



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, September 25

8:00 a.m. Dennis Kager, req.
Cathy Bennett

Friday, September 28

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, September 29

5:30 p.m. William Michael Mahar, req.
Joann and Bob Gardner

Sunday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Diane Conroy, req.
Stanski Family

10:30 a.m. Theresa Dressel, req.
Pannone & Sacco Families and
Joe & Jean Stasick, req.
France Kennedy and



Parish Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 23 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time / Kerala Flood Relief Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Catechist Commissioning (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)
2:00 p.m. Parish Picnic (Church Center and Grounds)

Monday, Sept. 24 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Fire Tank Repair & Refill (Office Building)
6:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting ()
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting ()

Tuesday, Sept. 25 - Weekday

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

Wednesday, Sept. 26 - Saints Cosmas and Damien, Martyrs

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

Thursday, Sept. 27 - Saint Vincent DePaul, Priest

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, Sept. 28 - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr, Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Mass Schedule - September 29/30

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

CelebrantFr. Dan Sloan
Reader Linda Caprio
Altar Server Upwood Family
Ministers of the EucharistJim oelkers
..... Mary Connolly, 1 Needed

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

CelebrantFr. Dan Sloan
ReaderOwen Stanski
Altar Server Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Sharon Janks
..... Jane Klawunn, Tom Klawunn

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

CelebrantFr. Dan Sloan
ReaderJane Albert
Altar Server Connery Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Debby Kelemen
Ministers of the Eucharist Bob Sobey, Jim DeVito
.....Sheena Carew, Peter Royal, Doris Royal

Saturday, Sept. 29 - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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

Sunday, Sept. 30 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time / Tricky Tray 1/2 Price Ticket Sales

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
2:00 p.m. Auction Garden Dinner (Church Center & Garden)

A PEARL OF WISDOM FOR THIS WEEK:

*Patience With Family is Love....
Patience With Others is Respect....
Patience With Self is Confidence....
And Patience With GOD is Faith....*



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**, and **Max Fox**.

Deceased: **Catherine McVicker**, parishioner and **Max Fox**, friend of the Bauernfeinds. 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,

"Congratulations Confirmandi!" is the sign on our Carriage House on the driveway. Yes, we had the Sacrament of Confirmation for 15 of our youth last Tuesday. Though Bishop Checchio was to be the Presider, there was a last minute change and he asked Abbot Richard Cronin to administer the Sacrament. Many of us may not be aware that an 'abbot' is a title given to the superior of a community of monks. The name is derived from *abba*, the Syriac form of the Hebrew *ab*, and it means "father." It was employed as a title of honor and respect, and was given to any monk of venerable age or of eminent sanctity. Today an abbot is the superior of an abbey or a monastery. He is seen as a man of great learning, a good example to the monks and a man of great holiness. All these are true about Reverend Richard Cronin OSB, the Abbot of St. Mary's Abbey in Morristown, a Benedictine community of monks, brothers and priests who pray, work, and live as a community. We were very happy to welcome Abbot Richard.

We all know that Confirmation does not complete our religious formation because our spiritual growth is a journey of entering into communion and friendship with Jesus while learning more about Jesus who asks us "Who do you say that I am?" That's why I am so happy that we already have eight groups getting ready for the Fall Faith sharing season. Why does the Church promote small groups? As much as I love our Sunday gathering for community worship, there is something powerfully unique about an intimate gathering that forces us to think differently than when we are in a big room for worship. A pastor who was promoting similar small groups in his parish had this to say to encourage more parishioners to join: *"Time is a limited commodity and, frankly, most of us use it badly. We commit to things that are temporal and will pass away, and waste so much of our precious energy growing in everything except love and knowledge of Christ. We unintentionally teach our kids that Church comes after sports and social obligations, and then we are surprised when they grow up and live the lesson we taught. By committing to a small group and being faithful to that obligation, you are declaring to yourself, to your schedule and to all who know you that you have faith as a priority in your life. A declaration like that will always bear good fruit."*

In the present context of the painfully dark times the Church is going through due to the frailties and failures of the Church leadership, small groups are the best means to reaffirm our faith by reflecting and sharing God's Word. Archbishop Charles Scicluna, President of the board of review handling abuse cases within the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, stated recently *that people need to know that "lovely words and promises are not enough." What is needed is "an extensive commitment that concerns everyone. It involves the whole Church and everyone in the Church."* Canon 208 declares that all the faithful *"are truly equal in their dignity and their activity in cooperating in building up the body of Christ."* The laity are obliged to participate in the life of the Church by staying in communion with the church, leading a holy life and promoting the growth of the church. This is an awareness that comes from realizing that we are the Body of Christ and that we all are part of the Body of Christ. This awareness will fully blossom only when we gather to understand God's Word more and more on a regular basis. I encourage more of you to join the small faith-sharing groups and grow in loving communion with Jesus Christ with the help of the community of the People of God of our Parish.

Your brother in Christ
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



THE ST. JOHN'S PHOTO DIRECTORY IS COMING!

It's time for us to update our photo directory. Get ready to sign up online or after masses next weekend. The photography dates are October 18th, 19th and 20th. You'll receive your pictures just in time for Christmas. Watch for more information in the bulletin and emails. Our directory won't be complete without you!

THANK YOU TO OUR CLEANERS!

Each week we come to church, able to pray in a beautiful church in part due to over 25 people who clean the church on a rotating weekly schedule. Thank you to all our cleaners for your efforts and stewardship as you quietly serve as Jesus taught us to serve others.

If you like the idea of quietly serving the parish in this way please contact the office. We have six teams that allows each cleaner to serve once every six weeks. The tasks are vacuuming the worship space, vacuuming and washing the narthex floor, cleaning the bathrooms and cleaning the door windows. We also have people who clean the kitchen, and vacuum the upstairs lofts

24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2018

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = *sacred* and "facere" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.



PARISH PICNIC

Come enjoy a wonderful day, our Parish Picnic is a great time for everyone! Sunday Sept 23, the fun starts at 2pm with the Duck Race, plenty of things to do, inflatables, face painting and games for kids as well as great food that everyone brings their favorite picnic fare! It is a great time to just sit back and enjoy friends! It's a great time to meet parishioners if you are new to the parish. Even if you can't come the whole time – feel free to stop in and enjoy what you can. Hope to see you then. Please bring a side dish to share and if you can bring burgers or hotdogs with buns for your family.

Feeling a need to contribute?

Would you like to feel fulfilled?

VOLUNTEER TODAY

CAN WE 'REJOICE AND BE GLAD'?



Pope Francis comes to our Small Groups

Come enjoy practical guidance of Pope Francis of *Rejoice and Be Glad* in these small group settings.



Five week session will begin week of Oct 1. Groups take place weekday mornings and evenings and Sunday morning.

Call, text or email to sign up or for more info 908-307-7879, francekenedy99@gmail.com

Christian Formation & Parish News

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from" (James 4: 1) Couples fight about many different things - money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard? (Susan Vogt)

PARENTING TUNE-UP

The 4th Monday of September is national *Eat Dinner Together Day*. Maybe you always (or mostly) eat dinner together. Good. If so, talk about something like favorites (food, dessert, place, toy, vacation...) If not, eat together today or as often as possible this week.

CONGRATULATIONS KAI JOHN ELIZONDO!



St. John Neumann parish joyfully celebrated the baptism of Kai John Elizondo on Sunday Sept 16. Parents, Kristen and Eddy ELizondo and grandparents, Jane and Tom Klawunn, friends and fellow parishioners were happily witnessed the event

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.



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our Amazon Link**
Whenever ordering from

Amazon. Go to our website ccsjn.org and click on the button on the front page. Or go to <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>

"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. 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 VIRTUS® 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.



FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM - GIFT

Welcome Back!

We are excited for this year's start-up of our family faith formation program, called GIFT, for grades K-8 here at St. John Neumann! *Family Faith Formation works for parishes!* It combines a Monthly Gathering (including grade-specific classes, adult formation, and group activities) with Family Home Lessons where parents, equipped with materials and an understanding of the lessons, continue to teach their children the faith.

Sessions begin:

Sunday Family Formation – Sunday, September 23 at 12 Noon – Church Center

Monday Family Formation – Monday, September 24 at 6:00 PM – Church Center

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have ever considered becoming Catholic or know someone who may be interested, there is a process to help you discern whether it is what you want to do. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation. Every year teams in parishes meet with unbaptized persons and those baptized into other faiths to discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. The first stage is called Inquiry and simply put, is a time for you to ask any and all questions about God and the church. This is the period to help you find out if you are interested in becoming Catholic. So please don't think you have to know this is what you want to do. The Inquiry phase helps in that discernment. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone or text: 908-307-7879 or email fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

PERSECUTION OF THE JUST

Elie Wiesel, Jewish writer and Nobel Peace Prize winner tells a disturbing story in one of his books about Auschwitz. As soon as children arrived by train at Auschwitz, together with the elderly and the sick, they were immediately selected for the gas chamber. On one occasion a group of children were left to wait by themselves for the next day. A man asked the guards if he could stay with the children during their last night on earth. Surprisingly, his request was granted. How did they spend that last night? He started off by telling them stories in an effort to cheer them up. However, instead of cheering them up, he only succeeded in making them cry. So, what did they do? They cried together till daybreak. Then he accompanied the little ones to the gas chamber. Afterwards he returned to the prison yard to report to work. When the guards saw him, they burst out laughing. -The story has most of the ingredients of our reading. In it we see the brazenness of the evil-doers, the persecution of the innocent, and the apparent triumph of evil, which is the subject of the first reading. The man's heroic act of service towards the little ones shines out in the darkness of Auschwitz. He risked his life to befriend the little ones. He had no answers to give them, no salvation to offer them. All he could do was suffer with them and accompany them on their last journey. Though he was an ordinary person with no rank or status of any kind, he was undoubtedly the greatest person in that sad place on that sad occasion. What made him great was his goodness.

2018 FALL BEREAVEMENT GROUP AT ST. JOHN'S **TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM OCTOBER 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 27**

There will be a series of non-denominational, interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann, Califon, NJ, beginning October 23rd. John Cole, a professional in the transitioning process, will facilitate the sessions. This short-term program has been considered very helpful by past participants who have experienced personal loss. The conversations extend from understanding loss and normal reactions to steps, guided by faith, towards acceptance and the recreation of hopeful lives. While a primary focus is the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcomed. All sessions start at 7 p.m. The dates of the seminars will be October 23 and 29, November 6, 13, 19, and 27.

Please note that each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best to derive optimal benefit. All sessions are in the upper floor of the parish office building, unless participant mobility issues arise.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy at the parish office by calling her at 908-832-2513 on or before October 17th. If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, no matter their affiliation, please suggest that he or she call France Kennedy or John.

WHY JOIN SMALL GROUPS?

Small faith-sharing groups meet a very practical and human need: the need to belong. We'll always find life and direction within a community better than we will on our own. That means small groups deliver deeper friendships that double as accountability. When people know you, they can help you recognize areas you wish to improve, creating opportunities to deal with real life difficulties as they surface. This is part of what we should expect from good friends.

Small groups are where much of the theology taught in our pulpits begins to be fleshed out in conversation and action. The implications of the Biblical passages come alive when we hear how each member of the group shares his/her story of struggling to make sense of God's will in their own lives. The sharing of struggles and challenges, joys and triumphs provide a great mutual spiritual support.

So, why not sign up if you have never tried this small group experience?

HUMILITY IN THOUGHTS, WORDS AND ACTIONS!

"Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart." "What is the essential thing in the religion and discipline of Jesus Christ?" St. Augustine asks, and then responds, "I shall reply: first humility, second humility and third humility." We should not seek recognition and recompense for the service we do for Christ and the Church as parents, teachers, pastors, etc. Trusting Faith resulting from true humility is essential for all corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Since children reflect the innocence, purity, simplicity and tenderness of our Lord, and since they are given the protection of a guardian angel, we are to love them, train them and take care not to give scandal to them. We need to try to treat everyone with love and respect because, "Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life" (St. Basil), CCC # 336.

THE FIRST SHALL BE THE LAST!

The Greeks had a story of a Spartan called Paedaretos. Three hundred men were to be chosen to govern Sparta and Paedaretos was one of the candidates. When the list of the successful was announced his name was not on it. "I am sorry," said one of his friends, "that you were not elected. The people ought to have known what a wise officer of state you would have made." "I am glad," said Paedaretos, "that in Sparta there are three hundred men better than I am." Here was a man who became a legend because he was prepared to give to others the first place and to bear no ill will, as Jesus demands in today's Gospel.

LOST AND FOUND

Housekeeping

We have lots of items hanging around the church, prescription glasses, jackets, hoodies, dishes of all styles, please take a look on the table in the church kitchen to see if you own anything.



TAI CHI

We will begin a new six week series of Tai Chi starting on September 12th. Tai Chi is helpful in promoting health, relaxation, personal meditation, and breathing techniques. Space is limited; sign up by contacting Bonnie Garcia at 908-975-3003 or bonnie.garcia210@yahoo.com. There will be a \$5 charge per session. Sessions are Wednesdays through October 17 at 6:45pm.

CLEANING CLOSETS!

Do you like to organize and clean! We would love your help for a one-time quick service opportunity. We are periodically cleaning the closets in the church – one at a time. Let us know if you can help with one. Contact Sharon or France at the office 832-2513 or text 908-307-7879.



CATHOLIC RURAL LIFE MASS

Bishop Checchio will offer Mass for all those engaged in farming and other agricultural related businesses on **Sunday, October 14, 2018** at 12:30pm at Saint Ann Parish (32 Main St., Hampton). Families and individuals who are involved in all aspects of agricultural production and services, such as tree farmers and nursery, horticulture, landscapers and lawn care service providers and home or community gardeners and bee keepers, are invited to attend. Fellowship and light refreshments to follow Mass. So that we may plan properly, kindly register by October 2, 2018 at (908) 537-2221.

For questions, contact Rev. Michael C. Saharic, Coordinator of the Diocese of Metuchen's Catholic Rural Life Ministry, at (732) 765-6435 or msaharic@diometuchen.org.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
 Andrew Arias
 Fariba Brady
 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
 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 Thornsburry
 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: "Sam's Relief"

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be last and the servant of all." Mark 9: 30-37

Sambonn Lek - known as "Sam" to his customers - is a bartender at Washington's St. Regis Hotel, just a few blocks from the White House. Sam is a Vietnamese Cambodian refugee; at 66, he's been mixing drinks since the Carter administration. He's a favorite among the regulars: he remembers names and favorite cocktails, he arranges rides home when needed, and, in slow times, he entertains with a repertoire of magic tricks. But his greatest act is the foundation he started, "Sam Relief." With the help of his affluent customers, he collects spare change and big checks and uses the money to aid the people of his native Cambodia. Since 2000, his nonprofit has built 27 schools, dug nearly 400 wells, delivered 290 tons of rice and awarded 120 scholarships.

Sam came to the United States in 1974. His father was a diplomat and the family fled Cambodia when the country fell to the communist Khmer Rouge. They first settled in France. Sam was among the lucky students offered refugee status to come to the United States. He studied at the University of the District of Columbia, but in need of money to continue, he landed his first bartending job at the landmark Mayflower Hotel. Four years later he married Nara Sok, a fellow Cambodian refugee he met at a friend's wedding. They went on to have two children. Sam became a U.S. citizen in 1980. In 1998, Sam's mother died, leaving him \$2,500. In keeping with Buddhist practice, he used the money to "buy rice for the poor people who don't have food. And clothing for children to attend school." Sam told a few patrons, who contributed, too, and "Sam Relief" was born.

In its early days, Sam would take the money to Cambodia on his vacation each summer, going into the villages and buy rice to make sure it got delivered. One of his patrons, an accountant, drew up the paperwork to set up the foundation. Washington is known more for power politics than humanitarian works. What inspires these movers and shakers to fork over thousands of dollars to a bartender with a story? One public relations lobbyist who has been supporting Sam's work for two decades, explains: "Despite what might be interpreted as a meanness in today's world, there's an impulse to help. We are all our brother's keepers. People like Sam remind us of that."

Sambonn Lek personifies the ideal of "greatness" that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel. Such greatness is found in the lives we touch, in the joy we bring into our world, in the holy and sacred we make real for family and friends. To put another's needs, hopes and dreams ahead of our own, to seek to bring forth and affirm the gifts of others for no other reason than the common good, to seek reconciliation no matter the cost is to be the Gospel "servant" in the spirit of Jesus.

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2019

It is time to register for CHWC next summer. We are going to Dover, Delaware from June 23-28. You must be currently in 8th grade through Senior year to attend. If you are interested, please contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784. The reserved spots tend to fill quickly so if you think you'd like to join us it is better to get on the list soon. Adult chaperones are also needed!

For more information about CHWC, check out their website at www.heartworkcamp.com.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



While away from home in college I wrote a letter to my dad. It said: "No mon, no fun, your loving son." He wrote back saying: "Too bad, so sad, your loving dad."

Teacher: What do you all aspire to become? Student 1: A Doctor! Student 2: An Engineer! Student 3: A Lawyer! Student 4: I just want to watch and see whether they'll become what they say they'll become."

Back in my hippie college days, a professor came up to me in the cafeteria and asked me, "Ya dig?" I thought to myself, this guy's pretty far out. I answered, "Yeh, man. I dig!" That's how I got hoodwinked into joining his archaeological expedition.

THE CHRISTIAN CRITERION OF GREATNESS!

Jesus says that people who serve humbly are the greatest. He uses a play on an Aramaic word that can mean either *servant* or *child*. Presenting a child before them, Jesus explains that one who wishes to be the first among them must be a *servant* to all. True greatness consists in serving one's fellow men and is never self-centered. It lies in the ability to see and respond to the needs of others, and it presupposes compassion and sympathy. The two conditions of true greatness are humility and service. This vocation to service belongs to the Church as a whole and to every member of the Church. In other words, the Christian vocation is an apostolate of bearing witness to Christ through loving, humble service. Christian history teaches us that whenever the members of Christ's Church have forgotten or ignored this call to service, the Church has suffered. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gives us this motto on service: "Do all the good you can; By all the means you can; In all the ways you can; In all the places you can; At all the times you can; To all the people you can; As long as ever you can."

EPISCOPAL CAREERISM VS CHILD-LIKE INNOCENCE

Father John R. Donahue, (www.americamagazine.org): The Gospel reminds the Church today of the dangers of ambition and posturing for positions of power. In recent years the genie of ecclesiastical ambition has been again let out of the bottle, so much so that Cardinal Gantin, dean of the College of Cardinals and former prefect of the Congregation for Bishops, deplored episcopal careerism and said he was shocked by bishops seeking promotion from smaller to larger dioceses (*America* 6/19/99), a view echoed two months later by Cardinal Ratzinger ... Yet the pilgrim Church of God's people continues the work of justice, and the unprotected and vulnerable are welcomed and protected. Jesus has many unnamed companions today as he follows the path of self-giving for others that leads through death to resurrection. Only humility exalts

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018 GOLF OUTING RECAP

Father Abraham's prayers allowed us to avoid the hurricane to our South and we had a nice late summer day. At the early 8AM start, the 33 golfers were treated again to a big bag of bagels and cream cheese compliments of the Porto's. At the conclusion of the golf we all enjoyed a delicious lunch buffet by the Minebrook Golf culinary staff. The multiple pitchers of beer/soda enhanced the great barbeque lunch and added to the post golf camaraderie.

We would like to again thank Hugh **McKenna of Johnson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** in Hackettstown, who provided the shiny 2018 Red JEEP for the Hole-in-One contest. A special thanks to **Cathy Bennett & Joann Murray** who volunteered to be the spotters for the hole-in-one contest. **Gary Porto** also made up the mulligan vouchers with Father Abraham's picture on them to add a little divine forgiveness to offset some errant golf shots.

The event this year raised a profit total of \$2,234 and we would like to say thank you to all of the participants who played in this year's event. We also had a host of sponsors including: Fedway Associates (Rob Sansone), Tony's Bistro, Brook Run Farm, Echowood Cleaning KR (The Klauwann's), Califon Wine & Spirit (Upendra), Basking Ridge Electric (Charlie Fortenbacker), High Bridge Hills GC, Hunterdon Health & Wellness Center, Greenway Car Wash, Catholic Heart Work Camp (Mary Connolly), Pine Ridge Vineyards (Hunt Patterson), Maggie Baumann (St. John Wine, & Chocolate Tasting event in November), Mike Griffin, & Ray Klacik. We would like to thank all of the sponsors and ask that you support them as well.

The 1st place team at 12 under par was Gary & Nick Porto's team. 2nd Place at 11 under par was Bob Tabor's team. The 3rd place team at 5 under par was Team Connolly (Mike, Stef, Zack, and Xen)

Longest drive went to **Nick Porto (men)** and **Steph Connolly (women)**. Closest to the Pin was **Kyle Senatore (men)** and **Karen Porto (women)**. Various golf items and Minebrook gift certificates were awarded to the respective winners. In addition, all of the participants had their choice of various prizes on the raffle table donated by our sponsors mentioned above. We all look forward to another great outing next year!

Bob Martalus----Golf event coordinator

WEEKLY COLLECTION

September 16, 2018

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7 Yellow Brick Road..... \$163.00
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September 17, 2017

82 Donors Weekly.....\$4,897.00
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SAVE THE DATES

Church Picnic..... Sept. 23
Tricky Tray Oct. 12
50 Plus Club Oct. 14
Tasting Event..... Nov. 30

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.

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Office Angels

Wed., Sept. 26 L. Caprio
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Store Cards

September 22 and September 23

5:30 p.m. B. Cestone
8:00 a.m. G. Battell
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September 29 and September 30

5:30 p.m. L. Livoti
8:00 a.m. P. Nanna
10:30 a.m. G. Cucchiara

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Sept. 23 M. Proano
Week of Sept. 30 C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

September 27 Team E
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