

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

Our Parish

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD
..... Pastor
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
Earl Roberts Deacon
Mary Cangelosi Trustee
Fred Heimall..... Trustee

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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

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 23

NO MASS

Friday, January 26

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, January 27

5:30 p.m. Frances Connolly, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

Sunday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Veronica Vanvourellis, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. Maxine DiSylvester, req.

Tim Barrow

ASH WEDNESDAY IS

FEBRUARY 14!

That means it is time for us to think of our LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS! Get back to the experience of fellowship, deepening of the Bible, prayer and the chance of knowing our parishioners. Sign up will start soon. Encourage others for a "try out" of a session or two.

Mass Schedule - January 27/28

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Lowary Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joan Eacovalle
.....	Joann Gardner, Jim Oelkers
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader	Brent Herrig
Altar Server	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jane Klawunn
.....	Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz
Reader	Joann McNamara
Altar Server	Erz Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Lance
Ministers of the Eucharist	Dick Wickel, Ron Pojedinec
.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Anthony DeStefano, Patti Rittman

Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, January 22 - Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr

7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Tuesday, January 23 - Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

No Mass

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

7:30 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Wednesday, January 24 - Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 25 - The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Kitchens)

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

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

Friday, January 26 - Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

No Mass

Saturday, January 27 - Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder, BVM

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)

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

Sunday, January 28 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Class Mass 3 & 4 Grades (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17. Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us. (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: **Marilyn Pepperman, Joseph Melhem and Sophie Geist.**

Deceased: Marilyn Pepperman, mother of Alan Pepperman, Joseph Melhem, brother of Nadima Melhem, and Sophie Geist, mother of Warren. 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,

Recall the song that the second graders sing at Reconciliation that Cordelia Cardinali put together, "Change your heart, Change your heart, Try and start, To do better, Change your heart." The Greek word is *metanoia*, literally a change of mind. At other times, it is used to mean a change of heart, a spiritual conversion. Cardinal Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, uses the term "change of attitude" when speaking of Pope Francis' approach in *Amoris Laetitia (Joy of Love)*, the document that he issued after the Synod on the Family.

Back in the 1960s Thomas Kuhn, a physicist and philosopher, introduced the idea of a "paradigm shift" as a tool to deal with the changes that the 1960s bombarded on us. What is the paradigm shift that the pope is using? He is not speaking of doctrinal change but the way we approach ministry. As John L Allen, Jr of Crux puts it, there is a "broader 'pastoral conversion' one which accents a pastoral approach to concrete situations over a more doctrinal or legal firmness." His approach is ministry (mercy and forgiveness) rather than judgment and condemnation.

"Pastoral conversion" uses the tools of the Second Vatican Council. Words that roll off our lips are dialogue and discernment, communication and consultation, collaboration and consensus. Again, we see the use of Sarah's circle instead of Jacob's ladder as a part of this paradigm shift. . Some in the Church do not want to make this paradigm shift. Thus, rises the current tension.

When the Pastoral Council was formed at ccsjn we used the book "Sharing Wisdom" by Sister Mary Benet, O.S.B to lead us through this paradigm shift. Much has been written on the subject and is used even in corporate situations. When we sit in a circle instead of rows we instantly change the paradigm but it is of little value unless we "change our attitude." If sitting in a circle is still dominated by one person, the shift is not successful, it remains a hierarchical structure instead of a sharing of wisdom model. Listening is more important than speaking. Understanding that flows from love is the method by which the change is made. Mutuality is necessary for the paradigm to work. These are the challenges that face us each day in the Church, the parish, the family and relationships. We could also learn a lot in the application to government, civil and social situations. Go for it. "Change your heart, Try and start, To do better, Change your heart."

Fr. Bill Mickiewicz

TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE MASS, PRO-VITA AWARDS

The Annual Diocesan Respect for Life Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Checchio today, Sunday, January 21, 2018 at Noon at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. The Bishop will present the 2018 "Pro-Vita" awards at this time. This year's recipients are Arlene Lippincott a parishioner at St. Philip & St. James Parish in Phillipsburg who is being recognized for her service to women facing unplanned pregnancies and their families at Life Choices, Inc. in Phillipsburg and Kevin and Mary Dugan of Immaculate Conception Parish in Somerville for their dedication to promoting the sanctity of human life in the parish and the local community. Congratulations to these pro-life champions!

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DID YOU KNOW?

Much of the educational research over the last 50 years has proved that Catholic Schools are an unquestioned success in every way: Spiritually, Academically & Communally. Statistics tell us that Catholic School graduates emerge as lifelong practitioners of their Faith. Statistics also tell us that the academic strength of Catholic Schools is unassailable, because when learning is done in an environment with moral values, students' test scores and achievements outstrip their public school counterparts: The two FACTORS: that effect this are the influence of Catholic Values and the fostering of Faith and Morals. These are the single biggest supports for the success of many young people (Catholic and non-Catholics) educated in our Catholic Schools. So, Catholic Schools are about supporting parents as the primary educators of their children. The Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Metuchen will assist you with the means to accomplish this for your children. Come visit us!

3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 21, 2018

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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.

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.

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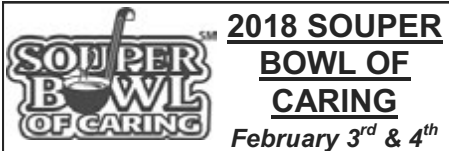
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Parish News & Christian Formation



**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

Jan. 19 was the 45th annual *March for Life* in Washington DC. Tens of thousands of Pro-Life supporters went there and testified to their opposition to abortion. Couldn't go to Washington? You can still testify. Talk with your child about the value of life no matter how young or how old. Perhaps donate baby items to a pregnancy center.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Another way to Turn Your Beloved Off!! - Let Your Kids Pre-empt your Beloved. Our children are important and take a lot of care - But, sometimes, we unnecessarily put our kids before our spouse. Babysitters can be a gift from God. If you aren't a parent, substitute "work" for "kids." (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

INTEGRITY, INTELLIGENCE AND ENERGY!

Warren Buffett, the nation's most successful financial investor and the second-richest man in America, has some very valuable advice on hiring the best people for your business. He says, "Somebody once said that in looking for people to hire, you look for three qualities: integrity, intelligence, and energy. And if they don't have the first, the other two will kill you." [Omaha World Herald, Feb. 1, 1994. Cited in *Thoughts of Chairman Buffett*, (New York: Harper Business, 1998).] If you were looking to hire someone to work for you, where would you begin? Wouldn't you begin with someone you could trust? Jesus saw something in these men that helped him to know that he could depend on them. This is not to say that the disciples were perfect. Certainly they were not. There is a silly story about Jesus having his Last Supper with his disciples. As they ate, he looked around at them. There, in one direction, he saw Judas Iscariot, who would betray him to the authorities before three hours had passed. On the other side was Peter, who would deny him three times before the cock crowed. And almost immediately opposite him was Thomas, who, on a crucial occasion, would express doubts. There seemed only one thing to do. Jesus called over the headwaiter, "Max," he said, "separate checks."

LIVE LENT!

Fifty-Two people signed up for the Small Groups this weekend!

What do they know that you don't!

Small Faith Groups will run for six weeks during Lent. Groups are weekday mornings or evenings as well as a group Sunday at 9am between the Masses. You are invited even if you can make a couple of sessions! If you don't see a day and time you can make – tell us when you can – we are happy to start a new option.

We are using Sr. Terry's second book in the **Live Lent!** Series. The resource provides daily reflections, weekly faith sharing sessions, journaling and action prompts. Sign up in the narthex or contact France Kennedy for more info fkennedy@ccsjn.org. Groups start the week of February 12.

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

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.

LAST CHANCE TO 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.

PARISH SURVEY: EVERYONE'S FEEDBACK IS ESSENTIAL

One of the essential leadership practices is for every organization to have a periodic evaluation of itself for keeping it up-to-date and relevant to the changing times. This is true especially for parishes. Thanks to our Stewardship Committee who has taken the initiative to conduct a parish survey for this very purpose. They have been planning this survey which has undergone many revisions. Now it is in the final stage and will soon be launched. This is an opportunity for us all to give our inputs, evaluations and suggestions about our participation and fulfillment in this parish that we are proud to call our spiritual home. Hence I invite all of us to participate in this survey. You can easily fill it out on the electronic form or the paper-pencil form. Your input will be of great value to plan to make our parish still more of a welcoming and enriching community of the People of God of St. John Neumann Church.

"IT TAKES A TOUGH MAN TO MAKE A TENDER CHICKEN"

Purdue Farms had the same problem when they tried to expand their chicken business. Their popular slogan tried to appeal to women by making men prepare a chicken dinner. Do you recall the slogan? It was, "It takes a tough man to make a tender chicken." Desiring to reach into the Spanish market they translated their slogan and announced to the entire Latino world, "It takes a virile man to make a chicken affectionate." Now that's a personal touch but not the kind I had in mind.

How can we reach others for Christ? We can do it by speaking their language – understanding their jobs, taking an interest in their hobbies, speaking to them about their families. We can do it with a personal touch.

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.

WORD AMONG US

The new month for Word Among Us is in the Narthex. Please advise if you enjoy this. The parish ordered a trial three month subscription to see if anyone wanted to order an annual subscription. Please contact the office if you are interested please contact the office 908-832-2513.



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
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
Joel Rivera
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: God's Economy of Abundance!

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand . . ." He said to [Simon and his brother Andrew], "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Mark 1: 14-20

In her book *The Sacred Meal*, Nora Gallagher tells the story of her church's starting a soup kitchen. With so many homeless coming to their church office looking for help, the church realized it had to do something. So they began serving soup once a week through a little window cut into the back door of the parish hall. One day it began to rain. The poor outside were getting drenched, so, for the first time since the soup kitchen opened five months before, the homeless were invited. Everyone behaved. Almost no one spoke. So the volunteers continued to invite them inside every day. For months the homeless sat at the tables set up for them, and the volunteers stood behind the serving table. Then one day, Nora Gallagher noticed that, at a table with four homeless men, there was also seated a well-dressed woman, eating the same food. She was a volunteer from another church. The next week, Nora tried it. She sat down with a bunch of guys who looked up and greeted her. She began to learn their names and stories. She writes:

"I began to understand what Jesus had done when he sat down with outcasts. For an hour, I became an outcast myself . . . This was simple, a kind of nothing, but it greatly affected my sense of how the gospels connected to my life. I was 'doing' the gospels. After I'd eaten at the tables with the men and women for a couple of months, when I walked in the door, I felt I was walking toward the same place I sought when I took Communion. And one day, as I handed a guy a bowl of soup, I imagined a river of free vegetables flowing into the kitchen. Our job was to catch the vegetables, make them into soup, and pass them along. I thought about how weird it would be to charge for the soup: what was freely given had to be freely given way. This was God's economy, I realized . . . 'the economy of abundance.'"

Nora and her soup kitchen ministers also understood that God's "economy of abundance" was tenuous: you could not buy your way out of it, but had to rely on what was donated. "In the economy of abundance," she writes, "you had to scrounge. We begged for bread from local bakeries; from butchers who donated meat . . . [From] traveling executives, we were given the soaps and shampoos collected in hotels. On the bottom rungs, I saw that scrounging is a craft. [Those] we served in the kitchen sifted through wastebaskets at the end of the day and found things I would have missed . . . everything was useful; nothing was wasted. I came to believe God scrounges too. A pregnant, unmarried woman; tax collectors; blind beggars; a son conceived out of wedlock. God uses what is useless, what is discarded, what is low."

When Jesus began his ministry, he did not go to the ranks of "professional" religious to be his co-workers; he entrusted his Gospel to good and just, hard-working fishermen. He calls every one of us - merchant or fisherman, executive or line worker - to become a "scrounger" for God's economy of abundance. Being the "fisher" that Jesus calls us to be does not require us to cast our lines and nets very far. The help we offer to family and friends, to neighbors and parishioners, realizes the vision that Jesus articulates in today's Gospel. Christ entrusts to each one of us the work of discipleship: to extend, regardless of our own circumstances, the love of God to all; to proclaim, in our own homes and communities, the compassion and justice of the Gospel; to take on God's work of reconciliation and forgiveness among all his sons and daughters.

WHY DO SOME PEOPLE GENUFLECT OR BOW BEFORE ENTERING A PEW?

When we genuflect (lowering ourselves until one knee touches the floor) or bow (bending reverently at the waist), we recognize with our whole being that we are in the presence of God; indeed, we are in the real presence of Christ in the tabernacle. Why some people genuflect and others bow may have to do with physical limitations.

Parish and Community News

FOUR REASONS WHY PEOPLE DO NOT CATCH FISH!

There are basically four reasons why people do not catch fish: (1) Some people are using the wrong bait. (2) Some people are fishing in the wrong lake, that is, they don't know where the fish are. (3) Some people have got the right bait and they're in the right lake, but they don't know how to fish. (4) Then there are some people who have the right bait, and they're in the right lake, and they know how to fish but they're just not going fishing. The Lord Jesus came not only that we might put our faith in Him, but that we might go fishing with Him. You see, our problem is not that we have the wrong lake. The water is full of fish. The problem is not that we have the wrong bait. We have the Gospel which can hook any fish. Our problem, I believe, is one of ignorance and apathy. There are many Christians who believe they do not know how to share the Lord Jesus, and then there are many who just don't want to go.

DO YOU APPRECIATE THE CALL TO BE CHRIST'S DISCIPLES?

Every one of us is called by God, both individually and collectively. The mission of preaching, teaching and healing which Jesus began in Galilee is now the responsibility of the Church. Our own unique vocation and our relationship with the risen Lord are the same as that of the universal Church. Be we religious, priests, married or single people, we are all called, and in this call we become what God wants us to be. The call, of course, begins with our Baptism and the other Sacraments of Initiation. It is strengthened throughout the years with the Eucharist and Reconciliation, healed and consoled by Anointing and made manifest in Matrimony, or Holy Orders. God is relentless in calling us back to Himself, even when we stray away from Him.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE 2018



Friday, February 9 from 7:00-11:00 (Snow date: Sunday, February 11, 6:00-9:30)
BABYSITTING AVAILABLE WITH PRIOR NOTICE!

Once again 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 cannot attend or would like to help in some other way, please 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.



SJN WINTER MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, January 19 – 7pm

We had 36 reservations for our movie night showing of The Shack! Hopefully Wayne makes it all work. Next week's bulletin we will let you know how the evening went.

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
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December 25, 2017

169 Donors Christmas\$33,366.75

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178 Donors Christmas\$32,494.86

December 31, 2017

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23 Solemnity of Mary \$595.00
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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

For January 8, 2017

72 Donors Weekly.....\$2,953.00
5 Christmas.....\$1,285.38

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Jan. 24 M. D'Avella
Wed., Jan. 31 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

January 20 and 21

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

January 27 and 28

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Jan. 21 M. Proano
Week of Jan. 28 C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

January 25 Team F
February 1 Team A

Altar Flowers

January 27 Mary Connolly
February 3 Maritza Perez

Counting

Jan. 22 Kucharski/Cangelosi
Jan. 29 Malone/McCabe

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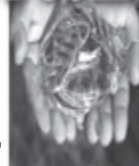
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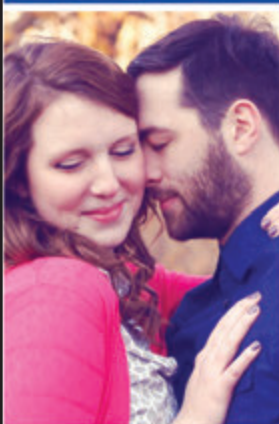
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