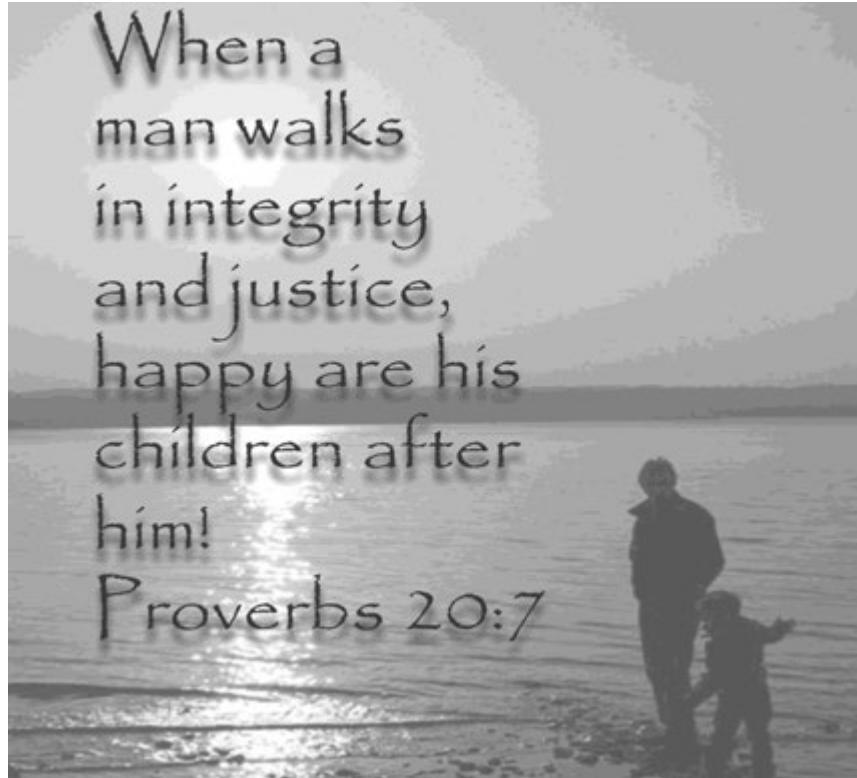


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Mission Statement

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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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 19

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, June 22

NO MASS

Saturday, June 23

5:30 p.m. Joe Steven Sacco, req.

Anne Sacco

Sunday, June 24

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

Virginia Drucker

10:30 a.m. Virginia Kluge, req.

Barbara Suozzo and Family

"Fathers are the great gift-givers of the world!"

- Mrs. John Bruce Dodd,
founder of Father's Day

"One father is worth more than a hundred schoolmasters."

- George Herbert

Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, June 18 - Weekday

Tuesday, June 19 - Saint Romuald, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Church Center Loft)

Wednesday, June 20 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

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

7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thursday, June 21 - Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

11:00 a.m. Nursing Home Picnic (Church Center)

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

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

Friday, June 22 - Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, June 23 - Weekday

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

Sunday, June 24 - The Nativity of Saint John The Baptist / Mission Co-op / End 4th of July Food Cards

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

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

Mass Schedule - June 23/24

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Anthony Mbanefo

Reader Anita Sawczuk

Altar Server Kucharski Family

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Lyle Garcia

..... Mary Connolly, Jim Oelkers

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Anthony Mbanefo

Reader Allan Piechowski

Altar Server Needed

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Barbara Gates

..... Sharon Janks, Gail Battell

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Anthony Mbanefo

Reader Gary Porto

Altar Server Souza family

Music Eucharistic Minister..... Marlene Milko

Ministers of the Eucharist..... Dick Wickel, Patti Rittman

..... Ana Giametta, Sheena Carew, 1 Needed

MASS FOR THE MERCY OF GOD

Healing from the Effects of the Opioid Epidemic

The Diocese of Metuchen's Family Life Office will sponsor this Mass. Rev. Timothy Christy, will celebrate on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center Chapel, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway. Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss, or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the Mass.

For information visit diometuchen.org/healingmass, email family.file@diocmetuchen.org or call (732) 243-4573.

Remembered at Mass



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

Deceased: **Carmen Ruscetta**, father of Marie Malone, **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,

Few weeks ago we offered Mass for our moms and celebrated them. Today, as we celebrate Father's Day, we are doing the same – offering our dads, living or dead, on the altar of God during this Holy Mass and invoking our heavenly Father's blessings on them. At a time when the Fathers' role in the family and in the society is not fully appreciated, it is good that today we can celebrate, congratulate and pray for the men who continue to reflect the Divine qualities of fatherhood as they lovingly establish, nourish and maintain their families.

Lucille Ball, who became one of America's top comedic actresses with the 1950s TV show *I Love Lucy*, did a remarkable TV interview with Merv Griffin shortly before her death. He asked her a very serious and pointed question: "Lucille, you've lived a long time on this earth and you are a wise person. What's happened to our country? What's wrong with our children? Why are our families falling apart? What's missing?" Lucille Ball answered without hesitation: "Papa's missing. Things are falling apart because Papa's gone. If Papa were here he would fix it."

Her pertinent comment has been confirmed with some recent studies that have demonstrated how important a father is to his child's development. Children with fathers present have lower rates of delinquency, drug and alcohol use, teen pregnancy, and so on, than those with absent fathers. The father's presence is also a significant positive factor in children's getting a college education, finding a satisfying job, and making a lasting marriage. Psychotherapists today are saying that both parents are vitally important to the stable development of their children; the mother's input is invaluable in the formative pre-adolescent years but the father's most important influence is at adolescence. Single mothers tell us that it is terribly difficult to teach their children about the meaning of God the Father Who seems so impersonal because their children have been abandoned by their natural fathers. Adolescent daughters long to hear from their fathers that they are beautiful and loved. In fact, a girl's choice of partner and satisfaction in marriage is often directly related to the relationship she has had with her father.

According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, the vital importance of the father's role comes from the fact that, with his wife, he *cooperates with God the Creator* in bringing a new human life into the world. There is no power greater than that (#2367). I invite us all to have a look at a few Biblical references to fathers: Genesis 2:24, Exodus 20:12, Ezekiel 19:19-20, Sirach 3:1 16, Matthew 19:16-22, John 1:14, 2 Cor. 6:16-18, Ephesians 6: 1-4, 1 Thess. 2:11 – 12.

Happy Father's Day!
Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

THE FATHER'S BLESSING

Gary Smalley, popular author and psychologist, asked 100 people, "What is one specific way you knew that you had received your parents' blessing?" Here are some of those answers:

1. "My father would put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder."
2. "When my father was facing being transferred at work, he purposely took another job so that I could finish my senior year in high school at the same school."
3. "When I wrecked my parent's car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me."
4. "When I was thirteen, my dad trusted me to use his favorite hunting rifle when I was invited to go hunting with a friend and his father."
5. "My father went with me when I had to take back an ugly dress a saleswoman had talked me into buying."
6. "My father would let me practice pitching to him for a long time when he got home from work."
7. "Even though I had never seen him cry before, my father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me no longer being at home."



11TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

June 17, 2018

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body."

2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?



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 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 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 June or July 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.

Christian Formation, Social Ministry & Parish News

NURSING HOME PICNIC



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.

GIFT - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER- End of Year Insights



Whole family intergenerational faith formation program 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 discussing aspects of faith. Here are more of the **End of Year Survey highlights:**

"This year I made a commitment to be more patient and trusting in my faith, GIFT helped me do this. The best thing I like about the St. John's community is meeting new people with kids. Fr. Abraham, Renee and JoAnn are fantastic!"

"I enjoyed the interesting discussions about Catholic social teachings and small, personable interactive discussion of faith."

"Father's lectures are insightful, I enjoyed reviewing the meaning of the sacraments and the parts of Mass. I also enjoyed time with my daughter."



"DON'T EVER STOP; IT MEANS A LOT TO THOSE AROUND YOU!"

In a restaurant, a family of five bowed their heads in prayer before beginning to eat. One of the children, a girl of about ten, expressed thanks for the entire family in a hushed voice, her head bobbing expressively. A few moments later a couple, on their way to pay their check, paused at the family's table. "It's been a long time since we've seen anyone do that," said the man, extending his hand to the father. The father smiled and replied, "It was strange at first, but we always express thanks at home before we eat. The children continued it when we went to restaurants, so we just went along with it, and now it's our way." The woman who had come up to the table patted the little girl on the shoulder and, obviously touched, looked at the mother and said, "Don't ever stop. It means a lot to those around you." It seems like such a little thing, but it was a witness. The seeds of the Kingdom are little, and we are called to scatter them.

SUMMERTIME PRAYER ON THE PATIO



The Rosary is a beautiful and contemplative prayer rich in Christian tradition. We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary on the patio overlooking the garden on Wednesday evenings this summer at 6:45 p.m. beginning June 20th (relocated inside if it rains). We will also start a once-a-month Sunday Rosary in between Masses at 9:30 a.m. beginning June 24th (dates to be announced) inside the church center. Drop-ins are encouraged and welcomed! Rosary beads and copies of the prayers will be provided.

A PARABLE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

The parable of the mustard seed is a word of encouragement for us. Things might not be what you and I want them to be, but there is still hope. God works in mysterious ways. God is still with us even when our efforts are frustrated, because He is the source of growth. Growth often starts out small like a mustard seed and then blossoms into something huge.

The second thing these words of Jesus do is to remind us that while we are called to do something, we are not called to do everything. We scatter the seed, but the growth is up to God. The same process works in the Christian life. We practice daily prayer and Bible reading. We find ways to be of service to others. We pledge money and time to the Church and charitable purposes. We join the people of God at the altar regularly. These are some of the seeds that God uses to mold and shape our lives in love, peace and hope. But the shaping happens at God's own pace and as we are able to cooperate with Him.

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

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!



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Father's Day Intentions

Deceased:

Michael Altavilla	Joe Krufka
Thomas Altavilla	Alex Lacy
Querino Angeline	William Lambert
Joseph Barbone	Leroy Lance
Thomas E. Barrow	Robert Lenart
Richard Baumann	Louis John Lillie
Thomas Bennett, Sr.	Donald MacDonald
Joe Berg	Plinto Mansim
George Blanchard	Vincent Marino
James J. Brisson	Frederick Mattrey
Ralph Cangelosi	John J. McCabe
Bruce Cargill	John G. McCormack
Aniello H. Crescenti	John Mikrut
George Dawson	Joseph Kalafut
Michael Deliso	Kazimierz Mikrut
Nick DeVincenzo	John P. Mulhern
Frank Donofrio	Frank Nanna, Sr.
Walter Dowhan	Iniego P. Navarro
Henry G. Drucker	Iniego S. Navarro, Jr.
James Durham, Sr.	Thomas Nowatkowski
Louis Eacovalle	Robert O'Neill
Tom Estock	Edward Paschik
Peter Fazekas	Skip Patterson
Frank Felitti	Ralph Pellegrino
John Flanagan	Anthony Piechowski
Andrew Fotta	Joseph Pojedinec
Edward Furlong	Edward Power
Gordon Furlong	Silvio Prandato
Lester Gardner, Sr.	Phillip J. Prosdociami
Ellis Gates	Joseph Quigley
Vito Giameta	Mark Quigley
Zozislaw Goski	Franklin Sabadista
John Handy	Louis Sepe, Sr.
Leonard Handy	Richard Sepe
Thomas Healy	Robert Shanahan
Frederick Helbling	Luther Sharp
Albin Janks	John W. Shump
Henry Johnson	Michael Sima
Mark Johnson	Bill Sobey
Harry Kaemmerer	Antonio Muniz Souza
John Kearns, Sr.	Joe Stasick
John Kelemen	Jesse Stout
Bruce Kennedy	Frank Torczon
James King, Sr.	Richard Torczon

Fred A. Wickel, Sr.
 Fred A. Wickel, Jr.
 Stanley Wiepzyński

Living:

Thomas Castillo
 John Cookson
 Percy Davids
 Louis Eacovalle
 Joe Evans
 Robert A. Frey
 Robert Gardner
 Paul Geerinck
 Jay Heyman
 Fred Holub
 Alan Janks
 Gil Kelly
 Pete Kelly
 Peter Kelly
 Jack Lacy
 Jack Lammens
 Robert Matthewson
 Richard Nacamuli
 Mickael Rabilloud
 Michael Roberts
 Evelino Ruibal
 Justin White

Members of the:

Angeline Family
 Bambalan Family
 Cole Family
 Dabrowski Family
 Kostecki Family
 Lowick Family
 Merriam Family
 Owens Family
 Pocius Family
 Riley Family
 Warren Family



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 or call (908)766-8994.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Summer officially begins June 21. Traditionally this is a time of rest and vacations. Have you planned a get-away for just the two of you? Even if you can't take a "real" vacation fantasize together about a dream vacation either at home or away. A staycation counts.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Our Father, who art in heaven..." Note that we say "Our" Father not "My" Father since God is father to all the children of the earth. Yes, remember your own father on June 17, but also remember those children whose father is absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you? (Susan Vogt)

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
George Bernard
Linda Caprio
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Percy Davids
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
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

SUNDAY REFLECTION: A Bowl of the Seasons

"[The kingdom of God] is like a mustard seed . . . the smallest of all the seeds on earth [but] springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." Mark 4: 26-34

The bowl sat on the piano in the center of their farmhouse. Their mother had placed a large fluted glass vase in the center; the vase was large enough to hold entire branches. The bowl reflected the unfolding of each season: silver pussy willows in March, apple blossoms in May, ivory dogwood and magnolia branches in the summer, oak leaves in the fall, holly and red berries at Christmas. The bowl was her pride and the seasonal centerpiece of the house - but she insisted that the bowl hold only what she and her children cut and gathered from the land around them. Gifts of flowers from family and friends would be placed elsewhere in the house; the bowl in the heart of their home was reserved for the beauty around them.

Filling the bowl during the year was a family adventure. Writing in The Boston Globe [March 28, 2018], Leila Philip of the College of the Holy Cross, remembers those walks with her mother and siblings:

"Like most things in a large family, getting out of the house involved a great deal of bustle and excitement, and hullabaloo - the finding of socks and boots, hats and lost mittens, the calling of the dogs, does someone have clippers? - then off we'd go.

"When I was younger, I thought my mother's insistence of never buying cut flowers was another facet of her inherited thrift. A child in the Depression, a teenager at the outbreak of World War II, a professor's daughter, my mother was generous, but rarely bought luxuries. It wasn't until she died that I realized that her bowl and our seasonal walks through the farm were her way of teaching us how to have a connection to the natural world around us, and an awareness of the seasons, our planet's movement, and ours, through time. "It's been a year since my mother died, and I'm nowhere near ready to let her go. I walk down our road to a neighbor's farm, looking for glimmers of silver pussy willows in the swamp, the way my mother taught me."

A mother teaches her children to appreciate the gifts of God in their midst in their walks on their farm and through the woods and pond near their home. The bowl and its contents reflected the spirit of gratitude for the lives each member of the family had been given by God and the bounty of the earth to sustain their lives. Jesus calls us to embrace the joy of such gratitude: though we "know not how" God makes the grain grow and the sun rise and the rain fall, we do know why: all of creation, the perfect and complete love that is and of God that compels God to set all of creation into motion and to breathe that love into our souls and set us on this life of ours.

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.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Dear Dad, \$chool i\$ great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$o ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Love, Your \$on,

Dear Son, I kNOW astroNomy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOWLEDge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh. Love, Dad

A small boy was at the zoo with his father. They were looking at the tigers, and his father was telling him how ferocious they were. "Daddy, if the tigers got out and ate you up..." "Yes, son?" the father asked, ready to console him. And the son asked: "...Which bus would I take home?"

Father to teenage son: "No, you can't use the car—but please feel free to use the lawnmower."

Parish and Community News

ADDITIONAL AUCTION THANK YOU

As is sometimes the case, when there are so many people to thank for their part in helping with the Auction, we inadvertently miss a few people. If you didn't see your name and you baked, cooked, worked the night of, donated food, set up or cleaned up, donated items, bought items or did any other task, PLEASE know that we truly appreciate everyone's participation! The night would not have been a success without all of you.

SPECIAL PARKING

It started as a fun idea years back and now it's become an annual event. Each year at the Auction, we offer 7 parking spaces in the front of the Church. This private parking runs for one year beginning July 1st. Each space is \$500. We still have 2 spaces available. This special parking is great in a pinch when you are running late for Mass, especially convenient on Holidays or for parish events and of course it also helps raise funds for the Church. Please call the office if you are interested. Thank you!

SEEDS OF LOVE AND PRAYERS MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

Clarence and his wife adopted a daughter who, they were told, had emotional problems. The administrator at the orphanage told Clarence frankly that the child would be better off staying there. But Clarence and his wife said Faith and love would conquer any problems, and they adopted the child. It didn't take too long, however, before they realized they had made a mistake. As year after impossible year passed, they consulted with principals, counselors, and teachers. Terms such as "character disorder," "sociopath," and "psychopathic personality" were used to describe their daughter's behavior. The experts all agreed that there was no hope for improvement. Over the years Clarence and his wife prayed, prayed long and hard, with no observable results. Eventually the girl ran away. A short time later she was caught and placed in a detention center, and later into half-way houses and foster homes. Clarence and his wife lost track of her, and they lost all hope of ever seeing her again. However, years later they did manage to reestablish contact with their daughter. They discovered, much to their amazement, that she had finished high school, attended college, married, and was raising two well-adjusted children. "We lost faith," Clarence says, "but God was faithful. God never stopped answering our prayers." ["Faithful When We Are Faithless." Clarence E. Drumheller. *Upper Room* (January/February 1994), p. 22.] Whoever would have thought their daughter could have changed so much? It must have been the seeds of love that they planted and their prayers that made the difference. God works in ways we do not understand. God's ways are not our ways, and He works slowly but surely to achieve His will in this world

"IMPOSSIBLE" IS NOT IN GOD'S DICTIONARY

You remember David, a pre-teen shepherd boy, taking down the mighty soldier Goliath? You remember Moses, the stuttering herdsman who, in a personal interview with God, was directed to liberate his nation from a two-thousand-year-old nation? As a boy, Thomas Edison was informed by a teacher that he was too stupid to learn anything. His teacher advised his mother to take him out of school. Albert Einstein seemed so slow and dull that his parents feared that he was mentally deficient. Winston Churchill was admitted to school in the lowest level classes and never moved out of the lowest group in all the years he attended Harrow. But the word "impossible" is not in God's dictionary. Eighty percent of success is perseverance. How do you think Michelangelo got the angel out of the rock? The most successful salespersons are those who try and try again. Walt Disney was fired from his first job because he didn't have any good ideas. Abraham Lincoln entered the Black Hawk War as a captain and came out a private. George Washington Carver, a little known Afro-American agricultural scientist, revolutionized the agriculture of the Southern United States with the peanut and the sweet potato. Today's Gospel teaches us how God causes His Kingdom to grow in human hearts and communities in a slow but steady way.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 10, 2018

69 Donors Weekly.....	\$3,286.00
8 Yellow Brick Road.....	\$200.00
42 Father's Day.....	\$738.00
1 Mission Co-op.....	\$20.00
1 Initial Offering.....	\$5.00

June 11, 2017

82 Donors Weekly.....	\$4,042.00
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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, the Development Office has received pledges and payments totaling \$34,706.75 from 108 parishioners. This represents 91.3% of our \$38,000 goal.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., June 20	M. D'Avella
Wed., June 27	A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

June 16 and June 17

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

June 23 and June 24

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of June 17	M. Cangelosi
Week of June 24	B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

June 21	Team C
June 28	Team D

Counting

June 18	Malone.Kosakowski
June 25	Kucharski/Bauerfeind

Altar Flowers

June 23	Sawczuk
June 30	Germino

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