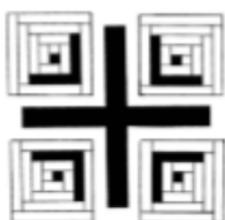


The Catholic Community of Saint John Neumann



*“Every Member
A Minister”*



WORSHIPPING AT

St. John Neumann Church Center
398 County Road 513

WEEKEND MASSES

5:30 p.m. Saturday
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Sunday

OFFICE CENTER

908-832-2513
Located adjacent to the Church

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

"Every Member a Minister"

*Sharing our
Time, Talent, and Treasure
as a Way of Life*

Mission Statement

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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

Each of us have been graced with twenty four hours a day. Yet, how often we complain, “Not enough time,” or “Where has the time gone?!”

*God invites us to be “wise stewards of our time”
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 & Ephesians 5:15-*

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In our juggling of time between our needs and the demands of others on our time, we need to give time for God who is the source of all blessings and preserver of our lives.

We do this in formal gatherings of worship and praise as a community of faith. Consider attending Mass on a regular basis and spending quiet time with the Lord via some of the following opportunities.

First Friday Holy Hour Eucharistic Adoration

Men’s and Women’s Spirituality Groups

Labyrinth and Prayer Gardens

Lent Stations of the Cross

Small Faith Groups

Eucharistic Chapel

Bible Study

STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

*Jesus asks his disciples to serve one another,
“As I have done for you,
you should do for each other.”*

John 13:14

Our parish offers various ministry opportunities to serve others and the community. This booklet provides basic information on the many ministries and activities in which parishioners are invited to live their stewardship. We ask you to review the opportunities and consider what your talents and schedule would best match. Each item has an email which you can use to ask questions and find out more information before you make a decision. With any of our stewardship options we invite you to try an activity and see if you like it. If it doesn't end up fitting your schedule or you find it not what you expected - just let us know. Living stewardship should be a joyous way to serve God and others.

In this booklet you will find a talent form for you to check off the areas you wish to serve. Mark the 'I' box if you are Interested in a ministry or 'C' to Continue in a ministry. Check 'D' if you Donate to an activity. If you have any questions, please call the office at 908.832.2513.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Liturgy and worship are grace-filled experiences at St. John Neumann, because of the commitment of so many who serve in liturgical ministries.

ALTAR SERVERS Individuals or families prepare the altar during Mass. liturgy@ccsjn.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Leaders and Aides meet the last Monday of the month to provide specially adapted scripture readings and homilies for children twice a month during 10:30 Mass. childrensliturgy@ccsjn.org

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Assist with distribution of communion showing reverence and a sense of hospitality toward all who receive the bread and cup. liturgy@ccsjn.org

GREETERS The first people you meet as you enter the Church Center. Hospitality sets the tone and lets us know we are entering a caring community. Serve at the Mass you attend. liturgy@ccsjn.org

ALTAR FLOWERS Arrange flowers for the altar during ordinary time in the church calendar. This ministry is shared by multiple parishioners on a rotating schedule. liturgy@ccsjn.org

MUSIC MINISTERS Lead the assembly in song, enhancing our celebration. There are Special choirs prepared for holidays. musicministry@ccsjn.org

BELL CHOIR Plays at Masses during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights in advance of the season. bellchoir@ccsjn.org

READERS Proclaim the Word of God, having prepared by reflecting on Sunday Scriptures and practicing techniques of expressive proclamation. liturgy@ccsjn.org

SACRISTANS Open up and set up for special Masses and for visiting priests. Greet the priest and review any questions for visiting clergy. liturgy@ccsjn.org

FUNERAL MINISTRY Serve at Funeral Masses as greeters and Eucharist Ministers when available. liturgy@ccsjn.org

WORSHIP ENVIRONMENT The Environment Team prepare the worship space changing the altar linens, quilt and banners for the liturgical seasons. liturgy@ccsjn.org

CONNIXIONS (EVANGELIZATION)

CONNIXIONS MINISTRY reach out to new and existing parishioners and the wider community through evangelization and spiritual life. They also present opportunities for parishioners to connect by offering activities and experiences that bring people together and deepen their faith. The Committee meets once a month on the fourth Tuesday. connxions@ccsjn.org

BAPTISM TEAM St. John's couples facilitate the baptism program to prepare families for the sacrament and assist on the day of baptism. connxions@ccsjn.org

ADULT INITIATION (R.C.I.A.) A process of formation for adults to be initiated in the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. **Team members** listen and help inquirers connect their experiences to the Word of God and identify the movement of God in their lives. rcia@ccsjn.org

DISCOVER ST. JOHN'S is a "get acquainted" program for those who want to register at St. John Neumann. Parish volunteers welcome newcomers, introducing them to our parish history and mission as we actively practice the stewardship way of life. connxions@ccsjn.org

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY offers activities and services to build relationships and strengthen the foundation of faith in our parish families. connxions@ccsjn.org

MOMS AND TOTS is an informal group of mothers of preschool age children who gather for playgroups and socializing. momsandtots@ccsjn.org

PRAYER MINISTRY has two objectives, to enrich our personal prayer life and to be mindful of the prayer intentions of the parish community. They prepare quarterly enrichment sessions with a variety of prayer experiences. prayerministry@ccsjn.org

SUPPORT/CONSOLATION MINISTRY for our parishioners who wish to support others who are experiencing difficult circumstances such as grief, divorce or other hardships. connxions@ccsjn.org

WELCOME TEAM Greet those new to the parish and help them to become active members of the parish. connxions@ccsjn.org

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

“Family-centered catechetical programs are opportunities for parents to catechize their children directly, for spouses to catechize each other and for children to catechize one another and their parents.”
National Directory for Catechesis #61.

CATECHIST (GRADES K-8) Faith - Pass it on! Boldly go where many have gone before and help pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic faith! This fall, over 100 of our young people grades K-8th will register for faith formation and sacramental preparation. Prayerfully consider becoming a catechist in our GIFT Faith Formation Program. As you nurture the faith of our young people, you will learn and grow as well! We provide you with training, materials, and support. With classes offered Sunday mornings and evenings and Monday evenings you are almost sure to find a time that fits your schedule. Classes begin in early September. If interested or for more information, religiously@ccsjn.org

TEEN VOLUNTEER If you enjoy working with children, sharing your faith, making crafts and teaching prayers consider joining our program! This is a wonderful service opportunity as you teach others and grow in faith. Sessions are offered Sunday mornings and evenings and Monday evening too. If interested or for more information. religiously@ccsjn.org

RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION Catechists prepare the children for the sacraments during 90-minute sessions on Saturdays in the Fall, Winter and early Spring. religiously@ccsjn.org

AIDE/SUBSTITUTE Sunday morning or evening or Monday night sessions. religiously@ccsjn.org

CONFIRMATION RETREAT Catechists and parents of Candidates prepare a Retreat as their children continue in faith development in the Catholic Church. religiously@ccsjn.org

ADULT FORMATION/ SPIRITUAL LIFE

BIBLE STUDIES provide a fuller understanding of the Bible, richer appreciation of the faith tradition of the Church. Series typically run from six to twelve weeks. connxions@ccsjn.org

SMALL FAITH GROUP Small faith groups are formed in the fall and during lent and meet for six weekly sessions. Parishioners read and reflect on the Gospel to help deepen their personal relationship with God through faith discussions. connxions@ccsjn.org

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST Meets on Saturday morning at 7am once a month to discuss scripture. connxions@ccsjn.org

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE Meets on Saturday morning at 8am once a month to discuss scripture. You are welcome to participate or facilitate. connxions@ccsjn.org

RETREATS AND WORKSHOPS Organize and run retreats or workshops for parishioners who are looking to deepen or expand their spirituality. connxions@ccsjn.org

PASTORAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MINISTRIES

PASTORAL COUNCIL The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to ensure that the vision of the Mission Statement is pursued and to support pastoral planning by evaluating the suitability and effectiveness of various programs and services. The Council meets one Monday night per month. pastoralcouncil@ccsjn.org

FINANCE COUNCIL The Finance Council aides the Pastor with the financial stewardship of the parish. They work with the Property Management Committee to ensure the fiscal stability and management of our parish church and property. financecouncil@ccsjn.org

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Our Social Ministry lives out the commandment to love one another by the activities listed below.

EXECUTIVE BOARD The board meets monthly on the second Wednesday to monitor the progress of Social Ministry activities. socialministry@ccsjn.org

CARD MINISTRY Sympathy cards and get-well wishes are sent regularly by Social Ministry volunteers. socialministry@ccsjn.org

FOOD PANTRY Maintained in the church center, this pantry is used for emergencies and holidays when we distribute groceries to approximately thirty families in the area. Volunteers are needed to shop, pack, and deliver the food during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter seasons. The Pantry needs to be stocked and inventoried regularly for expiration dates and in preparation for the food pack ups. socialministry@ccsjn.org

GIVING TREE Our tree blooms four times a year with gift tags requesting items needed. Parishioners donate items or gift certificates for those in need. We also need volunteers to organize and deliver the donations. socialministry@ccsjn.org

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK Along with a network of Hunterdon County churches we help low income families from our immediate area that are temporarily homeless. St. John's is a support parish, working with Spruce Run Lutheran host church in Glen Gardner. Sign up to host families at Spruce Run Church for a few hours or provide the dinner meal. socialministry@ccsjn.org

NURSING HOME Eucharistic Ministers bring Communion to the residents weekly. Each year in June a picnic is held at the Church Center for the residents of Little Brook Nursing Home. During the Christmas season parishioners visit to share some holiday cheer with refreshments and Christmas Carols. socialministry@ccsjn.org

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN The garden is used to grow organic vegetables that are distributed through local food banks and soup kitchens. Garden is also a source of fresh cut flowers for our worship space. This project utilizes volunteers for all aspects of the garden from soil preparation to planting, weeding, harvesting and distributing the produce. projectearth@ccsjn.org

SOCIAL MINISTRY (CONT.)

SHIP: SAMARITAN HOMELESS INTERIM PROGRAM A soup kitchen in the Somerville that serves the homeless. Twice a month our parishioners prepare casseroles and meals for SHIP. Parishioners also serve lunch to the homeless. ship@ccsjn.org

HOME-BOUND Reach out to help with the needs of those in the area who are elderly or ill. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion on a regular basis to these individuals. socialministry@ccsjn.org

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY The Parish Respect Life ministry participates in diocesan activities in support of the unborn, infirm, elderly, and terminally ill. socialministry@ccsjn.org

MEALS IN NEED Volunteers provide meals for individuals or families experiencing extraordinary difficulties. socialministry@ccsjn.org

MILITARY VETERAN FAMILY ORGANIZATION Need a contact person from our Church. This group works with other faith based communities in our local area to address the various emotional, spiritual and pastoral needs of these men and women and their families. mvfo@ccsjn.org

SUPPORT SERVICES

OFFICE HELP—DAY/EVENING We are grateful to have parishioners volunteer with clerical tasks that can be done during the day or in the evenings. volunteer@ccsjn.org

PARISH MAILINGS Assistance is needed for labeling, folding and stuffing envelopes for periodic mailings to the parish. volunteer@ccsjn.org

LIBRARY Looking for someone to set up a system for borrowing spiritual and other books that have been donated. volunteer@ccsjn.org

PASTOR MEALS Parishioners prepare the dinner meal for the pastor approximately once every six weeks. volunteer@ccsjn.org

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH

YOUNG ADULTS Available to anyone college age or older. Young parishioners are encouraged to gather and plan activities and social events of interest to their peers. St. John's joins with other young adults at Our Lady of Lourdes 'Acquire the Fire' for joint events. youngadults@ccsjn.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY The High School Youth Group gathers monthly to develop friendships, serve the community and deepen their relationship with God. Adults who can help run activities, chaperone or provide food for gatherings are needed. youthgroup@ccsjn.org

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP High school teens and adults attend a work camp each summer working in soup kitchens, senior housing centers, homeless shelters, low-income homes, daycare centers, group homes for the disabled, and local parishes. Put your faith into action. We need adults each year willing to attend the work camp as drivers, chaperones and team leaders. chwc@ccsjn.org

CHWC VALENTINE DANCE In February each year this Dinner Dance is held to benefit those who will be attending the work camp. The proceeds help to defray the costs of travel and to help pay for the cost of the teens who are attending. chwc@ccsjn.org

CONSULTING SERVICES

LEGAL

FINANCIAL

BUILDING/CONTRACTING

ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING

We occasionally look for advice of professionals. There is a great value to reach out to those parishioners who have the expertise in these fields. sjn@ccsjn.org

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30. This ministry reflects on parish Stewardship through Time, Talent and Treasure. Activities include: soliciting parishioner feedback supporting monthly ministry coffees. stewardship@ccsjn.org

PARISHIONER TESTIMONIAL We look for parishioners to speak at Masses as witness to the benefits and rewards of giving of yourself to stewardship time, talent and treasure at St. John's. stewardship@ccsjn.org

PARISH DIRECTORY Once every five years the Stewardship Committee prepares a new parish photo directory. Assistance is needed with organizing, designing, scheduling as well setting up and hosting the photo sessions in the Church. stewardship@ccsjn.org

TIME AND TALENT APPEAL AND RENEWAL Each year the stewardship committee reminds our parishioners of the opportunities to share their time and talent. This process involves evaluating the ministry needs and designing materials. Also helping with the promotion on stewardship weekend. stewardship@ccsjn.org

TREASURE CAMPAIGN AND RENEWAL We provide information of how parishioner donations over the last fiscal year have been used and the blessings they have been for St. John's. We ask for your commitment for the upcoming year. There is information available for Automated Giving, this would be the time to request a boxed set of envelopes. stewardship@ccsjn.org

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS The Stewardship Ministry coordinates (or works with other Ministries to coordinate) periodic activities (e.g., milkweed sales, canvas bag sale, information in the bulletin) to raise awareness about environmental Stewardship.

FAIR TRADE NARTHEX SALES Coordinate the tri-annual sale of Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair Trade Organization. Need assistance with set up, sales after Masses and handling of the merchandise to be returned. stewardship@ccsjn.org

FACILITY MAINTENANCE

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT This Committee oversees the maintenance of the buildings and grounds of the church and residence. They meet the second Tuesday of each month.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

LANDSCAPE/GARDENING All are welcome to help care for the various gardens on the property. This can be done individually or with a group.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

SNOW REMOVAL (Walkways) Informally or formally, clearing the snow on walkways around the Church and Residence is greatly appreciated.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

TENT CREW Approximately four times a year for some of our outdoor activities we call on the tent crew to set up and then later to take down the tents.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

SPRING/FALL CLEANUP In Spring or Fall (sometimes both) our volunteers join the Property Management Committee to help organize and clean those areas that we can't give the necessary attention to throughout the year.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

SET UP/TAKE DOWN EVENTS With some of our events we need to rearrange the Worship Space or other areas depending on the event. There are pews to move, tables and chairs to set up, etc. All would need to be put back after the event.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

FURNITURE MOVING (FOR MAINTENANCE) Every two or three years the Church floors need refinishing or other maintenance items might come up that require furniture to be moved and replaced.
propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

PLANT WATERING Weekly care for the plants is needed in the worship area and the narthex on a rotating schedule. This can be done anytime during the week at your convenience.
volunteer@ccsjn.org

CHURCH CLEANING Six teams of four people clean the church center weekly on a rotating schedule. The service is broken into vacuuming, mopping, and cleaning bathrooms and kitchen. Work can be done at your convenience when the church is not being used during the week. volunteer@ccsjn.org

FACILITY MAINTENANCE (CONT.)

HOLIDAY DECORATING Our Christmas/Decorating Party with refreshments and music is a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit and share some time with other parishioners while we get the decorating done. De-decorating of the church happens two weeks after Christmas. propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

LUMINARIES (CHRISTMAS EVE) Luminaries line the driveway for the Christmas Eve Mass. Each year a parish family volunteers for this beautiful tradition. volunteer@ccsjn.org

EMERGENCY HELP On that 'hopefully' rare occasion where an emergency may come up that requires some manpower to move things in order to fix it we would call upon you. propertymanagement@ccsjn.org

HOSPITALITY

BAKING There are many occasions during the year when we need baked goods. (i.e., coffees after Mass, fund raising events, picnic, etc.) hospitality@ccsjn.org

SET UP/CLEAN UP WEEKEND COFFEES Different ministries offer coffees after all Masses monthly and need help with hosting. hospitality@ccsjn.org

LINEN WASHING After events there are linens that need washing. We need multiple people to share this task. volunteer@ccsjn.org

CHILD CARE Some events, group gatherings or meetings would be better attended with child care available to our families. volunteer@ccsjn.org

EVENT CLEAN UP Our worship space is used for many functions, most importantly Mass. We require help after each function to put things back together and clean up the worship space, kitchen and narthex. volunteer@ccsjn.org

PICNIC This is a time to spend with families and friends of the parish, we start with a duck race which needs volunteers. Each family is asked to bring hamburgers or hot dogs and rolls for their family and a dish or desert to share with all. Help is needed to set up, grill, serve, clean up kitchen and take down the event. volunteer@ccsjn.org

FUNDRAISING

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE Meet the fourth Monday of every month to review and evaluate fundraising activities for the parish. Always open to new suggestions, attend a meeting or contact someone from the committee. fundraising@ccsjn.org

AUCTION DINNER DANCE The largest fund raising event of the year takes place the first Saturday in June. The success of the Auction is accomplished by a large team of volunteers who work together to meet our goal. No commitment of time is too small. fundraising@ccsjn.org

TRICKY TRAY A fun filled family event with something for everyone held in October. Lots of opportunities to help with planning and organizing. Also the night of the event we need many volunteers to work in the kitchen and the event. fundraising@ccsjn.org

TASTING EVENT This wonderful social event is held in the late fall there are many opportunities to contribute or to volunteer. fundraising@ccsjn.org

TAG SALE Annually in conjunction with Califon First Aid Squad's town wide Tag Sale held in September. St. John's holds their own Tag Sale. Within the month prior to the sale we ask for donations of those items that you no longer need. There are many small tasks to be done in the weeks prior to the event as well as help need on the day of the sale. fundraising@ccsjn.org

GOLF OUTING This outing is not only for the avid golfer but beginners as well. It is a fun day to spend outside followed by a nice lunch. Held in September. fundraising@ccsjn.org

GROCERY AND GIFT CARD SALES The parish receives a percentage of the sales of the gift cards. On average we receive 5%. We need Individuals to sell cards after all Masses. volunteer@ccsjn.org

SOLICITATION FOR EVENTS Individuals needed to solicit donations from area businesses for the Auction and Tricky Tray. fundraising@ccsjn.org

FUNDRAISING (CONT.)

HOLIDAY FLOWER SALES At Easter and Christmas plants are for sale to parishioners. Need someone to organize these sales. volunteer@ccsjn.org

AUCTION FABULOUS FIVE RAFFLE A volunteer is needed to coordinate raffle and organize ticket sales after Masses and at the event. fundraising@ccsjn.org

AUCTION 50/50 RAFFLE A volunteer is needed to coordinate raffle and organize ticket sales after Masses and at the event. fundraising@ccsjn.org

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE A volunteer is needed to coordinate raffle and organize ticket sales after Masses and at the event. fundraising@ccsjn.org

WILLIE LYNCH BAND Help is needed for after Mass ticket sales for this fun filled night of dancing and socializing in April. On the night of the event set up and clean up help is needed. fundraising@ccsjn.org

PUBLIC RELATIONS

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHY Taking photos of parish events is a wonderful and necessary service. Photographs enhance our website and parish records. sjn@ccsjn.org

PRESS RELEASES (NEWSPAPERS) Writing press releases or just sending the information to the papers to promote parish events is a much needed service. sjn@ccsjn.org

SIGN CREW FOR EVENTS With each event we need signs updated and placed in strategic locations around the area. fundraising@ccsjn.org

SOCIAL MEDIA SUPPORT Looking for someone familiar with all aspects of Social Media to help keep us current with the newest things out there. technology@ccsjn.org

TECHNOLOGY TEAM Meets as needed to stay on top of the technology needs of the parish. Website maintenance and new ideas are always helpful. technology@ccsjn.org

GRAPHIC DESIGN We welcome creative people to help with website design as well as print media. technology@ccsjn.org

