



# 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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#### **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, November 6

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, November 9

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Saturday, November 10

5:30 p.m. Diane Sacco, req.

Anne Sacco

### Sunday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Rosemary McCoy, req.

Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. William Weimer, req.

St. John Neumann Church



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, November 4 - 31st Sunday Ordinary Time Yellow Brick Road Collection

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

9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)

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

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

12:00 p.m. GIFT *Operation Christmas* Child Packing Event (Church Center)

2:00 p.m. 50 Plus Game Extravaganza (Narthex)

5:00 p.m. Youth Group Pumpkin Carving (Church Center)

### Monday, November 5 - Weekday

7:00 p.m. Advent Book Club (Drexel Room)

### Tuesday, November 6 - Election Day

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Narthex)

2:00 p.m. Directory Photos (Church Center)

7:00 p.m. Bereavement Session (Upper Room)

### Wednesday, November 7 - Weekday

2:00 p.m. Directory Photos (Church Center)

5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)

6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

### Thursday, November 8 - Weekday

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

### Friday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00 a.m. No Mass

10:00 a.m. Advent Book Club (Drexel Room)

## Mass Schedule - November 10/11

### Saturday

5:30 a.m.

Celebrant .....Fr. Tholithe

Reader ..... Linda Caprio

Altar Server .....Connery Family

Ministers of the Eucharist ..... Donna Lance

.....Lyle Garcia, Jim Oelkers

### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant .....Fr. Hugh Grace

Reader .....Allan Piechowski

Altar Server ..... Kucharski Family

Ministers of the Eucharist ..... Diane Lehnert

..... Sharon Janks, Gail Battell

Gift Bearers .....Proano Family

### Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant .....Fr. Hugh Grace

Reader ..... Jane Albert

Altar Server ..... Souza Family

Music Eucharistic Minister ..... Ron Pojedinec

Ministers of the Eucharist ..... Shirley Pojedinec, Bob Sobey

.....Sheena Carew, Donna Torczon, Jim DeVito

Gift Bearers .....Osborne Family

### Saturday, November 10 - Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)

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

### Sunday, November 11 - 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time Veteran's Day

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

10:00 a.m. Rosary (Church Center)

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

## ROSARY

Sunday, Nov. 11 10a.m.

"The Rosary is the Bible on a String"

Fr. Ronan Murphy

Please join us in the Church Center at 10AM to prayer the Rosary. We will prayer the Glorious Mysteries. Rosary beads will be provided.



## Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Luuk de Jong**.

**Deceased: Luuk de Jong**, friend of Alligood Family. 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,

Have you been to the Holy Land? I have not! In fact, I have never been to any guided pilgrimage with any tour group. But this time I am making a trip to the Holy Land with a big group of Catholics from different parishes in and around our Diocese. Tom Klawuun of our parish is also with this group leaving on this 6<sup>th</sup> and returning on 16<sup>th</sup> November. I certainly will be remembering and praying for you all at the important sites we will visit in the Holy Land. Please keep us in your prayers.

November is dedicated to the departed souls. At all the Masses this weekend, we are remembering in prayer all our dearly departed ones. All Souls Day Mass intention envelopes on the altar are a visible reminder to us to keep the memory of our loved ones alive. (Please read below in this bulletin why the Church gives so much importance to the holy souls.) Explaining the true concept of Purgatory as an "existential state" and not a place, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote that it is "*the fringe of heaven, a state where heaven's eternal light has a refining effect on the 'holy souls' (not 'poor souls'), who are held in the arms of Divine Mercy.*"

As you know, I used to be a missionary in Nagaland. There is a War Cemetery in Kohima, the capital city, where the allied soldiers who died during the World War II are buried. On the door of the Cemetery it is written, "When you go home, tell them of us and say that we gave our today for your tomorrow." Like the soldiers of World War II, the memory of our near and dear ones is a reminder that we need to be grateful to them because what we are today is mainly due to their efforts and sacrifices. A Scottish poet has written, "If I have done anything in life, it is because I was able to stand on the shoulders of my dad."

The doctrine of "Communion of Saints" that we profess every Sunday is a happy reminder to us of all those who are gone to God. Pope Francis calls it a "spiritual bond that exists between those who continue their pilgrimage on earth and those who have passed the threshold of death into eternity." So let us happily depend on their intercessions for us even as we remember them with gratitude in our prayers especially during the Holy Eucharist.

Your brother in Christ  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

### WHICH IS THE RIGHT RELIGION?

Moses Mendelson tells the story of a woman who came to a great teacher and asked him: "Teacher, how do I know which religion is the right one?" The teacher replied with a story of a great and wise King with three sons. This King had a precious gift--a magic ring that gave him great compassion, generosity, and a spirit of kindness. As he was dying, each of his sons went to him and asked the father for the ring after his death. And he promised to each of the sons that he would give him the ring. Now how could he possibly do that for all three sons? Here's what he did. Before he died he called in the finest jewelry maker of the land and asked him to make two identical copies of the ring. After his death each of his sons was presented with a ring. Well, it wasn't long before each of the sons figured out that his brothers also had a ring and therefore two of them had to be fakes. Only one of them could be the genuine article. And so they went before a judge and asked the judge to help them determine which was the authentic ring. Then they could determine who the proper heir was. The judge, however, could not distinguish among the three rings. And so he said: "We shall watch and see which son behaves in the most gracious, generous, and kind manner. Then we will know which possesses the original ring." And from that day on, each son lived as if he was the one with the magic ring, and no one could tell which was the most gracious, generous, and kind. Then the teacher, having told this story, said to the woman, "If you wish to know which religion is true, watch and see which reveals God's love for the world."

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 4, 2018

**"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)**

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

### ROLE OF THE LAITY!

Stewardship office of the Diocese of Metuchen reminded us this a couple of years ago: "Lay people are not merely the clergy's collaborators, but rather share in the responsibility of the Church's ministry," said Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Through the building of awareness and collaborative relationships, the *Office of Lay Ministry & Leadership* exists to recognize, support and resource the gifts of committed lay persons as well as to educate, form and empower them to respond to various needs in the contemporary Church.

### PEARL OF WISDOM

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH:

Generous and loving God, We give thanks to you for the gifts you have given us, our lives, families, friends, time, talent, and material possessions. All that we have comes from you. Help us to remember this and walk in your goodness. Help us on our spiritual journey, so that we may constantly renew our relationship with you in our believing, belonging and becoming the People of God in this Community of St. John Neumann. Give us the strength and courage to become better followers and disciples of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

# Christian Formation

## GIFT FAMILIES SAY "THANK YOU"



Every Operation Gratitude Care Package includes a bundle of letters from the American people, thanking Troops, Veterans, New Recruits, Wounded Heroes and their Caregivers, or First Responders for their service to our country. Care Package recipients tell us these letters, notes, and drawings are the most cherished items in their box. As part of our family activity, children and families in our GIFT Family Formation Program made cards that will be included in care packages to veterans it is our way of saying thank you for your service!

## MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:31) Yes, this is true. In addition to wholehearted love of God, can you also say this about your beloved spouse since God lives in him or her also?

## PARENTING TUNE-UP

(All Souls Day) How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember and perhaps reminisce about their saintly qualities. (Susan Vogt)



## 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. Contact Renee Ciszewski or visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for further information.

## NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN



The students in the Jr. High GIFT Program will be visiting the **Shrine of St. John Neumann on Saturday, November 17, 2018.** We will meet in the church parking lot at 11:30AM. The Shrine is located in Philadelphia a short time of 90 minutes. The benefits of the visit will last a life time! Please contact Renee Ciszewski at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org) for more information.

## "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 "Protecting God's Children" upcoming workshop:

**Immaculate Conception, Annandale – 7 p.m., Nov 8.**



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](http://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.

# Social Ministry

## ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

The response from parishioners was wonderful. Unfortunately there was not enough time to plan this well this year. We are confident that the interest is there and we look forward to organizing this event next year. We want to hear from you! If you are interested in being involved or have some suggestions please email Susanne Erz at [serz@ccsjn.org](mailto:serz@ccsjn.org). We will be in touch to schedule a brainstorming meeting after the first of the year.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Please join us on **November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am.** If you are unable to volunteer, please consider donating items for the Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive. List of needed items in the Narthex. Thank you for your generosity and all your help!

## OPERATION CHILL OUT

**To Help Homeless Veterans - Backpacks are Due Back by Nov. 10th**  
Please return your back pack no later than November 10, 11th, for distribution that week. Drop off in Narthex or Seton Room and write your name on the sign out sheet that you returned your backpack!

## **WHY THIS IMPORTANCE TO ALL SOULS DAY?**

*Yes, we know that 'All Souls Day' is a day specially set apart that we may remember and pray for our dear ones. But why?*

**Ancient belief supported by Church tradition:** People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead:

- 1) The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism *Talmud* states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified.
- 2) First century practice: Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers," is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs.
- 3) The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead."
- 4) The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. Tertullian (A.D. 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "*When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar*" (St. Augustine of Hippo, *Confessions*, Book 9).
- 5) The Synods of Nicaea, Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidences to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls.

**Theological reasoning:** According to Revelation 21:27: "*nothing unclean shall enter Heaven.*" Holy Scripture (Proverbs 24:16) also teaches that even "*the just sin seven times a day.*" Since it would be contrary to the mercy of God to punish such souls with venial sins in Hell, they are seen as entering a place or state of purification, called *Purgatory*, which combines God's justice with His mercy. This teaching is also contained in the doctrine of the Communion of Saints.

**Biblical evidence:** 1) II Maccabees, 12:46 is the main Biblical text incorporating the Jewish belief in the necessity of prayer and sacrifice for the dead. The passage (II Maccabees 12:39-46), describes how Judas, the military commander, "took up a collection from all his men, totaling about four pounds of silver and sent it to Jerusalem to provide for a sin offering" (II Mc 12:43). The narrator continues, "If he had not believed that the dead would be raised, it would have been foolish and useless to pray for them."

2) St. Paul seems to have shared this traditional Jewish belief. At the death of his supporter Onesiphorus, he prayed: "*May the Lord grant him mercy on that Day*" (II Timothy: 1:18). Other pertinent Bible texts: Matthew 12:32, I Corinthians, 3:15, Zechariah 13:19, Sirach 7:33.

**The Church's teaching:** The Church's official teaching on Purgatory is plain and simple. There is a state of purification called *Purgatory*, where souls undergoing purification can be helped by the prayers of the faithful (Council of Trent). Some modern theologians speak of Purgatory as an "instant" purification immediately after death, varying in intensity from soul to soul, depending on the state of each individual.

**How do we help the "holy souls"?** The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* recommends prayer for the dead in conjunction with the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice and also encourages "*almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead*" (CCC #1032). Let us not forget to pray for our dear departed, have Masses offered to thank God for their life in which we too shared, visit their graves, and practice the good values in our lives.

## **LAST CHANCE FOR ST. JOHN'S PHOTO SESSIONS!**

**Tues. & Wed., Nov. 6th & 7th from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

It is very important to Father Abraham that everyone is included in our new parish directory. He is asking a personal favor that you sign up to be photographed. The parish directory is a useful tool for all of us and a record of our parish community. Please go online and schedule your appointment or call the office to do so. If you can't make these dates call the office for options.

## **FAITH IN GOD OR THE STARS?**

Some years ago, Canadian sociologist Reginald Bibby reports of Canadians, "Eighty-eight percent know their astrological signs, with half of the entire population reading their horoscopes at least once a month, outnumbering Bible readers by two to one." Wouldn't it be great if 88% of the people were starting their day with the Word of God, not the alignment of the stars?

## **50 PLUS CLUB**

**Game Extravaganza—Sun. Nov 4**

If you are 50 or over, sign up for event emails from the 50 Plus Club by emailing: 50plus@ccsjn.org. Our first event is this Sunday, November 4th—Game Extravaganza at 2pm at the Church. Stop by and enjoy board games, socializing and refreshments. For information call the office 832-2513 or email 50plus@ccsjn.org.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> grade through Senior year to attend. If you are interested, please contact Mary Connolly at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.heartworkcamp.com).

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez  
 Gary Anderson  
 Andrew Arias  
 Miguel Astacio  
 Joan Cardierre  
 John D'Almeida  
 Percy Davids  
 Barbara DelPiano  
 Sophia DeVita  
 Anthony DeVito  
 Dawn Farley  
 Cindy Feighan  
 Emma Finnegan  
 Bob Gardner  
 Debbie Gregorakis  
 Joseph Gruszczynski  
 Liz Harmon  
 Fred Holub  
 Stephanie Illetscho  
 Manuel Jimenez, Jr.  
 Michael Kucharski  
 Bonnie Lieberwirth  
 Dick McCall  
 Jan McLeavey  
 Jennie 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 Thornsburry  
 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: HOW TO WRITE A LOVE LETTER!

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength . . ." "You shall love your neighbor as yourself . . . There is no other commandment greater than this." Mark 12: 28-34*

Have you ever written a love letter? How did it go? Did it express what you wanted to say to the one you loved? Did it touch the heart of your beloved? Or was it "dismissed" as "nice" or "precious" and put aside like a greeting card? There's an art to writing a love letter. Tom Chiarella, a professor of creative writing at DePauw, chronicles his own successes and failures at writing love letters in a piece for *Esquire Magazine*. He offers these tips to anyone trying to write a good love letter.

Remember, first, that it's a letter, not a card. If what you want to express is a sentiment that you can buy, then what you're feeling might not be love. Sit down and write. Letters take time; letters have a rhythm. There are no bullet points. No clipping and pasting. The words have to be yours. Keep in mind that the purpose of a love letter is to acknowledge, Chiarella advises. You're creating a record of the previous four months or two weeks or that day or the very moment in which you find yourself. A good love letter is about memory. Let example precede sentiment. **Show** your beloved what you love about him or her before you **tell** them what you love about them. Don't overdo the earnestness or the genuineness. Strive for clarity. And remember that a love letter is private - and therefore it can bear some risk. In this way, a love letter is like love itself.

**A well-written and thought-out love letter requires the same totality and focus that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel. To love as God loves us demands every element of who we are - our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength; our full attention, our time, our gratitude. Like a good love letter, love begins with a commitment of time and attention. Love is expressed in our words, however clumsy and unsophisticated they may be, but the words must come from our hearts. Love is discovered and nurtured in memories - we are attuned to and cherish those moments in which the love of God becomes real to us in the goodness and grace of the one we love. And the love of God forces us outside our comfort zone, to put our own feelings and wants on the line, to risk being hurt or misunderstood for the sake of the beloved. It is in such complete and uncompromising love that we most resemble God; it is in selfless and simple generosity and giving that we participate in the very life of God.**

## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY GATHERING

*November 10th at 8 a.m.*



The Women's Spirituality group will gather next Saturday, November 10th. Join us as we reflect on Sunday's Scripture, while we enjoy good company, coffee and conversation. Drop-ins are welcome and encouraged!

Contact: Jo Ann Jarvis, [jjarvis26@gmail.com](mailto:jjarvis26@gmail.com).



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



**The child's commandments:** A Sunday school teacher was talking to a class of five- and six-year-olds about the Ten Commandments. "Can you give me a Commandment with only four words?" she asked. "I know," said a little girl: "Keep off the grass." The discussion turned to family love, and the teacher brought in the Commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." Then she asked, "What about a Commandment that tells us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" A little boy who had five brothers and sisters was quick to answer: "I know," he said, "You shall not kill." When the class ended, two of the boys began to poke each other. The teacher intervened saying, "Didn't we just finish talking about the Golden Rule?" to which one of the little combatants replied, "Yes but he did it unto me first."



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

## SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, October 21, 2018 we celebrated our Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary along with Liz and Louis Livoti (who were celebrating 51 years) and the Most Reverend James Francis Checchio at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi.

This was a wonderful celebration of song and prayer as we reflected and renewed our Marriage commitment once again before God in a packed Cathedral. It was encouraging and heartwarming to see so many couples, some of which were celebrating 25 years, the majority celebrating 50 years, and even a couple celebrating 60 and 70 years. Each couple was personally congratulated by Bishop Checchio and presented with a certificate and photograph of the memorable day.

"Blessed are you, Lord, for in the good and bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our side." Mary and Pete Canglosi



## JOIN TODAY! ADVENT BOOK CLUB STARTS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

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](http://Catholicvineyard.com) (with optional journal) and contact Jo Ann Jarvis to join a group: [jarjaris26@gmail.com](mailto:jarjaris26@gmail.com)

## TAI CHI

Wednesday's 6:45pm. Tai Chi helps with health, relaxation, meditation, and breathing techniques. Contact Bonnie Garcia 908-975-3003 or [bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com](mailto:bonniegarcia210@yahoo.com). \$5/session.

## CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

So far our first prize is up to \$1030.00! Let's keep that growing. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to return your raffle tickets.

The winning tickets will be drawn after the 10:30 Mass on December 2, 2018. First Prize is – 25%, Second Prize – 15%, and Third Prize – 10% of the total. Help support this fundraiser by selling lots of tickets to friends and family members. Additional tickets are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Returns can be made by mail, left in the parish office, placed in the collection basket at Mass or left in the receptacle in the Narthex. Unused tickets should be returned as well.

Also if you can help sell tickets after any of the Masses now thru December 2, please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex or call Suzanne Kosakowski at 908-581-1869.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### **October 21, 2018**

70 Donors Weekly .....\$4,268.25  
4 Yellow Brick Road .....\$140.00  
35 World Mission.....\$1004.00

### **October 22, 2017**

62 Donors Weekly .....\$3,276.00  
1 Yellow Brick Road .....\$10.00  
43 World Mission.....\$907.00

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## STORE CARDS

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

Thanks to the families who purchased grocery and store cards the Week of **October 15, 2018, 17** Families purchased **\$3,925** for a profit of **\$231.25**.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., Nov. 7 ..... J. Santoro  
Wed., Nov. 14 ..... C. Behrens

### **Store Cards**

#### **November 3 and November 4**

5:30 p.m. .... E. McCabe  
8:00 a.m. .... K. Dabrowski  
10:30 a.m. .... J. Varcadipane

#### **November 10 and November 11**

5:30 p.m. .... J. Gardner  
8:00 a.m. .... J. Klawunn  
10:30 a.m. .... D. Hunt

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of Nov. 4 ..... M. Cangelosi  
Week of Nov. 11 ..... B. Sobey

### **Church Center Cleaning**

November 8 ..... Team E  
November 15 ..... Team F

### **Counting**

Nov. 5 ..... Malone / Bauernfeind  
Nov. 12 ..... Kucharski / Kosakowski

### **Altar Flowers**

November 10 ..... Kennedy  
November 17 ..... Connolly

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