

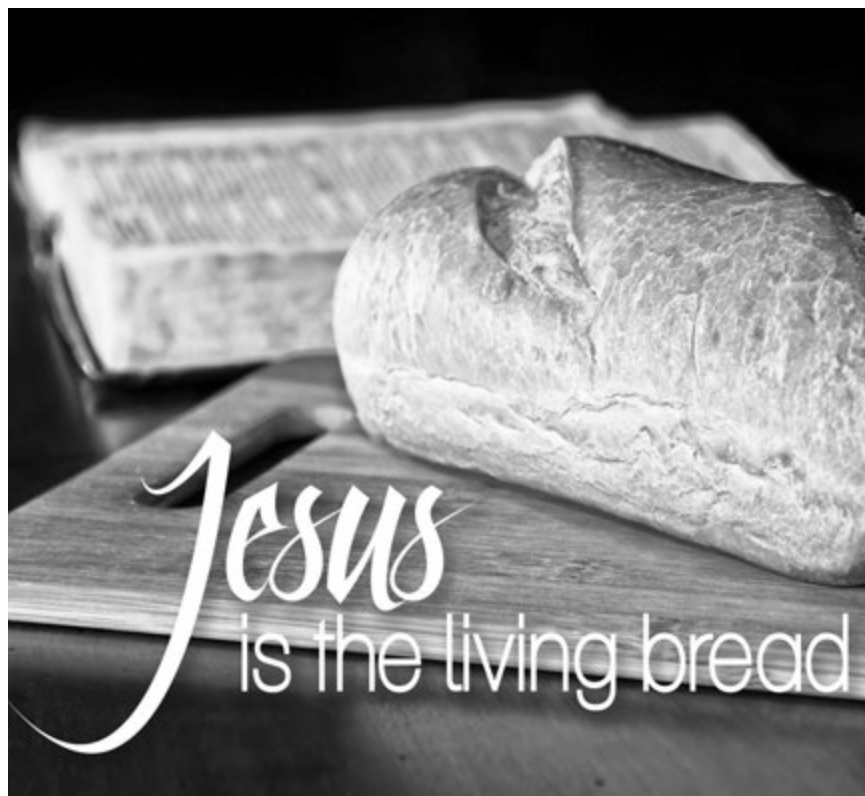
The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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, August 14

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, August 15

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

7:00 p.m. William Anthes, req.

Linda and Gary Caprio

Friday, August 17

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 18

5:30 p.m. Joan Birardi, req.

Hunterdon County Right to Life

Sunday, August 19

8:00 a.m. Rich Sepe, req.

Eileen McCabe

10:30 a.m. Bernard Luksic, req.

Dawn and Jim Simila



Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 12 - Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary Time

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

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

Monday, August 13 - Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

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

Tuesday, August 14 - Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

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

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

7:00 p.m. Youth Group Volleyball (Church Grounds)

Wednesday, August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation

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

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

6:30 p.m. Rosary (Church Center/Patio)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Thursday, August 16 - Saint Stephen of Hungary

3:30 p.m. 50 Plus Club (Reception Area)

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

6:30 p.m. Labyrinth Walk (Labyrinth)

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

Mass Schedule - August 15/18/19

Wednesday	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Linda Caprio	
Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	David Geerinck	
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Donna Torczon	
	Joann Gardner, Joan Eacovale	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Brent Herrig	
Altar Server	Paterson Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Martalus	
	Sharon Janks, Barbara Martalus	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal	
Reader	Steve Carroll	
Altar Server	Cucchiara Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist	Debby Kelemen, Mary D'Avella	
	Ana Giametta, Anthony DeStefano, 1 Needed	

Anita Sawczuk

Our dear friend and fellow parishioner, dare we say a saint right here in our parish – we will miss sharing our daily lives with you but you will forever be a great mentor in our faith.

Friday, August 17 - Weekday

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

Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, August 18 - Weekday

5:30 p.m. Mass - Wellbrock Baptism (Church Center)

6:30 p.m. Private Reception (Church Center)

Sunday, August 19 - Twentieth Sunday Ordinary Time

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

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

3:00 p.m. Picnic Event - KofC Fundraiser for David Codd



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Anita Sawczuk, Douglas Simmons, Margot Altstaedt, George Bernard, Theresa Dressel, and Abraham John.**

Deceased: Anita Sawczuk, faithful parishioner, Douglas Simmons, brother of Donna Zigmantanis, Margot Altstaedt, aunt of Susanne Erz, George Bernard, father of Kenneth Bernard, Theresa Dressel, cousin of Anne Sacco, and Abraham John. 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,

Last weekend I was attending a big Convention of the Syro-Malankara Catholics in Connecticut. Who are these? It is important for us to understand that what we call 'Catholic Church' is not a uniform Church, but a conglomeration of 24 churches or Rites of the East and the West.. The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church is one of these "sui iuris," or "independent" Eastern Catholic Churches in full communion with the Pope. That means there are 24 different ways of offering the Catholic Mass or the Holy Eucharist. That's why the best way to understand the Catholic Church is to call it a Church of unity in diversity.

The Syro-Malankara Catholics proudly trace their origin to Saint Thomas the Apostle, who built seven churches in India beginning in 52 AD and was martyred near Chennai. Despite centuries-old divisions and separation, Mar (Bishop) Ivanios led five members of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church, one group of heirs to the Thomas Christian legacy, to join into communion with Rome in 1930. In 1932, the Syro-Malankara church was officially established by Pope Pius XI, under the leadership of Bishop Ivanios. The adjective "Syro" in Syro-Malankara, like the broader term "Syrian Christian," refers not to Syrian ethnicity in India, but to the liturgical rite that the Christians celebrate.

Today the Syro-Malankara church counts about 500,000 members, the vast majority of whom live in India, especially in the southern state of Kerala. Their significant presence in North America led the Pope to create a Syro-Malankara Diocese based in New York. They are very earnest about maintaining and transmitting their unique Eastern Catholic identity, traditions and liturgical practices to the next generation. It was as part of that effort and desire that this convention which I attended was organized with the theme: Young People, Faith and Vocational Discernment. In four sessions, I addressed the older and younger parents on "Practical Ways to Contribute & Empower the Youth in Faith." The Syro-Malankara church has its own hierarchy and clergy, headed by His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos, who is a cardinal appointed by the pope. It was a great privilege for me to meet Cardinal Cleemis and other bishops who were my companions during our seminary life back in India.

What impressed me the most was that the 700 people present there in Hilton hotel for four days had a wholesome experience of fellowship, faith-formation, praying together, fun, games and social time. Seminars and enrichment sessions for different age groups focused on Bible stories and activities, presentations and discussions on the necessity of Faith in the Secular Age. The evenings were filled with value based skits, songs and dances from various units that came from all over the US and Canada for this convention.

This experience made me realize that there has to be a concerted effort for building up our faith. The GIFT program in our parish is the ideal vehicle for this purpose. The parents and children setting apart time to come to the GIFT sessions each month is already producing good fruits in terms of greater knowledge of our faith as well as greater interest to participate both in the sacraments and other parish events. The adult segment of the Faith formation is open to all even if you have no kids in the program. As Renee Ciszewski and Jo Ann Jarvis of our Religious Ed Office are already planning hard and looking forward to the new season, I invite you all to be participants in this inter-generational catechesis. Yes, let us Grow In Faith Together. That is GIFT – truly a gift from God to ourselves, to our children and to our whole parish.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

AL AND BARBARA'S BANANA-NUT BREAD

During Operation Desert Storm, Al and Barbara Davis, a retired Virginia couple, read that soldiers in the field weren't getting enough potassium and protein. One problem was that bananas, an excellent source of potassium, spoiled before they could get to the soldiers. So Al and Barbara had an idea: why not make banana-nut bread and send it to the soldiers overseas? Their bread-making operation became a daily task: they made 100 loaves every morning, which they mailed to soldiers in the Middle East. Since 1991 when they first began their bread-baking, Al and Barbara Davis have made and mailed over 35,000 loaves of bread to U.S. troops. I thought of Al and Barbara when I read these words of Jesus. "This is the Bread that came down from Heaven . . ." When planes land in the Middle East carrying Al and Barbara's banana-nut bread, it must have seemed like manna from Heaven to the soldiers there.

19TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

LABYRINTH

Do you like the idea of walking the labyrinth but have a hard time actually getting there? Maybe you need a date to put in your calendar! You've heard of First Friday Holy Hour and Women's Spirituality on the Second Saturday. Now we are introducing Labyrinth Walk on Third Thursday. Starting Aug 16 come between 6:30 and 7pm to walk the Labyrinth. Though the labyrinth is solitary communication between you and God, others can walk the path at the same time. We will offer this on Thursday, Aug 16, Sept 20 and Oct 18. If you haven't walked the labyrinth and would like to know about how to do it, contact France Kennedy 908-307-7879 / fkenneydy@ccsjn.org or show up on the 16th for some direction on how to find your path!

SUMMERTIME PRAYER ON THE PATIO



Before Mass this

Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Join us on the patio each Wednesday evening as we pray the Rosary in peaceful meditation gazing upon the Lord's creation. Rosary beads and prayers are available. This week is at 6:30 instead of 6:45 due to the 7 p.m. Mass in honor of the Assumption of Mary. Relocated inside if the weather is inclement.

BENEFIT PICNIC

David Codd Fundraiser

Sunday, August 19th, 1:00 p.m.

Live Music, Games, Great Food.
Adults \$25 ticket, Children are free.
Contact Jim Murray 908-310-6877.



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click on the button on the front page.**

Or go to <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>

Christian Formation

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST

"When speaking of families, often the image of a treasure comes to my mind. Today's rhythm of life, stress, pressure at work, and also the little attention paid by institutions, could put them in danger. It's not enough to talk about their importance: it's necessary to promote concrete means and to develop their role in society with a good family policy.

Together, let us ask Jesus that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity."

NEW TO THE PARISH?



If you are attending St. John's but have not registered with the parish we invite you to come to our Discover St. John's Welcome Lunch where we share simple pizza and salad lunch and information on the parish to help you know what is what here at St. John's! First, stop by the narthex and receive a welcome packet from the greeters before or after Mass. Our welcome packet provides just enough info to get acquainted. Then fill out an information card so we can email you some information or just contact France Kennedy at the parish office - Fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"God created man in the image of himself, in the image of God he created him, male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27) Pronouns can be confusing and so can the differences between males and females. How does your spouse fit gender stereotypes? How not? More importantly, how does he/she reflect something of the Divine to you?

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"All the things that have happened to me have been important in making me who I am. To wish that certain things didn't happen is to wish that I am not myself." (Author unknown) Help your child unravel the mystery of how mistakes and problems teach life lessons to be used for future success. (Susan Vogt)



GIFT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PART-TIME CATECHIST NEEDED

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received--only what you have given." St Francis of Assisi

Our parents are sharing the formation experience this year but we do need a helping hand. This program meets one time each month from September to May. Prayerfully consider sharing your time and faith with our youth Sunday noon-2PM or Monday 6PM-8PM. Being a catechist is an enriching and rewarding experience! Please contact Renee Ciszewski at renee@ccsjn.org.



WELCOME BACK STUDENT MASS – ALL GRADES!

Sunday, September 9th at 10:30 AM

Jesus, Fill our children with your peace, teach our children how to pray, show our children how to love.

All students are invited to join us for a Welcome Back Student Mass on September 9th at 10:30 a.m. Students should arrive by 10:10 a.m. If you would like to send in an item for the food pantry with your child, the children will be bringing these gifts up to the altar during Mass.

Social Ministry & Parish News



NEW CHANGE FOR CHANGE JARS

The Social Ministry has newly designed quart & pint size jars and coin bags for your change. ALL proceeds will go toward food and gift cards for our food pantry. If you did not get a new jar or bag and want one, please email socialministry@ccsjn.org and we will supply more!

Need a tax receipt for your change donation or just curious about the amount? Just write your name or your parishioner number (the number on your donation envelopes) on a piece of paper and add it to your change in your jar/bag and we will get you a receipt! Thank you for your continuous support in our effort to provide food in our community. God Bless, Social Ministry



BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is blooming with tags for Back to School items and gift cards! Please take a tag or two after Mass and then return the donations to the collection bin under the tree. All items must be returned to the Narthex by Sunday, August 19th. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Altavilla at 908-832-2943 or kathya8@comcast.net

WHAT IS THE WEIGH-DOWN DIET?

When people start hearing about the *Weigh-Down Diet*, they always want to know more details. Every person involved with WD would explain it differently, but the basic premises are the same. **1.** God made your body, and your nutritional needs are different from anyone else's. **2.** God made your stomach a certain size, and when it becomes "stretched out" it is no longer a reliable source of how much food is enough. Therefore, one of the first goals of WD is to allow your stomach to return to its God-given shape and size. **3.** God gave you hunger and thirst to indicate when your fuel levels are low. You should only eat and drink when your hunger and thirst mechanisms tell you it's time. **4.** When you determine you are truly hungry, eat whatever you desire, but only enough to be politely full. You will cut down the amount of food greatly as your stomach returns to normal size. **5.** Learn to determine the difference between stomach hunger and head hunger. We eat for so many reasons other than nutrition. Some eat when tired, bored, nervous, excited, to please others, you name it. All that needs to STOP. **6.** Go to the Lord for the strength to follow his way of eating. When you read His Word (BIBLE) and spend time with Him in prayer and fellowship, He will fill your needs and give you the ability to succeed. (<http://home.jtan.com>)

The Diocese of Metuchen's Family Life Office
and the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann will host an

Prayer Service

TO MARK INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

REV. ABRAHAM ORAPANKAL, CELEBRANT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018 • 7 P.M.

St. John Neumann Parish
398 COUNTY ROAD 513, CALIFON, NJ 07830

*Any person or family whose life has been touched by the pain of addiction or loss,
or who seeks the grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the struggle to recovery is welcome.
Refreshments and fellowship will follow.*

FOR INFORMATION

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EMAIL FAMILY.LIFE@DIOMETUCHEN.ORG.
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TWO FAT LADIES

Clarissa Dickson Wright is a British celebrity chef. She and Jennifer Paterson, are best known as the *Two Fat Ladies* on the British television cooking show of that name which accurately, if irreverently, described them both. They preached the joys of cooking. The show was heavy on humor as well as calories. Avoiding popular low-fat diets, the two fat ladies sought to reclaim traditional home-cooking. They themselves were the best advertisements for their recipes, which usually featured heavy doses of butter and cream. The two fat ladies are part of a growing trend to forget food deprivation and just say yes to bacon. Dieticians now argue that fat-free foods are high in sugar and calories - which explains why people on low-fat or no-fat diets get fat. Gwen Shamblin's *The Weigh Down Diet*, which advises using spirituality to avoid overeating, has already sold more than 1.2 million copies to overweight Christians. The bottom line is that people are scrambling like crazy to find the diet that is right for them. But there is another diet not many people talk about, presented in today's Gospel: the "Bread of Life Diet." It's spiritually high-carb, but offers full nutritional value. Jesus says, "I am the Bread of life," and promises that people on his program "will never hunger or thirst again!" These are extravagant claims, like the kind you might find on soy milk or fat-burners. But Jesus can deliver on what He promises.

TUESDAY NITE VOLLEYBALL

Youth Group Challenge Adults

High school youth challenge the adults for bragging rights! We hope you can join the fun. Volleyball on the side of church on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. Adults are invited to come join the fun! Let us know if you are interested - so we can notify you of changes in the schedule. Contact France at: francekennedy99@gmail.com

14 DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

So happy for the fifty people who are enjoying the prayer challenge!

Here are some of the comments that were posted:

- I am so happy I joined this 14 day prayer challenge, this is exactly what I need and this prayer is wonderful.
- It shows me the importance and value of time; kindness and compassion in our walk with God during each day.
- Thank you for this challenge. I am definitely feeling challenged and in a positive way.
- Praying for others is a powerful way of reminding ourselves that we are never alone and can always be of help to someone.

OUR BISHOP'S PLAN ON THE PROCESS FOR REPORTING ABUSE

As devastating revelations about Cardinal McCarrick continues to bombard us in the media, Bishop James Checchio has written a meaningful letter to the whole diocese sharing the feelings we all feel on this topic: "I continue to be saddened and ashamed, however, by reports of the abhorrent events we have been learning about in regard to Archbishop McCarrick - and I know you must be, too. Our efforts to evangelize, and spread the Good News of Christ, have been hobbled by these atrocities." He also stated: "I am also working to address how we can ensure that similar abuses, especially of seminarians or young priests, would not happen again, particularly by those in positions of authority over them. I have begun to bring together a senior team of advisors to examine reporting processes."

Kindly read the entire letter of our Bishop in the next edition of the Catholic Spirit and it will be available on our diocesan website.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Linda Caprio
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Percy Davids
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
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
C1C, 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 Simila, Nicole, U.S. Navy
Airman, Vardian, Justin, U.S. Air Force
Ensign, Webster, Justine, U.S. Navy

SUNDAY REFLECTION: Don't expect a thank you card yet...!

"Stop murmuring among yourselves. . . I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." John 6: 41-51

In her new book **Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving**, Diane Butler Bass recalls her first college teaching job. It was not a happy experience. Her credentials were strong but the college - a small, Christian School in California - turned out to be a poor match of her talents with the school's expectations. After four years at the school, she was let go. The president of the school told her, "Your work is wonderful. You are an excellent teacher. But you just don't fit in here." He looked at her and added, "One day you will thank me for this." "Thank him?" Bass writes. "I wanted to throttle him. In less than two months, I would be without a job and a paycheck, with few prospects for the work in a weak academic job market. Being grateful to the person who put me in this position was the last thing on my mind."

A week later, Bass was telling a friend of the exchange at that final meeting: "Can you imagine the nerve of him? That one day I will *thank* him? What kind of nonsense is that?" She expected her friend to rush to her defense. Instead, he leaned back in his chair and said, "You know, he's right." What? "Years ago," he continued, "I lost a job. It was painful, and I was angry. It didn't seem a favor. But, eventually, it was the event that made me understand that I was an alcoholic. And that led me to get sober. Eventually, I understood that it was what I needed for my life to change. Not that it was easy."

But "I'm not an alcoholic," Bass shot back. "That's not the problem here." "I get that," he said. "But we all need to look at ourselves more honestly. To figure out who we are and where we are really heading. To correct course. Sometimes that only happens in circumstances like this. One day, I bet you will thank him." "Did you? Thank the guy that fired you?" "Yes," he replied. "I did. But not at first. Mostly I wanted to throw him off a cliff. And yes. I did thank him. Years later. After I learned gratitude."

The challenge facing Prof. Bass, as well as Jesus' listeners in today's Gospel, is to move beyond "murmuring" about the rejections and disasters that have struck us in order to stop to listen and see the presence of God in what has happened. Eventually, it leads us from the "murmuring" of anger and despair to the "manna" of awareness and gratitude for the joy and meaning of life in God. The late Maya Angelou said: "If you must look back, do so forgivingly. If you must look forward, do so prayerfully. However, the wisest thing you can do is be present in the present . . . gratefully."

IS JESUS REALLY PRESENT IN THE EUCHARIST??!!

Based on sound tradition and the centuries-long teaching of the Magisterium, the Roman Catholic Church has consistently held fast to the belief in the Real Presence. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the other sacraments as the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all sacraments tend." In this most blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist "the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially* contained" (CCC #1374). The Fathers of the Church explain that, while ordinary food is assimilated into man, the very opposite takes place in Holy Communion. Here man is assimilated into the Bread of Life. Hence, let us learn to receive Jesus, really present in the Eucharist, with due reverence, true repentance, proper preparation and grateful hearts. Let us remember that Holy Communion a) increases our intimate union with Christ; b) preserves, increases, and renews the Sanctifying Grace received at Baptism; c) cleanses us from past sin and preserves us from future sins; d) strengthens the theological virtue of Charity in us, thus enabling us to be separated from our disordered attachments and to be rooted in Christ; and e) unites us more deeply to the mystery of the Church.



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"

Parish News



URGENT !!! TAG SALE COORDINATORS NEEDED!

Seeking a few good men and women to coordinate this year's Tag Sale, scheduled for Saturday, September 21/22. We need a couple of organizers and several strong people to assist with lifting furniture and other items. Please contact the parish office at 908-832-2513 or Marlene Milko / Susan Kuhn at fundraising@ccsjn.org to see how you can help! (Past organizers will be available to help offer guidance.)

IF YOU ARE A SILVER/GOLDEN JUBILARIAN ...

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen. Renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Please register online by logging on to the diocesan website (<https://diometuchen.org/offices-and-ministries/family-and-pastoral-life/family-life/silver-and-gold/>). The system will automatically generate a confirmation message with some facts about the event. More specifics will be sent closer to the event. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4582, amatos@diometuchen.org Even though no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude can be made online or calling 732.243.4582, Monday thru Friday, during business hours. Registration will close on Wednesday, October 3rd, 2018.



ST. JOHN GOLF OUTING

ATTN ALL ST. JOHN GOLFERS (MEN, WOMEN, & TEENAGERS)

Saturday, September 15, 8:00am to 2:00pm

Minebrook Golf Club, Hackettstown

Reserve the date on your calendar for our upcoming St. John's annual Golf Outing. We had a great turnout last year. **Hugh McKenna (one of our parishioners) of Johnson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** has once again offered the opportunity to win a brand new Jeep for the Hole-in-One prize. To Register: Please e-mail Bob Martalus at bob.martalus@gmail.com or call him at 908-439-3732.

Registration Fee: \$125 per golfer

Sponsor a Hole Fee: \$125 (includes a sign)



STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Weekend of August 24th-26th

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?

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SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Pastor's feeding: President Woodrow Wilson's father was a preacher who eked out a meager living. One day, when he was riding his horse, he stopped to chat with a member of his parish. "That's a handsome looking animal you have there," said the latter admiringly. "But why is that your horse is so big and strong and you are so thin?" "Perhaps," replied Pastor Wilson, "it is because I feed the horse and the congregation feeds me."

"I am going to be a preacher:" After his return from church one Sunday a small boy said, "You know what, Mommy? I'm going to be a preacher when I grow up." "That's fine," said his mother, "but what made you decide to be a preacher?" "Well," said the boy thoughtfully. "Since I have to go to Church every Sunday anyway, I think it would be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit still and listen."

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Thanks to the families who purchased grocery and store cards the Week of **August 5, 2018, 15** Families purchased **\$2,750.00** for a profit of **\$128.75**

SAVE THE DATES

These are some of the events running through the Fall Season:

Prayer Service for those affected by Opioid Crisis..... August 31
Tag Sale September 22
(If We Get a Leader)
Golf Outing..... September 15
Church Picnic..... September 23
Tricky Tray October 12
Tasting Event..... November 30



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., August 15 G. Battell

Store Cards

August 11 and August 12

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

August 18 and August 19

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Aug. 12 M. Proano
Week of Aug. 19 C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

August 16 Team E
August 23 Team F

Counting

August 13 Malone/Kosakowski
August 20 Kucharski/Bauernfiend

Altar Flowers

August 18 Klacik/Kennedy
August 25 Connolly

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