

# 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**

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

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**Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz**..... Pastor Emeritus  
**Earl Roberts**..... Deacon

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Mary Cangelosi..... Trustee

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398 County Route 513, Califon  
PO Box 455, Califon, NJ 07830  
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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 13

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Friday, November 16

7:00 a.m. NO MASS

### Saturday, November 17

5:30 p.m. Wanda F. Dowhan, req.

Laurie Slinger

### Sunday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Anita Sawczuk, req.

Sharon and Alan Janks

10:30 a.m. Stanley & Marta Wiepzynski

req., Gerry Brisson



## Parish Calendar

### 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)

### Monday, November 12 - Saint Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)

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

### Tuesday, November 13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00 a.m. No Mass

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

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

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, November 14 - Weekday

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

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

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Reception Area)

### Thursday, November 15 - Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

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

### Friday, November 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin

7:00 a.m. No Mass

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

1:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Bake for Food Pickup (Church Kitchen)

5:00 p.m. Food Pickup (Church Center & Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Fall Group Celebration (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - November 17/18

Saturday	5:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader .....	Kathleen Swindler
Altar Server .....	Klacik Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jim Oelkers
.....	Mary Connolly, Debby Kelemen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader .....	Brent Herrig
Altar Server .....	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Tom Klawuun
.....	Maritza Perez Proano, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Abraham Orapankal
Reader .....	Mary Sorgi
Altar Server .....	Johnson Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Mary D'Avella
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Marlene Milko, Anthony DeStefano
.....	Peter Royal, Doris Royal, Ana Giametta

### Saturday, Nov. 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00 a.m. Food Basket Deliveries (Church & Kitchen)

11:00 a.m. St. John Neumann Shrine Trip (Philadelphia)

3:00 p.m. Frist Reconciliation - Session #4 (Church Center)

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

### Sunday, November 18 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time /

#### Campaign for Human Development / Stewardship Weekend

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)

4:00 p.m.

### A PEARL OF WISDOM FOR THIS WEEK:

*So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on. Look at life through the windshield, not through the rear mirror.*

### 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,

This is Veterans Day weekend - an occasion to remind ourselves of the importance to honor all those who have risked life, limb and mind for their country, because freedom isn't free. While joining the rest of the nation commemorating this day typically with military-themed ceremonies, we bring all of these heroes and heroines in prayer to God at all the Masses this weekend. Few days ago, Bishop James F. Checchio presided at the Diocese of Metuchen's 17th Annual Blue Mass honoring local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials of all faiths who live and work in the diocese, which includes Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren Counties.

The sacrifice of all these heroic men and women is reflected in the readings of today, inviting us to live out a total commitment to God's service with a humble and generous heart, free from pride and prejudice. The first reading and the Gospel today present poor widows who sacrificially gave their whole lives and means of livelihood to God, symbolizing the supreme sacrifice Jesus would offer by giving His life for others. In the reading from the First Book of Kings, a poor widow who had barely enough food for herself and her son welcomed the prophet Elijah as a man of God, shared her food with him and received her reward in the form of a continuing daily supply of food. Today's Responsorial Psalm is the first in the final group of Hallel psalms. In it, God is praised for his loving-kindness toward the needy, including widows. In the Gospel, Jesus contrasted the external signs of honor sought by the scribes with the humble, sacrificial offering of a poor widow and declared that she had found true honor in God's eyes. The poor widows in both the first reading and the Gospel gave away all that they possessed for the glory of God.

We will celebrate the Stewardship weekend this coming Saturday and Sunday. We have been and are proud to call ourselves a stewardship parish. That's one of the characteristics that make us truly unique. Like the poor widow many of us find the courage to share the wealth and talents we hold. But can we stop dribbling out our stores of love and selflessness and sacrifice and compassion and dare to pour out our whole heart, our whole being, our "whole life" into the love-starved coffers of this world?

Your brother in Christ  
Fr. Abraham Orapankal

### POOREST STATE IS MOST CHARITABLE!

An interesting study appeared on p. 17 in the January 13, 2003, issue of *Time* magazine. It was a study ranking each of the 50 states' personal income levels as compared to their rate of charitable giving. The results were surprising. Massachusetts, with the fourth highest personal income in the country ranked last in charitable contributions. The citizens of New Hampshire ranked 6th overall in average personal income, but ranked 45th in the percentage of their income given to charitable causes. On the other end of the spectrum, the citizens of Mississippi ranked 49th in average personal income, the second poorest state in the nation. Yet, Mississippians ranked 6th in the nation in their percentage of charitable giving. It also ranked first in actual dollars contributed. Mississippi, forty-ninth in income, Mississippians gave, on average, about forty percent more to charity than did their Yankee cousins! The more you have, the less you give. What that reflects is your values. Converted to percentage of income contributed to charity, the disparity was even greater. Another fact emerged: Wealthy people tend to give more to secular charities than to religious institutions. Poorer families give mostly to religious institutions and their social ministries. What's going on? Are lower income families more generous or more religious? Do rich people see more direct benefit to their well-being from museums, colleges, or concerts than from worship, outreach, and fellowship at their churches?

### 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](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org) and help us update our records!



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

November 11, 2018

***"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."***

**(MARK 12:43-44)**

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

### LAST CHANCE TO 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.

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

### 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

## **MARRIAGE TUNE-UP**

Think of creative acts of love to surprise each other. For example: Wives try giving him an unsolicited back rub and let nature take its course. Husbands perhaps slip a little love note into her wallet. Or, think up your own ideas.

## **PARENTING TUNE-UP**

November is National Adoption Awareness Month. <https://www.heartbeatinternational.org/national-adoption-awareness-month>. Does your family know anyone who is adopted? Be a friend to them. Especially hold in your heart children in foster care who might be awaiting adoption. (Susan Vogt)

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU**



It felt as though Christmas had come early as we collected 21 shoe box gifts from Religious Education families for Operation Christmas Child! These gifts will be distributed through Samaritan's Purse to needy children around the world in time for Christmas. Thank you so much for your participation and

thanks to those who donated toward shipping costs as well!

## **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.

# Social Ministry & Parish News

Feeling a need to contribute?

Would you like to feel fulfilled?

**VOLUNTEER TODAY**

## **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 one of our Discover St. John's Welcome Lunches 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](mailto:Fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

## **CAN YOU IMAGINE HAVING NO STUFFING FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER? NO? NEITHER CAN WE!**



We are still collecting donations for our Thanksgiving Food Drive! We are in need of at least 20 turkeys, 25 packs of stuffing, 25 instant mash potatoes and many more items, especially juice. Please take a list of needed items provided in the Narthex.

Join us for pack up Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and delivery on Nov 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am. Thank you for all your help and generosity!

## **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!

## Save the Date ~ Friday, Nov 30th

6<sup>th</sup> Annual

# TASTING EVENT



- \* Wine
- \* Beer
- \* Pairing
- \* Chocolate
- \* Culinary Delights
- \* Vendors / Crafters

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

Tickets / Reservations and Information

908-832-2207 / 908-832-2513 /

[mhbaumann@outlook.com](mailto:mhbaumann@outlook.com)

Doors open at 7pm



**Time  
Talent  
Treasure**

At St. John Neumann

## A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this time to pray as a community in preparation for new parish leadership. We are so grateful for the wisdom of your loving Spirit expressed through each of us and as a community. This is our home, our beautiful spiritual family, one in body with you that you have blessed beyond measure.

The immense love, vision, and leadership that we have experienced are the most special of blessings that we have and continue to treasure. Now as we prepare for transition of leadership, we experience mixed feelings of denial and deep sadness, and at the same time, feelings of great happiness for our pastor as he prepares to respond to the Spirit's call for a new beginning. We ask you Lord to help us move through these feelings by finding ways to support each other, our pastor and the next spiritual leader. We trust in your constant care as we understand our needs for preparation and for future leadership. In communion with your Holy Spirit we continue to open our hearts to your direction and unconditional love. With the deepest of gratitude we release these words into your heart, knowing our prayer is already answered. (Laura Sharp)

## A SENIOR CITIZEN'S MITE!

Evie Rosen, 69, of Wausau, Wisconsin, is no doubt busy right now, knitting afghans. The reason: Winter is almost upon us, and someone is going to need a blanket. Evie is a retired needlework shop owner. Disheartened by news stories about the homeless, Rosen wanted to do something to help. "Almost every home has little balls of yarn. I thought if we could all knit 7-inch by 9-inch rectangles, we could stitch them together and make a lot of afghans." She started Operation Warm Up America in 1992, getting the word out to churches, retirement homes and craft shops. Last year, with help from other organizations, the group distributed 16,000 afghans! Evie Rosen's mite has might, and it's the might of love!

## TEENAGERS' MITE!

Norm and Lori Nickel of Abottsford, British Columbia, wanted to offer their services as a family to help others. So, with four of their children, they took three weeks off in the summer last year to work with SOAR (Sold Out and Radical, Youth Mission International's teen program). They were placed in Reedley, California, where they worked with an organization called Community Youth Ministries that had been able to get into a Hispanic apartment complex housing 2,000 mostly illegal immigrants, 1,500 of whom were kids. They did Vacation Bible School, sports camps, drama and various other activities with the children. Lori says: "I could feel God working through our hands as we played with the children, our mouths as we verbally shared his love, and our eyes and ears as we saw and heard their hurts and pains. Just to think that God had set our family apart for three weeks so that he could convey his love and compassion to hurting people was life-changing for me." Norm and Lori Nickel's mite has might, and it is the might of love!

## THE PARADOX OF OUR TIMES!

The paradox of our times is that we spend more, but have less; we buy more, but enjoy it less. We have bigger houses and smaller families; more conveniences, but less time; more medicine, but less wellness. We read too little, watch TV too much and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. These are the times of tall men, and short character; steep profits, and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes, but more divorce; of fancier houses, but more broken homes. We've learned how to make a living, but not a life; we've added years to life, not life to years; we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul.

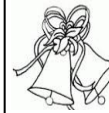


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## PHOTO DIRECTORY

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.



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

## 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: DV8 KITCHEN, "Life Changing Food!"

***"Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets . . . "This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty . . . "***  
**Mark 12: 38-44**

If you're ever in Lexington, Kentucky, stop by DV8 Kitchen. The food is great, especially the cinnamon rolls. But there's more to the place than the menu. Owners Rob and Diane Perez opened the restaurant last fall, but with a specific mission as well as cuisine in mind. Five years ago, at another pub they owned, they found a spoon and ramekin in the trash and realized that their top server was doing heroin in the bathroom. They had already lost their first manager to drugs; she died in jail. A year ago they got a call that a cook would not be coming into work because he had overdosed on opioids; he later died, as well.

The Perezes put the pieces together: they had lost 13 employees in 10 years to addiction — and half the cases were related to opioid drugs. That led the couple to open DV8 Kitchen. The restaurant not only hires people in treatment for addiction to opioids and other substances, but also created its business model around recovery, using the restaurant setting as a tool for rehabilitation. The restaurant culture has long been steeped in alcohol and drugs: many places offer free shift drinks, and servers earn tips in cash, the common medium for drug transactions. Rob Perez knows that all too well — he began working in the business when he was 19 and struggled with alcohol addiction for a decade; he's been sober since 1990. But Rob and Diane also see a restaurant's unusual potential for helping the addicted recover. Cooking, in particular, is "100 percent therapy," Rob believes.

DV8 Kitchen is one of four restaurants the Perezes own. They pay 20 percent more per hour than many local-fast food chains. In turn, employees are held to exacting standards. There is no bar. Management maintains a zero-tolerance policy for tardiness. Tips are pooled, then added directly to paychecks, so no cash is exchanged. The couple also hires from and works directly with treatment centers, adding an additional level of accountability for employees. The restaurant is limited to breakfast and lunch, so employees can attend support meetings at night. After a slow start, DV8 has found its niche in the Lexington restaurant scene — and in the rehab community. One employee, Dan, has been addicted to pain medications since he was 14; he's now 30. He struggled for years to hold down a full-time job. DV8 has made him care again. "In the darkest part of my addiction, I isolated myself. Here, if you withdraw, the guests will notice you aren't bringing their food or asking how they're doing. Your co-workers will notice if you don't have a smile on your face . . . here [I] don't have to hide [my] past — everything is out in the open."

What makes the restaurant work is that everyone wants to turn their lives around and everyone — cooks, servers, dish washers, bussers, owners — hold each other accountable.

"We are not certified experts on this, nor do we claim to be," the Perezes point out. "We are just providing the piece of the puzzle that is giving people a job right away when they are getting clean." The inscription on the back of the DV8 Kitchen's staff shirts says it all: "Life changing food."

**DV8 Kitchen's success is rooted in the humility that Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel. Employees are forced to put aside their "robes" of isolation, their arrogance that deceives them into denying their problem, their pride that deludes them into thinking that they can beat their addiction on their own. They find "honor" in admitting their problem to themselves and to one another and calling each other accountable for their recovery. The kingdom of God is realized only in our embracing this idea of servanthood that is central to Jesus' Gospel: servanthood centered in respect for every one as sons and daughters of God; servanthood that finds fulfillment and satisfaction in the love, compassion and kindness we can extend to others; servanthood that enables us to place the common good and the struggles of others above our own wants and narrow interests. The faithful disciple honors the dignity of the servant above the power of the elite; to follow Jesus is to realize our need for one another and their need for us.**



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A colleague once told how "a certain woman phoned her personal banker to arrange for the disposal of a \$1,000 bond. The voice on the phone asked for clarification, "Is the bond for conversion or redemption?" The confused woman paused and then inquired, "Am I talking to the bank or the church?"

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: 10/15/18

We began the meeting with the lectio divina gospel sharing followed by reflection on the annual goal. These were the significant matters we attended to:

- Brent Herrig & Sharon Janks from the Property Management Committee gave a presentation of the major objectives and achievements as their committee vigilantly supervised the physical plant of the parish. The extent of their involvement in maintaining the physical assets of the parish was an eye-opener to the Council members who suggested that it be made known to the whole parish.
- Lynn Johnson, the PC liaison for the Social Ministry, appreciated the team work of the SM ministers. We need to think of allotting some funds for the social ministry as the present source could be stopped anytime. It was proposed that a certificate of appreciation be given to those local businesses that support us.
- Plans for the Stewardship Weekend was discussed and all agreed to promote it wholeheartedly.
- The Pastor encouraged the members to educate themselves about the Church's teachings on the role of the laity especially in these troubling times.
- Applauded the Tricky Tray team for the big success, generating over \$9,000.00 for the parish.
- Photo directory is underway.
- Announcing the next meeting for November 26th, we concluded the meeting with a short prayer.

## READY TO HELP WITH A PRODUCTION?

*Calling All Actors, Actresses, Stagehands, Dancers,  
Set and Costume Designers*

The Diocese of Metuchen is seeking people ages 18 and older to participate in a 2019 production about Our Lady of Guadalupe. Join us on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, to see a sample play and to learn about the details of the 2019 production. English and Spanish speaking participants are needed. To RSVP or for details, email [evangelization@diometuchen.org](mailto:evangelization@diometuchen.org)

## 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.

*Would you like to volunteer?*  
Call us today! We need you! ©IPPC

## CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Have you sent in your ticket returns yet? Our 50/50 raffle grand total is up to \$2,880—that's \$1,440 in prize money divided among three 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### **October 28, 2018**

72 Donors Weekly .....\$3,843.00  
36 All Souls .....\$689.00

### **October 29, 2017**

76 Donors Weekly .....\$4,081.00  
1 All Souls .....\$357.00  
3 World Mission.....\$295.00

### **November 4, 2018**

73 Donors Weekly .....\$3,648.00  
51 Yellow Brick Road .....\$1,694.00  
8 All Souls .....\$157.00

### **November 5, 2017**

92 Donors Weekly .....\$6,746.50  
54 Yellow Brick Road .....\$1,814.00  
10 All Souls .....\$301.90

### **Automated Giving October**

45 Donors.....\$7,380.75  
35 Yellow Brick Road .....\$1,900.00  
17 World Mission.....\$275.00  
19 All Souls .....\$480.00

## 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**.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., Nov. 14.....C. Behrens  
Wed., Nov. 28.....L. Caprio

### **Store Cards**

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

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

#### **November 17 and November 18**

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

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of Nov. 11 ..... B. Sobey  
Week of Nov. 18 ..... M. Proano

### **Church Center Cleaning**

November 15 ..... Team F  
November 21 ..... Team A

### **Counting**

Nov. 12 ..... Kucharski / Kosakowski  
Nov. 19 ..... Malone / Cangelosi

### **Altar Flowers**

November 17 ..... Connolly  
November 24 ..... Perez