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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

www.diometuchen.org

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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 16

NO MASS

Friday, January 19

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 20

5:30 p.m. Virgilio Alves, req.

St. John Neumann Church

Sunday, January 21

8:00 a.m. John Orstrander, req.

The Schuyler Family

10:30 a.m. Josephine Carroll, req.

St. John Neumann Church



Parish Calendar

**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)

Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King, Jr.

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, January 16 - Weekday

No Mass

7:30 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center)

7:00 p.m. RCIA (Upper Room)

7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thursday, January 18 - Weekday

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

7:00 p.m. SJN Support Team (Office Center Kitchen)

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

Friday, January 19 - Weekday

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Movie Night 'The Shack' (Church Loft)

**Saturday, January 20 - Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr:
Saint Sebastian, Martyr BVM**

8:30 a.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - January 20/21

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader	Kathleen Swindler
Altar Server	King Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Donna Lance
.....	Mary D'Avella, Mary Connolly
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader	Chris Bitters
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Barbara Martalus
.....	Bob Martalus, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server	Religious Ed Class Mass Servers
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist	Shirley Pojedinec, Jane Albert
.....	Bob Sobey, Patti Rittman, Ron Pojedinec

**Sunday, January 21 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catholic Education Collection**

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

10:30 a.m. Mass - Class Mass 3 & 4 Grades (Church Center)

6:00 p.m. Jr. High Formation (Church Center)

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" - John 1:38 What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do. (Archbishop Carlson)

Remembered at Mass



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

Deceased: Sophie Geist, mother of Warren and **Fred Radlmann**, husband of Gloria.. 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,

As you read this, I am, God willing, having a nice time with my parents at home in Kerala, South India, and certainly with some real hot weather! During these three weeks of my annual vacation, I am happy and grateful to our Fr. Bill Mickiewicz and Fr. Hugh Grace who graciously agreed to offer the weekend Masses in my absence.

Last Sunday the Catholic Church in the United States began keeping the National Migration Week which culminates this Sunday with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. It is important for us to remember that for nearly a half century, the US Catholic Church has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme, "Many Journeys, One Family," draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Tomorrow is the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr – the Baptist minister and civil-rights activist, who had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. The King holiday is seen as a day to promote equal rights for all Americans, regardless of their background. Treating all with our God-given dignity and respect is still a challenge for us. That's why the US Bishops Conference recently established an Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. Here's what the Bishops said:

"Racism has rightly been called America's original sin. It remains a blot on our national life and continues to cause acts and attitudes of hatred, as recent events have made evident. The need to condemn, and combat, the demonic ideologies of white supremacy, neo-Nazism and racism has become especially urgent at this time. Our efforts must be constantly led and accompanied by prayer - but they must also include concrete action. The Executive Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops expresses full agreement with His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, USCCB President, in creating the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism. We also pledge our enthusiastic support to the new committee and its chairman, Bishop George Murry, SJ, as he leads the committee in its work. May God give you, Bishop Murry, the members of the committee, and all those who will support you, the grace and courage to combat this manifestation of evil in our time. May He grant success to the work of your hands. And, through your work and that of many others, may He bring healing and peace to our nation."

We thank God that we are a jubilant community, welcoming and hospitable towards all! Let us continue our efforts to eradicate any form of discrimination or prejudice in our thoughts and actions.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

HOLD THE DATE TO HEAR FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ

The Round Valley Deanery, consisting of about a dozen neighboring parishes, 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.

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.

2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2018

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What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

CORNERSTONE RETREAT

Friday Jan. 19, 2018, 5:30 p.m.

There will be a 24 hour "Cornerstone Retreat for men". Plenty of social, good food and the opportunity to open doors to an enhanced relationships with God and fellow parishioners.

Contact Jim Murray if interested.
jmurray@eclipse.net. 908-310-6877.



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.

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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.

#WHERE THE WISE MEN ARE

Did you enjoy the journey of the wise men this year? Would you like to be part of their trek?

Wayne, the creative genius behind the journey would love to discuss the plans for next year! Contact the office if you want to join in the fun.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

On Jan. 15 we celebrate the contributions of Martin Luther King to racial equality and non-violence. Does your child have any friends from a different race? If not, why not? Talk, find ways to mix or read stories of a different ethnic group.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:18) A common complaint among couples is, "You're not listening to me." When is listening hard for you? If you're busy or tired, ask for a better time. Is there a conversation you've been avoiding? (Susan Vogt)

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, February 4th or Monday, February 12th. Please contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions at renee@ccsjn.org. Hope to see you at our next session!



3RD / 4TH GRADE CLASS MASS

Please join our 3rd and 4th Grade Religious Education students on Sunday, January 21, at 10:30 a.m. as they celebrate their Class Mass. It is a wonderful chance to witness our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy by playing an active role during the Mass.

Social Ministry

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN COMPOSTING PROGRAM

Thanks to all who continue to diligently bring their kitchen scraps each week for our composting program despite the chilly winter weather. Your 'donation' makes the soil rich and healthy and helps us to grow delicious organic fresh vegetables for local soup kitchens. You may have noticed that one collection bin near the kitchen was quite full and the other had been used for recycling. They have been emptied this week and are now once again ready for your contributions. We will continue to compost all winter long. Want to find out more about the composting program? Contact Anne Germino at projectearth@ccsjn.org and pick up a handout from the Social Ministry table in the narthex.

Parish News



SJN WINTER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 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 or sign up in the narthex!

WHY CAN'T SOMEONE JUST PRAY AT HOME?

It is good to pray at home, yet private prayer doesn't take the place of attending Mass. When you pray at home, your prayer is personal and one-dimensional. When you are at Mass you pray in union with other believers as part of a community. The Mass gives you the opportunity to seek forgiveness for your sins, be inspired by the readings and the homily, offer yourself to the Lord, reach out to others with the peace of Christ, forgive others during the Lord's Prayer, receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and become empowered to carry the presence of Christ into the world.

DEANERY PASTORAL COUNCIL: A NEW WAY TO LIVE OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

It's been almost 6 years since I was asked by Fr. Len Rusay to lead a new undertaking, the formation of a new type of council. By now, most of our parishioners are well aware of the existence of our own St. John Neumann Pastoral Council, and over the last decade, many have faithfully and selflessly served at the parish level.

After serving 4 years working at establishing and serving on our Pastoral Council, I became involved in a new council format: A Deanery Pastoral Council (in our case, a council comprised of two members from each of the 12 Hunterdon County Catholic Parishes). The idea for this cross parish collaborative process grew out of the Synod directed by Bishop Emeritus Paul Bootkoski, and requested by the lay members of that process.

The process of establishing the Deanery Council has been slow but steady. Initially, due to the uncertainty of the need for a Deanery wide council, many Pastors resisted the appointment of council members. However slowly, and with the support of Fr. Abraham (who was appointed as the religious representative to the council), we obtained full representation and undertook the process to identify opportunities for cross parish cooperation. Our mission statement, one of our first accomplishments, defines our purpose:

The mission of the Round Valley Deanery Pastoral Council is to foster collaboration among our regional Catholic family by exchanging ways to communicate and share insights that lead our parish communities to greater spiritual growth, knowledge of our faith, and sharing of resources.

Some of our major accomplishments include: meeting of the Directors of Religious Education, meeting of the music ministers, production of a Christmas advertisement in the HUNTERDON OBSERVER to promote county wide service attendance, hosting of a youth concert (Array of Hope, attended by over 400 at Immaculate Conception Parish), and our currently scheduled presentation by Fr. James Martin, S.J., well known author and national commentator. This presentation will be held on February 15 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Whitehouse Station. It is my sincere hope that many of our parishioners will seize the opportunity to attend this Lenten program, "A Lenten Reflection on Jesus." There will be no admission fee (free will donations accepted), and several of Fr. Martin's books are available for sale. The Church can accommodate over 600 attendees!

For me, the process of establishing this new council concept has been a mixture of satisfaction and personal growth, combined with a dose of frustration. I have made some wonderful friends who willingly contribute their time and talent to this new idea. But things change very slowly in the Church. Establishing a true collaborative communication process between the laity, a pastor, and groups of pastors takes time. What motivates me to continue this journey is that we, the laity and religious, are the Body of Christ, and it is our responsibility to find new ways to strengthen that Body.

LIVE LENT!

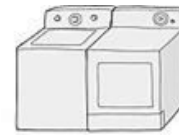
Don't just observe Lent... Live It! Join a small faith group!

Jesus was in a *SMALL GROUP* – what about you? The Small Faith Groups will run for six weeks during Lent. Groups take place on weekday mornings or evenings. We also have groups on weekends. You are invited even if you can make a couple of sessions!

We are happy to announce that we will be using Sr. Terry's second book in the **Live Lent!** Series. We had so much positive feedback on the first book last year. The resource provides daily reflections, weekly faith sharing sessions, and journaling and action prompts.

Sign up in the narthex or contact France Kennedy for more information fkennedy@ccsjn.org. Our groups will start meeting the week of February 12 as Lent begins on February 14!

WASHER AND DRYER



We have a parishioner who has a washer and gas fired dryer available if you know someone that is in need please contact the office as soon as possible. We need an answer by Monday the 15th or it will no longer be available.

STORE CARDS



Thanks to 31 families who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$4,795.00**. The stores gave us **\$233.00**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

***2018 Pro-Life Ministries
March For Life Rally***

The Knights of Columbus and Pro-Life Ministries will have a bus going to the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 19, 2018. We will begin with Mass at 6:00am at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale. The bus will leave following Mass and will return approximately 10:30pm. A sandwich lunch will be provided on the bus ride down. We will stop for dinner on the ride home at a Golden Corral. Please contact Bill Smith at 908-797-7359 or smithbuilders@hotmail.com for all costs and more information.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

For a truly meaningful New Year's Resolution, one that lasts long after the champagne has lost its fizz, why not resolve to treat each other to a Marriage Encounter Weekend? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held January 26 - 28. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-732-904-9636 for registration and information. Visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more details.

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
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: From Body to Soul!

John was standing with the two disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?"
John 1: 35-42

In his career as a forensic pathologist, Dr. Thomas Andrew thought he had seen it all - but nothing like this. The opioid crisis, he says, is the worst drug epidemic in U.S. history. With 64,000 overdose deaths last year nationwide - a staggering 22 percent jump over the previous year - it is little wonder that overdoses, the leading cause of death among Americans under 50, are reducing life expectancy. These deaths are also straining the staffs and resources of morgues like the one Dr. Andrew directed in New Hampshire - especially New Hampshire, which has more deaths per capita from synthetic opioids than any other state. Dr. Andrew is no longer satisfied with cataloguing the escalating drug toll. He wants to try, in his own small way, to stop it.

After two decades as New Hampshire's chief medical examiner, Dr. Andrew retired last month. But he's not done: His plan is to go from exploring the mysteries of the dead to exploring the mysteries of the soul. In a sharp career turn, he's entering a seminary program to pursue a theology and ministry degree. His ultimate plan is to minister to young people, helping them stay away from the drugs he has found to be the cause of so many deaths. "After seeing thousands of sudden, unexpected or violent deaths, I have found it impossible not to ponder the spiritual dimension of these events for both the deceased and especially those left behind," Dr. Andrew says. Dr. Andrew developed an appreciation for the essence of life by seeing its fragility. Most of the nearly 5,800 people he examined on his stainless-steel autopsy table "woke the day they died oblivious to the fact that it would their last on earth."

In the morgue, Dr. Andrew learned to cope with the full immersion of death by compartmentalizing what he saw and "locking it away." But after a while, he found, one is bound to ask, *What's all this about? What am I contributing here? What difference does this make?* "You realize you've got x amount of gas left in the tank, and either I could choose to limp through this another 10 years and see where this goes on the accounting end, or I could finally attack this by way of extension ministry to youth, outside the four walls of a church. If you can instill moral and ethical values in young people that it can somehow help to inoculate them from that other so-called friend of theirs who's going to come up to them in middle school with the weed or the pill or heaven forbid that packet of powder, then you have maybe saved that one starfish off the beach."

Throughout our lives we wrestle with the question that Dr. Andrew has asked in his work as a pathologist and that Jesus asks of his prospective followers: *What are you looking for?* The answer is not to be found in instant gratification or amassing things; what we want our lives to become begins in the values of the heart and soul, in the happiness we choose to embrace. The Jesus we will meet in Mark's Gospel in the weeks ahead is the very word of God made human for us and like us in order to show us how to realize the love that God breathed into our souls at birth, the love that makes us completely human as God envisioned us to be.

YOU NEVER INVITED ME IN 20 YEARS!

Two men, who had been business partners for over twenty years, met one Sunday morning as they were leaving a restaurant. One of them asked, "Where are you going this morning?" "I'm going to play golf. What about you?" The first man responded rather apologetically, "I'm going to Church." The other man said, "Why don't you give up that Church stuff?" The first man asked, "What do you mean?" His partner said: "Well, we have been partners for twenty years. We have worked together, attended board meetings together, and had lunch together, and all of these twenty years you have never asked me about going to Church. You have never invited me to go with you. Obviously, it doesn't mean that much to you." (John A. Stroman, *God's Downward Mobility*, CSS Publishing Company) Don't get yourself in that fix. Don't let others think your Faith doesn't matter that much to you.

Parish and Community News

SOMETHING NEW

As the new year begins, it is a good time to think of what you would like to do differently this year. We invite you to participate at Mass in a different way. Serving at Mass as a Reader, Eucharist Minister or Altar Server is a simple but meaningful way to belong to the church community. Take some time – maybe the one minute meditation time and discern if God is calling you to this service. You can volunteer as little or much as your personal schedule allows – even just once a quarter! Feel free to talk to any of the liturgical ministers you see after Mass for more information or call the office 832-2513.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR RE-GIFTING

Christmas is a time for giving and receiving gifts - but sometimes we get more than we want or need and sometimes you just get something that's not quite your style. Now there's a way you can feel good about re-gifting your unwanted presents and do a good deed at the same time. It takes hundreds of donated items to make our annual Tricky Tray in October a success. We are asking you to kindly consider donating any misfit gifts so they can be graciously repurposed as part of our event. All items can be brought to the Seton Room. There will be a donating slip there to fill out for tax purposes.



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.

CLEAN KITCHEN

You may be aware that we have teams of parishioners who clean the church to save money for the church. We have people who vacuum, clean the bathroom and wash the floor. We also have one person who has been cleaning the kitchen. She would love a partner to share that task with. If you like cleaning and would like to help the parish in this way please contact the office at 832-2513. The schedule rotates and you are only asked to serve once every six weeks.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A little boy was listening to a long and excessively boring sermon in Church on vocation to priesthood and religious life. Suddenly the red sanctuary lamp caught his eye. Tugging his father's sleeve, he said, "Daddy, when the light turns green can we go home?"

"Honey," said this husband to his wife, "I invited a friend home for supper." "What? Are you crazy? The house is a mess, I didn't go shopping, all the dishes are dirty, and I don't feel like cooking a fancy meal!" "I know all that." "Then why did you invite a friend for supper?" "Because the poor fool's thinking about getting married."

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 24, 2017

46 Donors Weekly	\$1,830.00
2 Donors Yellow Brick Rd...	\$125.00
4 Donors Christmas Flower.	\$75.00
13 Donors Immac. Concept..	\$470.00

December 25, 2016

37 Donors Weekly.....	\$2,817.00
51 Donors Retirement.....	\$1,422.00
19 Donors Immac. Concept. ..	\$429.00

December 25, 2017

169 Donors Christmas	\$33,366.75
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December 25, 2016

178 Donors Christmas	\$32,494.86
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December 31, 2017

75 Donors Weekly.....	\$3,795.00
23 Solemnity of Mary	\$595.00
14 Donors Christmas.	\$1,310.00
1 Donors Christmas Flowers....	\$40.00

January 1, 2017

68 Donors Weekly.....	\$4,565.80
13 Donors Christmas	\$1,640.00
27 Solemnity of Mary	\$495.00

January 7, 2018

70 Donors Weekly.....	\$5,616.00
46 Solemnity of Mary	\$115.00
1 Donor Christmas	\$100.00

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Office Angels

Wed., Jan. 17	C. Behrens
Wed., Jan. 24	M. D'Avella

Store Cards

January 13 and 14

5:30 p.m.	L. Livoti
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	D. Hunt

January 20 and 21

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Jan. 14	B. Sobey
Week of Jan. 21	M. Proano

Church Center Cleaning

January 18	Team E
January 25	Team F

Altar Flowers

January 20	Anita Sawczuk
January 27	Mary Connolly

Counting

Jan. 16	Malone/Bauernfiend
Jan. 22	Kucharski/Cangelosi

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