

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
Communities,*

*FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope:*

TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith

TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures

TO CHERISH all life

TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.

Annual Parish Goal

We, as ministers, will foster

*an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,
especially to those away from the Church,*

by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.

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Worship at Church Center:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:

390 County Road 513
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Day Masses

Residence Chapel 7:00 a.m.
Church Center 7:00 p.m.
See Parish Calendar Inside for changes

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 21

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, August 24

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, August 25

5:30 p.m. Lester Gardner, req.
Sharon and Alan Janks

Sunday, August 26

8:00 a.m. Bruce Kennedy, req.
France Kennedy

10:30 a.m. Joan Kelly, req.
Roger and Marie Malone



Mass Schedule - August 25/26

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Upwood Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joann Gardner
.....	Mary Connolly, Lyle Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Owen Stanski
Altar Server	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Diane Lehnert
.....	Joe Sima, Dorothy Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Mary Sorgi
Altar Server	Souza Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Lance
Ministers of the Eucharist	Mary D'Avella, Patti Rittman
.....	Doris Royal, Peter Royal, Dick Wickel

Parish Calendar

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 - Knights of Columbus Fundraiser for David Codd

Monday, August 20 - Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

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

Tuesday, August 21 - Saint Pius X, Pope

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

Wednesday, August 22 - The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
6:45 p.m. Rosary (Church Center/Patio)

Thursday, August 23 - Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P (Office and Church Center Kitchens)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, August 24 - Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
Office Closes at Noon

Saturday, August 25 - Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest; BVM

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, August 26 - Twenty-First Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Church Center)



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Remembered at Mass

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

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

A woman of faith and a faithful woman! That's how our Fr. Bill began the homily at the Funeral Mass for Anita Sawczuk last weekend. As a 'charter member' of our parish, she was a well-known person who endeared herself to all segments of our parish and beyond. Her involvement in so many activities and movements made her a very special person. Her vibrancy and the passion with which she threw herself into everything she did, made her a wonderful disciple of and witness to Jesus Christ who went about doing good. No wonder the church was literally packed with family and friends who came to pay her final respects and wish her goodbye. May she rest in peace.

Anita was a big-time giver of her time, talent and treasure to this community. Together with her beloved husband Stan, she considered St. John's as her second home. Anita's absence is going to be felt in our parish in a big way. Practically every ministry had her presence or support. She spent countless hours in volunteering for different events and activities of our parish. Who will come forward to fill in the void she left? I am sure our parishioners will step up to the plate.

Thanks to the goodwill of one parishioner, Anita's special "island" in front of the Church was cleaned in advance of her funeral. When I commended her, her tearful response was, "I'm doing it for Anita!" And I'm sure you all noticed the flower tribute on Anita's parking spot in front of the Church. These and others are wonderful signs that we will continue to be a volunteering parish as we are a "jubilant people" who will keep up the legacy of our founding members whose investment of time, talent and treasure made us who we are. May her life and example inspire us all to participate more fully here at St. John's even as we keep inviting more to volunteer – whether it be to be catechists as we are about to begin the new Religious Ed season or for our upcoming events like the Tag Sale, Tricky Tray, or Tasting Event.

I was quite touched to receive an email from a parishioner with a tribute and a suggestion: *"I believe that Anita has taught us all to be better ministers of GOD's message which can be expressed in many ways. I would like to seek options to keep Anita's legacy thriving at CCSJN, with your blessings, input and the assistance of others."* Yes I am open to considering some concrete ways of keeping her legacy alive. Welcome to give me your ideas.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

TOUCHING THE BODY OF CHRIST

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), had a rule that when a newcomer arrived to join her Order, the Missionaries of Charity, the very next day the newcomer had to go to the Home of the Dying. One day a girl came from outside India to join the Order. Mother Teresa said to her: "You saw with what love and care the priest touched Jesus in the Host during Mass. Now go to the Home for the Dying and do the same, because it is the same Jesus you will find there in the broken bodies of our poor." Three hours later the newcomer came back and, with a big smile, said to her, "Mother, I have been touching the body of Christ for three hours." "How? What did you do?" Mother Teresa asked her. "When I arrived there," she replied, "they brought in a man who had fallen into a drain and been there for some time. He was covered with dirt and had several wounds. I washed him and cleaned his wounds. As I did so I knew I was touching the body of Christ." To be able to make this kind of connection we need the help of the Lord himself. It is above all in the Eucharist that he gives us this help.



THERE WILL BE NO TAG SALE THIS YEAR!

We have had no one step forward to help with the running of the Tag Sale this year and therefore we will not be having one. If this is something you might like to do but just aren't available this year, please let us know and we will put you down for next year. The Tag Sale usually takes place on the 3rd Friday and Saturday in September and the preparations can start anytime from the beginning to middle of August. If you are interested contact the office. As with all of our fundraisers they are important and we hope to hear from you.!

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 19, 2018

"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..."

EPHESIANS 5:15

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom on earth.

FOOD PYRAMIDS

New standards for diet were proposed recently. A new food pyramid was developed as a guide for healthy eating. It includes a base of bread, cereals, rice and pasta. The next level up the pyramid is vegetables and fruit. A still smaller next level is milk, yogurt, cheese, meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and nuts. The smallest group at the top is fats, oils and sweets. We can propose a food pyramid for those who want a healthy spiritual life. You may want to develop your own, but it might include a base of feeding on the Word of God in the Eucharist and by study and meditation on the Scriptures. Upon that base one is nourished by Christian fellowship. The pyramid should include servings of regular worship. To that a daily use of prayer and devotions could be added. On top of those elements should be time for Christian service to meet the needs of others.



CHRISTMAS IS HERE

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 be a disappointment to our parish families, especially to the children of the parish.

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

**ONLY 121 DAYS TO OUR
DECORATING PARTY!**

Christian Formation

SUMMERTIME PRAYER



Wednesdays @ 6:45 p.m.

The summer is winding down and the sun is setting a littler earlier each day. Let's enjoy the warmth and greenery of the next few weeks as we pray the Rosary on the church patio (relocated inside if the weather is inclement). Drop-ins are joyfully welcomed.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Wisdom has built her house." (Proverbs 9:1) May your home be smarter than your phone. Sometimes children can teach us deep truths. What deeper truth have you learned from your child this week? (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Two questions to consider when you disagree with your beloved: 1. Tell me about what you are seeing that you think I might be missing. 2. What are you most concerned about or worried might happen?

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 you acquainted. We ask that you fill out an information card so we can email you or just contact France Kennedy at the parish office - Fkennedy@ccsjn.org.



Stewardship
A Way of Life

USED CAR

If you know of anyone that has an inexpensive used car please contact France or Sharon in the office, someone is in need.



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.



CONFIRMATION PRAYER SPONSOR LETTERS

Return Letters by September 10th

The 2018 Confirmation class will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop James F. Checchio on Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. At this time, we are inviting the community of St. John's to participate as Confirmation Prayer Sponsors. Parishioners are asked to take home a photo of a Confirmation candidate from the tri-fold board that is set up in the narthex. Be sure to sign your name next to the candidate's name in the log provided. Then pray for your candidate and write a letter of support that will be given to your candidate during their retreat at Cross Roads. Letters should be returned no later than September 10th to the basket in the narthex or to the Office Center.

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

All donations all due this weekend. Please place your donations in the collection bin under the tree. If you forgot your donations please bring them to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 19th. Thank you. If you have any questions please contact Kathy Altavilla at 908-832-2943 or kathya8@comcast.net.



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"

FR. BILL ON ANITA SAWCZUK (part of his homily)

Anita's faith was as deep as her love. I will never think of faithfulness and the faith ever again without thinking of Anita. It was the very fiber of her being. She was so good as a Eucharistic minister. Even taking the 10:30 Mass when she preferred the 8 so she could get more into her day. She took communion to the home-bound and spent time with them. I don't know how she fit it all into her day. The Lord feeding his people with the Bread of Life was Anita again feeding the hungry those who looked for more than physical nourishment. as her obit read "She dedicated herself to serving others through Right to Life, local soup kitchen, Friendship Center for New Beginnings, Meals on Wheels, story hour at the Oldwick Library (Yes she was a librarian) and the Tewksbury Historical Society and their annual art show. What holes there will be now that Anita is not filling them. Many that we will only begin to discover.

She was a faithful friend. However, like all faithful people there is sometimes only one way to do it and that was Anita's way. At the Soup kitchen I heard it was difficult to stay out of her way. You learned her way and trained yourself in diplomacy or stayed out of her way. The Christmas tree at the Parish Residence with all the angels had to be a certain way. She may have been good at giving orders but she rolled up her sleeves and got right into the thick of it with you. She got knee deep in the sludge of Katrina as she cleared her own tornado path in New Orleans. Her treasure was where her heart was. She knew where her true values lay. I cannot imagine a world without Anita but I will have to. We will have to. All of these good things in her legacy now fall to us. It will take more of us and many of us to fill the lacuna. I've never seen God but I know How I feel. It is people like you Anita who made him "So Real." To believe in God is to have had you Anita knowing us through and through and loving us still and all.

MARK THIS DATE FOR OPIOID CRISIS RESPONSE!

Friday, August 31st, 7:00 p.m., at St. John Neumann Church

While 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. Our parish will be hosting a special Prayer Service as a spiritual opportunity for all those affected by the opioid epidemic in our region. We will co-sponsor it with the Family Life office of the Diocese of Metuchen.

A SHOCKING STATEMENT!

"Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you," Jesus insists. That we cannot have everlasting life unless we eat Jesus' Body and drink his Blood was a shocking message to the listeners. Indeed, Jewish law prohibited the eating of human flesh, and blood of any kind was considered to be the actual life of a living being. Drinking of blood, consequently, was prohibited in Judaism and in early Christianity (Gen 9:4; Lev 17:10, 12, 14; cf. Acts 15:29).

In spite of the Jewish antipathy to eating human flesh and blood, "eating Jesus' Flesh and drinking his Blood" became a common liturgical activity for Christians around the time of John's Gospel. The second century martyr, St. Ignatius of Antioch, said, "For food I want the Bread of God, which is the Flesh of Jesus Christ and for drink I want His Blood, which is incorruptible love." It was at the Last Supper that Jesus linked his Flesh with the bread he blessed, broke and shared with his disciples. Likewise, he linked his Blood with the cup of wine he blessed, offered, and passed around, Blood that was the pledge of an unbreakable bond between Jesus and his people. "This is my Body (my Flesh)... This is My Blood... which will be poured out for you." The Bread that we eat in the Eucharist is the Body of the Risen Lord; the Wine that we drink in the Eucharist is the Blood of the Risen Lord. When Jesus spoke of his Flesh and Blood as the Food and Drink of eternal life, he was offering himself to the multitude (and so to us), as the real Source of Life. To eat the Flesh of Jesus and to drink his Blood is to become totally identified with Christ's very Person, with his deepest thoughts, with his vision of life, with his values, and with his mission to build the Kingdom of God. In other words, Jesus is here calling us to follow him, to be with him, and to share totally and unconditionally his mission and destiny. Thus, the Eucharist is more than a memorial of Jesus' death (see 1 Cor 11:23-25). Rather, it is the continuation of Jesus' life after his Resurrection (Luke 24:13-35).

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

Congrats to all who took the prayer challenge! So many posts that people liked the help and variety in their personal prayer routine:

These 14 days are just what I needed to get back on track. I have been letting daily life overwhelm me and lost my daily time with God. This is guiding me back to His path.

I am thankful for this challenge as it has helped me to focus on God every day and not just on Sunday. It's the little kick I needed to make every day an opportunity to reflect and try again.

I wake up every morning to have my coffee with the Lord. Thank you for this opportunity. Would love to continue.

2018 NEW JERSEY WINE

Catholic Women's Conference



WINE: Women In the New Evangelization invites women of all ages and stages to the first **New Jersey WINE: Catholic Women's Conference** on **Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018**, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Somerville, NJ. The theme, **Hope: An Anchor for the Soul**, is inspired by Saint Philomena's example and Pope Francis' invitation to fight against enemies of hope (like discouragement and negativity) in order to shine as beacons of hope to those we encounter. The conference will begin at 8:00 AM Saturday with Mass followed by inspirational talks, music, lunch, prayer, shopping, Confession, chocolate and more! Registration is \$55 before Sept. 1 and \$65 afterward. For more information and to register, visit CatholicVineyard.com and select the **EVENTS** tab.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Percy Davids
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
Debbie Gregorakis
Father Luigi Hargen
Liz Harmon
Fred Holub
Eleanor Horan
Stephanie Illetscho
Manuel Jimenez, Sr.
Manuel Jimenez, Jr.
Miriam Jiminian
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
Joe Romanger
Ali Redling
Joel Rivera
Earl & Denise Roberts
Joe Romanger
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
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: Something to Talk About ...

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

John 6: 51-58

As two people newly in love, they talked and talked. They talked about their childhoods, about school, about their jobs. They talked about their favorite foods, their favorite movies, their favorite songs. Before long, they were talking about their dreams, their fears, their happiest times, their most embarrassing moments. They talked about the places they would like to visit and the goals they would like to realize. And they talked about one another: what they admired about each other, what made the other such a joy to be with, how they were falling in love. Then they talked about their wedding. They talked about their new house. They talked about furnishings and landscaping and cars. They talked about money. And they talked about kids.

Seven years into their marriage, they stopped talking. After a day of work, of getting the kids to school and the doctor's and their games, of putting dinner on the table, of the machinations of getting to sleep and ready for the next day, they would sit side by side in bed with their laptops. They were not sleeping, they were not talking. They were so close physically and yet so far apart. They still talked, but a different kind of talk. They talked about their children: what they wanted for lunch, who would pick them up, the plans for the weekend. They talked about bills and laundry and meals.

They realized that they were too tired to really "talk." So they decided to ship the kids to the grandparents for a weekend, lock their phones in the glove compartment, and return to the kind of place where they first really talked: on a mountain in the woods. They hiked and breathed. They listened to the beautiful silence of nature. They stopped to watch the birds glide through the sunset. **And before long they were talking again.** They told each other stories they had forgotten to tell each other, funny exchanges at work. They bantered and flirted. And they reminisced, too, about their early days, an entirely new kind of talking that comes from having known someone for a long time. Now several times a year they leave the children for a day or weekend and go off and hike. And talk. And fall in love again.

This couple, like so many married couples, get so caught up with demands of parenthood and career that even simple conversation becomes a rarity. But, when the "bread" that is Jesus' compassion and the "wine" that is his generosity sustains us, we constantly rediscover the presence of God in our midst in the love of family and friends - love that keeps us "talking," often in ways more powerful and affecting than mere words. Jesus' words about his "flesh" and blood as "real food" challenge us to consider what sustains us as human beings, as loving parents and sons and daughters and brothers and sisters, as children of God, as brothers and sisters of all with whom we share this good earth. To possess the life of God is to be open to and make possible moments of grace: moments when we become especially aware of the great love of God in our lives. God's grace is manifested in so many ways: in prayer and sacrament, especially the Eucharist; in the many gifts of creation, from the food that sustains us to the light of the sun that warms us; in the kindness and love of those who are the very love of God in our lives; in acts of generosity and forgiveness, though small and unheralded, that embrace us in God's peace.

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.

WHY PROTESTANTS THINK OF EUCHARIST DIFFERENTLY?

While we respect the doctrines and practices of every Christian denomination, we must note that the Eucharist is one of the main distinctions between the different branches of Christianity. Catholic Christians and Eastern Orthodox Christians have maintained the ancient Faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

But during the Protestant Reformation, which took place in northern Europe in the 16th century, the different Protestant groups stopped believing in the Real Presence. Martin Luther, protested and broke away from the Catholic Church, and soon other reformers like John Calvin, Thomas Cranmer and John Knox followed suit. It was during this period that the many different Protestant denominations began to appear: Lutherans, Presbyterians, Adventists, Baptists, Mennonites, etc. The Puritans who arrived on the shores of Massachusetts in the 1600s, better known as "the pilgrims," were a spinoff of these reformed churches. All of these new Christian groups continued to celebrate some kind of communion service in their Sunday worship, at least once or twice a year. But none of them believed firmly and clearly that Jesus was truly present in the Eucharist.

ALARMING STATISTICS OF PHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL HUNGER

According to the Assistant Director General of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization, about one-half billion of the over four billion people who live on earth are at the brink of starvation daily. Some 200 million children become mentally handicapped or blind due to a lack of nutritious food, and another 10 million succumb to other hunger-related illness. The World Health Organization estimates that approximately one-third of the world's population is underfed and one-third is hungry. Four million people die each year of starvation and 70% of children under six are undernourished. Equally alarming are the statistics which estimate that approximately three billion members of the human family suffer from chronic *spiritual* hunger and/or malnutrition. These hunger pangs must also be recognized, as this hunger can be just as lethal as its physical counterpart. In recognition of this fact, the Church puts the gathered assembly in touch each week with the food that will satisfy its hungers. Each week the community is fed with the Bread of Life, in both word and sacrament; nourished by this essential food, every believer receives the strength needed for continuing to live a committed life.



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)



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



Vegetable jokes:

Knock, knock. Who's there? Lettuce. Lettuce Who? **Lettuce in and you'll find out!**

Why did the tomato blush? ...because it saw the salad dressing!

What is green and goes to summer camp? ...A brussel scout!

What vegetable likes looking at animals? ...A zoo-chini!

What did the father tomato say to the baby tomato whilst on a family walk? .Ketchup

Why shouldn't you tell secrets in a cornfield? ...There are too many ears!

Which vegetable did Noah refuse to take into the Ark? ... Leeks

Why did the carrot get embarrassed? Cos it saw the chick pea!...

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August 12, 2018

60 Donors Weekly.....\$2,223.00

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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 SaleSeptember 22

(If We Get a Leader)

Golf Outing.....September 15

Church Picnic.....September 23

Tricky TrayOctober 12

Tasting Event.....November 30

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Sept. 5 J. Santoro

Store Cards

August 18 and August 19

5:30 p.m. C. Crescenti

8:00 a.m. M. Kearns

10:30 a.m. H. Quigley

August 25 and August 26

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone

8:00 a.m. P. Nanna

10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Aug. 19 C. Fortenbacker

Week of Aug. 26 B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

August 23 Team F

August 30 Team A

Counting

August 20 Kucharski/Bauernfiend

August 27 Malone/Cangelosi

Altar Flowers

August 25 Connolly

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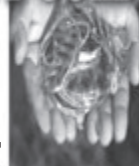
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