



The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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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

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,

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, September 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, September 7

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, September 8

5:30 p.m. Marilyn Pepperman, req.
St. John Neumann Church

Sunday, September 9

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

10:30 a.m. Roy Rittman, req.
France Kennedy



Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, September 3 - Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church / Labor Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
No Yoga

Wednesday, September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)
No Yoga
7:15 p.m. Bible Study (Drexel Room)

Thursday, September 6 - Weekday

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

Friday, September 7 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. First Friday Holy Hour (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Saturday, September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)
10:00 a.m. Indian Mass (Church Center) - Tentative
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - September 8/9

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Linda Caprio
Altar Server Schettino Uss Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Joann Gardner
..... Joan Eacovalle, Jim Oelkers

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Chris Bitters
Altar Server Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist Donna Lance
..... Barbara Gates, Maritza Perez Proano

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Steve Bauernfeind
Altar Server Needed
Music Eucharistic Minister Gloria Cucchiara
Ministers of the Eucharist Patti Rittman, Sheena Carew
..... Jim DeVito, 2 Needed

First Friday Holy Hour



September 7 - 7:00 pm
Neumann Residence Chapel

Sunday, September 9 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Peter's Pence Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome Back GIFT (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Retreat Team Meeting (Drexel Rm)

Remembered at Mass



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

Deceased: Catherine McVicker, parishioner, 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,

Many of you must have already read the beautiful letter of our Bishop Checchio about the clergy sexual abuse crisis which is snowballing into a bigger crisis casting aspersions into the credibility of those in the highest positions of church leadership including Popes, past and present. There is more sadness, frustration, shame and outright anger towards the church leaders for these repugnant sins and for the cover-up. Thank you for the feelings and reactions some of you shared with me:

"I was happy to read your thoughts in the bulletin. Yes much further contemplation and discussion will be needed to wade through the complexity of what we have here. I will hold off on any judgments myself as I too am an engaged passenger in this process alongside you trying to understand..."

"The problem must be openly recognized, and then openly dealt with."

"This is all so disillusioning. I love my church and you as our pastor."

"I spend so much time fund raising only to have much of it go to the diocese that is part of the problem. What to do with all this?"

Yes I do hear these and many more sincere reactions which I know are coming out of a genuine concern for the true Church of Jesus Christ. When someone told me, "I don't feel like being part of this sinful Church anymore," I replied quoting last Sunday's gospel: "As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:65-69).

Peter's reply reminds us why we love and stay with our Church: because of our faith in Jesus Christ. Not because of our liking or disliking a particular priest, bishop or pope. When one part of our body is sick and in pain, we do not despise the whole body and reject it, instead we come to the aid of that suffering part with a healing solution. If we apply that analogy to the Church, then the call to be responsible members of the Church as the consecrated People of God through our baptismal call is our right and duty. We can make our anger and frustrations known, together with suggestions for solution.

Even Archbishop Carlo Viganò, the former Vatican Nuncio (Ambassador) in Washington, DC., who accused many top Vatican officials including Pope Francis of cover-up, tells this to the whole church: "Even in dismay and sadness over the enormity of what is happening, let us not lose hope! We well know that the great majority of our pastors live their priestly vocation with fidelity and dedication." I'm also very happy that Pope Francis does not shy away from this issue. Just last week in Ireland during the World Meeting of Families, he spoke in very strong language about this "grave scandal caused by the abuse of young people by members of the Church charged with responsibility for their protection and education. The failure of ecclesiastical authorities – bishops, religious superiors, priests and others – adequately to address these repugnant crimes has rightly given rise to outrage and remains a source of pain and shame for the Catholic community. I myself share those sentiments."

I invite all of us to prayerfully consider having a respectful conversation about this even as we reflect on the words of St. Peter: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Have a good and relaxing Labor Day Weekend!

Your brother in Christ

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



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"

22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..."

JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

KERALA FLOOD RELIEF

September 22 and 23

We received this information from the Diocesan Office.

The state of Kerala, India, which has the largest Christian population in the nation, has recently been devastated by the most extreme flash flooding and landslides in nearly a century. According to reports provided by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) which is actively working on site with the relief efforts, "hundreds of people are dead" and about 1,000,000 people have been displaced by the catastrophic flooding. These displaced people are in desperate need of food, clothing, potable water, medicine, and shelter. Next weekend, we will be participating in a diocesan second collection to assist in the relief efforts. We encourage your generosity to this collection. Those who wish to donate to the relief efforts online can go to the diocesan website <https://diometuchen.org/ways-to-give> and follow the link for "Kerala Flood Relief". Thank you for your assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters devastated by this historic flooding.

"SPONTANEOUS PRAYER" ENRICHMENT SESSION

September 20, 2018

On Thursday evening, September 20th at 7pm please join us in the Church Center where Fr. Abraham will lead us in a prayer enrichment session on "Spontaneous Prayer". Prayer is often defined as a conversation with God. Our human conversation is not a repetition of pre-planned or rehearsed lines, instead it is a spontaneous outpouring from our hearts and minds. Same is true with our conversation with God. Hence the importance of "Spontaneous Prayer" with which most of us have difficulty because we are not used to it. This session is meant to help us understand these obstacles and practice spontaneous prayer with ease.

Christian Formation & Parish News

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Did you wash your hands before coming to dinner?" is a common parental question. But just as important is coming to dinner with a clean heart. Sure, squabbling will happen, but if you as a parent can stay calm and centered, the odds are you can more effectively deflect sibling squabbles or food complaints. (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

What does hypocrisy mean in marriage? Have you said something to your spouse and felt it was not from the heart? Have you done certain things for your spouse without meaning it in your heart? That is hypocrisy. If it does not help you and your marriage, why not stop that game soon?

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Become Part of Our Church Family

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

Golf Outing Sept. 15
Spontaneous Prayer..... Sept. 20
Church Picnic Sept. 23
Tricky Tray..... Oct. 12
Tasting Event Nov. 30



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. The pantry is in need of juice (including small juice boxes), school snacks, pasta sauce, pancake mix and syrup. Thank you!

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.

“PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN” UPCOMING SESSIONS

Whether you're a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involve children, please consider attending one of the following "Protecting God's Children" upcoming workshops:

- St. Mary, Alpha – 6:30 p.m., 9/5
- St. Magdalen de Pazzi, Flemington – 7 p.m., 9/24
- Immaculate Conception, Annandale – 7 p.m., Classes available: 9/27 and 11/8
- 7 p.m., Men Only Class on 10/24



Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIR-TUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a complete listing of other sessions in the diocese, can be found on diometuchen.org and click on the "Sign up now for Virtus Sessions" link on the bottom of the home page. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early. Check the link often as sessions are continuously added.

ST. JOHN GOLF OUTING

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

Sat., Sept. 15, 8:00am-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)

WAS ST. PAUL AGAINST WOMEN?

Today's second Reading (Ephesians 5:21-32) has this line: "Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord." Elsewhere he asks women to be silent in the church. These and other similar writings of Paul make us wonder if he was against women's equality and intent on subordinating women to men. But an objective study of Paul's letters show that he was not. His letters are pastoral in nature, addressed to the specific needs and questions of particular communities and therefore certain particular local situation cannot be applied universally. Keep in mind also, Paul was a man of his day, shaped by the patriarchal attitudes of Greco-Roman and Jewish cultures toward women. As Craig S. Keener (*Paul, Women and Wives, Marriage and Women's Ministry in the Letters of Paul*, Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., Peabody, MA: 1992) has observed, centuries before the New Testament Period, Aristotle argued that men were naturally superior and therefore fit to rule over women. Plato described a woman's virtues as taking care of the home and obeying her husband. Was the Ephesians author simply following the lead of others before him?

Furthermore, many biblical scholars agree that Ephesians was not written by Paul himself, but by a later leader who assumes his mantle of authority. And it is notable that such insistence on subordination of women is not found in any of the authentic Pauline letters. Rather, we find sayings that point toward equality and mutuality, such as: "In the Lord woman is not independent of man or man independent of woman. For just as woman came from man, so man comes through woman; but all things come from God" (1 Cor 11:11-12); also 1 Cor 7:4: "The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does." A careful, open-minded reading of the text will prove otherwise. St. Paul in the second reading, actually advises husbands and wives to "defer to one another out of reverence for Christ!" (v. 21).

The best measure of Paul's egalitarian sensibility lies in the way he talks about different Christian women. Paul was no lone ranger in his apostolic ministry, and many of his co-workers were women. Looking at the passages in Paul's letters and in the Acts of the Apostles in which these women are mentioned, one finds a great sense of collegiality and many examples of women given authority. If interested in reading a good article on this topic, here's the link:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/issue/675/article/women-and-paul>

NOT WILLING TO BREAK SABBATH, BUT ...

Dr. Laura Schlessinger, a psychologist, is appalled by the culture of moral relativism that has pervaded our society. In her book, *How Could You Do That?* Dr. Laura tells of a call from a young woman who was living with her fiancé. The young woman's future mother-in-law was insisting that the woman and her son move closer to her home. What was the problem with that? The young woman claimed to be an Orthodox Jew, and she complained that if she moved closer to her future mother-in-law's home, then she would be too far away from the synagogue. Instead of walking to Sabbath services, she would then have to drive, which would be breaking the Sabbath law. Dr. Laura couldn't get the young woman to understand the inconsistency between observing one tenet of her faith--honoring the Sabbath--but not caring if she violated another--the prohibition against living with her fiancé out of wedlock. It's not unusual for people to espouse one thing and to do something entirely different.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 8/20/18

After the Lectio Divina opening prayer and reflection on our annual goal, we discussed the following topics:

Pastoral Council Retreat for present and past members: Decided to hold it - Monday October 1st, at 6:30PM at Neumann Residence.

Appreciated praying the Rosary on Wednesdays of Summer, led by Jo Ann Jarvis. Lynn Johnson will start up a monthly (Sunday) Rosary soon.

Annual Parish goal: Are we achieving our Annual Goal? How do we measure? Do we need to tweek the present one? Final discussion will be in the next meeting

PA Grand Jury report is a matter of concern for all. The abusers and those who covered up must be held accountable. But some priests who were cleared of any wrongdoing had their names still on list. People want to know how much of their donations are used to settle these cases; What is the church doing to protect the children? Good to know that the Church has implemented SAFE environment program, and all accusations are now reported directly to police.

Opioid Crisis Awareness Prayer Service: on August 31st at CCSJN 7:00 pm. It is open to all. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

The Stewardship Committee is planning a Parish picture directory. The parish will be informed and invited to participate soon. The meeting concluded with a prayer. The next meeting will be on September 17.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

Please join us on Wednesday in the Drexel Room for a Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark.

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,

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Andrew Arias
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 Illietscho
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: A Better Neighborhood Than You Think...

"...the things that come out from within are what defile." Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

She was driving home late one rainy evening; her kids were asleep in the back seat. When she exited the highway and was approaching her street, she saw a car stalled on the side of the road. The hood was up, the car's flashers were on and a man was bent over the engine. A few feet away, a young woman held an infant in her arms and a toddler clung to her legs, shivering. She pulled over and asked if she could help or call someone.

The man looked to his wife, whose eyes were wide with fear, and then focused his attention back on the car. "No, thank you," he said tersely. "My brother will be here soon." "Well, you can at least use a little more light," she said as she opened her trunk and offered a flashlight to the man. She turned to his wife and said: "Please, sit in the car. I've got the heat on. You'll be more comfortable there." After some gentle coaxing, the woman agreed. The woman seemed to be almost afraid of her. To try to put the woman at ease, she pointed out her house that was just down the road. After a while, the brother arrived and helped the husband get the engine running again. The wife looked at her for the first time and quietly thanked her.

A few days later there was a knock on her door. It was the young mother standing on the porch holding a bouquet of flowers and a tray of cookies. "To thank you for your help the other night," the woman said. She invited the woman in and made coffee. "I wanted to apologize to you for the other night," the woman began. "You were kind to stop and help and we treated you as if you were a criminal. We're new to the area, and everyone had warned us that this neighborhood was in the 'bad part of town.' When you came along, we didn't know if we could trust you. But your kindness made us feel safe for the first time in our new home."

The good within one woman's heart changes the less-than-good "outside" of her. Her offer of help transforms a family's fear of their new environs in a "bad part of town" to a place of welcome. The kind of human being we are begins in the values of the heart, the place where God dwells within - but the evil we are capable of, the hurt we inflict on others, the degrading of the world that God created also begins "within," when God is displaced by selfishness, fear, anger, hatred. May God instill in us his spirit of compassion and justice, enabling us to transform the "bad parts" of the world outside of us into the "good" of God's Kingdom that begins within each of us.

MOVE FROM LIPS TO HEART!

In 1974, the top college basketball player in the country was a young man by the name of Bill Walton. At six foot eleven, he dominated college basketball. He took his team, UCLA, to their third consecutive NCAA championship, and in his senior year went on to the NBA. Bill had some adjustments to make in the NBA, and he didn't make them very well. Then abruptly he left the game. He said his heart was no longer in his playing. After some time went by, Bill Walton came back. This time his heart was in his game, and he played like it. He led the Portland Trailblazers to their first NBA championship. Then he moved on to the Boston Celtics. Now he's a television basketball announcer. It makes all the difference in the world if your heart is in what you're doing! A lot of us are trying to live our lives with our hearts in nothing or, we should say, with nothing in our hearts. We have Christ on our lips, but He's never made that journey further down. That's why we are bored. How do we move Christ from our lips to our hearts? That is the question which today's Gospel asks us.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



The little boy wasn't getting good marks in school. One day he made the teacher quite surprised. He tapped her on the shoulder and said ..."I don't want to scare you, but my daddy says if I don't get better grades, somebody is going to get a spanking."

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you? **Student:** Not very much

Teacher: Billy, your essay on "My Dog" is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy it?

Billy: No, Mrs. White. It's the same dog!

MOTHER TERESA VS PRINCESS DIANA

Princess Diana captured the imagination of the world. When she married in 1981 (700 million watched it in TV), and when she met with a tragic death on August 31, 1997 her funeral was watched by 2.5 billion people on TV. So, it would not be surprising if, on August 31, 2018 media made mention of the anniversary of her passing. It is only fitting if the media will speak about the many good things that she did, in particular the many charitable causes she tirelessly worked for. Will the media also recall that someone else who died twenty-one years ago, a little nun in Calcutta known to the world as Mother Teresa? It has been said that Mother Teresa chose the wrong week to die, overshadowed by the death of the young princess. But maybe that's the way it should be. Nothing could better reflect how warped the values of the world are. Mother Teresa wasn't accompanied by a billionaire playboy when she passed from this life to the celestial kingdom. She wasn't being driven in a high-speed luxury car. She lived and died serving the least and the lowest. She lived and died glorifying God and serving her neighbor. There's nothing wrong with little girls aspiring to grow up to be princesses. How much better, though, if all of us aspired to be more like Mother Teresa! There's nothing wrong with pomp and circumstance. There's even nothing wrong with ceremonies linked to the washing of hands, even though doctors say a little dirt is good for you, unless the ceremony of washing hands causes you to look down on those who don't observe such ceremonies, or unless you have clean hands but an impure heart.

EXCERPTS FROM THE POPE'S TALK IN DUBLIN

Dear Brothers and Sisters, good evening!

I am grateful to all of you for your warm welcome. It is good to be here! It is good to celebrate, for celebration makes us more human and more Christian. It also helps us to share the joy of knowing that Jesus loves us, he accompanies us on our journey of life, and each day he draws us closer to himself.

In any family celebration, everyone's presence is felt: fathers, mothers, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles and aunts, cousins, those who cannot come and those who live too far away. Today in Dublin we are gathered for a family celebration of thanksgiving to God for who we are: one family in Christ, spread throughout the world. The Church is the family of God's children. A family in which we rejoice with those who are rejoicing, and weep with those who grieve or feel knocked down by life. A family in which we care for everyone, for God our Father has made all of us his children in Baptism. That is one reason why I keep encouraging parents to baptize their children as soon as possible, so that they can become part of this great family of God. We need to invite everyone to the party!

You, dear families, are the vast majority of the People of God. What would the Church look like without you? It was to help us recognize the beauty and importance of family, with its lights and shadows that I wrote my Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* on the joy of love, and wanted the theme of this World Meeting of Families to be "The Gospel of the Family, Joy for the World". God wants every family to be a beacon of the joy of his love in our world. What does this mean? It means that we, who have encountered God's saving love, try, with or without words, to express it in little acts of kindness in our daily routine and in the most hidden moments of our day.

That is what holiness is all about. I like to speak of the saints "next door", all those ordinary people who reflect God's presence in the life and history of our world (cf. *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 6-7). The vocation to love and to holiness is not something reserved for a privileged few. Even now, if we have eyes to see, we can see it being lived out all around us. It is silently present in the heart of all those families that offer love, forgiveness and mercy when they see the need, and do so quietly, without great fanfare. The Gospel of the family is truly joy for the world, since there, in our families, Jesus can always be found, dwelling in simplicity and poverty as he did in the home of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

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!

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August 26, 2018

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 Wed., Sept. 12 C. Behrens

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September 1 and September 2

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 8:00 a.m. R. Durham
 10:30 a.m. J. Varcadipane

September 8 and September 9

5:30 p.m. J. Gardnerr
 8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
 10:30 a.m. D. Royal

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Sept. 2 L. Livoti
 Week of Sept. 9 M. Cangelosi

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