

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
www.diometuchen.org

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, PhD . Pastor
Earl Roberts Deacon
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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 28

8:00 a.m. Anita Sawczuk, req.
Susan and Mike Griffin

Friday, August 31

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 1

5:30 p.m. Leonard Gardner, req.
The Gardner Family

Sunday, September 2

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Grace Weidner, req.
Gerry Brisson

The Office will be Closed on
Monday, September 3rd
for Labor Day!

Mass Schedule - September 1/2

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Needed
Altar Server	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist	Phyllis Baker
.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Joan Eacovale
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Allan Piechoski
Altar Server	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joe Sima
.....	Gaill Battell, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader	Steve Bauernfeind
Altar Server	Alligood Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Bob Sobey
Ministers of the Eucharist	Debby Kelemen, Jim DeVito
.....	Marlene Milko, Sheena Carew, 1 Needed

Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, August 27 - Saint Monica

7:30 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Meeting (Seton Room)

Tuesday, August 28 - Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
6:45 p.m. Rosary (Church Center/Patio)
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, August 30 - Weekday

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

Friday, August 31 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
Office Closes at Noon
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service - Opioid Effect (Church Center)

Saturday, September 1 - Weekday BVM

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

Sunday, September 2 - Twenty-Second Sunday Ordinary Time / Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

Prayer Service

TO MARK INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018, 7 P.M.

Here at St. John Neumann

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 recover is welcome.
Refreshments and fellowship will follow.



Remembered at Mass

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

Deceased: **Max Fox**, friend of the Baurenfiends, **Eileen Kuhn**, mother of Andrew Kuhn, **Anita Sawczuk**, faithful parishioner, **Douglas Simmons**, brother of Donna Zigmantanis, **Margot Altstaedt**, aunt of Susanne Erz, and **George Bernard**, father of Kenneth Bernard. 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,

So many of you thanked me after each of the Masses last weekend for my homily on the sex abuse situation. One of the many email responses I got had this comment: "You are genuine in the expression of your pain and outrage. You draw the community to their own personal and collective power as community, as those baptized into the life of Christ who is one with God and draws us to that oneness." Thank you. May God help us to focus on our faith and our responsibility in these trying times.

You must have heard about the letter of Pope Francis on the same topic in which he said that "No effort must be spared" to prevent future cases of clerical sexual abuse and "to prevent the possibility of their being covered up." In the letter of August 20, the Pope wrote: "I acknowledge once more the suffering endured by many minors due to sexual abuse, the abuse of power and the abuse of conscience perpetrated by a significant number of clerics and consecrated persons." "The heart-wrenching pain of these victims, which cries out to heaven, was long ignored, kept quiet or silenced," Pope Francis said. "But their outcry was more powerful than all the measures meant to silence them." "The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain," he said, "and so it is urgent that we once more reaffirm our commitment to ensure the protection of minors and of vulnerable adults." Please read the whole letter (it is only 2000 word long!) and see the seriousness with which the Pope is dealing with it. I believe that these horrible reports have made our Bishops all the more conscious of their role to remedy the situation and make the safety of our children and teens fool proof. Bishop James Checchio of our Diocese has addressed this issue in a very meaningful letter stating: "It is a painful and horrific chapter in our history that must never be repeated." You can read both letters – of the Pope and of our Bishop - on our parish website.

Besides the role of the bishops, the Holy Father is insisting that all Catholics must be involved in the effort to accompany victims, to strengthen safeguarding measures and to end a culture where abuse is covered up. Here's the way he expresses it so beautifully in the same letter: *"It is impossible to think of a conversion of our activity as a Church that does not include the active participation of all the members of God's People. Indeed, whenever we have tried to replace, or silence, or ignore, or reduce the People of God to small elites, we end up creating communities, projects, theological approaches, spiritualities and structures without roots, without memory, without faces, without bodies and ultimately, without lives. This is clearly seen in a peculiar way of understanding the Church's authority, one common in many communities where sexual abuse and the abuse of power and conscience have occurred. Such is the case with clericalism, an approach that "not only nullifies the character of Christians, but also tends to diminish and undervalue the baptismal grace that the Holy Spirit has placed in the heart of our people". Clericalism, whether fostered by priests themselves or by lay persons, leads to an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today. To say "no" to abuse is to say an emphatic "no" to all forms of clericalism."*

Why this insistence from the Pope? Because, as I pointed out in my homily, the Church is the entire "People of God" and not just the hierarchy. The Pope wants the participation of all the lay faithful. I pray for this to become a reality. I pray that the laity will respond to this invitation to a greater participation in the Church. Yes, we all are in it together to solve this crisis, we all feel the anger as well as the pain of it all - as the Pope rightly reminds us in his opening line: "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" (1 Cor 12:26).

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



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)

21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

August 26, 2018

***"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* JOSHUA 24:15**

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!



HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS

- Please don't leave produce on the floor in the Narthex. It should be brought into the kitchen and left in the refrigerator and labelled. Be sure to notify the proper persons.
- We are looking for an upright vacuum cleaner for the office building. If you are looking to replace one of yours,

BECOME A ST. JOHN'S PRAYER MINISTER

All parishioners are invited to become a St. John's Prayer Minister. This is a calling that is available to everyone: the young, senior citizens, those with busy lives, and anyone who is looking for a way to serve the parish community in a prayerful way.

You will receive a monthly Email with prayer requests, and additionally as requests are made, which include those who have been recommended to the Prayer Ministry. We ask that you integrate the requests into your regular prayer practice.

Please contact Bonnie Garcia (at bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com) if you are interested, or have any questions regarding this special ministry.

SAVE THE DATES

Aqui cards are available as Gift Certificates with a 10% return to St. John's:

Prayer Service for those affected by Opioid Crisis August 31
Golf Outing September 15
Church Picnic September 23
Tricky Tray October 12
Tasting Event November 30

Christian Formation

FINAL SUMMERTIME PRAYER GATHERING

Wednesday, Aug. 29th @ 6:45 p.m.



We've had a lovely time this summer praying the Rosary on peaceful summer evenings outside on the patio. Why not join us for the last one scheduled for this Wednesday, 8/29! There are extra rosary beads and prayers available (relocated inside if the weather is inclement).

PARENTING TUNE-UP

The kind of adults my children are now is directly related to the kind of children I continually told them they were. (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

What does equality mean in marriage? Does it mean one is the boss and the other follows? Of course not. It means recognizing each other's talents. Sometimes leading, sometimes following but always honoring the essence of the other. It's not a zero sum game that if one wins, the other loses. Win/win solutions work best.



WELCOME

Welcome to the Damiano family, Ben and Liz. Their official church welcome was at the 10:30 Mass on Aug 19. Their photo is on the bulletin board so when you see them introduce yourself and individually welcome them to the parish family.

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.



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.

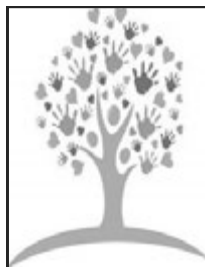
Social Ministry



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

Thank you for all the generous donations. We were able to collect \$440 in various gift cards, 9 binders, 15 packages of loose-leaf paper, 10 packages of dividers, 44 notebooks, 35 folders, 162 pencils, 48 mechanical pencils, 1 pencil sharpener, 25 large erasers, 45 pencil topper erasers, 98 black pens, 62 blue pens, 1 package of multi-colored pens, 18 bottles & 4 pens of white-out, 18 boxes of markers, 12 boxes of crayons, 2 Ultimate Crayon Buckets, 70 glue sticks, 2 boxes of colored pencils, 17 highlighters, 12 backpacks, 1 pencil case, 9 scissors, 4 rulers, 2 staplers, and 1 staple remover. Your generous donations are being used to support St. John Neumann's Social Ministry and Catholic Charities.

A TOUGH TEACHING WITHOUT COMPROMISE

"This teaching is difficult. Who can accept it?" It was Jesus' disciples who made this complaint. They were offended by Jesus' language -- his imagery -- the metaphors he used in his Eucharistic discourse. It was Jesus' dramatic way of saying that we must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservations. His thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all we are to identify with him in the offering of his Flesh and the pouring out of his Blood on the cross, the symbol of God's unconditional love for us. But without giving any further explanation, Jesus simply challenges them, and us, to open ourselves to the gift of Faith that God is offering us: *"No one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father"* (v. 65). Jesus tries to help his remaining followers to make a leap of Faith, because it is only with Faith that they will be able to see and grasp the triple mystery which has been revealed to them, namely, (1) the Incarnation (*I am the Bread that came down from Heaven*, 6:41); (2) the Redemption (*the Bread that I give is my Flesh for the life of the world*, 6:51); (3) the Ascension and glorification of Jesus (*the Son of Man will ascend to where he was before*, 6:62).

Having insisted earlier that the believer must eat the Flesh and drink the Blood of the Son of Man in order to have eternal life, Jesus now tells his disciples "that the flesh is of no avail." But "flesh" here is not the Eucharist. Rather, "flesh" means natural sustenance, which cannot give spiritual nourishment. And the "Spirit" here means the life-giving Holy Spirit Who will be given to believers after Jesus' ascent into heaven. Peter's response, *"Master, to whom we shall go? You have the words of eternal life,"* reflects the Faith-filled, free and whole-hearted decision of the early Christian community to follow Jesus and his teaching. While giving Holy Communion, the priest says, *"The Body of Christ"* and we respond with a total, "Amen" or "Yes!" That "Yes!" is not just an act of Faith in the Real Presence but a total commitment of myself to Jesus in the community of which I am a member. Some Bible scholars consider Jesus' question, *"Do you want to leave me, too?"* to Peter and the apostle's response as parallel to Jesus' question, *"Who do you think I am?"* and Peter's confession of faith at Caesarea Philippi (Mark 8:27-30; Matthew 16:13-20; Luke 9:18-21).

Faith is not simply a set of ideas to be held on to. It is a living relationship with a Person and His vision of life. It is a relationship that needs to grow and be deepened with the years. It is a relationship that has constantly to be re-appraised in a constantly changing world. We must hear Peter's words to Jesus resounding through the centuries: *"To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

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.

THE CODD FAMILY IS GRATEFUL

It is easy to see God's hand in this fundraising event. Between the "miracle cure", show of love, perfect weather (some say only over St. John's) and the individual generosity of so many, we've been given a gift of many blessings as well as the funds received. The beauty I see is that most of us didn't know David Codd but he was family to our good friend Jim Codd and that was enough. A few more donations are expected from phone calls received this week but currently we're over \$6,400.00 collected! 100% of the proceeds are going to help pay the bills of David Codd thanks to the many sponsors that covered the costs and especially the Catholic Community of St. John's for allowing us to use the facilities, equipment and beautiful campus! (Jim Murray)

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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all." This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to Church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Joan Cardierre
Jean Crickenberger
John D'Almeida
Percy Davids
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Anthony DeVito
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 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, Geerincq, 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: When Things Fall From The Sky...

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." John 6: 60-69

Howard Thurman, the African-American theologian, educator and preacher, remembers the summer night when Haley's Comet appeared in 1910. Howard was ten years old and living in Florida:

"One night I was awakened by my mother, who asked if I would like to see the comet. I got up, dressed quickly, and went out with her to the back yard. There I saw in the heavens the awesome tail of the comet and stood transfixed. With deep anxiety I asked, without taking my eyes off it, 'What will happen to us when that thing falls out of the sky?' There was a long silence during which I felt the gentle pressure of her fingers on my shoulders; then I looked into her face and saw what I had seen on another occasion, when without knocking I had rushed into her room and found her in prayer. At last she said, 'Nothing will happen to us, Howard. God will take care of us.' In that moment something was touched and kindled in me, a quiet reassurance that has never quite deserted me. As I look back on it, what I sensed then was the fact that what stirred in me was one with what created and controlled the comet. It was this inarticulate awareness that silenced my fear and stilled my panic."

Too often we act - or react - out of fear; we respond to an issue out of anxiety or dread. Hopelessness can become a way of life: the sense that God has abandoned us or that God doesn't exist in our lives can cripple us emotionally and spiritually. The disciples who cannot "endure" Jesus' talk about giving his "flesh to eat" leave him and return to their directionless, hopeless lives. But Peter's simple, plaintive confession articulates his faith that God is not present in the darkness of evil but in the light of goodness that seeks to shatter that darkness; the God of love who breathes life into our souls is experienced not in our dread of colliding comets but in the goodness and blessed order of all creation. Despite our own doubts, fears and misgivings, we know in the depth of our hearts that, in the end, the words of Jesus will triumph. We mourn God's absence in times of pain, change and despair, but we trust that God can be rediscovered in acts of love, generosity, support and healing extended to us by others. Let us embrace the constant faith and resolve of Simon Peter and the Twelve who remain with Jesus - faith that, even in the most difficult times, senses the light and refuses to abandon the hope of God's love.



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 some-thing 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!



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A woman was pulled over for rolling over a stop sign. The Officer recognized her as his former English Teacher in school. He said, "Mrs Brown, those stop signs are periods, not commas!"

The summer holiday was over and young Jack returned to school. Only two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that Jack was misbehaving. 'Wait a minute,' mother said. 'I had Jack with me for six weeks and I never called you once when he misbehaved.'



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

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
September, 2018

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9 Peter's Pence Collection 8:00 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Welcome Back GIFT Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy - NX 11:30 AM Discovery St. John's-CC 6:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Team Meeting - DR	10 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/OCK 10:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Chair Yoga - NX 7:00 PM Budget Meeting - DR	11 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Chair Yoga - NX 7:00 PM Budget Meeting - DR	12 5:30 PM Yoga - CC-Loft 7:00 PM Social Ministry Mtg - SR 7:15 PM Bible Study - DR	13 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC	14 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 4:00 PM Confirmation Retreat - Crossroads	15 8:00 AM Golf Outing - Mine Brook Hacktstown 5:00 PM Confirmation Retreat Return 5:30 PM Mass - CC
16 8:00 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Mass - Celebrate Youth - Confirmation Return Mass - CC 10:30 AM Elzondo Baptism - CC 12:00 PM Confirmation Practice - CC	17 7:30 PM Pastoral Council - UR	18 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Chair Yoga - NX 7:00 PM Property Mgmt Mtg - DR 7:00 PM Confirmation Mass - CC	19 5:30 PM Yoga - CC-Loft 7:15 PM Bible Study - DR	20 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 6:30 PM Labyrinth Walk - Labyrinth Workshop - CC	21 7:00 AM Mass - NRC	22 5:30 PM Mass 7-8 Grade Class Mass - CC
23 8:00 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Mass - CC 12:00 PM GIFT Program - CC/OCK 2:00 PM Church Picnic - CCG	24 6:00 PM GIFT Program - CC/OCK 7:00 PM Fundraising Mtg - OCK 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Mtg-SR	25 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Chair Yoga - NX 7:00 PM Connections Mtg - OCK	26 5:30 PM Yoga - CC-Loft 7:15 PM Bible Study - DR	27 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - OCK/OCK 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC	28 No Mass	29 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - OC 5:30 PM Mass - CC
30 8:00 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy - NX 3:00 PM Auction Garden Dinner - CC/Garden						

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USED CAR

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Sept. 5 J. Santoro

Store Cards

August 25 and August 26

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone
 8:00 a.m. P. Nanna
 10:30 a.m. R. DeStefano

September 1 and September 2

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Aug. 26 B. Lee

Week of Sept. 2 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

August 30 Team A

September 6 Team B

Counting

August 27 Malone/Cangelosi

September 4 Kucharski/McCabe

Altar Flowers

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September 8 Perez

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