

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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## Mission Statement

### **Catholic Community of St. John Neumann**

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

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

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

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith*

*TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures*

*TO CHERISH all life*

*TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

### **Annual Parish Goal**

*We, as ministers, will foster*

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

### **Diocese of Metuchen**

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**Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen**

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**Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz**.....  
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398 County Route 513, Califon  
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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, December 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Wednesday, December 5

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Thursday, December 6

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, December 8

5:30 p.m. Josephine Handy, req.  
Gardner Family

### Sunday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Anita Sawczuk, req.  
Cathy and Tom Bennett

10:30 a.m. Richard Sepe, req.,  
St. John Neumann Church



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent / Yellow Brick Road Collecton

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)  
11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)  
12:00 p.m. Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing (Church Center)  
12:00 p.m. GIFT Advent Event (Church Center)

### Monday, December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

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

### Tuesday, December 4 - Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)  
7:00 p.m. Bereavement (Upper Room)

### Wednesday, December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)  
6:45 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

### Thursday, December 6 - Saint Nicholas, Bishop

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

### Friday, December 7 - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

## Mass Schedule - December 8/9

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton
Reader .....	Jen Kelly
Altar Server .....	Religious Ed Class Mass Altar Servers
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joan Eacovalle
.....	Jim Oelkers, Mary Connolly
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton
Reader .....	Allan Piechowski
Altar Server .....	Kucharski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks
.....	Gail Battell, Diane Lehnert
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Maurice Carlton
Reader .....	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server .....	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Shirley Pojedinec, Mary D'Avella,
.....	Ron Pojedinec, Peter Royal, Doris Royal



### Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Men's and Women's Spirituality Breakfast (Church)  
11:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Mass-Holy Day Obligation  
4:00 p.m. Day of Discernment CPI (Church Center)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent / Retirement Fund For Religious / End of Christmas Giving Tree-Items Due Back

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
10:00 a.m. Rosary (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: **Jack Burns, Margaret Portelo, Lynn Jeffreys, Michael Bosack and Luuk deJong.**

**Deceased:** Jack Burns, brother of Nancy DuBeau, **Margaret Portelo**, sister of Joe Sima, **Lynn Jeffreys**, grandmother of Meredith Hungarter, **Michael Bosack**, cousin of Faye Mocariski and **Luuk deJong**, 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.

**ADVENT ANTICIPATION**

Advent, the season of anticipation, is upon us. Anticipation, the feeling of excitement about something that is going to happen. Anticipate, to expect or to take action in preparation for something that will happen. Let us begin this season, not just with excitement of what is to come but anticipating and taking action in preparation of the Birth of Jesus. Amidst the business of all the holiday preparations, let us take time to prepare ourselves. How do we take action to prepare ourselves spiritually for Christmas? We start with prayer. In his YouTube video on Prayer, Bishop Robert Barron explains that the great spiritual writer, Thomas Merton found the most important thing to help your prayer life is to take the time. Take the time daily to converse with God. This doesn't need to be a long conversation, but a daily habit of prayer is crucial in your personal relationship with God. If you aren't taking time to talk to God, the days go by and you find yourself with no spiritual ground to stand on at Christmas. All you will have are bright decorations, gifts and receipts.



Spiritual grounding helps us focus on what is important at Christmas. Building our relationship with God daily helps us in our personal relationships. The Holy Spirit can guide us to be better to those we love as well as help us to be a more balanced person. So use Advent as the time to act and to be open to the Spirit to guide you in your life.

This year we are doubled up in anticipation, as we await the Christ Child, we also wait in anxious anticipation for our new pastor. Do we fill our time looking back, remorse over the situation we find ourselves in? Again we need to take action for what is to come. And our first action should be praying to God for our parish at this time of transition and for those discerning who will be our new pastor. The last time we went through this at Fr. Bill's retirement, our prayers brought us Fr. Abraham. What a wonderful blessing from God to have Fr. Abraham's spiritual guidance these last six years. So as we enter this Advent, we begin with gratitude for the guidance God blessed us with through Fr. Bill and Fr. Abraham, and with prayerful anticipation of our continuing spiritual journey of hope.

When you take action to bring yourself to Christmas open to receive the miracle of the Birth of the Christ Child into our world, you can be full of gratitude for the gifts and blessings we receive at Christmas. Remember, anticipate, pray and welcome what's next.

France Kennedy

**Christmas Season & New Year's**  
**Mass Schedule**  
**2018-2019**

**Community Reconciliation**

Wednesday, December 12 ..... 7:00 p.m.

**Weekend Masses / 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 22 ..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 23 ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 23 ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Eve Masses**

Monday, December 24 ..... 4:30 p.m.

Monday, December 24 (with Bell Choir) ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Day Mass**

Tuesday, December 25 ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Weekend Masses**

Saturday, December 29 ..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 30 ..... 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 30 ..... 10:30 a.m.

**Solemnity of Mary - New Year's Day Mass**

Tuesday, January 1 ..... 10:30 a.m.

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*December 2, 2018*

**“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”**  
**(LUKE 21:28)**

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

**PRAYER FOR TRANSITION**  
**OF LEADERSHIP**

Good and gracious God, we ask that you send your Spirit to help us during this transition of leadership. Please guide the efforts of those whom you have called to appoint our new Pastor. May they come to appreciate the needs of this faithful parish community, and may we, throughout this process of change, remain a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual journey of hope. We look forward to growing in our discipleship with a pastor who can journey with us in the coming years.

Amen

**SONG REQUEST, SUNG BY**

**FATHER ABRAHAM**

*If you've a kind word to say, say it now; If you've something to give, give it now;*

*If you can make someone glad, or another less sad, do it now, do it now, do it now.*

*Now, before it is too late, Now's the time for every good deed. Do not wait until tomorrow, for it may be just a little too late!*

*If there's goodness to show, show it now. If there's friendship to give, give it now.*

*If there's hope you can raise, Or someone you can praise, do it now, do it now, do it now.*

*Now, before it is too late, Now's*

*Santa Claus is coming to St. John's*



*Sunday, December 16th*  
*Following the 10:30 Mass*  
*(bring your cameras)*

# Christian Formation

## 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 homes when you pick up your church bulletin.*

## IRELAND 2019

### SOAK IN CELTIC WISDOM!

Do you miss Fr. Abraham already? Join him on a pilgrimage to Ireland. Fr. Abraham will be the Spiritual Guide on this to Ireland trip April 22 to May 1. Pick up a card in the Narthex for information.



**Don't forget to use our Amazon Link**  
Whenever ordering from

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>

## CHRISTMAS FOOD PACKUP & DELIVERY



We are helping 29 households and will continue to collect food for Christmas. If you're interested there are many opportunities to help, please contact [socialministry@ccsjn.org](mailto:socialministry@ccsjn.org).

Sign up sheets for Christmas pack up and delivery are in the Narthex. Pack Up is Friday, December 14th at 5:00 pm and deliveries are Saturday, December 16th at 8:00 a.m.

## VISIT TO THE SHRINE OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN



Our Confirmandi made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. John Neumann and the Church of St. Peter the Apostle to spend some peaceful time to learn more about St. John Neumann and the Redemptorist priest. We were greeted by Fr. Anthony Michalik CSsR a Redemptorist priest. We took a tour of the beautiful upper church and Shrine (lower church) where St. John Neumann is entombed. Then we viewed a 15-minute video re-enacting a local miracle. Our trip concluded with a visit to the gift shop.

### ***Here's what we learned at the Shrine!***

- " I learned a lot about St. John Neumann and his life and how he helped people. I liked the trip a lot and enjoyed St. Peter's Church."
- " I liked the part when we got to sit on the stoop where St. John Neumann collapsed. I learned about St. John Neumann's life."
- " I learned about St. John Neumann, our church and the works of mercy."
- " I learned when Fr. Neumann came to America and became a priest. I enjoyed going on the trip."
- " I liked learning about the miracles that happen because of St. John Neumann."

# Social Ministry

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



There are still tags on the Christmas Giving Tree in the Narthex. PLEASE take a tag or two! 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 NEXT Sunday, December 9th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Porto at 908-507-4359 or [kporto@aol.com](mailto:kporto@aol.com).

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING LITTLE BROOK NURSING HOME



Join us Thursday, December 6 at 10am as we bring Christmas cheer to the residents of Little Brook Nursing Home in Califon. All ages are welcome--bring the little ones! If you can provide a tray of Christmas cookies to share that would be very much appreciated. For more information contact Nancy 908-832-7548.

## INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Much of our joy this holiday season comes from the comfort of home & family. Sadly, there are some who do not have a permanent residence to come home to. Family Promise's Interfaith Hospitality Network is there for them, and we can assist by volunteering to help during the next hosting at Spruce Run Lutheran Church from December 9-16. So before your calendar fills up with all of the holiday festivities, find a few hours to assist those less fortunate in any way you can. Check to see what you can do to help at the Sign up Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family8>. Or contact Debbie Hunt at [dhuntfam1@comcast.net](mailto:dhuntfam1@comcast.net) or 908-256-4916.



## **EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE IN RECONCILIATION**

*Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.*

Advent is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. **Please join us for a Community Reconciliation Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.** This communal service is an opportunity to join our sisters and brothers in asking for forgiveness and healing during this important time of the year. As we begin the new liturgical year in the Church, we invite all to begin anew with souls nourished from the gifts of divine mercy and forgiveness God has for everyone.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY - Dec. 18th - 6pm**



Everyone is invited to the St. John's Christmas Decorating Party. Adults and kids are welcome. While we enjoy socializing with fellow parishioners, with music, appetizers and desserts, we have something fun to do: decorate the church! You can bring a goodie to share- cookies, sweets, appetizers or any kind of drink. It is not required to bring food – there is always too much – we are just happy to enjoy Christmas merriment with everyone! So please join us for an hour.



## **DON'T FORGET TO USE LINK WHEN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ON AMAZON**

We are set up with a wonderful way for you to donate to the parish without costing you anything! You just do your Christmas shopping on Amazon using our parish link. When you click on this link it takes you to the Amazon home page, and the only clue that St. John's is getting a commission on your purchase is the small phrase "ccsjn-20" that you will see in the middle of the Amazon URL address, everything else is transparent to the user. <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>. Or go to our website and click on the Amazon link [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org). The parish will receive a donation for every dollar you spend!



*Spirituality Breakfast*

## **SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST AND SPEAKER**

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

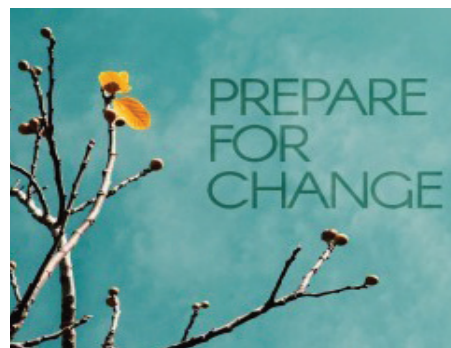
The Men's and Women's Spirituality groups are once again combining this year for a breakfast on Saturday, December 8th, at 8:00 a.m. We will be hosting Pastor David R. Edwards from the Califon United Methodist Church who has graciously agreed to come and speak to us. We're looking forward to a wonderful 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](mailto:jajarvis26@gmail.com).

## **CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE**

Last Chance before the 50/50 raffle winners are drawn. Our grand total is now over \$3,800 – that's over \$1,900 in prize money divided among 3 lucky winners!

The winning tickets will be drawn after the 10:30 Mass this weekend. First Prize is – 25%, Second Prize – 15%, and Third Prize – 10% of the total. Additional tickets are available in the Narthex and the Parish Office.

Returns must be dropped off at the Church this weekend before the drawing on Sunday.



## **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 **Nov. 12 & 18, 43** Families purchased **\$5,980** for a profit of **\$315.15**.



## **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](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org) or (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

## **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).

## **OUT OF TOUCH?**

Do you get emails from St. John Neumann? Our latest email was on Thursday, Nov. 15th - Listening Session for New Pastor. 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!

## 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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT REFLECTION: *The sign of the ladle* ***"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*** *Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36*

It had been a horrible day at the office, one crisis after another. He spent the day saving deals that were coming apart, reassuring angry customers whose orders had been messed up, going to the mat with vendors — putting out one fire after another.

Just as he was about to leave for the day, he remembered: it was his family's night to volunteer at the soup kitchen. He called his wife, apologized for forgetting, and said he would meet her and the kids at the church hall in a half hour.

Once there, he slowly managed to put the stress of the day behind him and got into the rhythm of the busy kitchen. His job that night was making the soup, with his daughter helping cut the vegetables.

At 6 p.m., the doors opened. He took his station at the steaming caldron of chicken noodle soup. The first guest was an elderly woman in a torn coat and ripped sneakers. He ladled the soup into a bowl, and gently handed it to her.

"Thank you so much," she said. "Thank you and bless you."

Her smile was the brightest thing he had seen all day.

And, he realized that he was, indeed, blessed.

**A busy dad comes to realize his blessedness in the unexpected "sign" of a homeless woman's gratitude. In the course of our days, we all encounter such "signs": indicators of the realities of God's presence that we do not readily see or appreciate or have stopped seeing or would rather ignore altogether. These "signs" urge us to look deeper, to see beyond ourselves and our needs and expectations, to confront issues before they become disasters. In the "signs" of the good we give and receive, we "stand erect" to behold God's Spirit of humility and wisdom, transforming our lives in the justice and peace of Advent.**

## AN ADVENT PROJECT

Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." Mother Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful we will receive an extra gift: Christ himself. Let us remember the saying of St. Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

## WHAT "IMMACULATE CONCEPTION" OF MARY MEANS

There's a popular misunderstanding that it refers to Jesus' conception by the Virgin Mary. It doesn't. Instead, it refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. This conception was not virginal. (That is, she had a human father Joachim as well as a human mother Anne.) But it was special and unique in another way. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (no.490) explains it this way: "To become the mother of the Savior, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace". Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin."



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A mother told her young son to go to bed and be sure to say his prayers and ask God to make him a good boy. The boy's father, passing by the bedroom, overheard his son praying: "And God make me a good boy if You can; and if You can't, don't worry about it, 'cause I'm having fun the way I am."



## OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

### *Start your own Family Tradition*

The word Bethlehem means "House of Bread". The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. Religious family traditions and customs bring the truths of Faith into the home. One of these beautiful Christmas customs is the Christmas Wafer. A Wafer bearing a simple design commemorative of Christ's birth is broken by the head of the family and distributed to each member. With a simple prayer for God's grace and the welfare of the present and absent members of the family, the head family member breaks the Wafer and distributes it, a piece to each one at the table. While doing so each member of the family is kissed and is wished a joyful feast. The other family members then greet one another in the same way.

All this brings to mind clearly out charity for one another, to seek salvation together. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

So try it with your family this year. There is Oplatek in the Narthex in envelopes. Take one and leave a donation

## ADVENT! ... WAKE UP! ... BUT TO WHAT?

Do you remember the movie *Awakening*? Robert De Niro plays the part of a patient who, for thirty years, does not move or speak. A particularly, sensitive and enterprising doctor tries out some new theories and lo and behold, the patient begins to move around, talk and feel. For a brief period he returns to this world and announces to those amazed folks around him that he is back: "I have been away for quite some time.... now I am back." He becomes gradually aware of the love and concern that surrounds him and what is really alive inside of his heart and soul. *–It is never too late to wake up. Morning is when you wake up. Advent is a nice time to wake up. Wake up to give an account of your stewardship. Wake up into a time for giving and sharing, a time that we are called to be thankful and prepare our hearts for the Christ child. Wake up and open your eyes in Faith to see God present and active in your life and in your world.*



**Rediscover the joy  
in preparing for Christmas.**

**Advent starts December 1st  
Sign up today for inspirational emails  
[BestAdventEver.com/Joy](http://BestAdventEver.com/Joy)**



*Are you on social media? Your stewardship could be keeping St. John's activities present on the web! Contact the office and find us on Facebook, "St. John Neumann RC Church, Califon NJ"*

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### **November 18, 2018**

105 Donors Weekly .....\$5,098.50  
2 Yellow Brick Road .....\$45.00  
43 Human Development .....\$989.55

### **November 19, 2017**

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

### **November 25, 2018**

68 Donors Weekly .....\$3,648.00  
2 Yellow Brick Road .....\$100.00  
2 Human Development .....\$30.00  
17 Thanksgiving .....\$372.00

### **November 26, 2017**

92 Donors Weekly .....\$3,855.00  
54 Yellow Brick Road .....\$116.66  
10 All Souls .....\$840.25  
5 Thanksgiving .....\$23.00

### **Automated Giving November**

43 Donors.....\$7,380.75  
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Wed., Dec. 5..... J. Santoro  
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### **Store Cards**

#### **December 1 and December 2**

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

#### **December 8 and December 9**

5:30 p.m..... J. Gardner  
8:00 a.m..... V. Hoffart  
10:30 a.m..... D. Royal

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of Dec. 2..... B. Lee  
Week of Dec. 9..... L. Livoti

### **Church Center Cleaning**

December 6..... Team C  
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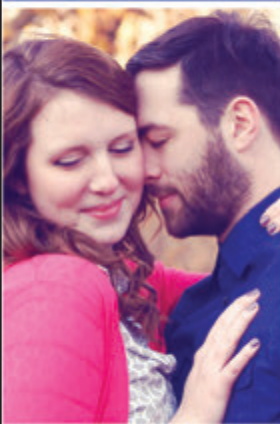


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