

## 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.

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## 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  
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.

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# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, April 28

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sacco, req.  
Joann & Bob Gardner

### Sunday, April 29

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline, req.  
Sharon & Alan Janks  
10:30 a.m. Joseph & Ann Kalafut, req.  
Pojedinec Family



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, April 22 - Fourth Sunday of Easter / Development of Peoples Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

### Monday, April 23 - Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

6:00 p.m. Town Hall Gathering (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)  
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

### Tues., April 24 - Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

### Wednesday, April 25 - Saint Mark, Evangelist

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

### Thursday, April 26 - Easter Weekday

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P (Office and Church Center Kitchens)  
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:15 p.m. Prayer Healing Service (Church Center)

### Friday, April 27 - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

### Saturday, April 28 - Saint Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)  
3:30 p.m. First Eucharist Session #6 (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - April 28/29

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Jim Murray  
Altar Server ..... Kucharski Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Lyle Garcia  
..... Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Brent Herrig  
Altar Server ..... Patterson Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Tom Klawunn  
..... Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Joann McNamara  
Altar Server ..... Souza Family  
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Jane Albert  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Shirley Pojedinec, Ron Pojedinec  
..... Donna Torczon, Anthony DeStefano, Sheena Carew

### Sunday, April 29 - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's Luncheon (Drexel Room)

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[ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org) and click on the  
button on the front page.

Or go to <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>

### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Lester Gardner, Rich Sepe, Carmela Damiani, Robert Cassidy, and Charlie Olsson.**

**Deceased:** Lester Gardner, brother of Bob Gardner, Rich Sepe, husband of Maureen and brother of Bob, Carmela Damiani, friend of the Janks Family, Robert Cassidy, brother of Cookie DeVito, and Charlie Olsson, uncle of Joann Fabiano. 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,

Last Sunday I had mentioned in this column about the latest Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Francis: *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad): On the call to holiness in today's world. The Pope wants us to know that God calls all Christians to be saints — not plastic statues of saints, but real people who make time for prayer and who show loving care for others in the simplest gestures. He wrote about "the saints next door" and said he likes "to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile."

The US Bishops Conference and other Catholic leaders world over are welcoming this very practical exhortation with joy. "*Gaudete et Exsultate* is a powerful meditation on what it means to think about holiness not only as an abstract goal, or as a way of being reserved to the saints, but about what it means for each of us to live holiness in our everyday lives," tweeted Cardinal Blaise Cupich of Chicago. Much of the document was written in the second person, speaking directly to the individual reading it. "With this exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that He also addresses, personally, to you." If you already read that short document (just under 40 pages), you may have come across two not-so-familiar words in Chapter Two: 1. Gnosticism and 2. Pelagianism. These are ancient heresies condemned by the Church. Pope wrote: "Gnosticism is one of the most sinister ideologies because, while unduly exalting knowledge or a specific experience, it considers its own vision of reality to be perfect." And he had this to say about Pelagianism: "Those who yield to this pelagian or semi-pelagian mindset, even though they speak warmly of God's grace, ultimately trust only in their own powers and feel superior to others because they observe certain rules or remain intransigently faithful to a particular Catholic style."

The Pope is convinced that these two ancient heresies are very much a threat to us in our contemporary situation. We need to unpack what that means in the coming weeks. But I was quite taken up by one of his footnotes (for which Francis is famous in his previous documents). Here's Footnote no. 101: "I recommend praying the prayer attributed to Saint Thomas More: "Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumbling, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called 'I'. Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke and to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others". Let us all read this short lovely document sooner than later. You can read it on our parish website.

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

## WE GATHER TOMORROW FOR OUR TOWN HALL MEETING!

As announced, our Town Hall Meeting will begin tomorrow (Monday) at 6pm. There are many interesting data and conclusions from our own Parish Survey. The Stewardship Committee will present these findings at 6:45pm, followed by discussions and sharing as well as suggestions for the well-being and growth of our parish community. **Babysitting will be provided. Let's all come together and have a great time!**

## A GOOD SHEPHERD-SERGEANT'S STORY

There was once a sergeant in the Marines who was the senior enlisted man in his platoon. One day his outfit was ambushed and pinned down by enemy fire. The lieutenant in command was badly wounded as were many of the men. The sergeant took over and extricated the men from the trap, though he himself was wounded twice. He carried out the wounded commanding officer by himself. Miraculously every man in the platoon survived, even the wounded lieutenant. Later the men said that if it were not for the incredible bravery of the sergeant they all would have been killed. He was recommended for the Medal of Honor but received the DFC. He never wore the medal, however, because he said the lives of his men were more important than any medal. Later when he had children of his own, he loved them almost like a mother. His wife said that during the war he had learned how to be tender.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

**"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." JOHN 10:14-16**

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

## DO YOU LIKE TO CLEAN?



We could use another person to take a week in our rotation to clean the church bathrooms. Call 832-2513, email - [sjn@ccsjn.org](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org), or fill out your stewardship form to volunteer. (the form is also available on line)

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

Anyone crafty with material? Each week Father and the reader use a set of books for the Liturgy, these binders are covered with material. Our white books for the Easter season need new material. If you would like to investigate to see if you could refurbish the binders – stop by the sacristy after Mass and take a look or call office for information.

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# Christian Formation


## **FIRST COMMUNION CLASS RETREAT**

**Wed., May 2, 4 p.m., Church Center**

The First Communion Class Retreat is on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Center. All children should bring their completed banners and their own choice of a snack (food/drink) with them. Parents (or at least one parent or caregiver who will be attending the First Communion Mass) need to arrive by 6:00 p.m. to witness the First Communicants' renewal of their baptismal vows and receive First Eucharist ceremony instruction led by Father Abraham.

## **1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES**

**Sat., April 28, 2:30 p.m.**

 The last First Eucharist session will be held on Saturday, April 28, at 2:30 p.m. in the Church Center. Please note the earlier start time.

## **MARRIAGE TUNE-UP**

"Jesus made himself known to them in the breaking of the bread. (Luke 24:35) Sometimes when I have been around my beloved for a long time, it's easy to seem invisible to each other. Consciously look at your spouse at dinner tonight. See the likeness of God within him or her.

## **PARENTING TUNE-UP**

April 22 is Earth Day. Often our children teach us how to be responsible recyclers, take care of nature, etc. Brainstorm with your child ways that your family can take a step to care for creation. Do one of the ideas today. (SusanVogt)

## **PLANTING THE SEEDS OF FAITH WITH PROJECT EARTH**



During the April GIFT Family Faith Program, the families enjoyed a presentation by Anne Germino about Project Earth Garden. The 2000 pounds of vegetables grown in the garden are used to make casseroles for local soup kitchens, fresh vegetables are also donated. Anne shared her experience and love of working in the garden to grow vegetables for people in need of healthy food. The families worked together planting bean seeds. Later they will plant the seedlings and watch them grow. In late summer they will harvest these beans. The beans will be used to make soup for the soup kitchen. It was a wonderful activity for our families learning and growing in faith then sharing this harvest with others. They are truly the hands and feet of Jesus!



## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Saturday, May 5, 11:00 a.m., Church Center**

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., we will culminate our journey that began in the fall learning about reconciliation and forgiveness, continuing through God's amazing sacrifice and love for us, and will end in the treasure of receiving Jesus in First Holy Communion for 8 of our young church family members. Please congratulate and pray for our First Communicants: Victoria Brynildsen, Jake Butka, Caleb Kelemen, Juliana Pascale, William Peluso, Austen Slinger, Felipe Souza and Elijah Weldon. All of this was made possible through the heartfelt commitment of the children's families bringing their children regularly to our gatherings, our catechists, Fr. Abraham and Jo Ann Jarvis. Cathy Gagen, our head 1st Eucharist catechist and coordinator was assisted by Chris and Maria Brynildsen, Kristen Butka and Phillip Peluso. Please celebrate and share in our joy!

## **VIRTUS CLASS FOR ADULTS - TUESDAY APRIL 24**

**Protecting God's Children for Adults**

**Immaculate Conception, 316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:00 PM**



If you are involved or thinking about becoming involved in one of the ministries at St. John's that involve children, this class is for you! All adults involved with youth on our property or through our ministries are required to take the three-hour course, "Protecting God's Children." Please preregister for the Tuesday, April 24th class at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org) through the Diocese of Metuchen. Classes will be in the basement Parish Hall at Immaculate Conception Church from 7 – 10 p.m. Individuals who have not taken the course since 2014 are urged to update their knowledge with the new videos now being shown.

# Social Ministry & Parish News

## **OUR COMMUNITY SPRING GIVING TREE**



Once again this year we are helping the Three Agencies that we provide for with Our Spring Giving Tree. Please read and follow the instructions regarding our collection of items. We will run this event until May 20. We thank you in advance for your support of all our endeavors to assist the needy. Please find a description of the three agencies at the Social Ministry station in the Narthex.



## **COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN UPS CONTINUE**

There are still beds available in the Community Garden. There is no monetary charge to use a bed. Each Community Garden Member is asked to contribute 12 hours of service to the garden over the course of the season from mid-April until November. You can sign up as an individual, a family or even a group of friends. Contact Anne Germino at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org) if you are interested.

## **PATRIOTIC CONCERT**

Honoring military veterans and hosted by Joe Piscopo. Tickets are \$40. Scheduled for Saturday, May 19, 2:00 pm at the North Hunterdon H.S., 1445 Rt. 31 South, Annandale. For tickets please go to the browser site and enter [www.veteranconcert.org](http://www.veteranconcert.org). Supported by Rotary Club of North Hunterdon.

## TODAY IS EARTH DAY!

Today marks the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement. It was on April 22, 1970, that 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks, and auditoriums to demonstrate for a healthy, sustainable environment in massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values. Earth Day reached into its current status as the largest secular observance in the world, celebrated by more than a billion people every year, and a day of action that changes human behavior and provokes policy changes. Today, the fight for a clean environment continues with increasing urgency, as the ravages of climate change become more manifest every day.

The Catholic Church brings a distinct perspective to the discussion of environmental questions, by lifting up the moral dimensions of these issues and the needs of the most vulnerable among us. This unique contribution is rooted in Catholic teaching calling us to care for creation and for "the least of these." (Mt 25:40) The Environmental Justice Program (EJP), educates and motivates Catholics to a deeper reverence and respect for God's creation, and encourages Catholics to address environmental problems, especially as they affect poor and vulnerable people. The Catholic bishops' pastoral statement on the environment, *Renewing the Earth*, is worth reading. The new appeal of Pope Francis three years ago with his "On Care for Our Common Home (*Laudato Si'*)" is addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility.

In parishes, diocese and other Catholic organizations, there are efforts to bring about discussion on issues affecting the environment (climate change, consumption, pollution, stewardship of the land) that is civil and constructive, that invokes the virtue of prudence in seeking solutions, and that is more responsive to the needs of the poor, both here in the United States and abroad. How wonderful that our Community of St. John Neumann is at the forefront of this effort in our area.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS – 2018

Council #10627 is proud to announce our 5th annual CCSJN Joseph F. Labuta Scholarship Award application to high school seniors of Knights of Columbus brothers or parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. The application can be found on the website, [www.kofc10627.org](http://www.kofc10627.org) by accessing the drop down menu for COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, then YOUTH ACTIVITIES, then SCHOLARSHIPS, and finally SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. Follow the directions for essay writing as given there and accessing the correct application for committee consideration. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS are due in the St. Joseph Rectory Office, 59 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ by MAY 1, 2018.**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The church is badly in need of good shepherds. Hence today is a special day to pray for vocations. But the term vocation simply means calling. We all are called to a particular way of life according to the plan of God. Hence we pray for vocations not only to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, but also for the different lay vocations to the married life, to single life of consecration, to missionary calling, etc., so that we may have more holy and Spirit-filled shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: "All are priests, some are priests, but only one is the Priest." Christ Jesus is *the Priest* in the full sense because he is the *one* mediator between God and humanity who offered Himself as a unique sacrifice on the cross. The universal priesthood of *all* believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. Those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers share the ministerial priesthood of Jesus. On this *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* we are asked to encourage and pray for our young men to respond to God's call to serve His Church in the ministerial priesthood.



## BAPTISM

Congratulations to Lucas Michael Lang who was Baptised on Sunday April 8th. We celebrated with his parents Shannon and Michael and his sister Addison. Check out the photo in the Narthex.



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILY

**Ron Preblich &  
Diane Pellegrino**

and their children Shannon and Kasey. If you don't go to the 8am Mass – you didn't meet them – so look in the narthex for their photo! Ron and Diane have been here for a year but we just finally had our official Welcome Mass! Introduce yourself when you see them.



## NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to the parish – stop by the narthex for a welcome packet of information on St. John's. Contact the parish office at 908-832-2513 or [sjn@ccsjn.org](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org) to get information on our upcoming lunch for new parishioners.



## **Stewardship**

*A Way of Life*

## YOGA IS BACK!

**Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.**

Join Ana Giametta once again for her relaxing Yoga Classes. No experience necessary. Please contact Ana at [ana.giametta@gmail.com](mailto:ana.giametta@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Now also offering  
CHAIR YOGA**

**Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.**

Chair yoga offers you the ability to improve your health through an amazing form of adaptive exercise. You are supported by a chair so you can receive yoga's healing and restorative benefits that have been known for thousands of years. Yoga relaxes your body and mind, improves your musculoskeletal fitness and flexibility, and elevates your overall health and well-being. Good for seniors!

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Joseph Angeline  
 George Bernard  
 Linda Caprio  
 Joan Cardierre  
 Jean Crickenberger  
 John D'Almeida  
 Barbara DelPiano  
 Sophia DeVita  
 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  
 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  
 Spec. Bitters, Christian, 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  
 Ensing, Webster, Justine, U.S. Navy

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: The Good Shepherd in Football Cleats

**"I am the good shepherd [who] lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:11-18.**

There are many words that could be used to describe Aaron Feis: Selfless. Giving. Loyal. Resilient. But when it came to his everyday life at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High, the word "ubiquitous" might fit best. Coach Feis had an all-encompassing presence that both athletes and nonathletes knew and loved, a presence that extended beyond the school walls to the Parkland, Florida, community. In a piece written for ESPN.com, not one friend or former player interviewed expressed surprise that Coach Feis ran toward the gunfire and take a bullet for the students at his school, the place where he played football, graduated in 1999 and returned to help his beloved community. They want everyone to know: This is who Aaron Feis was - every minute, every day.

Feis, a school security guard and assistant football coach at his high school alma mater, was one of 17 killed in the Ash Wednesday shootings at Stoneman Douglas. He died shielding two students from the gunfire. He was 37. Feis - nobody ever called him Aaron - was a loving father and husband and coach - more than a coach, especially to kids at-risk. His colleagues and friends all said that Feis thought about others more than he thought about himself. College recruiters also got to know Feis because he made it his business to know them. Feis wanted his players to find opportunities to keep playing. He spent countless hours making highlight DVDs for any player who'd ask. He did this on his own time, on the same salary he made as a school security guard.

Feis would say to a college coach about one of his players, "Here's a DVD of a player who needs help. If he doesn't fit at your school, Coach, could you please talk to your other colleagues and help him find a home?" Feis helped get 50 to 70 players into college who might have fallen through the cracks. Brower County Sheriff Scott Israel said of his friend, "Before you even heard how he died, you knew he died putting himself in harm's way to save others. That's who he was. [He died] running toward danger while others were correctly running away from danger. "Head coaches have come and gone [from Parkland] but what's the one constant? Big Feis. Kids would do more for Feis because they never wanted to let him down." And Feis never let them down.

**Christ the Good Shepherd walks among us still in the lives of people like Coach Feis, whose love and compassion enable them to "lay down their lives" for the students, the patients, the soldiers, the mentally and physically challenged entrusted to their care. In Christ, we belong to one another; in imitating Christ, our lives are at the service of one another. On this Good Shepherd Sunday, may we give thanks for the courage and love of those who have laid down their lives for us and for others and seek for ourselves the grace to "lay down" our lives for the sake of justice and mercy for all the members of the "one fold."**

## EVERY MEMBER A MINISTER

**Easy-Peasy! Fill out your stewardship form on line!**

We now have 42 responses to Stewardship. Take a look at the form on the parish website - ccsjn.org Link is on the Home Page. If you want to just check off the items you currently do - put a check in the "C" box for Continuing. If you are interested in trying something new - check "I". The whole parish benefits when each of us join in sharing our stewardship efforts for the community.



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year, because if he is a really good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it.

A pastor places his order at the pet store: "I need at least 50 mice, 2000 ants and as many of those little silverfish you can get." The clerk replies, "We can probably do that, but it might take some time. Mind if I ask why you are placing such an unusual order?" The pastor replied, "I've accepted a call to another church and this Church's Board of Trustees told me to leave the parsonage the way I found it."

"The older you get, the harder it is to lose weight because by that time your body and your fat are really good friends."

# Parish and Community News

## AUCTION NEWS

Time seems to be flying by, only 41 days till our Garden Party Auction on June 2. We're counting on you to help make our biggest fund raiser a success. Donation forms are due by May 11. If you are looking for ideas, check out our detailed list at the Auction corner in the Narthex. Also tickets to the auction will be on sale in the narthex after all the Masses or email Karen Porto at: [kporto@aol.com](mailto:kporto@aol.com). Thanks for your support!

## TAI CHI FOR MEDITATION AND HEALTH

Prayer Ministry has been presenting some of the Catholic traditions and methods of Prayer. The six week session, Tai Chi for Meditation, will start on April 18th. The sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from April 18th thru the end of May in the Church Center Loft, beginning at 6:45 pm .

The sessions will include the Eight Brocades of Silk, a sequence which encompasses eight posture positions, helpful in promoting health, relaxation, personal meditation, and breathing techniques and proceed into the elements of the "24 Form", a more complex and physically active set of movements which encourage more physically active meditation.

Space is limited to 20 parishioners, contact Bonnie Garcia at 908-975-3003 or [bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com). There is a \$5 charge per session.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Thanks to those who talked with us at our Family Life Ministry introduction coffees after Mass last weekend. We appreciate those who shared their ideas and those who completed the survey. If you took a survey home, please remember to drop it in the narthex. We will be meeting to plan our first events and will keep you advised. All parish families are welcome to Family Life events and are welcome to invite friends from outside the parish. More information on this new ministry will be forthcoming. If you have any questions contact us at [familylife@ccsjn.org](mailto:familylife@ccsjn.org).

*Helping Families build a foundation of Faith!*

## SMALL FAITH GROUPS

Thank you to each of you who participated in the Lent Small Groups. In spite of the difficulties with weather the groups reported having a good session. Our success this Lent session was the wonderful growth of the Sunday morning group that had ten people in it, most of them new to the small groups!

Last week we had a concluding night open to all the groups and the parish with Father Abraham talking about the Ascension gospel and our call to evangelize. If you are interested in more discussion and information on evangelization contact France at [francekennedy99@gmail.com](mailto:francekennedy99@gmail.com) and we will set up a discussion session to delve deeper!



## HEALING PRAYER SERVICE

*This Thursday - April 26, 2018*

Please join us for a Healing Prayer Service on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Church Center. At various times in our lives we all need the healing power of the Lord. Sometimes our malady is physical, or emotional, or spiritual. We will look to the *Word*, to *Song*, and to the *Laying on Of Hands* as we seek God's healing grace for ourselves and our loved ones. The service will be conducted by Deacon Ray Chimileski from the Paterson Diocese.

## QUO VADIS DAYS: JUNE 25-27

Calling our young men ages 14-17: You're invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussin and so much more. For more info visit: [www.diometuchen.org/QuoVadis](http://www.diometuchen.org/QuoVadis) or email: [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org)

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

**April 15, 2018**

82 Donors Weekly	\$3,697.00
4 Easter Offering	\$270.00
5 Yellow Brick Road	\$230.00

**April 16, 2017**

49 Donors Weekly	\$2,405.25
111 Easter Donation	\$10,185.00
1 Easter Flower	\$40.00
1 Clergy Retirement	\$20.00

### **Automated Giving for April**

47 Donors Monthly.....	\$8,395.75
35 Yellow Brick Road.....	\$1,750.00
14 Easter Donations .....	\$1,065.00
15 Catholic Relief Service.....	\$250.00
15 Development of Peoples...	\$250.00
16 Mother's Day.....	\$430.00

## CASUAL MEETING SPACE



We are looking to create a casual sitting area for meeting in the office if you have any comfortable suitable chairs please call the office.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges and payments totaling \$30,966.75 from 94 parishioners.

This represents 81.5% of our \$38,000 goal.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., April 25	A. Sawczuk
Wed., May 2	J. Santoro

### **Store Cards**

#### **April 21 and April 22**

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

#### **April 28 and April 29**

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

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of April 22	C. Fortenbacker
Week of April 29	L. Livoti

### **Church Center Cleaning**

April 26	Team A
May 3	Team B

### **Counting**

April 23	Malone/Cangelosi
April 30	Kucharski/Kosakowski

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