

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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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.

Diocese of Metuchen

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,

Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

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A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Earl Roberts Deacon

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Worship at 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.

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

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:

390 County Road 513
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Residence Chapel 7:00 a.m.
Church Center 7:00 p.m.
See Parish Calendar Inside for changes

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 22

8:00 a.m. John Akasala, req.
Elsie Akasala

Friday, May 25

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, May 26

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sacco, req. Kara &
Jarred Pilek and Family

Sunday, May 27

8:00 a.m. Henry Edson Drucker, req.
Veronica Drucker

10:30 a.m. Mark Johnson, req
The D'Avella Family



Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 20 - Pentecost Sunday/End Spring Giving Tree

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Pastoral Council New Team
Commissioning (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Jr. High Formation (Church Center)

Monday, May 21 - Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday, May 22 - Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, May 23 - Weekday

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

Thursday, May 24 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P (Office and Church Center Kitchens)
1:50 p.m. Valley View Evacuation Drill (Church Center)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, May 25 - Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory II, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin

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

Saturday, May 26 - Saint Phillip Neri, Priest

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

Mass Schedule - May 26/27

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Hugh Grace
Reader David Geerinck
Altar Server Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Joan Eacovalle
..... Donna Torczon, 1 Needed

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Owen Stanski
Altar Server Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Barbara Gates
..... Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Paul Gagen
Altar Server Erz family
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Donna Lance
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Anthony DeStefano, Peter Royal
..... Doris Royal, Dick Wickel, Marlene Milko

Sunday, May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity / 4th of July Food Cards Begin

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

The office will be closed on Monday, May 28th for the Memorial Day Holiday

Garden Party - Saturday June 2nd

St. John's 32nd Annual Grand Auction/Dinner Dance
A great evening of fun, fine food, dancing and an exciting array of items to bid on!
Reservations can be made in the Narthex or contact the office for additional details.
Free babysitting will be available.
Come out and enjoy the evening with us!

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **John Akasala, and Lester Gardner.**

Deceased: John Akasala, uncle of John Matthews, **Lester Gardner**, brother of Bob Gardner. 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,

Happy feast of Pentecost! Most Christians - Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Pentecostal and Charismatic churches as well as many Protestant churches – view this as the watershed event in Christianity, the birthday of the Church in many ways. *The Acts of the Apostles* recounts the story of the original Pentecost when the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary, gathered in the Upper Room, were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in different tongues (Acts 2). Peter's speech that day brought about three thousand people to the way of Jesus. (Acts 2:41). And the Church began to grow.

But what is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives? I would compare it to the role of a coach. There is no game or sports without a coach! Why? Left to themselves, even the best are prone to make mistakes. No matter how good they are, coaches are essential to their success. The truth of the matter is that we all can do better with someone else's wisdom. And yet, there are some people who think that human beings have the natural ability to fulfill our human destiny just by using our abilities and that we do not need help from anyone else - be it from the community of faith or from the grace of the Sacraments. Experience and history show us that fewer mistakes would have been made with proper guidance. That's why Jesus said he would send us the Spirit to be our Helper, Comforter, and Guide (John 14:16). Let us call upon this Spirit: *"Come Holy Spirit, come into my heart and fill me with your grace and power."* Repeat it like a mantra and see what happens to you!

This Sunday we have the Commissioning Rite of the new team of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). This year Mary D'Avella, the present Chair, and Gloria Cucchiara are stepping down after a very meritorious term of service to our Community. They have been very committed to this Office of Pastoral Council with a sense of passion that was clearly evident in their regular attendance at the meetings, constant involvement in the events in the parish and in their own attention to the common good of the Parish Community. I wish to thank them very sincerely for their goodness and time of ministry as PPC members and leaders. Their wisdom and experience will be sought as the new team takes over the PPC today at the 10:30 Mass.

It is significant that the induction of the new PPC is always on Pentecost Sunday – another unique St. John's custom! The Holy Spirit gave new energy and strength to preach the Gospel fearlessly to all. So also, our new PPC is commissioned to serve the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann by "assisting the Pastor as a consultative body in all matters pertaining to the pastoral care of the whole Parish." As we wish them God's blessings in this ministry, we remember that we all are consecrated in Baptism and commissioned to witness to Jesus Christ as disciples who will speak of our positive experience of God and God's Church to others we meet.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

CHAIR YOGA - TUESDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

Chair yoga offers the ability to improve your health through a 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!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place during the 10:30am Mass on May 20 and June 10. These are the final two sessions before the summer hiatus. We hope you and your children enjoyed the child friendly gospel and homily presented by our Children's Liturgy Team. Children ages 5 – 10 are welcome to attend and children younger than 5 may come with their parent. If you have not listened in on one of the sessions, you should, it is an excellent way to help you enhance how you talk about your faith with your children. We will be meeting to plan for our new team in September. Please contact childrensliturgy@ccsjn.org or Karen Porto if you are interested in finding out more.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 20, 2018

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!



BIBLE STUDY

A six week Bible Study is in process. It is not too late to join. Come try it out - Tuesday evenings at 7:15 at the Parish Office.

JOIN US FOR COMMUNITY COFFEE



All are welcome to the Community Coffee sponsored by the Hospitality Committee in honor of the Commissioning of the new team of the Parish Pastoral Council after the 10:30 Mass.

FIRE PIT SERVICE PROJECT



This summer we want to create a Fire Pit to be used for our Easter Vigil fire as well as youth and parish activities. Anyone interested in helping with the project to design and construct the Fire Pit please contact familylife@ccsjn.org or call France at the office for more information.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES

St. John's welcomes our new parishioners who have joined over the last months and celebrated their Welcome Mass recently. Ron Preblich and Diane Pelligrino and Shannon and Kasey, Bob and Mary Shanahan, Jennifer Kelly, Mickael Rabilloud and Mary Matthewson and their infant son Rémy, and Andre and Ursula Wisniewski. Look at their photos on the bulletin board in the narthex so you can recognize them and introduce yourself when you see them.

Christian Formation

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



On Saturday, May 5th, eight of our young church family members received the treasure of Jesus in First Holy Communion. 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. Please celebrate and share in their joy! Also, please check out their beautiful photos on the banner hung in the Narthex!

OUR GENTLE WOMEN IS CROWNED



The children in our GIFT Family Faith program participated in the annual May Crowning. Our music ministry played Gentle Woman as the children brought flowers to be placed in a vase next to the statue of Mary. The families experienced praying a decade of the Glorious Mysteries during the GIFT Family Faith session. "The family that prays together stays together" (Fr. Patrick Peyton). The rosary helps us to remember the principal events in the salvation story. To learn more about praying the rosary visit www.familyrosary.org

MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels needs your help! As one of the last meal delivery programs in New Jersey to depend solely on volunteer drivers, new drivers are always needed. By committing approximately two hours, once a month, you can make a big difference in the lives of Hunterdon County's homebound seniors by delivering hot, nutritious lunches. For more information call Meals on Wheels at 908-284-0735, visit their website at mowih.org, or email info@mowih.org.

OUR COMMUNITY SPRING GIVING TREE



All items are due back this by May 20. Thank you in advance for your support of all our endeavors to assist the needy.



2018-2019 GIFT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

This year has been an exceptional year for faith formation and we are excited to offer the following options for the **2018-2019 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together)** family faith program:
Grades K-8: Monthly gatherings on your choice of Sunday afternoons (12-2 p.m.) or Monday evenings (6-8 p.m.). Both sessions will meet in the St. John Neumann church center. At least one parent should attend each session with their child. There will be additional scheduled events for those in Confirmation preparation.

1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist: Will meet on ten Saturday afternoons throughout the year (registration for this sacramental preparation program is **in addition to** attending the monthly GIFT program).

Adult formation is an important part of the GIFT program and we encourage all adults of the parish to take advantage of this opportunity to participate in Fr. Abraham's informative and interactive presentation each month. You have the option to attend either monthly session.

Registration packets were mailed out to currently registered families. Soon you will also find this information on the parish website: ccsjn.org. Any questions regarding faith formation, please contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.



CARING FOR THE SEEDLINGS OF FAITH

This week the families planted their seedlings in the Project Earth Garden. The process that was begun in March will continue in the garden. The seedlings have been planted in fertile soil. They will be carefully tended to by their families during the summer months. During the summer months let us take this opportunity to nurture our family faith, just as we will nurture the seedlings planted in the garden. In our busy culture, families can have fun learning about their faith. We need to provide the time and place for them to do it, that is what GIFT Family Faith Formation provides. For more information about GIFT contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org Have a peaceful summer...see you in the garden!

CPIII DAY OF REFLECTION "GROWING IN THE SPIRIT"



The CPIII class participated in a Day of Reflection parent facilitated by the parents. This year's theme was "Growing in the Spirit". The retreat was focused on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The parents developed and prepared activities related to these gifts such as, *Journey with Jesus*, *Cooking with the Spirit*, *Guess the Gifts headband app game* and a *multimedia presentation*, "What does this gift mean to you in your life?" The students were challenged to consider how God is calling them to utilize these gifts in their life. The day ended with refreshments on the patio followed by the celebration of Mass.



STATUE OF MARY AVAILABLE FOR HOME VISITS

This beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima has returned from her travels to parishioners' homes and dates are now available to sign up to host the statue in your home. We encourage family prayer as you spend time with Our Lady. To schedule a visit, call 832-2162 or email jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

Social Ministry

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN



The asparagus is up, blossoms are on the blueberry and strawberry plants and the Project Earth Garden is planted! Come out to the garden for a visit and see what is growing. There are still a few raised beds left in the community garden and plenty of time to put in vegetables for the season. Contact Anne Gemino at project-earth@ccsjn.org for more information.

Social Ministry & Parish News

WE NEED TO OBSERVE PENTECOST EVERY DAY!

"It will always be Pentecost in the Church," affirmed Blessed Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador, on Pentecost Sunday 1978, "provided the Church lets the beauty of the Holy Spirit shine forth from her countenance. When the Church ceases to let her strength rest on the Power from above which Christ promised her and which he gave her on that day, and when the Church leans rather on the weak forces of the power or wealth of this earth, then the Church ceases to be newsworthy. The Church will be fair to see, perennially young, attractive in every age, as long as she is faithful to the Spirit that floods her and she reflects that Spirit through her communities, through her pastors, through her very life" [*The Violence of Love*, (Farmington, PA: The Plough Pub. Co., 1998).] [Archbishop Oscar Romero was beatified May 23, 2015 by Pope Francis.] Archbishop Romero's declaration reminds us -- as does today's Gospel -- that Pentecost is not just one day, but every day. Without breath, there is no life. Without the Spirit, the Church is a field of dry, dead bones. The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen once said about the Church, "Even though we are God's *chosen people*, we often behave more like God's *frozen people*--frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our Faith." [Bishop Fulton J. Sheen was declared Venerable by Pope Benedict XVI in June, 2012.] Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love. Let us repeat Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman's favorite little prayer:

"Come Holy Spirit, Make our ears to hear your love; Make our eyes to see your love; Make our mouths to speak your love; Make our hearts to seek your love; Make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. AMEN."

THE CHRISTIAN PENTECOST

Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. For Christians, it is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery -- the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus -- culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father (at the request of His Son), on Jesus' disciples. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Christian Church by the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. But years ago, *This Rock Magazine* reported that there were 34,000 Protestant denominations which means that, on the average, more than sixty-nine new denominations had sprung up every year since the Reformation began in 1517. So whose birthday is it anyway? You could say, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church Jesus established nearly 2,000 years ago. Today's Scripture readings remind us that Pentecost is an event of both the past and the present. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A SPIRIT OF COMMUNICATION

There have been numerous books written on the difficulty that men and women have in communicating. It has been estimated that women say something like 6,000 – 8,000 words a day and that men utter 2,000 – 4,000 words a day. At the end of the day the man has spoken his 4,000 words and doesn't want to communicate any more. He simply wants to sit quietly, watch TV and go to bed. A woman most likely won't have spoken her 8,000 words for the day yet. She may have 2-3,000 words to go and uses them to share every event of the day. This conversation may sound familiar. Wife: Hi darling ...it's good to see you home. How was your day? Husband: Good. Wife: I heard that you were going to finalize that big deal today. How did it go? Husband: Fine. Wife: That's good. Do you think the boss will give you a raise? Husband: Maybe. Wife: Hey! Today I found out that I'm pregnant. Husband: That's good. *and so on...* and then she goes on to tell everything in detail that happened in her day. The Holy Spirit communicates with men and women equally through the Holy Bible and inspires them and guides them in their communication with God. May God's Spirit guide and help us as we go out from here today and give us the courage and power to speak his Word to others.



FAMILY HIKE

Are you interested on a Family Walk/Hike with others in the parish? Family Life Ministry wants to schedule a simple gathering to take time to appreciate all God's creation. Contact familylife@ccsjn.org or call the office at 832-2513 if you are interested. No date yet arranged... We are waiting for the best date for you! Let us know if a Saturday or Sunday in May or June would work for your family.

AUCTION MASS ON JUNE 2ND - 4:00PM

Don't forget the Auction Mass will be Saturday at 4:00 p.m. **not** 4:30 p.m. the night of the Auction

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE AT MASS?



If you enjoy when a Eucharist Minister offers you the Chalice with a smile, or been struck by a reader proclaiming the Word, maybe you are being drawn to participate more fully in the Mass and serve others by being a Reader, or a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server. We all have talents that we can share with others by serving at Mass. Your service can be custom fit to your personal schedule. Please talk to a Liturgical Minister after Mass or contact the office to discuss.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Pentecost is a feast of fear, community, and bravery. Have you ever feared for the safety of your beloved? When? What helps you keep your marriage vows? Have you ever needed to defend your spouse to others? Stand up for each other's goodness. Gently and privately correct if necessary.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

Today is Pentecost which refers to 50 days after Easter. It reminds us of fear, community, and bravery. The apostles were afraid after Jesus left them. They gathered together. The Spirit filled them with courage to speak out. Ask your family what helps them be brave? Can anyone identify a recent courageous act? (Susan Vogt)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Joseph Angeline
George Bernard
Linda Caprio
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
Paul Ferri
Debbie Gregorakis
Father Luigi Hargen
Liz Harmon
Fred Holub
Eleanor Horan
Manuel Jimenez, Sr.
Miriam Jiminian
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Lou Livoti
Dick McCall
Maggie McKeon
Jan McLeavey
Naim Melhem
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
Margaret Thornsby
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
Ensign, Webster, Justine, U.S. Navy

PENTECOST SUNDAY REFLECTION:

It's Us Against a Particle of Death . . .

"Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language . . . ? We hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."
Acts 2: 1-11

Will and Maggie have a secret language. It's a language that has evolved over time. It's a language that transcends the couple's everyday squabbles, distractions and differences in personality and perspective. It's a language grown out of desperation and love. Maggie explains how this "language" works:

"We were on a bus recently with our three children. It was late, it was snowing, everyone was tired and the bus was crowded. I was squeezed on one seat with my two youngest children. Will and our eldest were strap-hanging in the aisle. From behind us came a noise: a crackling, rustling, splitting, then a specific crunch-crunch-crunch. My head spun around my neck, as did Will's. We took in our fellow passenger and his snack for a split second before I shot from my seat, hustling my daughters ahead of me, locking eyes with Will. "And so began our wordless conversation.

"He tilted his head, meaning, *Is that person eating nuts in the same airspace as our daughter?* "I narrowed my eyes, which meant, *Yes, I'm afraid so.* "He frowned, to say, *Don't let her breathe in until we get off the bus.* "I shrugged, implying, *Don't worry, I won't.* "We ushered our baffled, uncomprehending children off the bus and into the snow, miles from home.

"I realize this sounds like a deranged thing to do, so let me explain. When our middle daughter was quite young, we learned that she had an immune disorder . . . Just the inhalation of a single particle of nut dust could kill her within 10 minutes. Life, for her, is a series of dangers, strung together, one after another, like beads on a thread . . .

"Will and I must constantly be thinking about how best to protect her - as well as trying to minimize the impact of her condition on her siblings . . . There is a sense of solidarity between us on this one issue. We never argue about how best to take care of our daughter, not because we always agree - far from it - but because we know we need to channel every atom of energy into protecting her and her siblings. When it counts - when it's a situation of life or death - all that stuff and strife is forgotten. The secret code kicks in, and I know one thing: He and I will stand, teeth bared, between death and our daughter, unquestionably united, saying, *Get back, get away. You're not having her. Not today. Not tomorrow. Not any time soon.*"

Maggie and Will "speak" the language of the Spirit of God, the "language" that collapses disagreements and dissolves self-interests for the sake of a loved one. In their fierce protection of the daughter, God's Spirit enables them to "speak" to one another in the "language" of compassion and care for the good of their children. As the Spirit overcomes the barriers of language and perception to open up the hearts and minds of Peter's listeners on that first Pentecost, that same Spirit "blows" through our own homes and families enabling us to speak and hear God's language of mercy and forgiveness in our love and care for one another. The gift of Pentecost faith enables us to hear the voice of God speaking in the midst of the clamor and busyness, the pain and despair of our everyday lives, inviting us to embrace the life and love of God in our homes and hearts.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



MEMORY LOSS JOKES:

I always have trouble remembering three things: faces, names, and – I can't remember what the third thing is.

When I told the doctor about my loss of memory, he made me pay in advance.

Two elderly ladies were enjoying the sunshine on a park bench in Miami. They had been meeting at that park every sunny day for over a dozen years. One day, the younger of the two ladies turns to the other and says, "Please don't be angry with me, but after all these years, what is your name? I am trying to remember, but I just can't." The older friend stares at her and then says, "How soon do you have to know?"

Parish and Community News

AUCTION FAST APPROACHING! - JUNE 2ND

There are only two weeks left. We need to know how many people are coming so we can order food. Please make your reservation **TODAY**, you can drop your check at the office. Tickets are being sold in the Narthex or call the office.

We still need food donations, help with the set up and on the night of the Auction more volunteers are needed. See the sign up sheets in the Narthex on your way out.

OUR FAB FIVE PRIZES - TICKETS ONLY \$2 EACH



1st Prize
Riding Lawn
Mower



4th Prize
12V Ride on
Car, Jeep
with Parent
Control, SUV



2nd Prize
Weber
Grill



5th Prize
BeatsSolo2
Head Phones
(wired)



3rd Prize
50" LED
Smart TV

DON'T YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD WANT TO TAKE ONE OF THESE FABULOUS FIVE ITEMS HOME?

EXTRA TICKET BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE NARTHEX!

DON'T FORGET THE 50-50 RAFFLE TICKETS!

MASS FOR HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Most Reverend James F. Checchio,
Bishop of Metuchen,
Will celebrate Mass for

Home School Students and their Families
Friday, June 1, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

St. Magdalen de Pazzi Roman Catholic Church
105 Mine Street, Felmington, NJ 08822

Light refreshments and fellowship to follow.

Register online at diometuchen.org/homeschoolmass

If you have questions, call Erin at (732) 562-2463
or email communications@diometuchen.org.

STEWARDSHIP

We now have 59 responses to Stewardship although many more parishioners are active in their stewardship. We would love to know how you serve the parish. We have paper copies in the narthex and a link on the Home Page of the parish website- ccsjn.org. If you have any questions please call or email the office. Please take a moment to check off your parish stewardship!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 13, 2018

80 Donors Weekly	\$3,543.00
35 Cath. Communication	\$483.00
2 Mother's Day Intention	\$40.00
8 Yellow Brick Road	\$378.00
12 Initial Offering	\$64.00
11 Ascension	\$190.00

May 14, 2017

78 Donors Weekly	\$3,323.25
1 Mother's Day Intention	\$20.00
10 Yellow Brick Road	\$520.00
22 Trinity	\$404.00
10 Initial Offering	\$32.00
1 Easter	\$10.00

AUTOMATED GIVING-May 2018

45 Donors Weekly	\$8,545.75
34 Yellow Brick Road	\$1,750.00
10 Communications	\$225.00
12 Ascension	\$300.00

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges and payments totaling \$34,366.75 from 103 parishioners. This represents 90.4% of our \$38,000 goal.

STORE CARDS



Thanks to the families who purchased grocery and store cards the Week of April 30, 2018

16 Families \$3,175 Sold \$157.75 Profit

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., May 23	M. D'Avella
Wed., May 30	A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

May 19 and May 20

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

May 26 and May 27

5:30 p.m.	B. Cestone
8:00 a.m.	P. Nanna
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of May 20	M. Proano
Week of May 27	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

May 24	Team E
May 31	Team F

Counting

May 21	Malone/Cangelosi
May 29 (Tues)	Kucharski/Kosakowski

Altar Flowers

May 26	Anita Sawczuk
June 2	Needed (Auction)

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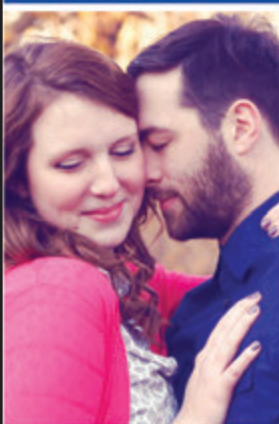
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