

# 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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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 12

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, June 15

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, June 16

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sacco, req.  
Lou and Liz Livoti

### Sunday, June 17

8:00 a.m. Pablo Perez & Adan Proano  
req. The Proano Family  
10:30 a.m. Virginia Kluge, req.  
Roger and Marie Malone



## Parish Calendar

### 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)

### Monday, June 11 - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)

### Tuesday, June 12 - Weekday

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

### Wednesday, June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)  
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)

### Thursday, June 14 - Weekday

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

### Friday, June 15 - Weekday

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

### Saturday, June 16 - Weekday

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

## Mass Schedule - June 16/17

### Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Kathleen Swindler  
Altar Server ..... Lowary Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Joan Eacovalle  
..... Debbie Kelemen, Anita Sawczuk

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Jim Murray  
Altar Server ..... Patterson Family  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Tom Klawunn  
..... Jane Klawunn, Donna Lance

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal  
Reader ..... Steve Bauernfeind  
Altar Server ..... Souza family  
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Shirley Pojedinec  
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Ron Pojedinec, Jim DeVito  
..... Peter Royal, Doris Royal, Mary D'Avella

### Sunday, June 17 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Father's Day

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

Balancing is the key to  
create an extraordinary life



### Remembered at Mass



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

**Deceased:** **Kenneth Parcel**, friend of the Dabrowski Family, and **Susan Graves**, friend of the Dabrowski Family. 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,

What a fantastic evening it was! Yes, I am referring to the "Garden Party" last Saturday – our Grand Auction-Dinner-Dance & Wine/beer tasting event of the year! What I witnessed from the meticulous preparation leading up to and beyond the actual event was and is the tremendous sense of community ownership we have here at St. John's. I am truly impressed by the handsome amount we have raised (the details of which are in this bulletin), but what gives me a sense of pride to be your pastor is the passionate involvement of so many of you at all levels and in different capacities. Such an ardent commitment is simply unparalleled when I compare to what I have witnessed in any other parish! The work of the different committees and volunteers – the kitchen crew (who began the hands on labor two days ahead), cleaning crew, volunteers at different booths and events – just to name a few, was truly edifying as it made us realize how we all have the same mission and goal.

The guests and visitors - had a wonderful time as they enjoyed themselves with food, drinks, socializing, dancing and bidding. The investment of time and energy of our 2018 Gala Co-chairs, Suzanne Kosakowski, Diane Lehnert, and Marlene Milko, who were totally consumed by this project was an act of loving service to St. John's as will be testified by their wonderful team of different committees and subcommittees and individual volunteer helpers. All of them together did an excellent job of coordinating and planning, leaving nothing to chance, giving us all an unforgettable evening of fun, fellowship and celebration. I have no words to adequately express my gratitude and appreciation in the name of our Parish community except by calling what they and their entire team did as a true witness of their love for this Church community. A detailed acknowledgment of the different people who gave us a memorable experience of the "Garden Party" can be read in this bulletin. God bless them all.

The positive response our solicitors received from the local and regional businesses enabled us to have attractive prizes for the Auctions together with the gracious presence of wine and beer vendors of our own parish providing us with a happy time of tasting. Pick up a copy of our beautifully prepared Auction Booklet (thanks to our staff who prepared it so professionally). from the Narthex and have a look at the full list of all these businesses so that we can patronize them in gratitude.

A word to those of you who could not be physically present at the Garden Party: You were consciously supportive of the Gala for the financial health of our parish in various ways - buying the various chance/raffle tickets, promoting the event in various ways, contributing in cash or kind, praying for the success of the event, etc. You are the invisible faces that make up our community of well-wishers. May we all praise the good Lord who has formed in us the conviction that we all are "co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord" as St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Cor 3:9). Therefore I wish to borrow the words of St. Paul to express my own feelings: *"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 1:3-6).

Your brother in Christ,  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

### 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 10<sup>th</sup>, during and following the 10:30 Mass**

Join us 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.

### 10TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

June 10, 2018

**"And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."**  
**MARK 3:25**

Do your parish ministries complement each other or do they compete against each other? Is your parish "one Body of Christ" or a bunch of little, separate ministries controlled by human ego? The goal of all parish ministries is to bring people to Christ. All of our parish work should be for the glory of God's name, not our own name.



### 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.



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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.



**CHILDREN'S  
Liturgy of the Word**

# Christian Formation & Social Ministry

## 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.

## 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](http://mowih.org), or email [info@mowih.org](mailto:info@mowih.org).



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## SUMMER ACTING CAMP

**Oldwick Community Players**

**July 9-20, 2018 Ages 9-18**

**Performance: July 20th**

**Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon**

Theater games, scenes  
and monologues

**INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER:**

[Oldwickplayers.org](http://Oldwickplayers.org):

Follow OCP-Oldwick Community

Players on Facebook or

Email [ganidjar@comcast.net](mailto:ganidjar@comcast.net)



## 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.

## GIFT GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER- End of Year Insights



As you know, we have transitioned to a whole family intergenerational faith formation program. This approach better supports and empowers the families in their role as primary teachers of the faith. An important part of this program is the adult formation session. This allows parents, grandparents, and adult parishioners to spend time each month learning about and discussion aspects of faith. Here are some of the End of Year Survey highlights:

**"I enjoyed the adult sessions with Father. They leave me feeling uplifted and positive."**

**"I learned more about the sacraments, the church and the importance of being involved."**

**"How to incorporate Catholicism into everyday life."**

**"The monthly schedule was convenient and Father's adult session are interesting and enjoyable."**



## 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## DID JESUS HAVE BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

Some answer 'yes' to this question basing on today's Gospel passage from Mark about the crowd asking, "Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary, a brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters our neighbors here?" (Mk 6:3). A similar reference occurs earlier in Mk 3:31 — "His mother and brothers arrived..." At first hearing, the words seem to state that Jesus did indeed have blood brothers and sisters. But Mark himself clarifies this confusion towards the end of his Gospel (the same can be seen in the other Gospels too) by showing whose children these four brothers are: James the Less and Joses were the sons of Mary the wife of Clopas (Mk 15:40, Jn 19:25), and James the Less was also identified as "the son of Alphaeus" (Lk 6:15), a synonym of "Clopas." James the Greater and John were the sons of Zebedee with a mother other than our Blessed Mother Mary (Mt 20:20ff). After the birth of our Lord, although the Gospels do not give us many details of Jesus' childhood, no mention is made of Mary and Joseph ever having other children. Never does it refer to the "sons of Mary" or "a son of Mary," but only *the* son of Mary. By this time, St. Joseph has died. Since Jesus, the first-born, had no "blood brother," when He was hanging on the cross, He entrusted Mary to the care of St. John, the Beloved Disciple.

Interestingly, the Orthodox Churches solve this problem over brothers and sisters by speculating that St. Joseph was an elderly widower who had other children before he married Mary. The earliest explanation of who the brothers and sisters were, found in the second-century document known as *The Protoevangelium of James*, is that they were stepbrothers through Joseph. According to this document, Joseph was an elderly widower who agreed to become the guardian of Mary, a consecrated virgin. Being elderly and already having children, he was not seeking to raise a new family and so was an appropriate guardian for a virgin. This theory is consistent with Joseph's apparent death before the ministry of Jesus. It is the standard explanation in Eastern Christendom of who the brethren of Christ are.

Shortly before the year 400, St. Jerome began to popularize the view that the brethren of Christ were cousins, and this view became common in the West. Because the Greek word *adelphos*, was used to describe brothers not born of the same parents, like a half-brother or step-brother. It was also to describe other relationships like cousins, nephews, etc. For example, in Genesis 13:8 and 14:14-16, the word *adelphos* was used to describe the relationship between Abraham and his nephew Lot and the relation between Laban and his nephew Jacob. In the Gospel, Mary of Clopas is called "the sister" of Mary, the Mother of Jesus where sister means only a cousin. In Hebrew and Aramaic languages, no special word existed for cousin, nephew, half-brother, or step-brother. So, they used the word *brother* in all these cases. The Greek translation of the Hebrew texts used the word *adelphos*.

**When we consider all the above evidences, we understand why the Catholic Church has faithfully taught that Mary gave birth only to Jesus, whom she had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## DON'T ALLOW REJECTION TO DERAILED YOUR DREAMS

Brilliant British theologian G.K. Chesterton could not read until he was eight years old. A teacher said if his head were opened they would probably find a lump of fat where there was supposed to be a brain. That teacher was wrong. Einstein's parents were informed by a teacher that he would never amount to anything. Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, was rejected by seven publishers. Richard Bach got twenty rejection slips before *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* was published. Dr. Seuss, one of the most popular children's authors of all time, got more than two dozen rejection slips before *The Cat in the Hat* made it to print. Ruth Graham felt an uncontrollable urge to run out of the meeting the first time she heard Billy Graham preach. She was not convinced of his preaching ability. She was put off by his preaching style. Billy had to improve his preaching before Ruth would become his wife. Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus encountered rejection with prophetic courage.

## 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)

## PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church, Flemington, NJ is sponsoring a pilgrimage trip to Italy in October 2018. The trip will visit Rome, Florence, the Tuscan Countryside, Castelli Romani and more. For further info or a brochure, please contact Fratelli & Co. Group Travel at [info@fratelliandcompany.com](mailto:info@fratelliandcompany.com) or call (908)766-8994.

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward together in the same direction." (Antoine De Saint-Exupery) The little prince knew something of marriage. Look out over your life and see beyond the crabgrass. What is your most cherished common goal?

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

"For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mk 3:35) Family matters, but perhaps our definition of "family" is too small. Try to identify someone outside of your immediate family who did the will of God this past week. Tell them you noticed. (Susan Vogt)

## 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

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez  
George Bernard  
Linda Caprio  
Joan Cardierre  
Jean Crickenberger  
John D'Almeida  
Barbara DelPiano  
Sophia DeVita  
Dawn Farley  
Cindy Feighan  
Sandy Folger  
Debbie Gregorakis  
Father Luigi Hargen  
Liz Harmon  
Fred Holub  
Eleanor Horan  
Manuel Jimenez, Sr.  
Miriam Jiminian  
Bonnie Lieberwirth  
Dick McCall  
Rosemary McCoy  
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  
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

## SUNDAY REFLECTION: Symphonic Hope

**"How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand . . . "Mark 3: 20-35**

A renowned symphony conductor reflects on the dynamic of making music: "A symphony orchestra is an amazing organism: so many different instruments and musicians playing together to create a single work of music. "The aim of the orchestra is not to win; the aim is to make sure that every voice is heard. If both the trumpet and the viola are going to be heard, the trumpet has to listen to the viola because the trumpet is much louder than the viola. This requires great discipline. An orchestra is a conversation about we.

"So wouldn't it be great if, instead of only talking about adding more, more and more to the bottom line, companies started a new conversation: We have enough of this; now, let's have more of that or let's build this. Today we live in a world where if one country goes down, we all go down. We need to understand that we all need to flourish in order for all of us to grow. That's the symphony orchestra model. And that model can only be built by intelligent optimists who master the art of possibility for themselves and for everyone around them."

**Sometimes we act out of a self-centeredness that is of "Satan" and not out of the compassionate spirit of the Gospel we profess: without fail, the "house" we build out of arrogance and greed collapses in anger and hurt; the "symphony" we try to orchestrate from our own wants and interests disintegrates into a noisy tangle of out-of-sync instruments. If a house that is a real home is to stand, it must be constructed of forgiveness, humility, and generosity; if we are to play the music that God places in every human heart, we must welcome and encourage everyone to raise their voices and contribute the sound and skill of their instruments. Jesus' life testifies to the reality that the "power" of "Beelzebub" cannot heal or restore or re-create - only the Spirit of God can bring about such transformation. Let the reconciling and loving Spirit of God be the architect of the "houses" we seek to make for ourselves and families, the conductor of creation's song of peace and healing sung by every human life and heart.**

## 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 [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

## 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



After dying in a car crash, three friends go to Heaven for an orientation session, while their family are making funeral arrangements. They are all asked the same question: "When you are in your casket and family and friends are mourning over you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first guy responds: "I would like to hear them say that I was one of the greatest doctors of my time and a great family man".

The second guy says: "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and a school teacher who made a huge difference in the children of tomorrow".

The third guy thinks for a while and then replies: "I guess I'd like to hear them say 'Look - he's moving!'"

A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. So how should I think of this: On my desk, I have a work station.

# Parish and Community News

## “WHAT’S IN A NAME?” & “WHATEVER BECAME OF SIN?”

Among William Shakespeare’s prolific contributions to English literature, there are literally thousands of memorable lines that continue to be quoted because of their eloquence and timeless significance. One of these is the famous line, “*What’s in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet*” (*Romeo and Juliet*, act 2, sc.2, l.43). I would paraphrase it, what’s in a name? That which we call sin, by any other name would still be sin! There appears to be a tendency in contemporary society to disregard or minimize sin or to call it by another name. Similarly, there is a tendency to ignore evil. The sense of shame regarding sin was renamed and the so-called “guilt complex” have become public enemy number one. In today’s readings, Yahweh God in Genesis, St. Paul, and Jesus call sin a sin.

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**June 3, 2018**

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**June 4, 2017**

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## GARDEN PARTY AUCTION & DINNER DANCE THANK YOU!

Our Garden Party on June 2 was delightful - even the weather! One of the things that stood out this year was a fantastic showing of attendees, almost a 'sell out'...(next year secure your reservations early!). But with the culinary leadership we enjoyed, you'd think our kitchen miracle was comparable to the 'fishes and loaves'.

The Fab5 and 50/50 raffle sales were outstanding, with Sharon Janks winning \$6,125; Karen Hahn winning the lawnmower; Maggie Baumann the grill; Wayne Infusino the TV; Lori Slinger the ride-on car; and Jack Zigmantanis the head phones. Quality auction items were provided by both parishioners and merchants.

Our 32nd annual auction success yielded a profit of approximately \$58,000.00. **We have many to thank:**

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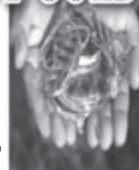
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