H**

**F**oundation is a very important aspect in our life. A good foundation in our home, our relationships with friends and family and even a LEGO house provides a solid footing to build on. Solid structures will grow on a good basis. This is the same with our relationship with God, our home and the church. Therefore, it is important to tender and foster our foundations and not neglect or let them crumble.

**A**ssurance that you are always welcome and you would not be turned away. A place where you can exercise your religion without persecution or fear and where a caring community surrounds you. There have been many people in history who would go so far as to build monuments just to have a place to worship. We have the privilege to have a place where we can come to have an intimate dialogue with God and find peace and solace at church. You can go into a random church in any city and just admire the beautiful architecture or light a candle for your love ones.

**I**llumination into oneself comes through experience and compassion. When you realize there are others in greater despair than you, when you recognize that there is something greater than yourself, and when you discover that you are not alone. Sharing your faith and talents with others will bring light into your life and illuminate the good you do. Through community we are able to learn and grow and strive for betterment.

**T**eachings of Jesus can come through anyone, strangers or friends, neighbors or coworkers. These teachings come through parents by being good role models for their children, by accompanying them on their religious journey. Show your children, by example, that there can be a balance between the spiritual and commercial pieces of not only this Holiday Season but in your everyday life with your physical and financial support of the parish throughout the year.

**H**ope is one of the most precious abilities of mankind. Without hope and help we might not be able to withstand all the difficult obstacles life puts in front of us. We can find hope in our beliefs, in the church and in the church community.

I can't imagine not having a place to worship together with my family and friends. This is why I choose to spend my Time, Talent and Treasure with our church, to foster this place with the hope that others will do the same. By doing this we will continue to have a beautiful place, our church, today and for the future. My hope is my children will carry on through our example and witness to stewardship.

Have a very Merry Christmas  
(from an anonymous parishioner)

## **OUT OF TOUCH?**

Do you get emails from St. John Neumann? Our latest email was on Wednesday, November 19th - Parish Updates. If you don't get our periodic emails it means we do not have your email in our parish data base! Please send us an email to [sin@ccsjn.org](mailto:sin@ccsjn.org) and help us update our records!

## **HOW TO LISTEN TO GOD IN OUR PRAYER LIFE**



Join us for (3) three Thursdays, December 5, 12 and 19th at 7:00 p.m. to be more open to hear God in prayer. More information to follow. Sign up in the Narthex.

## **EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE IN RECONCILIATION**

**Wednesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.**



Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. **Please join us for a Community Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** This communal service is an opportunity to join our sisters and brothers in asking for forgiveness and healing during this important time of the year. As we begin the new liturgical year in the Church, we invite all to begin anew with souls nourished from the gifts of divine mercy and forgiveness God has for everyone.

# Parish & Diocesan News

## Christmas Season & New Year's Mass Schedule 2019-2020

### Narthex Christmas Tree Set Up

Friday, December 13 ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Visit with Santa

Sunday, December 15 ..... 11:30 a.m.

### Christmas Decorating Party

Tuesday, December 17 ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Community Reconciliation followed by Individual Confessions

Wednesday, December 18 ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Weekend Masses / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 21 ..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 22 ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 22 ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24 ..... 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 24 (with Bell Choir) ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25 ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday, December 28 ..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 29 ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 29 ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Day Masses

Wednesday, January 1 ..... 10:30 a.m.

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### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

#### Office Angels

Wed., December 4 J. Santoro  
Wed., December 11 C. Behrens

#### Store Cards

#### November 30 & December 1

5:30 p.m. .... L. Livoti  
8:00 a.m. .... G. Battell  
10:30 a.m. .... S. Pojedinec

#### December 7/8

5:30 p.m. .... E. McCabe  
8:00 a.m. .... C. Bennett  
10:30 a.m. .... D. Hunt

#### Church Center Plant Watering

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

#### Church Center Cleaning

December 6 ..... Team A  
December 12 ..... Team B

#### Counting

December 2 ..... Malone/Caprio  
December 9 Kucharski/Kosakowski

### "GUADALUPE, THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE"-THE MOVIE

A few weeks ago over twenty parishioners viewed the film "Guadalupe, The Miracle and the Message" at the Church Center. The film tells the story of how Saint Juan Diego encountered our Lady of Guadalupe. This event was the catalyst for the greatest mass conversion ever

Father found that the movie is available on Amazon prime and we encourage you to view this short film to understand why the diocese is preparing to consecration of the Diocese to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the Cathedral on December 12th.

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD ADVENT AND A GREAT ADVENT?

*Just 4 Minutes!*

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### LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

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### HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

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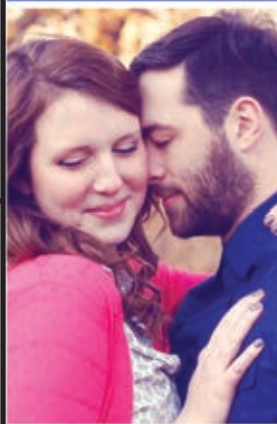
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