



## Mission Statement

*Catholic Community of St. John Neumann*

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,  
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian  
Communities,*

*FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and  
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is  
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:*

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith*

*TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures*

*TO CHERISH all life*

*TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

## Annual Parish Goal

*We, as ministers, will foster*

*an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,  
especially to those away from the Church,  
by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.*

## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

Diocese of Metuchen

Most Rev. James F. Checchio,  
JCD, MBA  
Bishop of Metuchen

Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, DD  
Bishop Emeritus

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## *Our Parish*

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD .....  
..... Pastor  
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....  
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus  
Earl Roberts ..... Deacon  
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### *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 30

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Friday, February 2

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Saturday, February 3

5:30 p.m. William C. Schoen, req.  
The Lagarenne Family

### Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. Al Sterphone, req.  
St. John Neumann

10:30 a.m. Bob Simms, req.  
Marie and Roger Malone



## Parish Calendar

### 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)

### Monday, January 29 - Weekday

7:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting (Seton Room)

### Tuesday, January 30 - Weekday

No Mass

### Wednesday, January 31 - Saint John Bosco, Priest

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

### Thursday, February 1 - Weekday

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

### Friday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

No Mass  
No 1st Friday Holy Hour

7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Class (Church Center)

### Saturday, February 3 - Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr Saint Ansgar, Bishop; BVM

3:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Session #1 (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass-Followed by Blessing of the Throats (Church)

### Sunday, February 4 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection / Souper Bowl of Caring

8:00 a.m. Mass-Followed by Blessing of the Throats (Church)  
8:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation (Valley View)  
8:30 a.m. 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting (Valley View)  
10:30 a.m. Mass-Followed by Blessing of the Throats (Church)  
11:45 a.m. Jr. High Formation (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - February 3/4

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... David Geerinck  
Altar Server ..... Geerinck/Torczon Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Eileen McCabe  
..... Lyle Garcia, Donna Torczon

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Allan Piechowski  
Altar Server ..... Kennedy Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Tom Klawunn  
..... Diane Lehnert, Jane Klawunn

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant ..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Mary Sorgi  
Altar Server ..... Alligood Family  
Music Eucharistic Minister ..... Mark Brisson  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Marlene Milko, Sheena Carew  
..... Jim DeVito, Peter Royal, Doris Royal

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*1 Corinthians 7:32*

*How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this - use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. (Archbishop Carlson)*

## ASH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14!

That means it is time for us to think of our LENT FAITH 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.



### Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Virginia Kluge, Marilyn Pepperman, Joseph Melhem and Sophie Geist..**

**Deceased: Virginia Kluge**, mother of Lynn Johnson, **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,

What a great weekend I had on Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great surprise to see such a spread for my birthday and even so many faces I haven't seen for 5 years. I got so caught up on Sunday that I failed to realize my 12:30 pm appointment in Hillsborough. I was afraid to use the shortcut since I hadn't taken it in 5 years so took Rt. 206. Boy, was that a wrong choice. I did make the connection and got to McCarter on time.

It was good not only to see so many people but also the growth of the children. When the little ones went out for Children's Liturgy of the Word I recalled the grown ones at that age. It was also good to see people still going to church with all that we have been through these past years. Faith doesn't die it gets stronger. I still have a problem with these issues but just don't give up. My faith is important.

I think especially of the young people that we have catechized over the years who get married outside of the church and I mourn this. I know that parents mourn with me. My prayer is that they will one day awaken to something we did at St. John's and light the spark of mystery we celebrated and implanted.

People still come to the same Mass and sit in the same places. I know of a fellow however who sits in a different place each week so he can meet someone he doesn't know. Jim Murray has a special trick at his birthdays. After a half an hour people have to change places so they can talk to others.

I was always against name tags at Weekend Masses but it worked well on this weekend. I always thought we shouldn't make it easy. I now admit the easy way can be the best way especially for those who cannot remember names and also get a sneak peek at someone they don't know and would like to know. Sounds like teenagers trying to catch someone's eye. When I was in Campus Ministry fellows would come in late so they could spot a pretty girl and sit next to her for the sign of peace. On the way out he would invite her to sit with him in the dining hall. My sister and her girlfriend went to Miraculous Medal Novena every Tuesday evening. They had their eyes on the altar boys. We need to use more tricks of the trade.

It was a delight to be with all of you. I didn't tire after three Masses and sleeping overnight. Of course, I didn't have to stay around and work. As I sat there I marveled how we kept the place going. I was proud to see you all still standing up to the challenge. I thought there would be more people I did not know after 5 years. I also remember that if you wanted to catch the bulk of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann you had to go for 5 weeks with travel, parties, sickness, etc. keeping people away. I won't have that occasion but I will hopefully see more of you this weekend.

I have wonderful memories of wonderful people and wonderful celebrations. As I sat around the altar covered with that marvelous dedication quilt, touched the stitches, thought of all the people who made St. John's possible and could see our beloved deceased gathered with us in the pews where they sat I rested well in the mystery of our faith, the mystery of life and the mystery of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann.

Fr. Bill Mickiewicz

## 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### *Lighting a Fire in the Heart of Our World*

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our priority ministries of Evangelization & Communication and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.



## 4TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

January 28, 2018

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**1 Corinthians 7:32**

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future.

## CANDY FOR CATHOLIC HEART

Thanks to Barbara Pannone, this year we are offering a delicious truffle treat as part of fundraising for our trip to Cumberland, MD in June. **A BOX OF 18 FOR \$10.** To place an order, please contact Mary Connolly at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com). Checks can be made out to St. John Neumann. Orders may be picked up in the church Friday, February 9 and after the Masses that weekend. They can also be picked up in the Seton Room of the parish office if that is easier. Boxes will be sold at the Dinner Dance as well. Thank you!

## NO First Friday Holy Hour



In February

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# Christian Formation

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN - Spelling Bee



**When: Sun., Feb., 4, 2018 at 11:45 PM**  
**Where: Church Center**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi students are participating in the Diocesan's Spelling Bee sponsored by the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus. Refreshments will be served after the

## JR. HIGH/CONFIRMATION PREP



Please note the February 4<sup>th</sup> session will start at 11:45 a.m. in the Church Center.

## 1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

**Saturday, February 3, 3:30 p.m.**

First Eucharist classes will begin on Saturday, February 3, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center. There will be a Parent Meeting held at Valley View School at the beginning of the session (8 a.m.) on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Parish News

## BE A GOOD TEACHER LIKE JESUS!

We need to use our God-given authority to build up lives. So many people with authority have made a lasting impression on our lives either for good or bad. Perhaps it was a grandparent, an uncle, or a parent, who loved us and cared for us. Perhaps it was a Sunday school teacher who encouraged us in our Faith and exerted a positive impact on our lives. Perhaps we remember the kindness as well as the firm discipline that a school-teacher gave us. Teachers are powerful because they change and mould lives. Hence, let us all become good teachers like Jesus and use our authority to mould young lives in the right way.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEKEND

**February 3 & 4**



MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

**"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."**

Since that day, more than \$90 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Weekend as you leave Mass. Our youth will greet you in the Narthex to collect your \$ donations and cans of soup. This year we are collecting money for a food-related service project for SHIP and St. John's Social Ministry holiday food baskets. A local food pantry will receive the cans of soup collected. Thank you for your support!!

## ADULTS INVITED TO GIFT SESSIONS WITH FR. ABRAHAM



**Amoris laetitia** (English: *The Joy of Love*) is a post-synodal apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis addressing the pastoral care of families and was released on 8 April 8, 2016. It

follows the Synods on the Family held in 2015.

The exhortation covers a wide range of topics related to marriage and family life as well as the contemporary challenges faced by families throughout the world. It encourages both pastors and members of the laity to accompany and care for families and others in situations of particular need. *Amoris laetitia* also includes an extended reflection on the meaning of love in the day-to-day reality of family life.



During adult formation in February Fr. Abraham will be discussing the topics discussed in Chapters 4, 5, 6, and 8. Please join us on Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 9AM Valley View Elementary School or Monday February 12 6:15 PM in the Church Center. Please contact Renee Ciszewski [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org) with any questions. Hope to see you at our next session.

## WHY JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

The first century Christianity spread in and through small groups called 'house churches.' The same holds true today. The communal worship on Sunday is important. But there is something powerfully unique about an intimate gathering that forces us to think differently than when we are in the bigger space of our Church for worship. That has been the experience of almost 100 parishioners in the past.

Small groups, in fact, are where much of the Bible and theology taught in our pulpits begins to be fleshed out in conversation and action. Our parishioners have benefited so much for this method of sharing God's Word in small groups. They have found it very fruitful and spiritually enriching. That in turn has made our parish come all the more alive! Do sign up!

***What participants are saying...***

***"I enjoy attending the small group as they are very inspirational and motivating for me to grow stronger in the Catholic Faith." GB***  
***"It is wonderful to talk to others about things that really matter in life." MK***

## THANKS FOR COMING TO THE SHACK! SJN QUARTERLY MOVIE NIGHTS

Movie night was a great success – 32 people were in the church loft to view and discuss *The Shack*. Everyone had good time, enjoyed the food, movie and socializing. The feedback was wonderful. Our plans are to hold movie nights once a quarter! Look for movie night in April! Contact [connxions@ccsjn.org](mailto:connxions@ccsjn.org) for any information.

## LIVE LENT!

### **64 are now signed up for the Lent Small Groups! WOO-HOO!**

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 are available – we are happy to start a new option OR get a new group going.

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](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org). Groups start the week of February 12.

***Don't just observe Lent... Live It and join a small faith group***

### **24 THINGS BECOMING EXTINCT IN AMERICA!!**

There's a book written for us list lovers called *The Incredible Book of Wacky Lists* by Patrick M. Reynolds (2001), where he has lists of "Plants That Eat Animals" (there are 4 of them: Venus's flytrap, Butterwort, Sundew, Pitcher plant), "Seas Named After a Color" (Black, Red, White, Yellow Seas), 3 Tallest US Presidents (Abe Lincoln, 6'4", LBJ, 6'3", Thomas Jefferson, 6'2½", now 4, with Barack Obama, 6'2"), "7 Birds That Can't Fly" (emu, kiwi, penguin, ostrich, cassowary, rhea, Galapagos cormorant), "10 Animals with Pockets" (kangaroo, koala, opossum, sea horse, Tasmanian devil, wombat, wallaroo, bandicoot, cuscus, echidna).

Among the 24 predicted extinctions are the imminent demise (some already became extinct!) of the Yellow Pages, movie rental stores, phone landlines, VCRs, Ham radio, incandescent light bulbs, cameras that use film, and the milkman. In fact, some extinctions are good. When things are no longer useful, when things do not function in a helpful way, or just aren't sensible anymore, they should become extinct. In today's Gospel text Jesus acted as an agent of extinction. When Jesus entered into the local synagogue in Capernaum it was time for the unclean spirit inhabiting that place to go extinct. The presence of Jesus, whom the unclean spirit declared to be "the Holy One of God," left no room for the unholy attitude and actions of that demon. Go exorcize some demons this week. Make a list of things you want to go extinct in your life, and then stop feeding them: greed, jealousy, anger, hypocrisy, selfishness . . . . Change the climate in your home and in your heart. Make the climate in which you live inhospitable to hatred, a wasteland for bigotry, a desert for envy.

### **2018 ST. JOHN PARISH LIFE SURVEY**

After months of development, numerous revisions and lots of discussion, the St. John's 2018 Parish Life Survey is now live! The survey was developed and sponsored by the Stewardship Ministry. The survey is an opportunity for us to learn about those features and elements of St. Johns that are important to our parishioners and to learn about areas of parish life you would like to see improvements.

- The survey will take you about 15 minutes to complete, a little shorter or longer depending on how much time you need to consider the various questions.
- Individuals (not families) complete the survey. Meaning each attending Parishioner should complete the survey independently so we get the most accurate profile of the Parish.
- You may complete the survey by pen & paper (available in Narthex) or online at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohn2018ParishSurvey>. The link is also available on the home page of our website: [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org).
- Please complete the survey by February 25th.
- The Stewardship Ministry will share the results of the survey in March.

We would greatly appreciate if you would consider completing the survey online rather than paper/pencil. This would reduce the need for hand tallying the results, which can be extremely time consuming. The electronic version will tally automatically for us! Thanks! We appreciate your time and look forward to your input!

### **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

### **YOU ARE INVITED!**

You are invited 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. 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 after Mass for more information or call the office 832-2513 if you have questions before you decide you want to do it.

### **MARRIAGE TUNE-UP**

Still another way to Turn Your Beloved Off! - Let obsessions distract you from being present to your beloved. How clean does the house really need to be? Hobbies are fun but can steal together time. Perfectionism can rob you of laughing together at your mistakes. (Susan Vogt)

### **PARENTING TUNE-UP**

"You are not your children! Your success as a parent does not depend on their success. Resist the urge to take credit for your child's successes, lest you also take the blame for their mistakes." (*Parenting Your Adult Child*)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### January 14, 2018

71 Donors Weekly.....	\$4,990.00
1 Solemnity of Mary .....	\$25.00
1 Christmas.....	\$25.00
8 Donors Yellow Brick Rd....	\$470.00

### January 15, 2017

75 Donors Weekly .....	\$4,417.00
42 Together in Charity.....	\$754.00
14 Donors Yellow Brick Rd....	\$575.00

## 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

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: Don't "Help" Them!

*Jesus taught as one having authority and not as the scribes . . . Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit: "Quiet! Come out of him!" Mark 1: 21-28*

A newly-launched charitable foundation began work among the mountain people of Nepal. Their focus was supporting women and girls. But their first project was an epiphany for the organizers.

Their team was touring a small village in Nepal. They were impressed by a long concrete staircase leading up the mountain to a village perched on a ridge. The steps certainly made it easier to navigate the steep path. But they couldn't help but notice the well-worn track in the dirt alongside the steps. When they reached the top, they asked the villagers about the path. Their inquiry was met with a chorus of nervous giggles.

The villagers explained that, a year before, a visitor had a great deal of difficulty trekking up the hill to the village, sliding on the slippery path. The well-to-do and well-meaning traveler was concerned about the women carrying heavy jars of water on their heads. He vowed to do something to help them, so he arranged for the construction of the steps. After the steps were completed, he made a great display of "presenting the steps" to the village, and then he returned to his home. The women tried to use the steps but suffered many injuries as they lost their balance and fell with their water jars. They were used to feeling their way up the dirt path in their bare feet, not having to look down and risk spilling the water they were carrying. So they bypassed the steps and created a new path along side the concrete.

What would have been a better solution? the team asked. The villagers laughed. "If he had built a well at the top of the hill, the women wouldn't have to carry the water up the hill at all!" It was an object lesson for the foundation team. They realized that they could not "impose" programs from the top down. Any new projects would begin by listening to those they were trying to help. As a Nepalese woman who would become involved in one of the foundation's future projects would later remind them, "We're poor, not stupid."

**Our wanting to help others sometimes takes on an air of disdain and condescension: Because we are more well-to-do or went to a better school or live in an upscale "zip code," we assume we know what's best for those we have "deemed" to "help." That attitude is exactly what Jesus' authority is NOT about. The people who encounter Jesus see in him a very different kind of "authority," an authority centered in empathy, compassion and respect. Jesus' "authority" inspires rather than enforces; he sees his call to "lead" as a trust, as a responsibility to serve others by revealing the God who calls us to compassion and mercy for the sake of his kingdom of peace, instead of a God of judgment and vengeance. May we seek to possess the authority of the Gospel Jesus: to listen with the compassion of the heart, to stand with (not above) those in need, to join our hands with those who are struggling up mountain paths balancing their own water jars.**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com) or 930-0784.

# Parish and Community News

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann  
February, 2018

Friday, January 19, 2018 4:32 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4 Souper Bowl of Caring</b> YBR Collection 8:00 AM Mass - Blessing of Throats-CC 8:00 AM K-6 Family Faith Formation - V.V. 8:30 AM 1st Eucharist Parent Meeting - V.V. 10:30 AM Mass - Blessing of Throats-CC 11:45 AM Jr. High Formation-CC</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 8:00 AM Mass - NR</p>	<p><b>7</b> 12:30 PM Staff Mtg - DR 4:00 PM Valentine Dinner Dance Setup - CC 6:30 PM Tai Chi - CC 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. - UR</p>	<p><b>8</b> 4:00 PM Valentine Dinner Dance Setup - CC 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC</p>	<p><b>2 No Mass / No 1st Friday Holy Hour</b> 7:15 PM Baptism Prep I - CC</p>	<p><b>3</b> 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Session #1 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - Blessing of Throats-CC</p>
<p><b>11 Catholic Spirit Collect</b> 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Coffee (sponsored by Fund Raising) - NX 9:00 AM Group Leader Facilitator Training - CC 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy-NX 11:30 AM Coffee (sponsored by Fund Raising) - NX 6:00 PM Jr. High Formation-CC 6:00 PM Valentine Dinner Dance Snow Date - CC</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/CKK 12:00 PM Priests Deanery Mtg - DR 6:00 PM Family Faith Formation - CCR/SRV/MR 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p><b>13</b> 8:00 AM Mass - NR 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Budget Mtg - DR 7:00 PM Small Group - NR 7:30 PM Stewardship Mtg-SR</p>	<p><b>14 Ash Wednesday</b> 7:00 AM Mass &amp; Ashes - NR 10:30 AM Small Group - CC 4:30 PM Service &amp; Ashes - CC 7:00 PM Service &amp; Ashes - CC 7:15 PM Small Group - DR 7:15 PM Small Group - OCK 7:30 PM R.C.I.A. - UR</p>	<p><b>15</b> 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR</p>	<p><b>16</b> 7:00 AM Mass - NR 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-CC</p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:30 PM Mass - CC</p>
<p><b>18 1st Sunday of Lent Snow &amp; Heat Collect</b> 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - Abeles Baptism - CC 3:00 PM RCA Rite of Election - Cathedral</p>	<p><b>19 President's Day / Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM Small Group - DR</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8:00 AM Mass - NR 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:30 PM Property Mgmt Mtg-DR 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:30 AM Small Group - CC 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. - UR 7:15 PM Small Group - DR 7:15 PM Small Group - OCK 7:30 PM Book Club - SR</p>	<p><b>22</b> 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/CKK 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:00 AM Mass - NR 6:00 PM Soup Supper - Hosted by Rel Ed -CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-CC</p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC</p>
<p><b>25 2nd Sunday of Lent Development of Peoples</b> 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy-NX 11:30 AM Discover St. John's-CC</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:00 PM Fundraising - OCK 7:00 PM Small Group - DR 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Meeting - SR 7:30 PM Pastoral Council - UR</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8:00 AM Mass - NR 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Connors - OCK 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30 AM Small Group - CC 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. - UR 7:15 PM Small Group - DR 7:15 PM Small Group - OCK</p>			

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