

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 17

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, July 20

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, July 21

5:30 p.m. Richard Henry Baumann,
req. Baumann Family

Sunday, July 22

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

10:30 a.m. Sophie Geist, req.
St. John Neumann Church



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, July 17 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Youth Group Volleyball (Church Center Grounds)

Wednesday, July 18 - Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

No Yoga Class
6:45 p.m. Rosary (Church Center/Patio)

Thursday, July 19 - Weekday

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

Friday, July 20 - Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
Office Closes at Noon
7:00 p.m. Movie Night "I Can Only Imagine" (Church Center)

Saturday, July 21 - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church; BVM

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

Mass Schedule - July 21/July 22

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Needed
Altar Server	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jim Oelkerrs
.....	Bob Martalus, Barbara Martalus
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Barbara Gates
.....	Gail Battell, Diane Lehnert
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Anita Sawczuk
Altar Server	Alligood Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Ron Pojedinec
Ministers of the Eucharist	Anthony DeStefano, Marlene Milko
.....	Donna Torczon, Sheena Carew, Shirley Pojedinec

Sunday, July 22 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:45 a.m. Bee Keeping Presentation (Project Earth Garden)

BAPTISM

Welcome to our Catholic Community
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Rémy-Louis Michaël Rabilloud

Son of Mary Matthewson and Mickaël Rabilloud
May the Lord bless him and keep him in His care!



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,

How do we deal with popular misunderstandings and misperceptions? For instance the myth that Friday the 13 is an unlucky day! It is only once or twice a year that Friday the 13th occurs in the calendar. If you are a superstitious person, you would have noticed that last Friday was one such! Is there any truth to it as many people consider it a day when bad things can happen? NO! I remember my driver's test was scheduled on a Friday 13th in January many years ago. The Parish Secretary told me to reschedule it for another date as she was very sure that Friday 13th was totally an inauspicious day for my test. I refused. And I passed the test! So for me, Friday the 13th is a lucky day!! After all, Friday is TGIF!! Ancient Mayans of Central America were the most advanced culture in all of the Americas. They considered the number 13 sacred. It is heartening to see today a sizable number of optimists who embrace Friday the 13th and the number 13. They shrug off the superstition and buy lottery tickets with the number 13 in it.

Similarly, some people think that God "stuff" is the prerogative of priests, nuns, deacons and other church leaders who are "called" by God. Today's scripture readings unmistakably correct that view. Amos was not a priest, but simply a farmer, an ordinary man living in a small town a few miles south of Bethlehem. That sounds a lot like us – simple ordinary men and women - and yet God called Amos to deliver a very important message to the people of Israel. Perhaps the most amazing part of Amos' story is not his message, but that he simply listened and obeyed. He didn't come up with a list of excuses or reasons why he was not the right man for the job. He simply responded to God's call with courage and faith. Jesus chose very ordinary men and sent them to spread His good news to all. The disciples, all simple ordinary men, grasped this truth and were able to share the good news of Jesus with power and effectiveness well beyond anything they could ever have imagined. God used each of them just like He has planned to use each of us. That's why the Church teaches us clearly that sharing good news is not to be left to priests, nuns, deacons and other church leaders, because all of us are called by God to proclaim God's mission. Yes, we are ministers.

Last two Sundays, during the 10:30 Mass, we heard the testimonies of our youth who went for service projects. I wish the whole community could hear their testimonies. Hence in today's bulletin you can read what Caroline Pietri of our parish shared about her impressions and insights from the Catholic Heart WorkCamp she attended in Cumberland, MD. Next Sunday, we can read about the experience of Jessica Brynildsen who went to Malawi, Africa.

As I have made it clear many times, we can respond to the call of Jesus by simply speaking about the good things we appreciate about our parish. Speak about the positive experience you have after a Sunday celebration, or after enjoying a parish event or program. Then invite someone to our Sunday worship or to attend any of our many parish events. You have already become a missionary for Jesus.

Not convinced? Then take the "14DayPrayerChallenge" below and the good Lord will give you the grace to respond to His call to be a missionary, to be an evangelizer to our own people. Remember our slogan, "Every member a minister."

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

14 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

Sign up for our 14 Day Prayer Challenge by texting **14DayPray** to the number **84576**. We are using a service called Flocknote for easy communication in this digital age. By texting you will register to receive email or text message over the 14 days of this prayer challenge starting on Aug 1. 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 txt 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.

Call France Kennedy for information 908-307-7879.

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 15, 2018

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." **MARK 6:8**

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

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 sjn@ccsjn.org to get information on our upcoming lunch for new parishioners.

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

What is a prayer labyrinth?

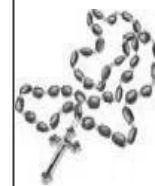


A labyrinth is not a maze. ... The labyrinth will assist parishioners in Christian meditation and prayer. In the Middle Ages the labyrinths were used as a way for people to participate in a pilgrimage without the expense or time required in actually going to another place.

Come join us on Thursday, July 26th at 7:00pm 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



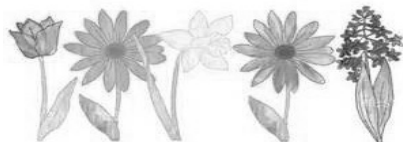
The Rosary is a beautiful and contemplative prayer rich in Christian tradition. We invite you to join us in praying the Rosary on the patio overlooking the garden on Wednesday evenings this summer at 6:45 p.m. (relocated inside if it rains). A once-a-month Sunday Rosary will be prayed in between Masses 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

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.



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.

"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 VIR-TUS® 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.

THE WORD AMONG US

Those of you who read and love The Word Among Us – please notify the office via email or by signing up in the narthex that you like these booklets. We want to get an accurate count of how many people are using them. In addition, if you do enjoy them – introduce others to them so they can give it a try.

BEEKEEPING PRESENTATION

Sunday, July 22nd in Project Earth Garden



Lindsey Cole, local beekeeper and Girl Scout will be presenting a seminar on Beekeeping in the Project Earth Garden on Sunday, July 22 at 11:45am following the 10:30am Mass (weather permitting). This presentation is part of her Gold Award Project for Girl Scout. All are welcome to attend. We are building a committee to consider installation of bees in the gardens at St. John's as part of our ongoing response to the papal encyclical, Laudato Si and our commitment as a parish to good stewardship of the earth and the protection of all of God's Creation. Come join us! Any questions--contact Anne Germino at projectearth@ccsjn.org.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY—YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Our next opportunity to assist the Interfaith Hospitality Network by helping families in Hunterdon County who find themselves in need of temporary housing will be July 29-August 5. Housing is provided by the Spruce Run Lutheran Church on Hill Road in Lebanon Township and there are many ways to help...

This is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate while school is not in session, and can be a great activity to do with friends, neighbors, scout groups and others looking to log some community service hours. If you have not volunteered before, we can arrange to have you paired with a more seasoned volunteer, and determine the best fit for where you would like to help. Check to see what time slots are available and what is needed by checking Sign Up Genius at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family7>, or contact Debbie Hunt at dhuntfam1@comcast.net for more info.

CAROLINE PETRIE ON THE CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Hi everyone I am Caroline Petrie and last week was my third year attending Catholic Heart Work Camp. Catholic Heart has always been the highlight of my summer, but each year has brought about different experiences. This year, I was a little bit nervous for camp. Not because I was leaving home, sleeping on a classroom floor, or sharing bathrooms and showers with a lot of people. I was afraid that this year's Camp wouldn't live up to my high expectations.

Last Year, Catholic Heart Work Camp at North Arlington, New Jersey, was one of the best experiences I've ever had. Between the friends I made that came with saint Johns and the connections I made with my group members along with the nuns we served, that week was truly full of memories and I grew a lot in my faith. However, when we first got to Maryland, Kelly, who is one of the head CHWC staff members, said that the returning campers should try to be open minded toward a different experience. And I tried just that.

On the first day of service this year, Team 42 and I were assigned to go to an 84 year old widow's house, whose name was Shirley. However, when we first walked into her home, we were shocked as her house was probably one of the cleanest houses I've ever seen. We spent the whole day looking for various tasks to complete such as washing dishes, cleaning bathrooms, mopping floors, washing curtains, and most importantly, talking with Shirley. Although my group may have flooded the bathroom and broke a few curtain rods along the way, we were all laughing, even Shirley. At the end of the day seeing Shirley give our team builder the biggest hug made me realize that God truly called us to her home for a reason. We were there to give her company and bring energy into her home, not just to clean it. This also made me realize that the connections and relationships you make with your residents and each other is just as important, if not more important, than the actual physical service you do. Toward the end of the day while I was mopping her bedroom, Shirley came in and showed me one of the dresses she made by sewing. I told her that it was incredible and asked how she did it. She responded by saying "when a challenge comes my way, I just try to put my best foot forward". That stuck with me, especially when my group had to accomplish more challenging tasks the rest of the week.

So during the other three days of service, my team joined another team that was located at a Catholic retreat facility that consisted of 412 acres of land. Here my group and I mainly painted fences and demolished what were once closets. Whether we were working and making small talk or joking around during lunch, I was able to form a bond with my work group that I will never forget.

Although the major aspect of Catholic Heart WorkCamp is the work and service, I find that the time spent at program and back at home base is a very valuable part of the experience. Whether you are dancing to music sung by the one and only tom young at program, meeting and forming relationships with campers across the country during free time, or laughing to the point of tears with your roommates when it is past the 10:30 curfew, you are strengthening and forming relationships that fill each and every camper with energy that allows everybody to grow in their faith and have a lot of fun! The growth in relationships, passion, and faith truly allow everybody to echo God's love toward their residents and one another.

If you are considering coming to Catholic Heart at all, just do it. You will make amazing friendships, discover your faith, and receive a sense of fulfillment that no words can describe. Lastly, I would like to thank all of the chaperones. Without them we wouldn't have been able to have the wonderful experience that Catholic Heart gave us all. Thank you all and thank you to everyone who made Catholic Heart Work Camp 2018 a week to remember!

START YOUR DAY 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

July 13 was 'Friday the 13th' which means bad luck to some people. Are you superstitious? Why not turn the tables and change that perception into a lucky day for someone! Can you think of a way to make someone feel lucky on such a day and remove superstitions? (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Do you "overtalk"? Instead of saying, "*Honey, my mom went in and the doctor diagnosed varicose veins. She's going to have to get them stripped, which will make it very difficult for her to walk for a couple of weeks. As you know, she lives all alone now, and the only person who can help her is Mrs. Jenkins, who just visits twice a week, on Thursdays and Fridays. Mom's going to need more help than that.*"

Instead, try: "*Honey, my mom is having surgery next week and needs some time to recover. Do you mind if she stays with us for a few days?*" Keep it short. (Kevin Leman, *Making Sense of the Men in Your Life*)



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 163 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 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: UNFINISHED HOUSES

Jesus sends out the Twelve two by two to preach and heal. Mark 6: 7-13

Education Across Borders is a nonprofit group that organizes volunteers to build homes for the poor in the Dominican Republic. Every summer, teenagers and young adults join the group for two-week service trips. Their initial enthusiasm wanes a bit on the first day when they begin work on a house and realize they will never see it finished. *Why can't we finish the house?* they ask. *Weren't we good enough? Didn't we work hard enough? Will the poor resent us for "failing" this project?* John McLaughlin, who directs *Education Across Borders*, explains to them that service work, if it is to last, must be about accompaniment more than accomplishment. That unfinished house is a tangible reminder that there is still much to be done. McLaughlin remembers one group from an American parish who came focused on the work of completing the house. They rose before dawn and worked ten or more hours every day in the tropical heat. They left disappointed that "we didn't get done as much as we wanted."

"But 'getting a lot done' was never the point," McLaughlin says. "Keeping up such an industrial pace had all but precluded [the students] from learning Dominicans' names, speaking Spanish or having their assumptions - about the causes and structures of poverty, for example - challenged. No emotional risk was involved for the students . . . little transformation could take place for anyone." Another group McLaughlin worked with got little done because of constant downpours every afternoon. "We lost many hours of building time that week, but the students took the opportunity to talk more with the villagers, including Etienne, a young immigrant from Haiti . . . Several students went to great lengths to embrace him, plodding through long, piecemeal Spanish-English-Creole conversations, sharing their meals with him and even, in the case of one volunteer, giving him a church-suitable shirt (in a culture that values appearance highly) so that he could attend Mass for the first time.

"That Sunday, Etienne sat among the students at the service and afterward joined in the *despedida*, the traditional send-off party. The sun came out, and stayed out; perhaps we should have spent the day on the construction site, to make up for lost time. But by then the students knew, without me telling them, where they were most needed. They were in the community center, dancing not with each other, but with their new Dominican and Haitian friends. . . . "Service is fundamentally about relationship," McLaughlin has discovered. "Yes, it involves mixing concrete or ladling soup, but it also means walking with and listening to the suffering, sharing stories and laughter, tears and prayers. Understanding service as accompaniment reminds us to whom the house really belongs, and to Whom we really belong." [From *"Unfinished Houses: Building the kingdom on God's time"* by John J. McLaughlin, *America*, July 21-28, 2014.]

Just as he sends forth the Twelve, Jesus sends us forth with our "walking sticks," not to build or rule or dominate but to heal, comfort and encourage. Our own service to others, Jesus says, should be centered not in efficiency or results but in mercy, humility and gratitude. Let us build houses for the poor, but first may we welcome them into our homes and communities; let us feed the hungry, but first make places for them at our tables; let us reach out to the lost and troubled, but first recognize them as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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 about a prayer service we will be holding here at the end of August.



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
 Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
 Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
 Have you thought about separation or divorce?
 Does talking about it only make it worse?
 ...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience

for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: August 24-26, 2018

TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org More information calling the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573.

THANK YOU MARY CONNOLLY

Catholic Heart Work Camp volunteers traveled to Cumberland, Maryland June 17-22. St. John's was well represented by our youth who worked very hard helping those in need. They performed such jobs as weeding, mulching, painting, and cleaning. Most importantly they shared their time and talents with the residents of Cumberland. Each year at camp, on our final night, the residents are invited to attend evening program where they can talk about the teams that helped them. This is a wonderful way for our teens to truly understand how much their hard work was appreciated.

It goes without saying though, that none of this would be possible without the direction and organization of our own Mary Connolly. There is a lot of work involved in making CHWC a success and Mary goes above and beyond to make sure things are running smoothly, from beginning to end. Expressing the sentiments of all the chaperones, I thank you Mary for all that you do to get our youth involved in such a meaningful way of following the example of Jesus. (Mary D'Avella)



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Favorite Hymns of Different Professions:

The Dentist's Hymn ... Crown Him With Many Crowns
 The Weatherman's Hymn ... There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing
 The Contractor's Hymn ... The Church's One Foundation
 The Tailor's Hymn ... Holy, Holy, Holy
 The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is A Green Hill Far Away
 The Politician's Hymn ... Standing On The Promises
 The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See
 The IRS Agent's Hymn ... I Surrender All
 The Gossip's Hymn ... Pass It On
 The Electrician's Hymn ... Send The Light
 The Shopper's Hymn ... In The Sweet By and By
 The Realtor's Hymn ... I've Got A Mansion Just Over The Hilltop
 The Pilot's Hymn ... I'll Fly Away
 The Paramedic's Hymn ... Revive Us Again

WITNESS BY LIVING

During the American Civil War, President Lincoln had a strapping athletic young man as his secretary. In those days before office machinery, such a man would literally be pushing a pen or pencil. This particular man was not happy about it. He wanted to get out where the action was – on the battlefield. He wanted to go out and do great things for his country. He was quite willing to die for his country. So he kept complaining to Lincoln about the women's work he was doing, when he could be in uniform confronting the enemy. After hearing the usual complaint one day, Lincoln stared at him, rubbed his hands in his beard and said in his philosophical way, "Young man, as I see it, you are quite willing to die for your country, but you are not ready to live for it." Martyrs (just a Greek word for witnesses) give their lives *by dying or by living*.



MOVIE NIGHT

I Can Only Imagine

Our Summer Movie Night will be Friday, July 20 at 7pm. To reserve your seats: email fkennedy@ccsjn.org, text your name to 908-307-7879 or use the sign up sheet in Narthex! We will be socializing – so if you can bring a little something we are happy to nosh.

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 Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Bring your friends!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., July 18 C. Behrens
 Tues., July 24 A. Sawczuk

Store Cards

June 14 and July 15

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

June 21 and July 22

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of July 15 B. Lee
 Week of July 22 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

July 19 Team A
 July 26 Team B

Counting

July 16 Malone/Kosakowski
 July 23 Kucharski/Bauernfiend

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July 21 Heimall
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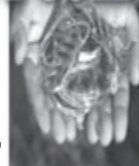
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