

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

TO CELEBRATE and *DEEPEN* our faith

TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures

TO CHERISH all life

TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.

Annual Parish Goal

We, as ministers, will foster

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

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

Diocese of Metuchen

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Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

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Worship at Church Center:

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

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

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:

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

Holy Day Masses

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

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 23

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, October 26

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, October 27

5:30 p.m. Rosemary McCoy, req.
Livoti Family

Sunday, October 28

8:00 a.m. Stan and Anita Sawczuk,
req. Sawczuk Family

10:30 a.m. Janet Hollyfield, req.
Marie and Roger Malone



Parish Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 21 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. CPI, CPII, CPIII parent Candidate Mtg (Church)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)
12:00 p.m. Reconciliation Parent Meeting (Church Center)
4:00 p.m. Silver and Gold Anniversary Service (Cathedral)

Monday, October 22 - Saint John Paul II, Pope

6:00 p.m. CPI, CPII, CPIII Parent Candidate Mtg (Church Ctr)
6:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Tuesday, October 23 - Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
7:00 p.m. Small Group (Neumann Residence Chapel)

Wednesday, October 24 - Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)
6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Decorating Meeting (Narthex)
7:15 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Mass Schedule - October 27/28

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Kathleen Swindler
Altar Server Klacik Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Donna Lance
..... Jim Oelkers, Joann Gardner

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Brent Herrrig
Altar Server Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Diane Lehnert
..... Dorothy Sima, Joe Sima

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader Steve Bauernfiend
Altar Server D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Mary D'Avella
Ministers of the Eucharist Anthony DeStefano, Ana Giametta
..... Bob Sobey, Sheena Carew, 1 Needed



Thursday, October 25 - Weekday

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Kitchens)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

Friday, October 26 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:15 p.m. Baptism Prep (Church Center)

Saturday, Oct. 27 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
3:30 p.m. 1st Reconciliation - Session #3 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, Oct. 28 - Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time / All Souls Intentions

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Frey Baptism (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

A PEARL OF WISDOM FOR THIS WEEK:

*Do You Know Why God Created Gaps Between Fingers ?
So That Someone Who Is Special To You
Comes And Fills Gaps, By Holding Your Hand Forever...*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe today as *World Mission Sunday*. This annual observance was instituted in 1926 by a Papal decree issued by Pope Pius XI. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.

A 50-year-old marriage deserves a great celebration and comes with lots of best wishes and beautiful memories. That's why, in the name of our Parish, I have great joy and honor to congratulate two wonderful couples of our parish as they celebrate their golden anniversary: Mary & Peter Cangelosi and Elizabeth & Louis Livoti. The Diocesan Office of Family Life is holding a special prayer service this afternoon to celebrate with over 150 couples from all over the diocese. Our Bishop Checchio will preside and the Livotis and Cangelosis will attend that.

As we congratulate these friends and long-time members of this parish, we remember that they are the living witnesses of the permanence of marriage and marriage commitment; they show us that there is nothing more important in life than having a partner who is caring, tolerant, and loving so that they can help each other in this life and in their journey to eternal life.

The Baltimore Catechism, which is the old-school catechism that many of us will remember, explicitly stated that a purpose of marriage was for the husband and wife to help each other get to heaven. The current Catechism states: "*The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring.*" (CCC 1601) "For the good of the spouses" certainly includes helping each other get to heaven. That's why the Church includes marriage as one of the seven sacraments that "*are efficacious signs of grace, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church, by which divine life is dispensed to us.*" (CCC 1131).

Marriage is an intimate friendship, and a husband and wife can help scrape off each other's pointed and rough edges. The friction of learning to love and live with your spouse helps in sanctifying each other, as the Bible reminds us: "*Iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.*" (Proverbs 27:17). When God brings a Christian man and woman together as husband and wife, He provides them with one of the most potentially potent discipling partners on the planet. Your spouse knows what you like as no one else does and together you can serve each other's deepest spiritual needs—including helping each other persevere in love for Jesus, until death do you part.

At the same time we cannot be blind to those couples who see their married love fade away and end in separation or divorce due to a variety of reasons. The Church is extremely sensitive to the sorrow of her members: just as she rejoices with those who rejoice, she weeps with those who weep (cf. Rom 12:15). As the Holy Father clearly stressed in one of his addresses: "*Let these men and women know that the Church loves them, that she is not far from them and suffers because of their situation. The divorced and remarried are and remain her members, because they have received Baptism and retain their Christian faith.*"

Your brother in Christ
Fr. Abraham Orapankal



ORDER YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS NOW!

If you give Gift cards for Holiday presents please pick up the list of Cards available in the Narthex along with a gift card order form. Fill out the form and return it with your payment in the envelopes supplied. Orders will be placed on **October 15th**,

November 5th and December 3rd and will be ready for pick up 2 weeks after the order is placed.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

If you recognize any of the following names please advise. We will be updating the names of those we don't know or have no connection to. Joan Cardierre, Barbara DelPiano, Debbie Gregorakis, Nancy Patterson, Ali Redling, Joe Romanger, Nicholas Troiano or Don Velli. If there is someone on the prayer list that can be removed please call or email the office. .

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

October 21, 2018

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(MARK 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

We are looking for Volunteers to join us to discuss Christmas Decorating.

We would like to get some of our younger families involved. It may be time to look at changing some of our decorations for something new.

Christmas without decorations would be a disappointment to our parish families, especially to the children of the parish.

If you have any questions contact



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering the revitalizing mission at the heart of our Christian faith - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Christian Formation

Religious Education Program

WELCOME BACK!



GIFT Family Faith Formation Program

Family Faith Formation has begun! Consider join us for the adult faith formation segment facilitated by our own Fr. Abraham. The next several months we will study Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad" **Next session is Sunday October 21, 12:25-1:45PM or Monday October 22, 6:30-7:45PM.**

Contact Renee Ciszewski with any questions renee@ccsjn.org.



CLASS MASS GRADE 5 AND 6

Thank you to all the fifth and sixth grade students who enthusiastically participated in the celebration of Mass on Saturday evening. It is wonderful to watch the students grow in faith as they become active member of the parish community.

"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. Phillip and James, Phillipsburg: 6 p.m., 10/24



Immaculate Conception, Annandale –

7 p.m., Class available: 11/8 and 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.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PACKING PARTY

Parishioners are invited to participate in Operation Christmas Child and prepare a "shoe box" full of presents for a needy child. These will be delivered to poor children

around the world along with a booklet in the child's own language telling them about the birth of Jesus, His life and how He saved us. This is an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus and bring joy to a child. GIFT Family Formation will be holding its own OCC Packing Party on **Sunday November 4 from 12:00-1:00PM!** *This is a great family activity.*

Completed shoeboxes can be dropped off in the narthex **no later than November 9. Please remember to include \$9.00 cash or check to cash for postage.** Extra brochures are available in the narthex for any parishioner wishing to participate in this program. Please contact Renee Ciszewski or visit samaritanspurse.org for further information.

Social Ministry

MORE UPDATES

Updates on other projects like "Christmas Angels" and "Christmas Cheer and Comfort" will be announced soon.

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant." (Mark 10:43) Kids naturally like to be first, the boss, to be served. Ask your kids if they'd be willing to turn the tables for 1 day or 1 hour? They might serve a parent food, wash your feet, bring you the paper, etc.

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

Do something unexpected for your beloved today that shows you appreciate them. For example, Place a love note in their briefcase or computer bag; Take a selfie and send as a message; Say, "I appreciate you because..." (from #marriageworks) (Susan Vogt)



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please join us on November 16th at 5:00 pm for packing up the food baskets for the families and individuals in need of food on Thanksgiving. We also need volunteers for delivery on November 17th at 8:00 am. If you are unable to volunteer, please consider donating items for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. Thank you for your generosity and all your help!

SOCIAL MINISTRY TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS

OPERATION
CHILLOUT
HOMELESS VETERANS
OUTREACH



YOU TOO CAN HELP

St. John's, through our Social Ministry, will be helping homeless veterans this Fall by participating in the OPERATION CHILLOUT Program. OPERATION CHILLOUT is an all-volunteer outreach dedicated to ending the crisis of homelessness for veterans - men and women throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? This weekend and next weekend pick up a backpack in the Narthex and take it home. The instructions inside the backpack will tell you the specific clothing items that are needed. Fill the backpack with those items and return the backpack to the Narthex by the weekend of November 10 – 11 (Veterans Day). OPERATION CHILLOUT volunteers will be delivering the backpacks to homeless veterans before Thanksgiving. Any questions, or willingness to volunteer, contact Susanne Erz at Social Ministry (908-832-2513) or Jim DeVito (908-832-2006).



JOIN TODAY! ADVENT BOOK CLUB STARTS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4TH

Experience Advent in an entirely new way by reading, *Gaze Upon Jesus: Experiencing Christ's Childhood through the Eyes of Women*. "It's part Bible study, part reflection on virtues, part introduction to *Visio Divina* (prayerfully praying with Sacred Art), and discussion guide ... all tied together with a fabulous biblical historical mini-novel about women who cared for, encountered, and were transformed by the Christ Child."

There's still time to join us! **There are two groups to choose from: Monday evenings at 7 p.m. OR Friday mornings at 10 a.m.** Order your book from Catholicvineyard.com (with optional journal) and contact Jo Ann Jarvis to join a group: jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

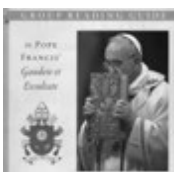
ONE DAY ADDED TO THE ST. JOHN'S PHOTO SESSIONS!



Tuesday, November 3rd from 2:00 p.m to 9:00 p.m.
New date added to sign up for your directory photo. Head to our website and follow the Sign Up now link and schedule your session. If these dates and/or times don't work for you please contact the office. 908-832-2513 or email: sjn@ccsjn.org.

50 PLUS CLUB - FOR PARISHIONERS 50 AND ABOVE

The 50 Plus Club had a great meeting last Sunday to kick off the new group. We enjoyed socializing, refreshments and gathered ideas on activities, trips and events that parishioners are interested in. A small team will review the feedback and start planning a few activities. You are welcome to join in. Shoot an email to 50plus@ccsjn.org or sign up in the narthex to receive emails about upcoming activities. If you would like to help organize one of the activities please call the office.



ARE YOU PURSUING HOLINESS?

Pope Francis' exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate, Rejoice and Be Glad*, offers us guidance on how we can pursue holiness in our daily lives. These books are available for you to read on your own. Pick one up in the Narthex and leave a \$5 donation if able.

2018 FALL BEREAVEMENT GROUP AT ST. JOHN'S

TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM OCTOBER 29 THROUGH DECEMBER 4

There will be a series of non-denominational, interrelated bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann, Califon, NJ, beginning October 29th. 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 29, November 6, 13, 19, 27 and Dec. 4th.

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 he or she call France Kennedy or John.

TRICKY TRAY THANKS

Thank you! On behalf of the Tricky Tray Committee, I want to thank you for helping to make this year's event a success. Together, we raised \$9,256.00 for the St. John Neumann Community.

As you know, this is a huge event and it wouldn't be possible without the assistance of our generous donors and the countless people who help prepare ahead of time, work during the event itself, and clean up afterwards. It truly is a community event from the committee planning to the people working it. Thank you all for helping to make the day possible!

If you are interested in joining the planning committee for next year's event, please contact the office 908-832-2513.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH!

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **Statistics are shocking!** In the United States, an average of 20 people experience intimate partner physical violence every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually. In Canada, 25% of all violent crimes reported to police involve family violence. In the United Kingdom, an estimated 4.3 million women aged 16-59 have experienced domestic abuse. In Mexico, a 2016 nationwide survey reported that 43.9% of women have suffered some form of intimate partner violence in their lifetime. **Hunterdon County** has a Domestic Violence Response Team. These wonderful and caring volunteers respond to victim crisis calls 24/7 (Toll Free Hotline: 1-888-988-4032) at police stations and hospitals. Many events for awareness campaign are held this month. Domestic violence and abuse are **sinful patterns** that need to be confronted. Churches can educate men and women in the roles of husbands and wives. They can emphasize love and respect in marriage. Women need to be taught how to apply assertiveness and boundaries in their relationships.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
Andrew Arias
Miguel Astacio
Fariba Brady
Joan Cardierre
John D'Almeida
Percy Davids
Barbara DelPiano
Sophia DeVita
Anthony DeVito
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
Emma Finnegan
Debbie Gregorakis
Liz Harmon
Fred Holub
Stephanie Illetscho
Manuel Jimenez, Jr.
Michael Kucharski
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Dick McCall
Jan McLeavey
Naim Melhem
Christine Meyer
Joan & Megan Myers
Nancy Patterson
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Earl & Denise Roberts
Joe Romanger
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Dick Slusher
Patty Galoti Stafford
Margaret Thornsbury
Nicholas Troiano
Don Velli
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, Michael Tyler D'Avella, U.S. Air Force
SSO, Andrew Fabiano, U.S. Navy Reserve
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: Excess Baggage!

" . . . whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."
Mark 10: 35-45

"Ticket is \$287. But all of that is a problem." The airline agent points to her luggage cart, stacked with suitcases, boxes and bagful of shoes. "One bag is free. Everything else is \$100 each." The young woman is devastated. She tells the agent that she has just packed her Volkswagen to get away from an abusive relationship. Fried the engine. Hitchhiked to the airport in flip-flops, hauling all her stuff. She just wants to go home and start over.

The agent stops. In a whisper, she says she understands: she just went through a painful divorce from a husband who cheated on her. It was the hardest decision she ever made. The agent checks it all - and charges her nothing. Good luck, she says. And suddenly, the young woman no longer feels the crush of having no plan, but, for the first time in an eternity, experiences the weightlessness of hope. [Adapted from a story by Eileen Dougharty in Reader's Digest.]

The reign of Christ is realized in small moments like this one at the airport: one soul recognizing her own pain in the hurt of another and reaching out in compassion and mercy, offering what she is able to give. We bring the reign of Christ to life in our own small, simple, ordinary acts of kindness, generosity and peace that bring a measure of hope and healing to a fellow traveler; of realizing the "power" of our own empathy and selflessness to heal, to lift up, to bring back. Seeking such "greatness" means never to be discouraged by what seems like the smallness or insignificance of what we are able to do for others. Jesus' call to be the servant of others means to let God work through our own efforts to love, to forgive, to secure justice, to support and help.

LOVING SERVICE IS A CHALLENGE!

To become an authentic disciple of Jesus means to put ourselves in the humble, demanding role of servant to others, to seek intentionally the happiness and fulfillment of those we love regardless of the cost to ourselves. The best place to begin the process of "self-giving" service is in our own homes and in the workplace. We have to look upon our education, training, and experience as preparation for service to others. Whatever may be our place in society -- whether important or unimportant -- we can serve. We should learn to serve with a smile. This is possible whether we are in military service, social service, law, medical service, government or business. We get chances to serve others every day-- nurses serve their patients, teachers their students, parents serve the needs of their children, and spouses serve each another. In our parishes, we are also called to serve not to be served. We can here apply the famous "ask not" of John Kennedy: "Ask not what your parish, what your Church, your God can do for you; rather ask what you can do for your parish, for your Church, your God!" If we want to be leaders, we must learn to be available, accountable, and vulnerable. This triad --- availability, accountability, and vulnerability --- qualifies us for what Robert Greenleaf has called *Servant Leadership*. "Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier." ---Albert Schweitzer

SERVANT LEADER IN A SERVING COMMUNITY

In his book, *Dr. George Burns' Prescription For Happiness: Buy Two Books and Call Me in the Morning*, George Burns writes: "If you were to go around asking people what would make them happier, you'd get answers like a new car, a bigger house, a raise in pay, winning a lottery, a face-lift, more kids, less kids, a new restaurant to go to. Probably not one in a hundred would say a chance to help people. And yet that may bring the most happiness of all. I don't know Dr. Jonas Salk, but after what he's done for us with his polio vaccine, if he isn't happy, he should have that brilliant head of his examined. Of course, not all of us can do what he did. I know I can't do what he did; he beat me to it. But the point is, it doesn't have to be anything that extraordinary. It can be working for a worthy cause, performing a needed service, or just doing something that helps another person." [George Burns, *Dr. George Burns' Prescription For Happiness*, (New York, NY, USA: Penguin Putnam Books for Young Readers, 1984), p. 141] We need lots of people like those George Burns was describing -- Dr. Salk and others like him who saw a need and tried to fill it. They were living a servant life. In our passage of Scripture for today, we find James and John wanting to race ahead of the others and jump into prime positions in the kingdom of God. But Jesus saw through their little ploy.

SERVICE MAKES US A JOYFUL FAMILY!

A happy family is the result of true sacrifice and humble service. The husband and wife sacrifice convenience, comfort, and time. There can be no success without sacrifice. We are challenged to drink the cup of Jesus by laying down our lives in humble and sacrificial service for others, just as Jesus did. **How can the family members serve one another humbly and joyfully?** Given below are some models of what different members of the family might say to each other especially in our family relationships:

- *Child to parents/caregivers:* Help me to hear and to answer you when you call; I won't pretend I did not hear because I would rather play!
Teen to parents/caregivers: Bother me with your requests for help, even while I'm on the phone with my friends!
- *Young and older parents/caregivers to child and teen:* Forgive me when I am defensive because I hear an answer which challenges my intellect.
Young adult to parents/caregivers: Challenge my attitude that "I know better because I am now a grownup;" I will pay attention to your opinions.
- *Middle aged parent to senior parent:* Be patient with me as I am patient with you as we face difficult decisions together.
- *Senior parent to whole Family:* Forgive my "Been there, done that" attitude; let me offer my wisdom freely and respectfully.

WE CAN SERVE BY SUFFERING..!!

In today's Gospel, Jesus connects service with suffering. Suffering and service go hand in hand. First, service always involves suffering because one can't help another without some personal sacrifice. Second, God always invites those who suffer to put their suffering at the service of others by uniting it with the salvific suffering of Jesus. Third, we must learn to be sensitive to the suffering of those around us. One way to cultivate this sensitivity is to focus on the needs of others rather than on our own needs. Another way is through prayer, as explained in St. Francis of Assisi's famous Prayer for Peace.

"I DISCOVERED THAT SERVICE IS JOY!"

It may sound unbelievable, but it is true that Asia's first Nobel Prize winner in Literature (1913), Rabindranath Tagore, was behind the three great national anthems of three nations, viz. Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. He was also the first non-Westerner to win the Nobel Prize in literature. He did so in 1913. He wrote this short poem:

I slept and dreamt that life was Joy; Then I awoke and realized that life was Service. And then I went to work - and, lo and behold, I discovered that Service is Joy. Today's Gospel teaches us that true happiness comes from surrendering ourselves completely in humble service to God through Christ. And all we need is a servant's heart, mind, eyes and touch. So, "How's Your Serve?"

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2019

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



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Officiating at a wedding, the priest asked: "John, do you take Mary to be our in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health? Will you love her and honor her all the days of your life?" "No" exclaimed John, and the church fell so silent that you could hear a pin drop. Hoping he had misheard, the priest said, "Excuse me?" And John said, "No, Mary is my mother-in-law. My fiancée's name is Marge!"

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Wed., Oct. 24 G. Battell
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Store Cards

October 20 and October 21

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

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5:30 p.m. B. Cestone
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10:30 a.m. S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Oct. 21 B. Lee
Week of Oct. 28 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

October 24 Team C
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Counting

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