



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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..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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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, January 9

NO MASS

Friday, January 12

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 13

5:30 p.m. Frances Connolly, req.
Mike and Mary Connolly

Sunday, January 14

8:00 a.m. Mary Grace Hutter, req.
Marie and Roger Malone
10:30 a.m. Maria (DeLourdes Pinto)
Semelhago, req.
The Erz Family



Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

Monday, January 8 - The Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Office and Church Kitchens)
6:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation (CC & DR/SR/VR/OCK)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting (Seton Room)

Tuesday, January 9 - Weekday

No Mass

6:00 p.m. De-Decorating (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Seton Room)

Wednesday, January 10 - Weekday

6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Drexel Room)
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Upper Room)

Thursday, January 11 - Weekday

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

Friday, January 12 - Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys

No Mass

Saturday, January 13 - Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

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

Mass Schedule - January 13/14

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader David Geerinck
Altar Server Uss Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Bob Martalus
..... Barbara Martalus, Donna Torczon

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader Owen Stanski
Altar Server Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Jane Klawunn
..... Tom Klawunn, Gail Battell

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader Steve Carroll
Altar Server Chucchiara Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Mary D'Avella
Ministers of the Eucharist Anthony deStefano, Gloria Cucchiara
..... Anita Sawczuk, Mark Brisson, Sheena Carew

Sunday, January 14 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Together in Charity Collection

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)

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Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Fred Radlemann**, and **Mary Dino**.

Deceased: Fred Radlmann, husband of Gloria, and Mary Dino, friend of the Janks, 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,

Today is the first Sunday of 2018. Hope you ushered in and celebrated the New Year with a sense of joy and hope. January has its name from the Greek God *Janus*, who presided over doors and beginnings – appropriately enough, for the beginning of the year. In fact, Janus was usually depicted with two faces – one looking backwards and the other forwards. As we begin a new year, it is very healthy to look back to the year that was and to do the following:

- ◇ *To My Creator = *I say Thank You.**
- ◇ *To my true friends = *I appreciate you all.**
- ◇ *To those who showed me love = *I'm grateful.**
- ◇ *To those who hurt me = *I forgive and forget.**
- ◇ *To those I really hurt = *I'm so sorry, please forgive me.**
- ◇ *To those who challenged and corrected me = *You helped me, do it again.**
- ◇ *To those who encouraged me = *thank you, I needed it badly.**
- ◇ *To those I showed love to = *I still love you and I ALWAYS WILL.**
- ◇ *To those who helped me = *I am so grateful and will reciprocate in due season.**
- ◇ **THANK YOU GOD FOR MAKING 2017 A FRUITFUL YEAR FOR ME.**

In the same spirit, look forward to this New Year and make a plan to improve your sense of fulfillment by completing each of the following sentences:

1. *One good habit I'm going to develop is ...*
2. *One bad habit I'm going to break is ...*
3. *One person I'm going to forgive is ...*
4. *One way I'm going to strengthen my spiritual life is ...*
5. *One negative belief I'm going to drop is ...*
6. *One positive belief I'm going to reinforce is ...*
7. *One unhealthy food I'm going to stop eating is ...*
8. *One healthy food I'm going to start eating is ...*
9. *One inspirational book I'm going to read is ...*
10. *One fear I'm going to overcome is ...*
11. *One way I'm going to learn more about the Bible is...*
12. *One religious practice I'm going to start is ...*

I believe these are attainable goals for all of us. My prayer for you is – to paraphrase the words of St. Paul: May God who began the good work in you bring it to perfection!

New Year Blessings to you and to your families!
Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

FEAST OF OUR PARISH PATRON

We keep the feast of St. John Neumann this Sunday (the actual date is January 5). Being our patron, it is important that we read and appreciate his life (as given in last Sunday's bulletin). Neumann became the first bishop in the country to organize a diocesan school system, as the Catholic parents wanted their children taught in the Catholic tradition. They feared Protestant influence and discrimination in the public schools. Under his administration, the number of parochial schools in his diocese increased from one to 200.

Bishop Neumann was well-known for his holiness and learning, spiritual writing and preaching. Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations." From Christ he received his instructions and the power to carry them out. For Christ does not give a mission without supplying the means to accomplish it. The Father's gift in Christ to John Neumann was his exceptional organizing ability, which he used to spread the Good News. Today the Church is in dire need of men and women to continue in our times the teaching of the Good News. The obstacles and inconveniences are real and costly. Yet when Christians approach Christ, he supplies the necessary talents to answer today's needs.

PRE-ORDER FR. MARTIN'S BOOKS!

In the Narthex there are three excellent books of Fr. James Martin. Have a look at them and you can pre-order them so that you get an idea of this great modern spiritual writer and theologian who speaks to our culture and times in a meaningful way.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORDY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

January 7, 2018

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WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE

January 13th, 8 AM
Office Center



The Women's Spirituality group will meet next Saturday morning. Join us as we reflect on Sunday's Scripture, while we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation.



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Parish News & Christian Formation



2018 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 3rd & 4th

This year's Souper Bowl of Caring Collection will take place on February 3rd and 4th. Jr. High students will be collecting \$1's and cans of soup after Masses that weekend. Funds raised will go toward making Bags of Love (brown bag lunches) and utensil kits for SHIP. Any money raised above that cost will be donated to St. John's social ministry food baskets, and the cans of soup will be donated to a local food pantry.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place 2 times a month during the 10:30 Mass in the Narthex for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Please bring your children and encourage them to attend. Little ones are also welcome accompanied by a parent.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Jan. 6 is the feast of the Epiphany when Christians celebrate the 3 wise men's (foreigners) search for God. Legend has it that they followed a star. Gazing at stars can be a mystical experience. Look up at the sky with your child tonight. Hopefully you will see stars. Ponder the universe together.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Ways to Turn Your Beloved Off!! - Let Lists Rule Your Life. It's the season of New Year's Resolutions. This can be good, but it can also turn your focus away from your beloved to self-improvement. Today, make 1 specific Resolution to deepen your love. (Susan Vogt)

HAND STAMPED CARDS

Buy your greeting cards and support the St. John's Food Pantry. Hand Stamped Cards are located at Social Concerns table in Narthex on a card rack. Cost is \$3.00 per card. \$10 for 4. Put money in the cash box found near the rack. Checks get made out to St. John's.

ADULTS INVITED TO GIFT SESSIONS WITH FR. ABRAHAM



Adult Faith
FORMATION

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 part of the GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) program. These sessions will be led by Fr. Abraham and will focus on "What We Celebrate: Sacraments" and "What We Believe: Beatitudes/Moral Life" and will meet monthly on Sunday mornings at 9 AM in Valley View School and Monday evenings at 6:15 PM in the Church Center. Just drop in at one of the next sessions: Sunday, January 7th or Monday, January 8th. Please contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions at renee@ccsjn.org. Hope to see you at our next session!

Parish News

HOLD THE DATE! LENTEN PRESENTATION!

The Round Valley Deanery, consisting of about a dozen of neighboring parishes – including ours- is organizing a Lenten Presentation on February 15 at 7pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehouse Station. The speaker is REV. JAMES MARTIN, SJ, editor at large of America magazine, and bestselling author of Jesus: A Pilgrimage, The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything, Between Heaven and Mirth, and numerous other books. Father Martin has written for many publications, including the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal, and he is a regular commentator in the national and international media. He has appeared on all the major radio and television networks. Before entering the Jesuits in 1988, Father Martin graduated from the Wharton School of Business and worked for General Electric for six years. In 2017, Pope Francis appointed him to be a Consultor for the Vatican's Secretariat for Communication.

SJN WINTER MOVIE NIGHT - JAN 19 – 7PM

Come to the first in our movie series on Friday, Jan 19 to view *The Shack*. Based on one of the top 100 best-selling books of all time, *The Shack* takes us on a father's life-transforming journey that will show him the ultimate truth about love, loss and forgiveness. Adults welcome. Refreshments and discussion to follow movie. Limited number of seats available, RSVP to reserve yours! Email: sjn@ccsjn.org / text: 908-307-7879 / call: 832-2513.

WAS THERE A FOURTH WISE MAN?!?!?

In 1895, Henry van Dyke wrote the story, "The Other Wise Man," telling of a fourth wise man called Artaban. Our hero is not mentioned in the Gospel because he missed the caravan. He got to Bethlehem too late to see the Baby Jesus. But Artaban did make it in time to save one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier. For 33 years Artaban searched for Jesus. He did not find Jesus, but all the while the Fourth wise man fed the hungry and helped the poor. Then one day in Jerusalem Artaban saw the "King of the Jews" being crucified. He started to offer a pearl as ransom. But then he saw a girl being sold into slavery to pay family debts. Artaban gave his pearl to buy freedom for the girl. Suddenly the earth quaked as Jesus died on the cross and a stone struck Artaban. Dying, he heard a Voice saying: "When you helped the least of my children, you helped me. Meet me in Heaven!" Artaban, the fourth Wise Man, had been making God present in his community for years by helping others. God asks each of us on the feast of Epiphany to be a fourth Wise Man by becoming God's epiphanies, making His love present in the world around us by our acts of love and kindness.

RESOLUTIONS

"Let us pass on now to the other question—namely, what you can do to strengthen your resolutions and make them succeed? There is no better mean than to put them into practice. But you say that you are still so weak that, although you often make strong resolutions not to fall into the particular imperfection of which you want to cure yourself, no sooner does the occasion present itself than down you go. Shall I tell you why we are still so weak? It is because we will not abstain from food that does not agree with us. It is as if a person who wished to be free from pains in the stomach were to ask a physician what he should do. The doctor replies, 'Do not eat such and such food, because it brings you pain'; and yet the person will not abstain from it. We do the same. For example, we should like to love reproof, and yet we obstinately cling to our own opinions. That is foolishness. You will never be strong enough to bear reproof courageously while you are nourishing yourself with the food of self-esteem. I wish to keep my soul recollected, and yet I will not restrain all sorts of idle thoughts: the two things are incompatible. Ah! How much I wish that I could be steadfast and regular in my religious exercises; at the same time I wish not to find them so trying—in fact, I want to find the work done for me. That cannot be in this life, for we shall always have to labor."

St. Francis de Sales, p. 97 *The Art of Loving God*

SJN PRAYER MINISTRY IS ENCOURAGED

Marlene Panek, our parishioner, writes: "In the past on many Sundays prayers were said at Mass for Helen Capazzi. I would like to thank you and share this message I recently received from her. Many thanks and pray continually." Here's the letter she wants us to read:

Dear Family and Friends,

Five months ago the doctor and I received a miracle. I was in the hospital and my heart was racing. The doctor came to shake my hand and I silently whispered to Jesus to bless him, and I took a breath and was out like a light. During the operation the doctor touched my heart and caused it to beat regularly. I found out after the operation the procedure is a difficult one and survival is very questionable. I am very happy for my new life and thank God for it.

Wishing you all of God's Blessing.

Helen Capozzi and family.

PROMOTE CULTURE OF LIFE!

The Diocese of Metuchen will join Pro-Life advocates from around the country at the January 19th March for Life event in Washington, DC, to seek change for the right to human life on the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on *Roe v. Wade*. Our Diocese is also actively involved another similar event: the diocesan Office of Human Life and Dignity will be running a bus to the Rally for Life in Trenton, NJ on Monday, January 22, 2018. For more info on these events visit: <https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/pastoral-life/respect-for-life/march-for-life-washington-rally-for-life-trenton/>

In our own parish, "*Roses for Life*" after Mass on the weekend of January 6th and 7th will be presented by parishioners who are members of the Knights of Columbus. Red roses became a symbol of the Pro-Life movement's respect for unborn babies and their mother's following the 1973 *Roe versus Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. The roses being distributed are actually small embroidered red roses with a pressure sensitive backing, that can easily be attached to a permanent name tag or to an article of clothing. Wearing a "*Rose for Life*" demonstrates your support for "the culture of life", that stands opposed to the nearly 60 million legal abortions performed in the United States since the *Roe versus Wade* decision.

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE CALL THE MASS – LITURGY?

A liturgy is any public ritual that the Church celebrates. In the past, the Mass was called the Divine Liturgy. The word liturgy actually comes from a Greek word meaning the work of the people. When you attend Mass, you are a participant not a spectator. You join with the priest and the people around you in prayer, reflection, thanksgiving and communion.



BAPTISM

Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptize their child. Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized should call France Kennedy at the office (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

#WHERE THE WISE MEN ARE

Have you seen the Wise Men as they journey around the property. Follow them on Facebook and guess their location and share it. Spread the fun and encourage others to be looking for what's important this Christmas.



ST. PETER'S GIANNA CENTER

We are very pleased to introduce you to the Saint Peter's Gianna Center located in New Brunswick, NJ. The Center is dedicated to offering truly prolife women's health care, including infertility services, general gynecologic care, and more. All services are provided in accordance with the US Catholic Bishops Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services.

Please Visit <http://www.saintpeterhcs.com/GiannaCenter/> or contact us at 732-565-5490 for more information.

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 acknowledgment of your commitment to the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joseph Angeline
Pete Cangelosi
Linda Caprio
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Jennifer Bennett Duckworth
Cindy Feighan
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
Joan & Megan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Nancy Patterson
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Roy Rittman
Anne Sacco
Richard Sepe
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Dick Slusher
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
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: Epiphany: Faith in the Journey!

... magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw its star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Matthew 2: 1-12

At the age of 13, her world darkened. Her happiness disappeared; she no longer found joy in her classes where she excelled or in playing her beloved clarinet; she was becoming more and more withdrawn. By the time her family and friends realized she was struggling, she was very sick. At school, counselors and therapists confronted her about her detachment; her friends collectively decided that she was not worth their concern. Everything and everyone she turned to for love and acceptance were missing when she most needed it. Something "broke" inside of her. She didn't care if she lived or died.

So, desperate for a change, she transferred to another school - a Catholic high school. She was the daughter of a non-practicing Methodist and a nonpracticing Presbyterian. They left the decision of church and religion to her and her siblings - as long as they identified as "some sort of Christian." She didn't know whether she believed in God or not. "I found I was searching for something that refused to make itself known," she remembers. "If God existed, I concluded, God was not interested in my soul. God did not include me, but my too-cool-for-religion friends did. That is, until they didn't." At her new school, signs of God were pretty much everywhere she looked. That first day she felt like an invader. She wasn't interested in a new beginning; she simply wanted to put in her time. She wasn't interested in new friends, either. She was far from convinced that she would succeed in this new school - she just knew that her last school left her defeated.

But that's when the unexpected happened. "It took time and patience, but new friends found me. They did not give up on the moody and disconnected new student. Nothing was easy, but I was taught how to assimilate. It was a new form of love I had not yet known . . .

"I was 18 years old when I was baptized into the Catholic Church. The first person I was introduced to on my first day of class stood next to me at the baptismal font as my chosen godmother. Since then, I have decided that my faith lies in my journey. I do not fear a lack of acceptance because I know God has a plan in motion. With God, I am no longer an outsider looking in. With God, I have found my missing community. [From "Through the Motions: My patient journey with depression" by Nicole Bazis, **America**, November 28, 2016.]

Today's solemnity of the Epiphany centers on the journey that every one of us travels, the journey that is ultimately a search for God: finding God in our life's meaning, finding God in belonging to family and community; finding God in the satisfaction of doing good. As the magi experienced, God sets "stars" ahead of us - for this student, the star was a group of teachers and classmates who would not let her be lost to the darkness of her depression. The understanding and support of family and friends, the forgiveness we extend and receive, the meaning we come in know in giving and serving those in need, are all "epiphanies" of God's presence in our own Bethlehems. In the new year before us, may our hearts and spirits behold these many epiphanies in which we re-discover the love of "Emmanuel" - God in our midst!



USE OUR LINK WHEN SHOPPING ON AMAZON

We are set up with a wonderful way for you to donate to the parish without costing you anything! You just use this link <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s> and it will take you to the Amazon home page and log in as yourself.. When you click on this link it takes you to the Amazon home page, you'll see "ccsjn -20" in the middle of the Amazon URL address, everything else is transparent to the user. <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>. The parish will receive a donation for every dollar you spend! There is a button on our website to take you to this link or go to our **Facebook Page** and use the 'SHOP NOW' button.

Parish and Community News

TAI CHI FOR MEDITATION AND HEALTH

We have just started a six week series entitled "Tai Chi for Meditation" – you can still join. 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. In addition we will introduce the "24 Form", a set of movements which encourage more physically active meditation. Space is limited; sign up by contacting Bonnie Garcia at 908-975-3003 or bonnie.garcia210@yahoo.com. There will be a \$5 charge per session. Sessions are Wednesdays through Feb7 at 6:30pm.

THIS IS NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK!

The Catholic Church in the USA is celebrating National Migration Week from today (January 7-14, 2018). This is an opportunity for us to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees and survivors of human trafficking. National Migration Week culminates on the Vatican's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, January 14.

This year's theme is "Many Journeys, One Family," which invites us to remember that each of our families has a migration story – some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another. We celebrate this theme as we continue to "share the journey" campaign, a global effort by the Church to show love to our migrant and refugee neighbors.

In our contemporary culture, we often fail to encounter migrants as people, instead seeing them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. During this National Migration Week, let us re-evaluate and refine our attitude towards migrants.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE 2018



Friday, February 9 from 7:00-11:00 (Snow date: Sunday, February 11, 6:00-9:30)

Remember February? By then we will be so tired of the cold and possible snow. Well, we have a fun night out that includes a delicious homemade Italian dinner buffet, a yummy dessert assortment, and great dance music from Mike Griffin's band, the GB's. Round up some friends and join us! The cost is \$35 per person, \$260 for a table of 8 and \$325 for a table of 10. We are happy to help you make up a table. Contact the office (832-2513) or Jim Murray at 832-5273 or jmurray@eclipse.net.

This event benefits our teens' Catholic Heart Workcamp experience. This summer we will be serving in the Cumberland, MD area. Our youth follow Pope Francis' call to service!

If you can't attend the dance or would like to help in some other way, consider:

- Sponsoring a teen (\$350)
- Helping with set up/wait staff/clean up
- Donating towards our transportation costs, our t-shirts, or partially sponsoring a teen

More info, contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 930-0784.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Teaching a parrot to behave: There is this parrot who repeated a bunch of swear words and the owner says, "If you don't stop swearing I'm going to put you in the freezer." But the parrot swears again and the guy puts him in the freezer. The parrot continues cussing up a storm but after a few minutes the parrot suddenly stops. The guy says "Will you stop swearing now?" and the parrot says "I'll stop, but first I want to know what the chicken did."

Science joke: Do not trust atoms, for they make up everything!



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

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES

316 Families

55 Commitment Cards
21 Automated Giving

4 WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Starting January 10th at 7:15 pm



We'll study and discuss readings from the Gospel of Mark. More Information to follow.

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.

MARY POPPINS SHOW!

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Wed., Jan. 10 S. Griffin
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Store Cards

January 6 and 7

5:30 p.m. E. McCabe
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10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Jan. 7 M. Cangelosi
Week of Jan. 14 B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

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