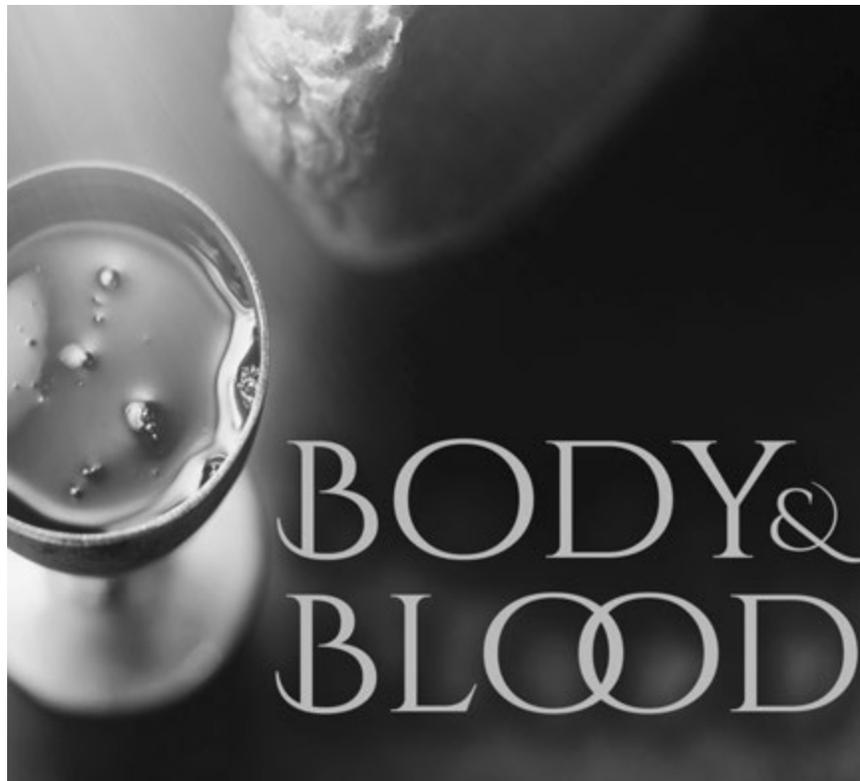


# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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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*

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD .... Pastor  
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, June 5

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, June 8

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, June 9

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sacco, req.  
Barbara Grattaglino

### Sunday, June 10

8:00 a.m. Maria L. Sepe, req.  
The Sepe Family

10:30 a.m. Neil Christopher Wade, req.  
Sharon and Alan Janks



## Mass Schedule - June 9/10

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Hugh Grace  
Reader ..... Zach Lowary  
Altar Server ..... King Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Bob Martalus  
..... Phyllis Baker, Barbara Martalus

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Brent Herrig  
Altar Server ..... Stanski Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Barbara Gates  
..... Joe Sima, Dorothy Sima

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Anthony DeStefano  
Altar Server ..... DeStefano family  
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Donna Torczon  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Bob Sobey, Ana Giametta  
..... Anita Sawczuk, Jane Albert, Gloria Cucchiara

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, June 3 - The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. CHWC Meeting (Church Center)

### Monday, June 4 - Weekday

7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting (Seton Room)

### Tuesday, June 5 - Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, June 6 - Saint Norbert, Bishop

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)  
4:00 p.m. Recital Rehearsal (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

### Thursday, June 7 - Weekday

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)  
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

### Friday, June 8 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
Office Closes at Noon

### Saturday, June 9 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)  
5:30 p.m. Youth Mass (Church Center)  
6:30 p.m. Youth Nite (Church Center)

### Sunday, June 10 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - Sending Forth CHWC (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)  
3:00 p.m. Piano Recital - B. Lee (Church Center)



### OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The office summer hours will be in effect this week through Labor Day.

The Office will close on Friday's at 12:00 p.m.

### Remembered at Mass



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

**Deceased: Susan Graves**, friend of the Dabrowski Family, and **John Akasala**, uncle of John Matthews. 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,

Memorial Day was very special this year as our Parish got some good PR. Our parishioner Amanda Altavilla, of the Califon Recreation Committee, was the chief organizer of the parade. She had invited me to give the invocation during the Memorial Day service. She also told me of the custom that the one who does the invocation would be riding with the Mayor in the lead car as a guest of honor! Would I be willing? When I hesitated she reminded me that different pastors were invited in rotation and this year was the turn for St. John's. Then I gladly accepted as I could represent St. John's. The parade featured St. Ann's of Hampton Pipes and Drums, the 15th New Jersey Volunteers Infantry Company A accompanied by the NJ Field Music Fife and Drum Corps, antique cars, scout and cub troops, area fire and rescue squads and more! It was good to see a number of our parish families along the route from the Califon School to the Califon Island Park.

After my invocation, Amanda gave a very meaningful welcome speech on the significance of this event. Then Mr. Charles Daniel, the popular third term Mayor of Califon, spoke about the importance of as well as his own personal connection to the Memorial Day. The main speaker was Thomas McBride, of the retired US Navy Reserve, who is the present president of the American Veterans association of Washington Township, Post 1776. He spoke about his experience of his son Thomas who joined the United States Navy to serve as an FMF Hospital Corpsman and assigned to Afghanistan where he lost his right leg below the knee. Deacon Ray Chimilesky spoke about 'Operation Chillout,' an all-volunteer outreach dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness for veterans throughout New Jersey and parts of NE Pennsylvania.

I was very glad that five of our parish teens were part of the Voorhees Concert Choir who sang two beautiful songs. They are Grace Medea, Nina Lewis, Elizabeth Upwood, Cate O'Brien and Maddy Kelly.

They were thrilled to see me there and my own hope is that they will use their talent of singing to enrich our own Sunday worship. You can see some of the parade pictures on our parish website/Facebook. Speaking to some of our parishioners I understood their sense of pride to see such prominence given to their Pastor at this secular event. But to me, it was a sign of the recognition of our presence in Califon as a Catholic Community. Though a minority, we have come of age, making a difference in Califon and the surrounding areas. Participating in such community events is a great way to perpetuate our mission of reaching out to the larger community and thus create true fellowship with all. Today as we keep the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (formerly known as Corpus Christi Feast), it is good to remind ourselves of the twin meaning of the phrase 'Body of Christ': the presence of Jesus as we receive Holy Communion, and the presence of Jesus in the Body of Christ which is the people out there who we must see as the Body of Christ. I am sure that our Fr. Bill and the founding members – in fact all of our community - will be happy and proud about this good PR. Praise the Lord!

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



## FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

June 3, 2018

*"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it."*

**MARK 14:23**

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself to us completely for our salvation. He offers us the chance to drink from His cup. In the Eucharist, we meet Christ personally and, if we listen to Him, we know that drinking from His cup means our own sacrifice – giving up some of our time, talent and treasure to do His work on earth.

## MAKING A PRAYER REQUEST AT ST. JOHN'S

Prayer is the way we talk with and listen to God, and the St. John Neumann Prayer Ministry is here to support you in times of need. If you would like the Prayer Ministers to include your request in their prayers, there are three ways to reach out to them:

- \*Please fill out a Prayer Request Card, which can be found at the Prayer Station in the Church. It is located on the left side as you enter the Church proper from the Narthex.
- \*Send a Prayer Request through the Parish website ([www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)). The link is located on the Home Page. Follow the guide.
- \*Call the Parish Office at 908-832-2513 and speak with someone about your request

All requests for confidentiality are honored, and should be noted when making the request. We all know how powerful prayer can be, and many have experienced the peace, guidance, healing and answers to their needs that prayer can bring. As a community we support one another in prayer.

## 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.



## TAI CHI - Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m.

Summer session on Wednesdays at 6:45 through June. Weather permitting we will meet on the labyrinth. If not we will be in our upstairs space. Summers are fun and relaxed. Come join us. Bonnie and Charlie



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD YEAR END CELEBRATION

**Sunday, June 10th, during and following the 10:30 Mass**

Join us next Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> at the last Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children ages 5 – 10 are welcome to attend and children younger than 5 may come with their parent. After Mass we will have a small celebration party for our attendees and their parents. Our parish is happy to have this ministry to provide a child friendly gospel and homily for our young parishioners. The Children's Liturgy Team hope you can join them in celebrating the Word of God together at Mass and after at the party.

# Christian Formation & Social Ministry

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CATECHISTS AND AIDES

*"there are a varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services but the same Lord"*

**1 Corinthians 12: 4-5**



It was time to stop and celebrate a fruitful year of formation. Friday evening our catechists and volunteers enjoyed a beautiful evening of fellowship at the Neumann Residence. The 2018-2019 GIFT Family Formation schedule will soon be posted on our website; all adults are invited to attend the adult formation session. Please contact Renee Ciszewski [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org) or JoAnn Jarvis [jjarvis@ccsjn.org](mailto:jjarvis@ccsjn.org) with any questions. Have a peaceful summer!

Fr. Abraham, Renee and JoAnn

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



**June 9, 8am, Office Center**

The Women's Spirituality group will meet next Saturday morning. Join us as we reflect on Sunday's Scripture, while we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation. Group contact: Jo Ann Jarvis, [jjarvis@ccsjn.org](mailto:jjarvis@ccsjn.org).

We are  
the Hands  
of Christ

## NURSING HOME PICNIC



**Thursday,**

**June 21st, 11:00am**

We will once again be hosting a picnic for the residents of Little Brook Nursing Home.

Thursday at **11:00am** here at the Church in the Narthex and on the patio. If you are available to help with set up we will be starting at **10:00am**. If you would like to make some food to share please call Nancy Dubeau at 908-227-6234. Please consider sharing some of your time with these residents, they really enjoy the company. Children are welcome.



## 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation/1<sup>st</sup> 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 forms are available under the Faith Formation tab on the parish website, [ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org). Any questions regarding faith formation, please contact Renee Ciszewski at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org) or 832-2162.



## 12 TEACHABLE MOMENTS FOR PARENTS

As parents we are always looking for opportunities to shape our children---Tom McGrath offers 12 suggestions we can introduce our daily conversations.

1. Jesus gives of himself freely. When your child is rude teach the dignity of every person.
2. When your child needs forgiveness, let your mercy teach that God longs to give mercy.
3. When your child is acting selfishly, demonstrate that followers of Jesus are kind and compassionate.
4. When your child is tempted to think of themselves as the center of the world, let your example of worship show our radical dependence on God who gives us life and sustains us.
5. When your child is tempted to feel worthless and unloved, let your unconditional love reveal your child's true identity as a beloved son or daughter of God.
6. When your child stretches the truth, demonstrate a reverence for honesty that gives your child the courage to be honest.
7. When your child has doubts, let your example of "believing through your doubts" strengthen your child's tender faith.
8. When your child begins to believe only the worst about life, let your own hope radiate through your conversation and choices so that hope will dawn in your child's heart.
9. When your child suffers from envy, let your invitation to believe that God provides all we need heal your child's wounded feelings.
10. When your child is fearful, teach that faith dissolves fear when we walk together with God.
11. When your child feels alone and lonely, introduce your child to the "communion of saints" the faithful living and dead that support and surround us throughout our days.
12. When your child acts as though material reality is all that matters or exists, make an extra effort to relate the deeper, spiritual person inside your child using music, film, stories, and service of others who are in need.

*Have a restful and peaceful summer!*



## 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 Germino at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org) for more information.

## THE GREATEST WORK OF ART IN ST. PETER'S BASILICA

One of the seminarians who gives tours of St. Peter's shared an interesting incident. He was leading a group of Japanese tourists who knew absolutely nothing of our Faith. With particular care he explained the great masterpieces of art, sculpture and architecture. He finally concluded at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel trying his best to explain quickly what it was. As the group dispersed, an elderly man, who had been particularly attentive stayed behind, and said, "Pardon me. Would you explain again this 'Blessed Sacrament?'" The seminarian did, after which the man exclaimed, "Ah, if this is so, what is in this chapel is a greater work of art than anything else in this basilica."

**Today's feast of *Corpus Christi* gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist. We believe in the "Real Presence" of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist because 1) Jesus promised it after miraculously feeding the 5000. 2) Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during his Last Supper. 3) Jesus commanded his disciples to repeat it in his memory. 4) "Nothing is impossible for God."**

## THE REAL PRESENCE: BIBLICAL BASIS

Our belief in this Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist derives from the literal interpretation of the promise of Christ to give us his Body and Blood for our spiritual food and drink, as found in St. John's Gospel, Chapter 6, and also in the four independent accounts of the fulfillment of this promise at the Last Supper (Mt 26; Mk 14; Lk 22; 1 Cor 11). Eucharistic theologians explain the *Real Presence* by a process called *transubstantiation*: the entire *substance* of bread and wine is changed into the entire *substance* of the risen and glorified Body and Blood of Christ, retaining only the "*accidents*" (taste, color, shape) of bread and wine. Can there be a religion in which God is closer to us humans than our Catholic Christianity? Jesus does not believe that he is humiliating himself in coming to us and giving himself to us in his Flesh and Blood; rather, he is expressing his everlasting love for us

## DO WE PREPARE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION?

We are not perfect. We have our weaknesses and sinfulness. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: "*Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgment against themselves.*" (1 Cor. 11:27-9). Hence, let us receive Holy Communion with fervent love and respect -- not merely as a matter of routine. St. Paul is speaking also of the Mystical Body of Christ, i.e., the people of God gathered at the altar. Such a union, plainly, means that our outward piety towards the consecrated Bread and Wine cannot coexist with rudeness, unkindness, slander, cruelty, gossiping or any other breach of charity toward our brothers and sisters.

## 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. Good for seniors!

## WHAT IS YOUR GIFT/TALENT?

**"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! That's why our parish has so many options for you to serve! Please go to our parish website and complete the online Stewardship Talent Form.



## 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@ccsin.org](mailto:familylife@ccsin.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.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING MINISTRY FORMING

If you like to decorate, St. John's is looking for some new and fresh ideas for Christmas and Easter Decorating.

We are looking to put together a committee to oversee schedule and make some decisions for our annual Christmas Decorating Party with the hopes of involving more of our younger families with children.

Please consider this ministry now so we can be prepared for the coming season. Contact the Office 908-832-2513.

**ONLY 198 DAYS TO OUR DECORATING PARTY!  
WE NEED YOUR HELP!  
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
DECEMBER 18, 2018**

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance." (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB). Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. Perhaps your prayer is for yourself. Consider trying 'Retrouvaille' or 'The Third Option.'

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

"He took bread, blessed it...and gave it to them." (Mark 14:22) Hopefully your family says a blessing before meals. Good. What we eat becomes part of our body. As your family eats together this weekend be mindful that God is in each of you. Together, we are the body of Christ. (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  
 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 Thornsbury  
 Nicholas Troiano  
 Don Velli  
 William Weimer  
 Josh Wilkes  
 Dana & Greg Wilson  
 Caden & Jill Zane  
 Jim Zgoda  
 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

## CORPUS CHRISTI FEAST: "A Found Poem"

*[Jesus] took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."*  
**Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26**

Seamus Heaney was one of the great Irish poets of our time. The Nobel laureate's work reflected the profound spiritual connection between God's creation and the Irish soul. A few years ago, Heaney was asked to contribute to a book on the spiritual lives of major figures in the arts and sciences. Heaney responded with a two-page FAX from his home in Dublin. He began by thanking the writer for her gracious invitation, and then apologized. Spirituality was the one part of his life, he replied, about which he felt he was "woefully inarticulate."

On the second page he included a short poem. "Here," Heaney wrote. "Perhaps you can use it in some small fashion in your book." He titled it, "A Found Poem." Part of the poem was his memory of attending Mass in his village church:

*Like everybody else, I bowed my head  
 during the consecration of the bread and wine,  
 lifted my eyes to the raised host and raised chalice,  
 believed (whatever it means) that a change occurred.  
 I went to the altar rails and received the mystery  
 on my tongue, returned to my place, shut my eyes fast, made  
 an act of thanksgiving, opened my eyes and felt  
 time starting up again.*

*[Published in The God Factor: Inside the Spiritual Lives of Public People by Cathleen Falsani.]*

**For Heaney, the act of taking bread and wine as Jesus did is "time starting up again." When we come to this table and do each Sunday what Jesus did the night before he died, we remember his life of selfless compassion and generous service and remind ourselves that the love of God can recreate our world, a world that is broken in so many places and scarred on so many hearts. In the sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, God enables us to "start time up again" in our lives by becoming what we receive here: becoming bread blessed and broken in love for one another as Christ was broken for us, sharing together the cup of every life's joys and sorrows in which God is constantly present.**

## TWO NEW PRIESTS FOR OUR DIOCESE

Bishop James Checchio will be ordaining two transitional Deacons - Mr. Tholitho and Mr. Robert Pinnisi - to Priesthood on Saturday, June 9, 2018, 11:00am at the Cathedral of St. Francis, Metuchen. This is a good news as it has been two years since we have had an opportunity to celebrate new priests for our diocese. It is a matter of special joy for me as Deacon Tholitho is a native of Nagaland, India, where I was a missionary before coming to USA.



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



They have Dial-a-Prayer for atheists now. You call up and it rings and rings but nobody answers.

A man opened a new business and his best friend sent him a floral arrangement. The friend dropped in a few days later to visit his buddy and was distressed to see that the flowers had a sign that read, "Rest in Peace." The friend was furious and called the florist to complain. When the florist heard his complaint, she replied "That's it! I am firing the driver who makes my deliveries. If your friend received the "Rest in Peace" flowers, that can only mean that somewhere at Fairview Cemetery there is floral arrangement that reads "Congratulations on your new location."



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# Parish and Community News

## RCIA

If you came for the Easter Vigil, you saw some of our adult parishioners receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. They had undertaken a process known as the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* for about 10 months. There are weekly gatherings where people come together to share, grow, and understand the Catholic faith. These are not classes but a faith-sharing group. If you know anyone who has not received these Sacraments of Initiation, kindly invite him/her to try this process. Please contact France in the Office or [fkenedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkenedy@ccsjn.org).

## ST. PADRE PIO'S PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

"Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approach. It is necessary to renew my strength.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF: May 19, 2018

After the Lectio Divina opening prayer and reflection over the Annual Parish Goal, the following were the main points that the Council considered:

- **The Parish Survey:** The response was very good. The extended time and commitment that Sharon Lohrman put into it obviously bore good fruits. The only comment was: some information about the respondents would have been helpful for a better understanding of what segment of the Parish responded.
- **New Members:** A discernment retreat was held for those interested in becoming members of next year's council: Bob Sobey, Paul Fabiano and Gary Cucchiara. The Council was pleased that all three responded positively to the call to this ministry, and hence they will join the new team.
- **The 2018-2019 Parish Council:** As our custom is, the new Council will be commissioned at the 10:30 Mass on the Feast of Pentecost
- **Transitional Meeting:** The next council meeting will be the transition meeting between the old and new councils. The new officers for next year will be:  
**Chair:** Debby Kelemen; **Co-chair:** Marcio Silva de Souza  
**Secretary:** Hunt Patterson; **Joint Secretary:** Brandon Weldon

The meeting was adjourned with a short prayer after announcing June 18, 2018 as the date for the next meeting.

## QUO VADIS DAYS: JUNE 25-27

Young men ages 14-17 are invited to spend three days living, praying and interacting with priests, seminarians and faith-filled teens your own age on June 25th-27th. The days will include dynamic talks, a visit from Bishop Checchio, sports and activities, prayer, small group discussion and so much more. For more information contact [quovadis@diometuchen.org](mailto:quovadis@diometuchen.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING

The Knights of Columbus Council #10627 invite you to their 5th Annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 8th at High Bridge Hills Golf Club. There is a 9:00 shotgun start, team scramble format. It includes a continental breakfast, open range at 7:30 am, refreshments, and cookout lunch under a tent. The cost is \$125 per player, scramble format. Pick up a flyer in the Narthex for details. Sponsorships are also available.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 27, 2018

69 Donors Weekly .....	\$3,534.59
1 Easter Offering .....	\$50.00
2 Yellow Brick Road .....	\$30.00
2 Initial Offering .....	\$13.00

May 28, 2017

68 Donors Weekly .....	\$3,600.00
54 Donors Mission Co-op....	\$2,113.00
17 Donors Ascension .....	\$326.00
1 Donor Easter .....	\$2,000.00

## 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](mailto:familylife@ccsjn.org) or call France at the office for more information.

## STORE CARDS



Thanks to the families who purchased grocery and store cards the Week of May 14, 2018. **20 Families \$3,095 Sold \$143.96 Profit.**

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

Wed., June 6	J. Santoro
Wed., June 13	C. Behrens

### Store Cards

#### June 2 and June 3

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	R. Durham
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

#### June 9 and June 10

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	D. Royal

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of June 3	B. Lee
Week of June 10	L. Livoti

### Church Center Cleaning

June 7	Team A
June 14	Team B

### Counting

June 4	Malone/Buernfiend
June 11	Cangelosi/McCabe

### Altar Flowers

June 9	Connolly
June 16	Perez

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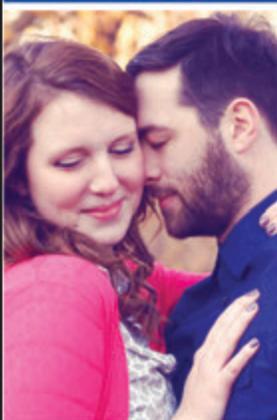
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