

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.

Diocese of Metuchen

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Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

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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 10

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, July 13

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 14

5:30 p.m. John McCabe, req.
Eileen McCabe

Sunday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Richard Mason, req.
Jim and Roni Durham

10:30 a.m. Roy Rittman, req.
St. John Neumann Church



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 8 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 9 - Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

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

Tuesday, July 10 - 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)
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Volleyball (Church Center Grounds)

Wednesday, July 11 - Saint Benedict, Abbot

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

Thursday, July 12 - Weekday

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

Friday, July 13 - Saint Henry

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
Office Closes at Noon
7:15 p.m. Baptism Prep (Church Center)

Saturday, July 14 - Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

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

Mass Schedule - July 14/July 15

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Debby Kelemen
..... Joan Eacovalle, Joann Gardner

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Chris Bitters
Altar Server Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Jane Klawunn
..... Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant..... Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Julie Weldon
Altar Server Erz Family
Music Eucharistic Minister..... Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist..... Gloria Cucchiara, Jim DeVito
..... Doris Royal, Peter Royal, Patti Rittman

Sunday, July 15 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Air Conditioning & Lawn Maintenance Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:30 a.m. Rosary (Church Center / Patio)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Rabilloud Baptism (Church Center)



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, Rev. Msgr. John Szymanski and Carmen Ruscetta.**

Deceased: **William Weimer**, father of Jane Varcadipane, **Rosemary McCoy**, niece of Lou and Liz Livoti, **Rev. Msgr. John Szymanski**, a retired priest and former Vicar General of the Diocese of Metuchen and **Carmen Ruscetta**, father of Marie Malone. 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,

Have you faced rejection and obstacles? That is the theme written all over the readings of this Sunday. The first reading shows God calling Ezekiel as His prophet to preach to obstinate and rebellious Israelites in exile in Babylon but warning him that he would have to face rejection and persecution for giving God's message. St. Paul, in the second reading, gives us the same warning from his experience that not only the prophets, but the apostles and missionaries also will have to encounter hardships and rejection in their preaching mission. Today's Gospel selection (Mark 6:1-6) shows us that many people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth did not accept him as a prophet because they knew him and his family too well. The history of Christianity is replete with myriads of such prophets who responded to God's call and faced rejection and obstacles.

One such courageous person is a North American saint whose feast is this coming Saturday, July 14: Kateri Tekakwitha. Born in 1656 near Auriesville, New York, Kateri Tekakwitha was the daughter of a Mohawk chief. She had a childhood bout with smallpox that left her with permanent facial scars and diminished eyesight. Known as the Lily of the Mohawks and the Flower of the Algonquians, Tekakwitha was the first Native American to be canonized.

Her life changed in 1675 when she met Jesuit Father Jacques de Lambertville. She sought an education in Christianity, and she converted to the Roman Catholic faith and was baptized on Easter Day in 1676. She took the name Kateri for Saint Catherine of Sienna and declared a lifelong vow of virginity. But her family rejected her: first for her disfigurement, and then for her adherence to Christianity. In 1677 she took up residence at the Jesuit mission just south of Montreal. There, she prayed tirelessly for the conversion of her people and undertook many forms of penance in the development of her personal piety. Although she didn't have access to formalized convent life or instruction regarding holy orders, she and her mentor, Anastasia, her close friend, Marie-Therese, and several other young women committed to practicing their faith together as a community. On Wednesday, April 17, 1680, at twenty-four-years-old, Kateri Tekakwitha died during Holy Week. She is believed to have uttered as her last words, "Jesus, Mary, I love you."

Four US shrines honor St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and numerous churches, schools, and institutions are named for her in the United States and Canada. She is an example of perseverance and trust in God when she was treated cruelly as an outcast in her village. We too are called to be prophets of truth and justice. As prophets, our task is to speak the truth and oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones. Let us also acknowledge, appreciate and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for truth and justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power of the Holy Spirit in their words and the courage of God in their actions.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

14 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

If you would like to try a 14 Day Prayer Challenge you can sign up for this by texting 14DayPray to 84576.

This is a new communication service called Flocknote that we have started to use at St. John's. It is free for you to use and by texting us you will register to receive email or text messages over 14 days for this prayer challenge. It's important for you to know that you can update your communication preferences or unsubscribe at any time. Once you send the text, Flocknote will text you back a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process.

You can text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

If you have any questions call France Kennedy for information 908-307-7879.

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 8, 2018

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'"
EZEKIEL 2:2-3

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.



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

What is a prayer labyrinth?

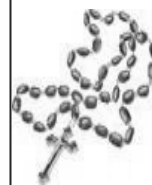


A labyrinth is not a maze. ... The labyrinth will assist parishioners in Christian meditation and prayer. In the Middle Ages the labyrinths were used as a way for people to participate in a pilgrimage without the expense or time required in actually going to another place.

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 pray the labyrinth.

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.

Christian Formation

GIFT - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER



End of Year Insights Part Two

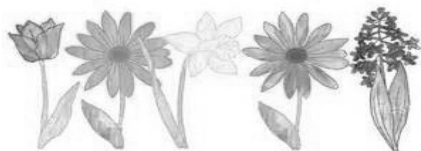
Whole family inter-generational faith formation program approach better supports and empowers the families in their role as primary teachers of the faith. An important part of this program is the adult formation session. This allows parents, grandparents, and adult parishioners to spend time each month 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 uplifted and positive”*

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY COFFEE



July 14, 8am, Office Center
The next Women’s Spirituality coffee will be held Saturday, July 14th. Join us as we reflect on Sunday’s Scripture, as we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation. Drop-ins are welcome! Group contact: Jo Ann Jarvis, jjarvis@ccsjn.org.



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.

SUMMER READING FOR CATHOLIC KIDS



Summer time can be a great time to explore our Catholic saints. Introducing an exciting new series for young readers from the bestselling author Lisa M. Hendey! The Chime Travelers series features fun-filled, time-travel adventures with a Catholic message that takes kids to long-ago times and faraway lands. Each book features prayers and a short bio to introduce children to a major saint’s life and legend. Discussion

questions about saints, sacraments, and Catholic life help children understand what they’ve learned through the stories. Visit www.amazon.com Chime Traveler by Lisa M. Hendey and use the amazon button on St. John Neumann web page.

“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.

Social Ministry & Parish News

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.

BAPTISM

Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptize their child. Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized should call France Kennedy at the office (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

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.



YOUTH GROUP VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.

The net is up ... the ball is here ... high school youth come join the fun. Volleyball behind the church on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Bring your friends!

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@ccsin.org.

"NO" TO GOD DUE TO FEAR OF REJECTION

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States and the son of a former President, reportedly said that he would rather clean filth from the street than become the President. The Old Testament tells us that most of the prophets shared John Quincy Adams' hesitation about their calling, probably for fear of rejection or failure. *Moses tried to convince God that he stammered and, hence, could not become Israel's leader. Jeremiah complained to God that he was too young. The prophets trembled at the trials ahead of them and that with good reason. (II Chr 36:16, Jer 2: 30, Am 2:12, Mt 23:37, Lk 13:34, I Thes 2: 15, Heb 11: 32 ff.). Jeremiah was threatened with death several times, thrown into a dry cistern, imprisoned, dragged off to exile in Egypt, and, perhaps most painful of all, was forced to watch the destruction of Jerusalem, because its inhabitants would not listen to his message. At least twice in his lifetime, the prophet Elijah gave the warning of God to King Ahab concerning the king's promotion of idolatry. As a result, Elijah was forced to flee into the wilderness where he suffered great privation (I Kg 16: 29- 17: 3; I Kg 18: 16 – 19: 4).* Today's Gospel gives another example of why the prophets did not jump for joy at their career prospects. It describes in five sentences how the people of Nazareth turned from amazement to furious indignation at Jesus' statement of the truth hinting that he was the promised Messiah. Speaking God's truth is a risky business even today. It results in arrests and persecution in Communist and Islamic countries. Insulting the religious beliefs and practices of Christians is perpetrated in developed countries in the name of the freedom of speech.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED REJECTION?

The book *Crossing Over* is the story of the rejection one woman faced when she fell in love with a person outside the Amish Community and ran away to marry him. Ruth Garrett had always been a little rebellious, but not even she could imagine the pain she was about to experience from being shunned by her family and community. Rejection – even the word, has a foreboding sound. Yet, it is an experience with which most, if not all of us, are familiar. Everybody experiences rejection sometime. It may come from a boss, from a peer, from a lover, from a Church, even from strangers who communicate clearly that you are not welcome in certain circles.

Today's Gospel (Mark 6:1-6), explains how Jesus experienced rejection from his own people. Many people of Jesus' hometown Nazareth did not accept him as a prophet because they knew him and his family. They knew that he was a carpenter with no schooling in Mosaic Law and that he could not be the promised Messiah who would come from Bethlehem as a descendant of David's royal family. Besides, they were angry when Jesus did not work any miracles in Nazareth, chided them with prophetic courage for their lack of faith and warned that he would go to other people to do his preaching and healing ministry.

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

"Is he [Jesus] not the carpenter; the son of Mary...?" (Mark 6:3) We inherit both physical and personality traits from our parents. It can be a source of parental pride, but also consternation. Talk with your child about what strengths and weaknesses they might have received from you. (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

In a healthy marriage both spouses strive to be good and strong. But, sometimes it is through recognizing our weakness that we can grow stronger. What a mystery! "...for when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Cor. 12:10) Can you identify a weakness in yourself that has punctured your pride and made you a better spouse?

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Well, not exactly!

We are starting a Decorating Committee who will oversee, schedule and make decisions for our Annual Christmas Decorating Party.

We would like to get some of our younger families involved. It may be time to look at changing some of our decorations for something new.

Christmas without decorations would disappoint the children of the parish.

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

*Merry
Christmas*

**ONLY 170 DAYS TO OUR
DECORATING PARTY!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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 Thornsby
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: THE DECISION TO HOPE

God knows, these days there are reasons enough for cynicism. Many of us feel let down by the institutions we thought we could trust. We have been betrayed, disappointed and outraged too many times to simply hope. Jim Wallis is a theologian and founder of **Sojourners**, a Christian-based social justice advocacy group. He writes in his best-selling book **God's Politics** that the obstacle of faith is the fundamental choice between cynicism and hope. "First, let's be fair to the cynics. Cynicism is the place of retreat for the smart, critical, dissenting, and formerly idealistic people who are now trying to protect themselves. They are not naive. They tend to see things as they are, they know what is wrong, and they are generally opposed to what they see . . . They know what is going on, and at one point, they might even have tried for a time to change it. But they didn't succeed; things got worse, and they got weary. Their activism, and the commitments and hopes that implied, made them feel vulnerable. So they retreated to cynicism as the refuge from commitment . . .

"Cynicism does protect you in many ways. It protects you from seeming foolish to believe that things could and will change. It protects you from disappointment. It protects you from insecurity because now you are free to pursue your own security instead of sacrificing it for a social engagement that won't work anyway. Ultimately, cynicism protects you from commitment. If things are not really going to change, why try so hard to make a difference? Why become and stay so involved? Why take the risks, make the sacrifices, open yourself to the vulnerabilities? "Perhaps the only people who view the world realistically are the cynics and the saints. Everybody else may be living in some kind of denial about what is really going on and how things really are. And the only difference between the cynics and the saints is the presence, power, and possibility of hope . . .

"More than just a moral issue, hope is a spiritual and even religious choice. Hope is not a feeling; it is a decision. And the decision for hope is based on what you believe at the deepest levels - what your most basic convictions are about the world and what the future holds - all based on your faith. You choose hope, not as a naive wish, but as a choice, with your eyes wide open to the reality of the world - just like the cynics who have not made the decision for hope."

In today's Gospel, Jesus' hearers cannot believe that such "wisdom" can exist in their midst, that the justice and peace Jesus envisions are simply not possible. They are isolated by their cynicism; hope is beyond their reach, and so they reject Jesus with scorn and ridicule. Jesus calls us - dares us - to embrace "prophetic" hope: to change our perspective, our belief systems, and ourselves in order to realize the possibilities we have for creating God's kingdom of peace and compassion for all his sons and daughters in this time and place of ours.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Rejection resulting in the resignation: There was a feud between the Pastor and the Choir Director of a Southern Baptist parish.

The first hint of trouble came when the Pastor preached on **Dedicating oneself to service** and the Choir Director chose to sing: **"I Shall Not Be Moved"**. Trying to believe it was a coincidence, the Pastor put the incident behind him.

The next Sunday he preached on **Giving**. Afterwards, the choir squirmed as the director led them in the hymn: **"Jesus Paid It All"** By this time, the Pastor was losing his temper. Sunday morning attendance swelled as the tension between the two became public.

A large crowd showed up next week to hear his sermon on the **Sin of Gossiping**. Would you believe the Choir Director selected: **"I Love To Tell the Story"**? There was no turning back.

The following Sunday the Pastor told the congregation that unless something changed **he was considering resignation**. The entire church gasped when the Choir Director led them in: **"Why Not Tonight?"**

Truthfully, no one was surprised when the **Pastor resigned a week later**, explaining that Jesus had led him there and Jesus was leading him away. The Choir Director could not resist singing: **"What a Friend We Have In Jesus."**

CAN GOOD COME OUT OF TRAGEDY?

A young boy of 9 was sitting in his father's workshop watching his dad work on a harness. "Someday Father," said Louis, "I want to be a harness-maker, just like you." "Why not start now?" said the father. He took a piece of leather and drew a design on it. "Now" he said, "take the hole-punch and hammer out this design, but be careful that you don't hit your hand." Excited, the boy began to work, but when he hit the hole-punch, it flew out of his hand and pierced his eye! He lost his sight in that eye. Later, as fate would have it, sight in the other eye failed. Louis was now totally blind. A few years later, Louis was sitting in the family garden when a friend handed him a pine cone. As he ran his sensitive fingers over the cone, an idea came to him. He became enthusiastic and began to create an alphabet of raised dots on paper so that the blind could feel and interpret. Thus, Louis Braille in 1818 opened up a whole new world for the blind. What is it that Jesus intends to do during his three years of ministry? It is this: To open up a whole new world for you and for me. To bring us out of our poverty that has long held us down and to restore vision that you and I have long since lost.

REJECTED POLITICIANS WHO NEVER GAVE UP!

Winston Churchill: This Nobel Prize-winning, twice-elected Prime Minister of the United Kingdom wasn't always as well regarded as he is today. Churchill struggled in school and failed the sixth grade. In 1894, the rhetoric teacher at Harrow in England wrote on a 16-year old's grade card: "A conspicuous lack of success." The name on the top of the card was that of young Winston Churchill. After school he faced many years of political failures, as he was defeated in every election for public office until he finally became the Prime Minister at the ripe old age of 62.

Abraham Lincoln: While today he is remembered as one of the greatest leaders of our nation, Lincoln's life wasn't so easy. He received no more than 5 years of formal education throughout his lifetime. In his youth he went to war as captain and returned as the lowest rank of a private! Lincoln joined politics and had 12 major failures before he was elected the 16th President of the United States of America.

OPIOID PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTY IS RISING!

Published reports say that the opioid problem in Hunterdon county continues to rise. Last year, there were 54,572 opioid prescriptions filled here, according to the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. In 2016, 20 people died from drug overdoses in the county, mostly involving opioids, according to the New Jersey Office of the State Medical Examiner, up from eight people dying from overdoses four years earlier. As no community is immune to the opioid epidemic, the government and non-government agencies are spreading greater awareness of prevention and solution of this crisis, the Catholic Church is offering healing opportunities for those impacted by it. Look out for more info in the next bulletin.



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.



Are you on social media? Your stewardship could be keeping St. John's activities present on the web! Contact the office and find us on Facebook, "St. John Neumann RC Church, Califon NJ"

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 7 and July 8

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

June 14 and July 15

5:30 p.m. J. Gardner
 8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
 10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of July 8 C. Fortenbacker
 Week of July 15 B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

July 12 Team F
 July 19 Team A

Counting

July 9 Kucharski/McCabe
 July 16 Malone/Kosakowski

Altar Flowers

July 14 Connolly
 July 21 Heimall

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