



The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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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.

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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, July 3

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, July 6

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 7

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

Betty Ihle

Sunday, July 8

8:00 a.m. Ed Kestenbaum, req.

The Kucharski Family

10:30 a.m. Bob Simms, req.

Sharon and Alan Janks



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 1 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

10:30 a.m. Mass - CHWC Return Mass (Church Center)

Monday, July 2 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)

Tuesday, July 3 - Saint Thomas, Apostle

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

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

Wednesday, July 4 - Independence Day / Office Closed

6:45 p.m. Rosary (Church Center/Patio)

Thursday, July 5 - Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

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

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

Friday, July 6 - Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

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

Office Closes at Noon

7:00 p.m. 1st Friday Holy Hour (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Saturday, July 7 - Weekday

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

Sunday, July 8 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

Mass Schedule - July 7/July 8

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	David Geerinck
Altar Server	Cucchiara Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joann Gardner
.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Donna Torczon
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Kate Knight
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joe Sima
.....	Diane Lehnert, Dorothy Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jane Albert
Altar Server	Connery Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Debby Kelemen
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Marlene Milko, Mary D'Avella
.....	Donna Lance, Ana Giametta, Jim DeVito

First Friday Holy Hour



July 6 - 7:00 pm
Will now be held in the
Neumann Residence Chapel



Remembered at Mass

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

Deceased: **William Weimer**, father of Jane Varcadipane, **Rosemary McCoy**, niece of Lou and Liz Livoti, **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,

Happy Fourth of July! This weekend is a time for us to express and celebrate our patriotism – not only through flags, fireworks, and partying with family and friends, but also through serious reflection on our freedom, its high price, its sacred meaning and the way we need to pass it on intact to the next generation. When our Founding Fathers signed the Declaration of Independence two centuries ago, the American Dream was officially born on the foundation of freedom, democracy and hope. It is good to remember the four types of freedom President Roosevelt spoke of in January 1941, as he was building support for the World War:

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression -- everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way -- everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want -- which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants -- everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear -- which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor-- anywhere in the world."

But when this American Dream is sought after by illegal immigrants, we have a problem. The recent national conversation shows how divided and polarized we are on this sensitive topic. Instead of taking any hardline position based on any political affiliation, it is good for us to know the united stand of our nation's Conference of Catholic bishops. On the one hand, our Bishops assert our fundamental right to control our nation's borders; on the other hand, they ask for humane and compassionate treatment of immigrants as our brothers and sisters created in God's image and likeness. The following is excerpted from the US Bishops' pastoral document, *Welcoming the Stranger Among Us: Unity in Diversity*:

"Without condoning undocumented migration, the Church supports the human rights of all people and offers them pastoral care, education, and social services, no matter what the circumstances of entry into this country, and it works for the respect of the human dignity of all—especially those who find themselves in desperate circumstances. We recognize that nations have the right to control their borders. We also recognize and strongly assert that all human persons, created as they are in the image of God, possess a fundamental dignity that gives rise to a more compelling claim to the conditions worthy of human life."

"Undocumented immigrants present a special concern. Often their presence is considered criminal since they arrive without legal permission. Under the harshest view, undocumented people may be regarded as undeserving of rights or services. This is not the view of Catholic social teaching. ... In the Bible, God promises that our judgment will be based on our treatment of the most vulnerable. Before God we cannot excuse inhumane treatment of certain persons by claiming that their lack of legal status deprives them of rights given by the Creator. ... It is the position of the Catholic Church that pastoral, educational, medical, and social services provided by the Church are never conditioned on legal status. All persons are invited to participate in our parishes, attend our schools, and receive other services offered by our institutions and programs."

When we realize that the Church is not condoning undocumented immigration, we will be open to solutions that will prevent more illegal immigration even as we show loving compassion to those already here as our Bishops call our attention to the reality of the United States as largely a "nation of immigrants." Happy July 4th!

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



13TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 1, 2018

"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." 2 CORINTHIANS 8:14

We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of those around us. It is important that we not only grow, nurture and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ". We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.



WALK THE ST. JOHN'S LABYRINTH July 26, 2018



Did you know that Labyrinths are used around the world to quiet the mind, recover balance in life and encourage meditation, insight, self-

reflection and to discover innovation and celebration?

The practice of Labyrinth walking integrates the body with the mind and the mind with the spirit.

Come join us on Thursday, July 26th at 7:15pm to learn about Labyrinths when Sr. Josita Marks of the Sisters of Charity will lead us in the Labyrinth Prayer. She will provide an overview of the meaning of the Labyrinth and then show us how to walk the Labyrinth. Come, learn, and bring your walking shoes!

SUMMERTIME PRAYER



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.

(relocated inside if it rains). A once-a-month Sunday Rosary will be prayed in between Masses at 9:30 a.m. on July 15th. Drop-ins are encouraged and welcomed! Rosary beads and copies of the prayers will be provided.



YOUTH GROUP VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.

High School Youth Group – bring your friends and join us for Volleyball on Tuesday evenings.

Christian Formation & Social Ministry



GIFT - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



End of Year Insights Part Two

Whole family inter-generational 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 discussion aspects of faith. Here are more of the End of Year Survey highlights:

- * *“Learning about Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation and the foot notes in Amoris Laetitia”*
- * *“I learned more in one year with Fr. Abraham’s adult faith formation than I learned as a kid!”*
- * *“I enjoy the family topics with Fr. Abraham they leave me feeling up-lifted and positive”*

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry is looking to help a local Family of 4 which are on our Food Distribution List to find needed items: Sofa and Chair set or Love seat for the living room



A dresser for son’s bed

room. If you can provide the items or know anybody who could help with acquiring those items, please contact Susie or Susanne from Social Ministry.

Please make sure that the furniture is clean and in good condition. Please call the office or send an email to socialministry@ccsjn.org Thank you!

ST. MARY’S CHURCH, VA

We are happy to announce that St. Mary’s Church in Coeburn VA is receiving a donation check from St. John in the amount of \$1,132.12. This amount reflects the direct donations to St. Mary (\$ 252.00) as well the gift cards sales (\$880.12) from January 2018 to June 25th 2018.



2018-2019 GIFT REGISTRATIONS NOW DUE

We are looking forward to the 2018-2019 GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) family faith program with the following offerings:
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 church center.

1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist: Ten Saturday afternoons throughout the year (attendance in this sacramental preparation program is *in addition* to 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; drop-ins are welcome and encouraged!

Family registration forms can be found on the parish website: ccsjn.org, under Faith Formation/Forms. Any questions regarding faith formation, please contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.



TIPS TO A MEANINGFUL MASS

Since summertime generally has a less scheduled calendar of events, it may be a good time to try to enrich your experience of Mass. It always helps to focus at Mass, so here are a few suggestions.

Preview the readings before church. This provides an opportunity to reflect upon the readings and gospel messages, allowing you to apply these messages and lessons in your daily life. A good resource for the readings is www.usccb.org. This website provides information about all things Catholic.

Know how to locate the readings in the Missal. Many people have difficulty hearing during Mass or perhaps there are distractions in the church. It is much easier to focus when following along and reciting the prayers while reading the missal.

Choose a good seat. Just like attending a concert where everyone wants to be up close to the action, do the same when attending Mass.

Homily Notebook. Take along a little notebook to jot down thoughts, ideas or insights about the homily. They may be teaching and talking points for your family later on in the day or even the week.

Church Chat. When families take a moment to prepare prior to attending Mass, wonderful things can happen! During the drive home and throughout the week family members can share and discuss their thoughts about the homily or the start of a liturgical season. A simple question, “What did you learn from today’s homily that can help you (fill in the blank)?” can be a good talking point.

“PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN” SUMMER SESSIONS



Whether you’re a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involve children, please consider attending one of the following “Protecting God’s Children” summer workshops:

- August 21 at 6 p.m. – St. Philip & St. James, Phillipsburg
- August 27 at 7 p.m. – Immaculate Conception, Annandale

Protecting God’s Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a complete listing of other sessions in the diocese, can be found on diometuchen.org and click on the “Sign up now for Virtus Sessions” link on the bottom of the home page. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early. Check the link often as sessions are continuously added.

JULY 4TH FOOD CARDS



If you check out the Social Ministry Station in the Narthex you’ll find envelopes for your donations. Our mission this year is to provide 18 individuals (veterans or elderly) with \$25/\$50 food cards and 10 families with \$100 food cards. Please assist us in making this holiday special for some of our most needy. Thanks and God Bless !

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have ever considered becoming Catholic or know someone who may be interested, there is a process to help you discern whether it is what you want to do. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation. Every year teams in parishes meet with unbaptized persons and those baptized into other faiths to discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. The first stage is called Inquiry and simply put, is a time for you to ask any and all questions about God and the church. This is the period to help you find out if you are interested in becoming Catholic. So please don't think you have to know this is what you want to do. The Inquiry phase helps in that discernment. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone or text: 908-307-7879 or email fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

JULY 3: FEAST OF ST. THOMAS, THE APOSTLE

We may know him better as the "doubting Thomas" and he evangelized southern India. Many parishioners have asked me if I was converted or my parents were converted to Christianity. The truth is that I am proud to belong to the "St. Thomas Christian Community" that traces its origin to St. Thomas himself. How could Thomas, one of the 12 Apostles, have reached India? Merchants from the Middle East used to go to India to buy spices and so Thomas reached India in one of their ships in the year 52 AD. He converted several Hindu families and established seven churches. He was martyred near Chennai and his tomb is in the Cathedral of San Thom. In fact it is interesting for us to know that there are only three Cathedrals in the world, built over the tomb of an apostle: St. Peter's in Rome, St. James in Campostella (Spain) and St. Thomas in Chennai (India).

The Bible presents St. Thomas as 1) A model of courage and dedicated love for his master: John 11: 16: "*We too shall go and die with Him.*" 2) A genuine seeker of truth: Jesus' reply to Thomas' question: John 20: 24-29: "*I am the way, the truth and the life.*" 3) A disciple who progressed from doubts to conviction and from conviction to total surrender and dedication of life to his Lord and Savior. 4) An apostle who gave the strongest proof of Christ's resurrection by his profession of faith: "*My Lord and my God.*" As we rightly celebrate our political freedom this July 4th weekend, let us not forget that the good news of freedom in Jesus that St. Thomas proclaimed will be ours always.

"DO NOT BE AFRAID; JUST HAVE FAITH!"

Ann Jillian, a three-time *Emmy* and *Golden Globe Award*-winning actress and singer, is an American actress born to Roman Catholic Lithuanian immigrant parents. Since 1985, she has added motivational speaking to her impressive list of credits, addressing business, medical, professional and women's groups with her own unique blend of humor and inspiration. Her prowess extends from the world's concert halls, to feature film and the Broadway stage. She has starred in over 25 TV movies and made hundreds of other TV appearances. Her TV movie, *The Ann Jillian Story*, which recounts her victory over breast cancer, was the #1 film of that TV season, but, more important, it delivered Ann's message about the hopeful side of breast cancer to its millions of viewers. It was in 1985 that the then 35-year-old actress made headlines when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. On her way to the hospital to check the nature of the growth which she had noticed, she stopped at St. Francis de Sales Church and read the inscription on the door. "*The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations.*" She went into the Church and prayed for the strength to accept her ordeal. The radiant trust in God and peace of mind she maintained before and after the surgery (double mastectomy), was big news in the media and a great inspiration for all cancer patients. She trusted in Jesus' words given in today's Gospel, "*Do not be afraid; just have Faith.*" Actually, this phrase is repeated in the Bible 365 times.

NO MAT YOGA

No mat Yoga on Wednesday, July 4th.

START YOUR DAY OFF RIGHT WITH A MORNING MEDITATION

Try a good way to start your day – meditation in your email.

<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

PARENTING TUNE-UP

In reflecting back on parenting your children, remember that "You are responsible for the process in raising your children, not the outcome." (*Parenting Your Adult Child*). Your success or failure does not depend on theirs. Don't beat yourself up or take undue pride. (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

(Independence Day) Independence is an important step on the journey to adulthood, but marriage also requires dependence. I depend on you to keep your word, to be there when I'm feeling hurt, to watch the kids so I can have a break. How do you depend on one another?



WE ARE "WOUNDED HEALERS!"

Perhaps Henri Nouwen, the Catholic theologian, has said this better than anyone else. The author of many books, Nouwen speaks of Christians as "wounded healers" who have compassion. Compassion is not pity. Pity lets us stay at a distance. It is condescending. Compassion is not sympathy. Sympathy is for superiors over inferiors. Compassion is not charity. Charity is for the rich to continue in their status over the poor. Compassion is born of God. It means entering into the other person's problems. It means taking on the burdens of the other. It means standing in the other person's shoes. It is the opposite of professionalism. It is the humanizing way to deal with people. "Just as bread without love can bring war instead of peace, professionalism without compassion will turn forgiveness into a gimmick."

Parish and Community News

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
Stephanie Illetscho
Father Luigi Hargen
Liz Harmon
Fred Holub
Eleanor Horan
Manuel Jimenez, Sr.
Miriam Jiminian
Eileen Kuhn
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Dick McCall
Maggie McKeon
Jan McLeavey
Naim Melhem
Christine Meyer
George Morris
Joan & Megan Myers
Mary Lou O'Brien
Nancy Patterson
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Joel Rivera
Earl & Denise Roberts
Anne Sacco
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Dick Slusher
Margaret Thornsbury
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
Josh Wilkes
Dana & Greg Wilson
Caden & Jill Zane
Jim Zgoda
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers:

Captain Baumann, Katherine, U.S. Army
Spec. Bitters, Christian, U.S. Army
Cavallo, Chris, USMC
2LT, Molly Ferguson, U.S. Air Force
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: JAIRUS' CHILDREN

The healings of Jairus' daughter and the hemorrhaging woman. Mark 5: 21-43

She's up at 4 a.m. and at her computer before the boys are up. She works a couple of hours before she gets them off to school. Then it's off to the day's appointments and meetings and back before they get home; then homework, dinner and bedtime. She hits her laptop for an hour or two before going to bed herself to get a head start on the next day. She works to bring in extra money to pay the tuition for her ten-year-old at a special school for the autistic. It's a strain on her and the family budget, but this school is her son's best chance - and that's all that matters. Another student found her unconscious in the field near the school parking lot - and just in time, the EMTs said. Now her parents sit by her bedside, praying as they never have before that she will wake up. They hadn't an inkling that she was addicted. But they are resolved that their daughter will not be just another nameless statistic in the opioid epidemic. Regardless of the time and cost, they will get her the help she needs - and they'll walk with her every step of the way on the long road to recovery.

Their weekends are spent at ball fields and hockey rinks; during the week, they shuttle their young musicians to lessons and practices. The schedule can be a grind, but the children's love of playing - whether it be with a puck or an oboe - is their joy, too. Watching their children learn what it means to be part of something bigger than themselves, and, maybe, begin to realize a dream, is at the heart of being a parent.

What will we *not* do for our children? What dragon will not slay to protect them? What chasm will we not cross to bring them to the promised land? For many moms and dads, their joys and dreams are inextricably linked to their children's. Jairus, in today's Gospel, is just such a dad: to save his beloved daughter, Jairus does not hesitate to risk his standing in the community and career to approach the controversial rabbi reputed to work wonders. A parent's complete and unconditional love is the very reflection of the love of God in our midst. Whether a parent or friend, a neighbor or mentor, we can mirror that same love in our own generosity of heart, in our own resolve to lift up the fallen, to bring healing to the suffering, to restore life to the dead.

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). 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.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Head on a platter: The bishop who was presiding at the pastor's golden jubilee Mass was not pleased that the pastor allowed a liturgical innovation by having a young lady dance the offertory procession in 'attractive' costumes and playing the banjo. As the "dancer" approached the altar the bishop whispered to the pastor: "If she asked for your head on a platter, she'll have it!"

Who disturbs whom! One Sunday at Mass as the priest was giving his homily, a little baby in the front row suddenly started crying loudly. The mother did her best to pacify the child, but nothing worked. So finally, she got up and started to walk down the aisle to take the baby into the cry room. The priest stopped his preaching, and very compassionately called out to the mother, "That's OK! You don't have to leave. The child isn't disturbing me." The young woman turned around and said, "No, pardon me Father, but you're disturbing my child!"

PHYSICAL TOUCH CAN BE HEALING

Studies at the University of California-Los Angeles Medical Center; Menninger Foundation, Topeka, Kansas; and Scott and White Clinic, Temple, Texas, have shown that hugging communicates tenderness, gentleness, caring-ness – all those characteristics that are essential for healing both body and soul. Hugging, they say, relieves many physical and emotional problems, helps people live longer, maintains health, relieves stress and promotes sleep. The studies also show that hemoglobin, the portion of blood that carries oxygen, increases significantly when people are touched. There's your answer for those who say the Peace Exchange is artificial! And it certainly gives husbands and wives, parents and children, and significant others good reason to hug and hug and hug! Jesus believed in the touch.

Jesus practiced the sacrament of touching with his hands. He even says that when someone touched him, believing, he knew power and virtue went out of him. Let's remember that. It's a good reason to keep human touch on a high level. As members of the Church, we are not excused from our vocation to be healers. When a friend of ours is terminally ill, the skill of the doctors and their advanced medical tools often become powerless. What the patient needs in such a situation is our care, concern and prayerful presence, enabling them to experience through us the love, compassion and mercy of Jesus. We do our share of Christ's healing mission by visiting the sick, by praying for their healing and by boosting their morale through our loving presence, encouragement and inspiration. Holding hands and praying can bring about a very calming effect on the patient. There is healing in the touch!

JOHNNY CARSON, WALTER CRONKITE & JOHNNY CASH

There was a television program hosted by Barbara Walters sometime back, on which she interviewed three celebrities: Johnny Carson, Johnny Cash, and Walter Cronkite. According to one viewer, Johnny Carson came across as the typical jaded playboy hedonist. Everything he said telegraphed the fact that he was living for pleasure, but, having tried everything and been everywhere he was fed up with the whole thing. Walter Cronkite was the suave humanist, the worldly philosopher. Now retired and wealthy, he was enjoying life as best he could. He was looking at life rather philosophically, but all he really was saying was, "That's the way it is!" Johnny Cash, on the other hand, admitted his background of alcoholism and drug addiction and the fact that he had virtually destroyed a marriage and wrecked his life. But he openly said he had found Jesus. There was peace in his eyes and contentment in his voice. He spoke of a hope for the future which neither of the others had. <http://www.pbc.org/dp/stedman/john/3848.html>). **No doctor could have healed Johnny Cash. Only Christ could do that. Only Christ can heal a broken marriage. Only Christ can heal broken relationships within a family. Only Christ can give us hope when everyone else is telling us that there is no hope to be found. Only Christ can deliver us from sin.**

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 parking is great in a pinch when you're running late for Mass, 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!

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER



Why not take the opportunity this summer to enrich your marriage? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held July 20–22. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. For registration and information call **1-732-904-9636**.

Visit us at www.aweekendforyourmarriage.org for more information.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

June 24, 2018

73 Donors Weekly..... \$4,126.25
 2 Yellow Brick Road..... \$275.00
 2 Father's Day..... \$60.00
 37 Mission Co-op..... \$2,576.00
 1 Social Ministry..... \$100.00

June 25, 2017

74 Donors Weekly..... \$4,217.00
 3 Yellow Brick Road..... \$98.00
 1 Father's Day..... \$3.00
 2 Catholic University..... \$35.00

STORE CARDS



Thanks to the families who purchased grocery and store cards the Week of June 24, 2018. **20 Families \$3,100.00 Sold \$170.00 Profit.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

To date, pledges and payments totaling \$35,545.57 from 112 parishioners. This represents 93.5% of our \$38,000 goal.



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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., July 11 J. Santoro
 Wed., July 18 C. Behrens

Store Cards

June 30 and July 1

5:30 p.m. L. Livoti
 8:00 a.m. P. Nanna
 10:30 a.m. G. Cucchiara

June 7 and July 8

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of July 1 M. Proano
 Week of July 8 C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

July 5 Team E
 July 12 Team F

Counting

July 2 Malone/Cangelosi
 July 9 Kucharski/McCabe

Altar Flowers

July 7 Needed
 July 14 Connolly

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