



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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Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD
..... Pastor
Rev. J William Mickiewicz.....
..... Founding Pastor Emeritus
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398 County Road 513
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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour7:00 p.m.

Worshipping at:

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Check the bulletin for any changes

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday8:00 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation:

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 3

5:30 p.m. Henry Ramezzana, req.
Anne and Joseph Sacco

Sunday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Carmen Cosentino, req.
Nanna Family
10:30 a.m. Bruce Kennedy, req.
France Kennedy



Mass Schedule - March 3/4

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Lyle Garcia Eileen McCabe, Debby Kelemen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara Barbara Martalus, Bob Martalus
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Julie Weldon
Altar Server	Allgood Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Anthony DeStefano, Marlene Milko Patti Rittman, Sheena Carew, 1 Needed

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Sunday of Lent / Development of Peoples Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Coffee Hosted by Pastoral Council (Narthex)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hosted by Pastoral Council (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Lunch (Drexel Room)

Monday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting (Seton Room)
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, February 27 - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
11:00 a.m. Small Group (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. (Upper Room)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Office Center Kitchen)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Drexel Room)

Thursday, March 1 - Lenten Weekday

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

Friday, March 2 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)

Saturday, March 3 - Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

3:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Session #3 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church)

Sunday, March 4 - 3rd Sunday of Lent / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. Family Faith Formation (Valley View))
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Formation (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. CPIII Day of Reflection Parent Planning Meeting (Church Center)



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Grady Gordon, Gladys Angeline, Roy Rittman, Grace Meleo and Pablo Perez.**

Deceased: Grady Gordon, good friend of the Donovans, **Gladys Angeline**, aunt of Sharon Janks, **Roy Rittman**, father or Roy Rittman, **Grace Meleo**, Aunt of Jim King and **Pablo Perez**, father of Maritza Proano/Perez. 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,

The message of Pope Francis regarding Lent is worth reflecting upon as we enter this second week of Lent. He says it is a time for taking a pause. He explains it in these words:



- * Pause from bitter feelings, which never get us anywhere and from a frantic pace of life that leaves too little time for family, friends, children, grandparents and God.
- * Pause from striving to be noticed, from snooty comments and "haughty looks" instead, they need to show tenderness, compassion and even reverence for others.
- * Pause to refrain from the deafening noise that weakens and confuses our hearing that makes us forget the fruitful and creative power of silence.
- * Pause and step back from situations that lead to sin, a time to see how God is at work in others and in the world and, especially, a time to return to the Lord, knowing that his mercy is boundless.

Yes, we all need to pause. It is good to see that our parish is making every effort to pause and do these very papal suggestions through our Lenten groups that meet weekly, through the Soup n supper followed by Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays, the different activities of the Religious Ed Office, etc. Add to these, the individual efforts parishioners are making to live some Lenten resolution on their own. Thus we have a whole parish-wide effort to live Lent better. It is truly a time of grace for the whole parish community.

But we are all humans who will need reminders about these practices so we won't forget these in our busy daily life. That's why I've noticed a greater participation whenever there is a pulpit announcement or reminder. When the Scrip program was promoted, there was an increase in the number of people buying shopping cards (ShopRite/Walmart/Kings/Amazon). When the Parish Survey was promoted, many more took the survey online. This is another reason why I keep reminding us to take the bulletins home. Besides the reminders, there will be also spiritual enrichment for the whole family. If you give the bulletin to another friend or family, you are becoming instruments of spiritual enrichment to them too! Thus transformation happens not just for you but also for someone else because of you. Isn't that wonderful? May today's gospel about the Transfiguration of Jesus give us the boost to do this very act of reaching out because it transforms us all.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

NEW AT ST. JOHN'S?

If you are new at St. John's, see one of our greeters at Mass to receive a small information packet to introduce you to the parish. Contact France Kennedy at 908-307-7879 to register at the parish.



SOUP N STATIONS

Please join us for Soup n Stations each Friday in Lent. Soup Supper starts at 6pm and Stations of the Cross follow at 7pm.

The following is a list of the groups/ministries that will be sponsoring each of the soup suppers. (March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th and March 23rd) If you have a special soup you like to make or just like to make any soup, please contact the office, 908-832-2513, and let us know which Friday will work for you. We hope that everyone can make at least one of the weeks during lent.

AUCTION DATE SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2018

It's time to gather up our resources of Time, Talent and Treasure - to insure this Crucial Fund Raiser is a success! We had to cancel the kick off meeting last Sunday due to the weather. We are still seeking two people to co-chair this event. Please join us in the loft after the 10:30 Mass this weekend for a one hour planning meeting to help us get things started. Any and all levels of involvement is greatly appreciated.

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

February 25, 2018

"Here I am!" he answered.

Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Recruitment and Membership

Please join the members of the Pastoral Council this weekend for a Community Coffee held after each Mass. This is an opportunity for you to meet our Pastoral Council members, to discuss the Council's purpose, and to discern the possibility of becoming a member. We look forward to seeing you.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH SURVEY

Please complete the parish life survey. Go to our website at ccsjn.org and click on the link on the front page you will be taken directly to the survey to complete it.

We are asking each family member to complete a copy. Each survey is completed anonymously.

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Christian Formation

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, March 3, 3:30 p.m.



The next First Eucharist session will be held on Saturday, March 3, at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FINAL SCORE!



Thanks again to all who contributed to a successful Souper Bowl of Caring collection and service project. It was a BIG WIN with the final score being: \$335 cash and gift cards, plus 149 cans of soup. The Jr. High assembled 80 brown bag lunches along with 200 utensil kits for SHIP's mobile soup kitchen. Also benefiting from this collection is the St. John's Food Pantry and holiday food baskets. Thank you for your support!

MARDI GRAS THANK YOU



The students in the GIFT Family Formation program participated in a Mardi Gras Celebration while the adults attended formation with Fr. Abraham. The children learned and experienced the activities of Mardi Gras. They made a mask, played bingo and a Mardi Gras memory matching game. A special thank you to Nick O'Brian, Lauren Alligood, Kyle and Jordan Erz, Brooke Solomon, Amelia Weldon, Alex Bush and Evan Schimanski our jr. high sacramental prep students who made these fun events possible! Our assistant catechist Emma Evanko was also part of team.

ADULTS INVITED TO GIFT SESSIONS WITH FR. ABRAHAM



Each month during the Adult segment of the GIFT program, Fr. Abraham gives a presentation on a topic of interest. Recently he reflected on *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) – the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis*. It was well attended and well appreciated as it gave a greater understanding of the efforts of Pope Francis to bring about Pastoral changes for the good for the whole church.

The next session will focus on the Catholic Social Teaching which is known as the "best kept secret" of the Catholic Church! We will have a discussion of the **The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching**. These are:

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person. ...
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities. ...
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. ...
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. ...
- Solidarity. ...
- Care for God's Creation.

As our Parish is on the forefront of Social Ministry and outreach to the less fortunate, please consider joining this session which, as usual, will be interesting and engaging. Please contact Renee Ciszewski renee@ccsjn.org with any questions. Hope to see you at our next session.

JR HIGH SUNDAY SESSION & BAGS OF LOVE



The Jr. High Session on **February 11, 2018** included the service part of the *Souper Bowl of Caring* soup drive. The students lovingly created "bags of love". They assembled sandwiches, and decorated brown bag for lunch. Each lunch bag included a simple note of encouragement and caring. Utensil bag where assembled too. The Jr. High students were provided leadership and guidance from our caring moms. We worked in partnership with Social Ministry who delivered these lunch bags to SHIP. This was a great opportunity to show our students how to live their faith by helping others and being the "hands and feet" of Jesus.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Join our parish community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Prayerfully consider participating in this Lenten program – 25% of your giving goes to help needy families in our diocese and 75% goes to Catholic Relief Services' developmental projects around the world such as agricultural, water, education and microfinance projects that help families to support themselves. Rice Bowl packets will be available in the Narthex and will be distributed at all catechetical gatherings in February. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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DAILY LENT JOURNEY

Have you decided your Lenten Plan yet? As Jesus had forty days in the desert, we too can take the time of Lent to take a spiritual journey to enrich our faith. Why not try Dynamic Catholic's video program that guides your through Lent using the Resisting Happiness Book that we the parish gift this Christmas. Sign up at <http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/> for daily 3 minute videos to help you explore your faith and your discipleship.

HOW TO LISTEN TO JESUS?

Perhaps you have heard of the man who wanted to test his wife's hearing. He stood some distance behind her and said, "Honey, can you hear me?" Having received no answer, he moved closer and again whispered, "Honey, can you hear me?" Again, having received no answer he moved right up behind her and softly said, "Honey can you hear me?" She replied, "For the third time, yes!" – **In some ways this story could be analogous of our communication with God. We constantly check to see if He is listening, in hopes that He will respond to our needs. In reality, He hears us, but He has asked us to listen to Him as well. Lent should be a listening time for each of us. When we learn to listen, our lives become obedient lives. At the close of the transfiguration scene described in today's Gospel the three apostles hear the word of God from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."**

A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO FASTING!

Lenten fasts have a tendency to be oriented toward things like giving up food or television. But there are many other creative ways we can welcome Jesus' healing touch this Lent. Below are some suggestions you may want to consider.

Fast from anger and hatred. Give your family an extra dose of love each day.

Fast from judging others. Before making judgments, recall how Jesus overlooks our faults.

Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a perfect plan for your life (Jer. 29:11).

Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, close your eyes and recall some of the little moments of joy Jesus has given you.

Fast from resentment or bitterness. Work on forgiving those who may have hurt you.

Fast from spending too much money. Try to reduce your spending by ten percent and give these savings to the poor.

May the Lord "who began a good work in you bring it to completion" (Philippians 1:6). Happy Lent!

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE THANK YOU!

The event to support our teens' 2018 Catholic Heart Workcamp summer mission trip was a tremendous success. Thank you to the steadfast believers of Jim Murray and Mike Griffin to handle promotion and entertainment. The kitchen also ran smoothly with Mike Connolly, and Stef Connolly. Daniel Uss manned the dishwasher and earned the MVP award! Jennifer and Olivia Sarubbi were critical in prepping for the dishwasher - it's an awful job but they did it with joy. Thank you to Renee Osgood and Jennifer Anderson who came in and cleaned the kitchen before we all arrived.

Thank you to Fr. Abraham for his continued support for this ministry. Thank you to the office staff of Sharon Janks, JoAnn Jarvis, Kerri Caldero, and France Kennedy who sent emails, took reservations, and answered questions. Barbara Pannone organized the profitable sale of delicious truffles before the event and at the dance. Regina DeStefano, Phyllis Baker, Kathleen Swindler, and Pam Casserly were the energizer bunnies with assisting our servers, promoting the soup, slicing the cakes, serving the salad and doing whatever was needed. I am very grateful to those folks who stayed after the event on Friday night and helped transform it from a dance party back to our worship space. Thank you to our parishioners who attended the event. Extra special thanks to those who financially donated above and beyond the dance itself.

To our babysitting crew of Wendy King and Madison D'Avella. To our enthusiastic teen servers - Zach Lowry, Griffin Stasick, Rich Wellbrock, Dana Fabiano, Andrew Fabiano, Mia Ranallo, Andrew Ranallo, Lauren Tabor, Owen Tabor, Stella Dabrowski-Wheeler, Michael Cucchiara and friend Jess, Lisa Cucchiara, and Gavin Rudin. I may have missed some of your names but you all have a special place in my heart for your help. To Alex Kuhn who came on Saturday morning to help with recycling, trash and loading my car!

Last but not least - to Wayne Infusino. He relocates all of the pews, moves in all of the tables and chairs, and basically takes care of all that is needed to make the space ready for a fabulous night. Never any rest for him!

The theme for CHWC this summer is "ECHO". Thank you for making this experience possible for our teens.

"Be imitators of God and walk in love, as Christ loved us..." (Ephesians 5:1-2). As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate the very acts of love and kindness that He demonstrated throughout His life on earth. We are called to ECHO the heart of Jesus in our world today by serving the neglected, brokenhearted, and marginalized members of society.

Mary Connolly

DO YOU BELIEVE IN "THE MARCH OF THE DUCKS?!"

On the side of the Peabody Hotel in Orlando, Florida, there is a cutout of a large duck symbolizing what came to be known as "The March of the Ducks." Each day at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., the hotel people lay down a dazzling red carpet across the lobby. Then one of John Phillip Sousa's famous marches is played over the intercom. Whereupon, ten ducks, in single file, march down the red carpet in perfect harmony with the Sousa march. The ducks take a dip in the hotel fountain and then march out again in single file, down the red carpet, keeping perfectly in step with the beat of the music. For those who have witnessed "The March of the Ducks," it is an event so vivid and real and uplifting and fun-filled that it's difficult to find the right words to describe the wonder and the beauty of it -- much less try to convince someone that it is true. Today's Gospel Lesson describes an event called "transfiguration of Jesus" so wondrous and so beautiful as to defy all description (Watch: <http://video.google.com/videosearch?hl=en&q=March+of+the+Peabody+ducks&um>)

STORE CARDS



Thanks to **17 families** who purchased the grocery and store cards last week. The total cards sold totaled **\$3,150.00**. The stores gave us **\$158.75**.

Amazon profit for the month was \$214.39. With a year to date profit of \$450.78. Thanks for participating

PARENTING TUNE-UP

God said to Abraham, "because you did not withhold from me your beloved son, I will bless you." (Genesis 22: 16) Parenting can be hard. It comes with a lot of sacrifices. Believe that God will provide even if the way is not clear right now.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Principles for honoring your spouse:
#1 The Golden Rule - Treat your mate the same way you want to be treated.
#2 No Double Standards - Be as considerate to your spouse as you are to coworkers or strangers.
#3 Honor Requests that your spouse asks you to do or not do. (*The Love Dare*, by Stephen and Alex Kendrick)



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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joseph Angeline
 George Bernard
 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
 Eleanor Horan
 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
 Joel Rivera
 Carmen Ruscetta
 Anne Sacco
 Richard Sepe
 Noah Skinner
 Michael Slivka
 Dick Slusher
 Nicholas Troiano
 Don Velli
 William Weimer
 Josh Wilkes
 Dana & Greg 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: "Transfiguration"

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them . . . *Mark 9: 2-10*

The word "transfiguration" is not often part of our vocabulary today. I can't imagine a mother coming to the table with a beautifully done casserole proclaiming that she had "transformed" the macaroni into this exotic dish. We might use it if someone goes to the beauty shop and gets a daring haircut. "Look how transformed she is!" we might say. Or we might use it in telling fairy tales to our children - someone was transformed into a princess-like Cinderella or a frog was transformed into a Prince. But despite the fact that it isn't a common word to use, what the word signifies does happen pretty often. Something is changed into something more beautiful or altered in some way, making it more "awesome" to use today's cliché. Lent is a transformational season in the Church. This is, of course, why we hear the story of the Transfiguration read to us today.

We share the "mountain-top experience" of Peter, James and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day will help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking. The hunger we experience puts us more closely in touch with God and makes us more willing to help the hungry. The crosses of our daily lives also can lead us to the glory of transfiguration and resurrection.

We need transformation in our Christian lives so that we may seek reconciliation instead of revenge, love our enemies, pray for those who hate us, give to the needy without expecting a reward, refuse to judge others and make friends with those we don't naturally like. This transformation will also enable us to hold back on harsh words and let love rule so that we may seek reconciliation rather than revenge, pray for those who give us a hard time, avoid bad-mouthing those we don't agree with, forgive those who hurt us, and love those who hate us.

PARISH WEBSITE

What do you think of the parish website? Have you used it? Has it been helpful? What is your impression of it? If you are at all interested in our parish website we would love to get your feedback or input. If you are graphically gifted or want to help the parish reach out to others consider joining the Technology Team which manages the website. We are open to new ideas and feedback for improvements. Contact the office if you would like to help: 832-2513 / sjn@ccsjn.org.

IS IT TOO LATE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

If you are interested in what the small groups are like – here is a cheat: grab a LIVE LENT book from the Narthex (\$10) use the book for your own Lenten Journey. The small groups use the Sunday scripture, writings and reflection prompts for our group discussions. If you have any questions contact France at the office.

HOW I PLAN TO LIVE LENT

"For me, the Lenten season has always been a time to refocus on God and get my life in right order. I want to Live Lent so I can live faith with greater integrity and in deeper communion with God and my neighbor. I have come to realize that Lent is not so much about giving up things as it is about seizing the opportunity to be all that God has called me to be—a holy, healthy, and loving person—a disciple of Jesus Christ committed to transforming my faith into real-life action." Theresa Rickard



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A man in a bar sees a friend at a table, drinking by himself. Approaching the friend, he comments, "You look terrible. What's the problem?" "My mother died in August," he said, "and left me \$25,000." "Gee, that's tough," he replied. "Then in September," the friend continued, "my father died, leaving me \$90,000." "Wow. Two parents gone in two months. No wonder you're depressed." "Then last month, my aunt died and left me \$15,000." "Three close family members lost in three months? How sad." "Then this month," continued the friend, "absolutely nothing!"

Husband: "What's for breakfast?" Wife: "I thought I'd surprise you with something different this morning. It's "John the Baptist Oatmeal." I've wanted to make it for some time, but you wouldn't believe how hard it is to find locusts!"

Parish and Community News

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
March, 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>February 2018 Su Mo Tu We Th F Sa 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>4 3rd Sunday of Lent / YBR Collection 8:00 AM Mass - CC 8:00 AM Family Faith Formation - V.V. 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 6:00 PM Jr. High Formation-CC 6:00 PM CPill Day of Reflection Parent Planning Mtg-CC</p>	<p>April 2018 Su Mo Tu We Th F Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>5 6:00 PM Family Faith Formation - CC 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p>6 8:00 AM Mass - NR 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p>7 10:30 AM Small Group - CC 12:30 PM Staff Meeting - DR 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. - UR 7:15 PM Small Group - DR 7:15 PM Small Group - OCK</p>	<p>1 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR</p>	<p>2 No Holy Hour 7:00 AM Mass - NR 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-CC</p>	<p>3 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Session #3 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC</p>
<p>11 Stewardship Weekend / 4th Sunday of Lent Catholic Relief Services Daylight Savings Begins 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy-NX</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/CKK 7:00 PM Small Group - DR</p>	<p>13 8:00 AM Mass - NR 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg - OCK 7:00 PM Budget Mtg - DR 7:00 PM Small Group - NR 7:00 PM Teen Outreach - ICS Annandale 7:30 PM Stewardship Mtg-SR</p>	<p>14 10:30 AM Small Group - CC 6:00 PM Small Group - DR 6:00 PM Small Group - OCK 7:00 PM Community Reconciliation - CC 7:00 PM Followed by Individual Confessions 7:00 PM R.C.I.A. - UR</p>	<p>15 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR</p>	<p>16 No Mass 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-CC</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM Private Ceremony - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC</p>
<p>18 5th Sunday of Lent Diocesan Clergy Retirement 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy-NX 6:00 PM Jr. High Formation-CC</p>	<p>19 7:00 PM Small Group - DR 7:30 PM Pastoral Council - UR</p>	<p>20 No Mass 11:00 AM Small Group - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Property Mgmt Mtg-DR 7:00 PM Small Group - NR</p>	<p>21 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>22 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/CKK 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:00 PM Set up Boxes for Food Pack-up - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR</p>	<p>23 7:00 AM Mass - NR 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross-CC 7:30 PM Food Pack-up - CC</p>	<p>24 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - CC 8:00 AM Food Basket Deliveries - CC 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Session #4 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC</p>
<p>25 Palm/Passion Sunday Easter Flower Offering 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt-CCG</p>	<p>26 7:00 PM Fundraising - OCK 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Meeting - SR</p>	<p>27 8:00 AM Mass - NR 7:00 PM Commons - OCK</p>	<p>28 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 6:00 PM Living Stations Practices - DR</p>	<p>29 Holy Thursday 6:00 PM Confirmandi Seder Meal-CC 8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper - NR 9:30 PM Keeping Vigil - SR</p>	<p>30 Good Friday / Holy Land Collection Office Closed 12 Noon 1:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross-CCG 8:00 PM Service - CC</p>	<p>31 Holy Saturday 8:00 AM Easter Environment Decorating - CC 9:00 AM RCIA Retreat - CC 8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass-CC</p>

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February 18, 2018

48 Donors Weekly.....\$3,054.00
1 Yellow Brick Road.....\$5.00
29 Snow & Heat.....\$644.00

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80 Donors Weekly.....\$5,201.00
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Wed., Feb. 28 M. D'Avella
Wed., March 7 J. Santoro

Store Cards

February 24 and 25

5:30 p.m. B. Cestonei
8:00 a.m. G. Battell
10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

March 3 and 4

5:30 p.m. E. McCabe
8:00 a.m. K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Feb. 25 B. Sobey
Week of March 4 M. Proano

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