

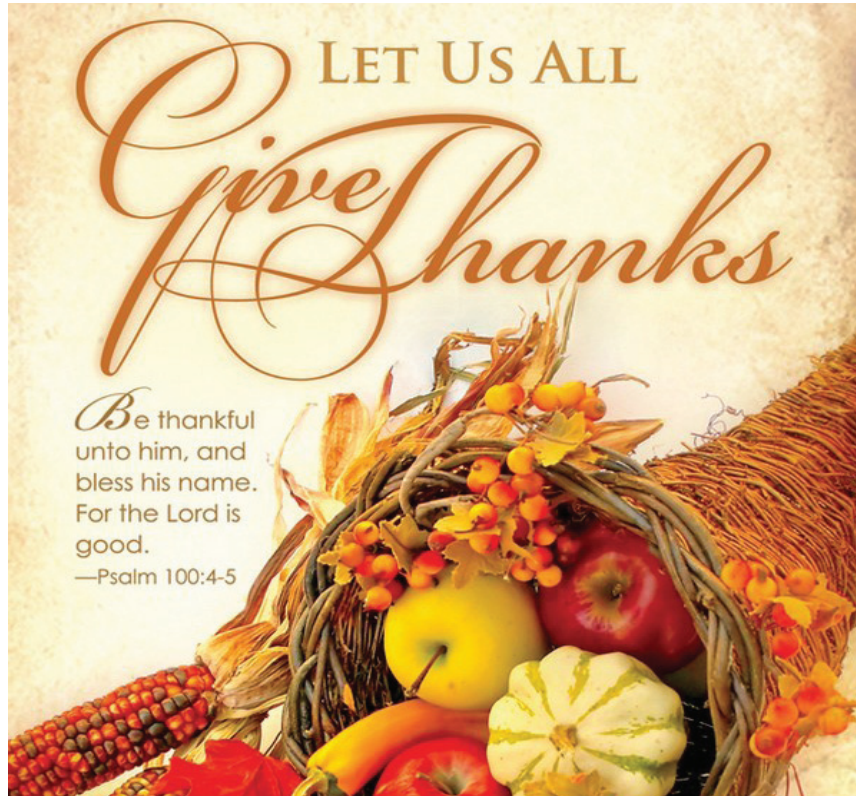
The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good.
—Psalm 100:4-5

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

Annual Parish Goal

***We, as ministers, will foster
an inviting and spiritual Catholic community for all,
especially to those away from the Church,
by growing in and witnessing to our faith in the mercy of God.***

Diocese of Metuchen

Most Rev. James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA,
Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen
www.diometuchen.org

Rev. Abraham Orapankal, Phd ... Pastor
Rev. Maurice Carlton.....
..... Temporary Administrator
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....
..... Pastor Emeritus
Earl Roberts..... Deacon

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398 County Route 513, Califon
PO Box 455, Califon, NJ 07830
908-832-2513 Office/908-832-7618 Fax

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 20

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, November 22

7:00 a.m. Fr. Abraham & People of the Parish, req. France Kennedy

Friday, November 23

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, November 24

5:30 p.m. Joseph Sacco, req.
Barbarra Grattaglino

Sunday, November 25

8:00 a.m. Wanda Dowhan, req.
Evanko & Diacik Families
10:30 a.m. Carmen Ruscetta, req.,
Mary D'Avella



November 27th at www.ccsfn.org

Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 18 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time / Campaign for Human Development / Stewardship Weekend / Giving Tree Begins

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)
3:00 p.m. Private Event (Church Center)
4:30 p.m. Fr. Abraham Celebration (Church Center)

Monday, November 19 - Weekday

6:00 p.m. GIFT Program. (Church and Office Centers)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement
7:00 p.m. Advent Book Club (Neumann Residence)

Tuesday, November 20 - Weekday

7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Wed., Nov. 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:00 p.m. Office Closed
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Day / Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr / Office Closed

9:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

Fri., Nov. 23 - Office Closed / Saint Clement I, Pope and Martyr; Saint Columbian, Abbot; Blessed Miquel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr

7:00 a.m. No Mass
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Saturday, Nov. 24 - Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - November 22/24/25

Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	9:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton	
Reader	Needed	
Altar Server	Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates	
.....	Debby Kelemen, Diane Lehnert	
Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton	
Reader	Linda Caprio	
Altar Server	Lowary Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Lyle Garcia	
.....	Joan Eacovalle, Mary Connolly	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton	
Reader	Jim Murray	
Altar Server	Mickley Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Tom Klawuun	
.....	Jane Klawuun, Gail Battell	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton	
Reader	Mary D'Avella	
Altar Server	D'Avella Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Bob Sobey, Patti Rittman	
.....	Donna Torczon, Ana Giametta, 1 Needed	

Sun., Nov. 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)



Remembered at Mass



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

Deceased: Lynn Jeffreys, grandmother of Meredith Hunker, Michael Bosack, cousin of Faye Mocarski and 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,

For practical considerations, this is our Stewardship weekend. We proudly describe ourselves as a Stewardship community of St. John Neumann. What does it really mean to be a Stewardship Church? Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. We cooperate with God in our own redemption and in the redemption of others. We are also obliged to be stewards of the Church—collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission—proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying—is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church. All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission:

- Parents, who nurture their children in the light of faith;
- Parishioners, who work in concrete ways to make their parishes true communities of faith and vibrant sources of service to the larger community;
- All Catholics, who give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish programs and to the universal Church.

Our Stewardship Committee has proposed the theme of “Socially responsible fiscal decisions” for our consideration and action this weekend. All of us are invited to participate in various stewardship ways of giving. Many of our parishioners are already doing some of these ways and I am truly grateful to them as the parish is truly dependent on your continued generosity and goodness. But I wish to reach out to others to participate in some easy ways that you will hear about this weekend.

We are entering the Thanksgiving Week! Some have this doubt: Is Thanksgiving a religious holiday or a secular celebration? Although the secularism of our present culture may have turned the focus more to indulging in food, fun, games, and family gathering, we must not forget the history and the religious significance of this American holiday. It is definitely a religious holiday rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition of our country. So we need to pause to thank God. One lively song that has remained in my memory from my missionary seminary life is titled: Count Your Blessings, Name Them One by One. It has these wonderful and uplifting words in one verse:

Are you ever burdened with a load of care/Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear? Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly/And you will be singing as the days go by.

Yes, we need to really take the time to be thankful for what we have been blessed with, especially for those simple things that we take for granted. Plan to begin the Thanksgiving Day by attending our special Mass to thank our loving God who is the source of all blessings. It is wonderful that many families have the tradition of not only saying a Thanksgiving prayer before meals, but also of going around the table and having each person say what they're thankful for. In my observation, I've found that people most often neglect to mention items. Instead, they say “family” or “friends.” This is because Thanksgiving teaches us to appreciate the things we can't buy—the important aspects of life. Yes, St. Paul is right:

“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater..” (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

Happy Thanksgiving!

Your brother in Christ

Fr. Abraham Orapankal

POPE FRANCIS ON STEWARDSHIP

- “Life is not given to us to be jealously guarded for ourselves, but is given to us so that we may give it in turn.”
- “Let us protect with love all that God has given us!”
- “In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!”
- “Let us never forget that authentic power is service.”

BAPTISM



Quarterly we hold Baptism Preparation for families who are looking to baptize their child. Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized contact France Kennedy at fkennedy@ccsjn.org or (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 18, 2018

“And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” (MARK 13:26)

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, “What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?” How will you respond?

THANK YOU - JO ANN JARVIS

We are saying goodbye to Jo Ann as our Religious Education Assistant after 8-1/2 years, she will be missed. Jo Ann remains a faithful and active parishioner of St. John's. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to St. John's and we wish you luck in your future endeavors.



ORDER YOUR SPECIAL HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS!



Last day for you to order special gift cards for Christmas is December 3rd. Please consider ordering your gift card needs through our church. The profit through gift card sale ranges from 2% to 14%.

Ever thought to purchase Amazon gift cards through our church and then use it to shop at Amazon by using our link? That is a two for one with no extra cost.

We also have some gift cards in stock with weekly sale inventory, which are only available during the Holiday Season. They are Appleby's, Buffalo Wings, Chili's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Banes & Noble, Game Stop, TJ Maxx/Marshalls/Homegoods and Speedway Gas.

These cards can also be used for our Christmas Giving Tree which begins this weekend.



VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEANING

We are in need of volunteers to help with church cleaning, once every six weeks. One task is vacuuming and mopping narthex floor, and the other for cleaning bathrooms. Contact the office if you want to see if this could fit into your schedule.

Christian Formation

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Saturday, December 1st



The Holy Communion class will be celebrating the sacrament of First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 1 at 11:00

a.m., in the Church Center. A reception for the children and their families will follow.



PARTNERS IN FAITH

Family Formation is designed to help parents respond to the Church's call to be "the first and foremost educators of their children" and to help families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding and living the Catholic Faith. In support of this call, additional resource for formation are located on the religious education table in the narthex. The handouts are from our monthly GIFT Program. These handouts provide families with ideas and simple traditions that will foster faith formation within the home. Please feel free to take one of these handouts home when you pick up your church bulletin.

Social Ministry

PARENTING TUNE-UP

"Where there is forgiveness..."

(Hebrews 20:18)

Where indeed is there forgiveness today? Is there anyone you or your child need to forgive to make peace in the family or with your neighbor (or your enemy) before the season of peace can begin? (Susan Vogt)

MARRIAGE TUNE-UP

With Thanksgiving coming up review whose job it is to cook, to decorate, to entertain guests... Remember the Martha and Mary story (Luke 10:41). Want to try anything different this year?



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

St. John's Christmas Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex. We need your help to make a difference in the lives of so many challenged by their circumstances. We are supporting six different organizations this year: Anderson House, Freedom House, Little Brook Nursing Home, Newton's Guest House, SHIP and St. John's individuals and families in need. Some tags have more than one gift listed, feel free to purchase one or more of the gifts on the tag.

Please:

1. **Take a tag from the Tree.**
2. **Sign it out on the appropriate Log Sheet.**
3. **Purchase and wrap your gift, attaching the tag you took as the label.**
4. **Drop off your gift in the Narthex or the Seton Room by Sun., Dec. 9th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Porto at 908-507-4359 or kporto@aol.com.

Parish News



**Time
Talent
Treasure**

At St. John Neumann

TASTING EVENT

Friday, Nov. 30th, 7pm

***Wine *Chocolate *Beer**

***Culinary Delights *Pairing**

***Vendors / Crafters**

\$40 in advance / \$45 at the door

Tickets / Reservations / Information

908-832-2207 / 908-832-2513

mhbaumann@outlook.com

Doors open at 7pm



*Spirituality
Breakfast*

SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST AND SPEAKER

December 8th, 8:00 a.m. – Church Center

The Men's and Women's Spirituality groups are once again combining this year for a breakfast on Saturday, December 8th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hosting Pastor David R. Edwards from the Califon United Methodist Church who has graciously agreed to come and speak to us. We're looking forward to a wonderful Advent morning of prayer, good food and warm conversation. Feel free to invite your spouse, friend or neighbor – this event is open to all! Any questions, please contact Jo Ann Jarvis at jajarvis26@gmail.com.

SAINTS AND ENDTIME

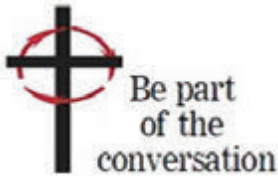
St. Francis of Assisi, Saint of Nature, was hoeing his garden one day. A philosopher friend approached him and asked, "What would you do if you learned you would die before the sun sets?" St. Francis reflected for a moment and replied, "I would finish hoeing my garden. I would be faithful to what I am doing now." Dietrich Bonhoeffer was asked by critics, "Why do you expose yourself to all this danger? Jesus will return any day and all your work and suffering will be for nothing." Bonhoeffer said, "If Jesus returns tomorrow, then tomorrow I will rest from my labors, but today I have work to do. I must continue

A PEARL OF WISDOM FOR THIS WEEK:

Friendship is like a book.

It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

Parish News



LISTENING SESSION FOR NEW PASTOR

Tuesday, November 27th, 6:30 p.m.

Pastors are appointed by the bishop to lead local parish communities and to provide for their pastoral care. They share in the bishop's ministry of teaching, sanctifying, and governing. With the bishop's mandate, and in cooperation with other priests and deacons in the parish as well as with the assistance of the laity, the pastor has full responsibility for the pastoral care of a local parish community.

To facilitate the appointment of a new pastor/administrator for St. John Neumann Parish, Califon, Bishop Checchio has initiated a consultation process to elicit input from all parish leadership including clergy, staff, principals, and all parishioners, to determine what St. John Neumann Parish needs in their new pastor. This consultation process includes two meetings; the first being with the parish clergy, parish staff, principal, and other parish employees, and a second general meeting with interested parishioners.

The meeting with parishioners will be held on **Tuesday, November 27, 2018 beginning at 6:30 PM.** This general meeting will be facilitated by Rev. Msgr. Edward C. Puleo, Episcopal Vicar for Clergy & Consecrated Life and Rev. Msgr. John N. Fell, Director of Priest Personnel, and will include our pastoral council, finance council, stewardship council, trustees, HSA leaders, ministry leaders, and other parish leaders. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Through a guided listening session facilitated by Msgr. Puleo and Msgr. Fell, information will be gathered from parishioners that will assist the bishop in determining the parish needs. It must be clearly understood that this is a listening session only, and that the information on the needs of the parish gathered from parishioners is one factor among many which the bishop will consider in determining the next pastor of St. John Neumann Parish. This meeting is not to solicit the names individual priests and this will not be discussed. The Priest Personnel Board has the task of surfacing names of potential pastors to the Bishop.

All parishioners are asked to join in prayer for this process and any interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this general meeting to help and share the needs of St. John Neumann Parish.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE LISTENING SESSION

Anyone who cannot make the meeting but has concerns about our new pastor can send them to me, Debby Kelemen, at Kelemen1@comcast.net and I will make sure that are addressed at the meeting.

END OF THE WORLD PREDICTIONS!

People have been predicting the end of the world since the first century. St. Paul thought Christ would return in his lifetime. In 960, German theologian, Bernard of Thuringia, calculated the end of the world would come in 992. Some were so sure the world was going to end in 1000 A.D. that they did not bother to plant crops. Astrologer, Johann Stoeffler, said the world would be flooded on February 20, 1524. Solomon Eccles, in 1665, ran through the streets of London carrying blazing sulfur on his head announcing that the world was going to go up in flames within the year. In 1874, Charles Russell, founder of the Jehovah's Witnesses, concluded that Christ had already returned, but people would have another forty years of grace. In 1914 the denomination was forced to revise its timetable. Herbert Armstrong, in his publication, *Plain Truth*, set the date for the end of the world as January 7, 1972. The Year 2000, and more specifically, the projected Y2K computer problem, caused many to think that the "end was at hand." Some people made statements such as "a United Nations world-takeover is imminent" and that "Y2K will be the event that they use."

In 2011, a warning by a U.S. Evangelical preacher, Harold Camping, that the Rapture would happen that year on May 21 prompted many followers of his evangelical ministry to quit their jobs and sell everything they owned. Camping's Christian media empire spent millions of dollars to warn about the Rapture on thousands of billboards around the country. When May 21 came and went Rapture-less, Camping said that he had gotten the day wrong, and that it would happen five months later. Then he said he realized that the significant day would not involve any physical manifestation, but a spiritual kind of Judgment Day. Camping, who died in 2013 at the age of 92, gave up prophecies shortly after his failed prediction.

OUT OF TOUCH?

Do you get emails from St. John Neumann? Our latest email was on Monday, November 5th - Important Parish News. If you don't get our periodic emails it means we do not have your email in our parish data base! Please send us an email to sjn@ccsjn.org and help us update our records!



PHOTO DIRECTORY

If you did not have your photo taken but would like to Contact Lifetouch at 866-756-0281 for area churches where you can schedule your portrait session. If you did not get your portrait taken, but would like a copy of the directory call or email the parish office. There is a fee to receive a directory If you haven't had your photo taken.



CONGRATULATIONS



St. John's join in celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage of John Lacy and Bethany Warn, who were married on Saturday, Nov 3.



The parish also celebrated the Baptism of Claire Elise Giansiracusa, daughter of Emily Frey and Noah Giansiracusa on Oct 28.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
 Gary Anderson
 Andrew Arias
 Miguel Astacio
 Diane Bosack
 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 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: CHANGING PLACES

“Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happenings, know that [the Son of Man] is at the gates.” Mark 13: 24-32

In a touching ing essay in **The Boston Globe** [November 5, 3017] Vermont writer Martha Hurwitz tells a story many of us all know too well: that of moving from care-giver to cared for. Martha's elderly mother lived in the small upstairs apartment. Mom's presence was both a joy and a burden to Martha. Mom was pretty much managing on her own for the most part, but now Martha admits that she overlooked the signs of her mother's slide toward dependence for fear of what the ultimate burden might look like and how it would affect Martha's already busy and stressful life. And then, one evening, her mom tearfully begged, "Please come up right away." Martha flew up the stairs and, in an instant, the roles of mother and child reversed, the roles shifted, and the ultimate responsibility for all life's important decisions changed hands.

Fifteen years later, Martha's daughter, Rachel, returned home to live in Mom's old apartment, empty since she died in 2004. Shortly after Rachel moved in, Martha ruptured a disk and damaged the nerves and muscles in her knee. Surgery was required, followed by a slow recovery. And care. Rachel was wonderful, a blessing to Martha as she recovered. As she watched her daughter care for her, Martha hoped that the help she provided her mother 15 years before was such a blessing. But one day, several weeks after her surgery, Martha noted a change in Rachel's demeanor: stress and distraction, as Rachel took care of some task her mom still couldn't manage on her own. And Martha remembered that moment when she ran upstairs to answer her mother's call.

Martha said to Rachel, "You know, I remember how difficult it was for me what I first realized that Grandma Avis was struggling to manage her daily life. I'm sure it's hard for you to see me with a cane, having trouble walking and being in pain." Rachel's face softened. "Yes. That's true. It is sad and hard for me." Martha reflects: "It is sad and hard for me, too. Now I am the aging parent, and we are entering that blurred, gray area, where sometimes she will be the mother and I the child. I know it is the nature of human life, this decline and the passing on of responsibility, and it is not ultimately under our control. For each of us, though, it is both a joy and a burden."

The sign of the Gospel fig tree can take many forms in our lives. For these three generations of women, while the independence afforded by good health yields to the dependence of aging and physical need and the roles of caregiver and cared for reverse, love remains constant. With eyes and hearts of faith, we can recognize such "signs" of God's love in our changing worlds and passing stages. Change – sometimes frightening, often traumatic, seldom easy – is part of that journey for all of us. But when our "heavens and earths" pass away, the promise of the life of God and the values of the Gospel remain constant. With every change in direction, with every wrinkle of age, with every changing world and passing stage, God's love remains the constant that leads us in hope to the dwelling place of God.

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Only 20 days left before the 50/50 raffle winners are drawn. Our grand total is now – \$3,080 – that's \$1,540 in prize money divided among 3 lucky winners!

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.

INSPIRATIONAL THANKSGIVING QUOTES

- "I love November and the American tradition of Thanksgiving. But in reality every day should be Thanksgiving." - Sharon Jaynes
- "I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual." - Henry David Thoreau
- "We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." - Harry Ironside
- "There should be a parallel between our supplications and our thanksgivings. We ought not to leap in prayer, and limp in praise." - Charles Haddon Spurgeon
- "Perhaps it takes a purer faith to praise God for unrealized blessings than for those we once enjoyed or those we enjoy now." - A.W. Tozer
- "I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." - G.K. Chesterton
- "The Christian who walks with the Lord and keeps constant communion with Him will see many reason for rejoicing and thanksgiving all day long." - Warren W. Wiersbe
- "We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count." - Neal A. Maxwell
- "If you want a challenge, just try to get through an entire day without uttering one word of complaint. Develop an attitude of thanksgiving in every situation." - Joyce Meyer

FUNNY THANK-YOU QUOTES:

- When we were children we were grateful to those who filled our stockings at Christmas time. Why are we not grateful to God for filling our stockings with legs? (G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), English writer & journalist)
- If you can't be content with what you have received, be thankful for what you have escaped. (Author unknown)
- I want to say thank you to all the people who walked into my life and made it outstanding, and all the people who walked out of my life and made it fantastic. Author unknown the struggle until I am finished."
- Some people are always grumbling because roses have thorns; I am thankful that thorns have roses. (Alphonse Karr (1808-1890), French critic and novelist)



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in preparing for Christmas.**

**Advent starts December 1st
Sign up today for inspirational emails
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WEEKLY COLLECTION

November 11, 2018

66 Donors Weekly\$2,417.00
4 Yellow Brick Road\$115.00

November 12, 2017

84 Donors Weekly\$3,526.00
6 Yellow Brick Road\$460.00
8 All Souls\$60.00



**Don't forget to use
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>*



STORE CARDS

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

Thanks to the families who purchased grocery & store cards the Weeks of **Oct. 28 & Nov. 4, 32** Families purchased **\$4,935** for a profit of **\$266.05**.

HOLIDAY CARD SALES

Thank you to the 5 families who purchased Holiday Gift Cards for \$1420.00. We received a profit of \$72.20.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Nov. 28.....L. Caprio
Wed., Dec. 5.....J. Santoro

Store Cards

November 17 and November 18

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

November 24 and November 25

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

Church Center Plant Watering

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Week of Nov. 25.....C. Forenbacker

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