



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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..... Temporary Administrator
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....
..... Pastor Emeritus
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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, December 18

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, December 19

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Thursday, December 20

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Saturday, December 22

5:30 p.m. Bill Weiss, req.
Kucharski Family

Sunday, December 23

8:00 a.m. Frank Felitti, req.
Lehnert Family
10:30 a.m. Virginia Kluge, req.,
D'Avella Family

Santa Claus is coming to St. John's



*This Sunday,
Following the 10:30 Mass
(bring your cameras)*



COME ENJOY THE BELLS!



The Bells will be played at
the 7:30 p.m. Mass on
Christmas Eve.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent / Christmas Flower Offering

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass Welcome (Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Visit with Santa (Narthex)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Session (Church and Office Center)

Monday, December 17 - Advent Weekday

6:00 p.m. GIFT Session (Church and Office Centers)

Tuesday, December 18 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Christmas Decorating Party (Church Center)

Wednesday, December 19 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thursday, December 20 - Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - December 22/23/24/25

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Msgr. John Fell
Reader	Alexa Johnson
Altar Server	Lowary Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Mary Connolly Joann Gardner, Jim Oelkers
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Msgr. John Fell
Reader	Owen Stanski
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Sharon Janks Joe Sima, 1 Needed
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Msgr. John Fell
Reader	Gay Porto
Altar Server	Needed
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Jane Albert
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Mary D'Avella Jim DeVito, Marlene Milko, Patti Rittman
Monday	Christmas Eve
	4:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Bill Mickiewicz
Reader	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server	Patterson Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joan Eacovalle, Mary Connolly 6 Needed
Monday	Christmas Eve
	7:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Msgr. John Fell
Reader	Mary Sorgi
Altar Server	Klacik Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucciara, Sharon Janks 4 Needed
Tuesday	Christmas Day
	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Bill Mickiewicz
Reader	Mike D'Avella
Altar Server	Needed
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	1 Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Phyllis Baker, Debby Kelemen Diane Lehnert, Gail Battell, Barbara Gates

Friday, December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday, December 22 - Advent Weekday

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

Sunday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Patricia Gade, Michael Sot, Jack Burns, Margaret Portelo and Lynn Jeffreys.**

Deceased: Patricia Gade, aunt of Kay Dabrowski, Jack Burns, brother of Nancy DuBeau, Margaret Portelo, sister of Joe Sima, and Lynn Jeffreys, grandmother of Meredith Hungarter. 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—A JOYFUL WAITING

Advent: Why Do We Wait?

What is the message of Advent? Why are we waiting?



Advent is a season of preparation: we shop for gifts, plan parties, and decorate our homes for the coming of Christmas. Sometimes it is easy to forget the real mission of Advent: preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ. We are bombarded by commercial messages in which the reason for Christmas—Emmanuel, “God with us”—is absent or overlooked. However, the rituals and practices of our Catholic liturgies during this season can join us together with the People of God. United, we can offer messages of challenge and hope and express our desire for God's presence in our midst.

Advent blends penitence, preparedness, and joy. We are called to consider our lives and to repent—or turn around—from those things that keep us from God. The sacrament of Reconciliation provides us a way to renew our relationship with God. In this way, we repent and prepare for the Second Coming of the Lord. This theme of preparedness permeates the liturgies of Advent. Lastly we are called to be joyful as we get ready to celebrate the incarnation of our Savior in Bethlehem. This third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, in Latin meaning, “rejoice in the Lord”. We light a pink candle and the priest is dressed in rose colored vestments, a joyful anticipation.

We wait for the coming of Christ in human history at Bethlehem, in our hearts each day, and at the end of time. The readings of Advent direct us to be prepared as we “do not know the hour or the day” of Christ's coming. But it is the present to which we should give our attention. Christ comes to us each day in word and sacrament, in prayer and grace, and through the people in his Church. Can we try to be aware of his presence and power within our lives? Can we be open to his call and let him work through us in the world?

What is the message of Advent? For what are we waiting? Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus! Help us to know you, love you, and serve you. Increase our faith. Help us understand. Let us be your eyes, ears, and hands on earth. Let us show your love. Oh Come Emmanuel!

Renee Ciszewski

WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR

Last week at Mass there was an important announcement in the life of our parish. Fr. Richard Rusk has been named as the new Pastor for St. John's.

Fr. Rusk is currently the Pastor of the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Martinsville. We look forward to welcoming him into our Parish Family as he begins his ministry here on February 1st..

JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS DECORATING PARTY

This Tuesday, the 18th, 6 p.m. - Adults and kids are Welcome!

Enjoy socializing with other parishioners, with music, appetizers and desserts, while we decorate the church! It's not required, but if you like, bring a goodie to share - cookies, sweets appetizers. We are happy to share Christmas merriment with everyone!

Please join us even for just an hour.



#WHERE THE WISE MEN ARE

The Wise Men started their journey- have you? The travelers are moving around the property as we travel through advent. But what are we traveling toward? Are you moving toward the light or stumbling in the darkness of these cold wintery days, busy, overburdened and not focused on the direction you should be drawn to. Are you searching for Jesus this Advent?



JOURNEY WITH THE WISE MEN ON FACEBOOK

Check out St. John's Facebook page and guess where the Wise Men are in their travels. Click on Posts on the side menu and leave or enter your guess or comments below the photo.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2018

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.



POINSETTIA SALE

Next weekend after the Masses St. John's will have poinsettia plants available for sale.

A SIMPLE INVITATION

In our busy lives, that are even busier at this time of the year, you never know what an invitation could mean to someone. Take the time to call a friend or a neighbor and invite them to share Christmas Mass with you. Even if they decline, the invite may stay with them as a gesture of friendship.



PAINT N SIP PARTY

*Join the Fun
Coming in the
New Year*

Family Life Ministry invites you to come have fun in the new year! No talent or experience necessary. Parishioner and artist, Karolyn Fraine will guide us step by step to create a painting. You will be amazed at your very own artistic creation. Grab a drink and a canvas and let's have some fun! Email familylife@ccsjn to reserve your canvas.



**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>

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.*



Naxos Musical Advent Calendar- Seasonal classical music is feature each day. Visit www.CAT.mag/2iL1jp9

Sacrament of Reconciliation- This app helps parishioners with prayers of sacrament and a review of the examination of conscience. Visit www.littleapps.com/confession



ADVENT APPS

It can be challenging to focus on the true meaning of Christmas amidst the endless shopping. Let's do the same thing but in a different way this Christmas season! Take a look at some apps and websites that will help you keep "Christ" in Christmas.

Xt3 Advent Calendar app- An Australian Catholic media ministry that provides you with a digital Advent calendar- a countdown to Christmas. Visit www.Xt3.com/Advent

ADVENT CALENDARS ARE HERE

Look for the 2018 Advent Calendar on the GIFT table in the narthex. Prayerfully consider how your family may enrich the advent season at home.

Social Ministry & Parish News

CONGRATULATIONS



HEIMALL FAMILY

Alanna Doris and Brynna Gaye were baptized on December 1st. We welcome them into our community of faith. Parents are Shaun and Shannon Heimall and brother is Declan. Grandparents are Fred and Kristen Heimall.

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE 2019



To Support our Catholic HEART Workcamp trip to Dover, Delaware.

Save the Date:

Friday, February 8, 2019 at 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

BLUETOOTH EAR BUD FOUND

There was an earbud found in the Church a few weeks ago on the kitchen side of the worship space in one of the pews. If you lost one, please call the office.

DO YOU HAVE YARN YOU DON'T NEED ?



We have a parishioner who is making scarves for those in need and could use some additional yarn. If you have any extra yarn that you don't need or would like to purchase some to donate, please leave it in the Seton Room.

ARE WE FOCUSED ON THE NATIVITY?

Our young parishioners are!



In the Narthex is a Children's Nativity. Our Mini Wise Men are traveling around the Narthex on their journey to find the Christ Child – encourage your children to FIND THE WISE MEN.

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

NEW OPPORTUNITY - WORD AMONG US

Each month we have copies of the Word Among Us in the Narthex for people to enjoy. This small booklet contains each day's Mass readings and daily reflections as well as a few articles on a specific topic. If you are one of the parishioners who use this resource regularly, we are offering an opportunity that might interest you. We would like to form an online group that can comment or discuss the daily meditations. Contact France if you would like to find out more. If you have never tried The Word Among Us - pick it up and try it to see if you like this method to expand your spiritual searching. Text 908-307-7879 or email francekennedy99@gmail.com.

"JUST DO IT . . . "

God's Hotel is Dr. Victoria Sweet's memoir of caring for patients at San Francisco's Lagunda Honda Hospital, the last "almshouse" hospital of its kind in the country, a facility serving the city's poorest and most destitute. Her touching, often hilarious stories reveal how these extraordinary souls transformed Dr. Sweet's understanding of her work as a physician.

Dr. Sweet writes about one of her colleagues, Dr. Curtis, who was cared for stroke patients. One day during rounds, Dr. Curtis saw that a patient who had been ready for discharge months before was still at the hospital, still in a wheelchair, still in therapy. Dr. Curtis asked why the patient, who was able to walk, was still in a wheelchair.

"No shoes, doc," the man said. "They ordered me special shoes, but they're waiting for Medicaid to approve them."

"How long have they been waiting?" Dr. Curtis asked.

"Three months."

The doctor thought a moment. "What size shoe do you wear?"

"Size nine."

Then Dr. Curtis, despite the rounds he still had to finish and the charts he had to dictate, left the ward, got in his car, and drove to Walmart, where he bought a pair of size-nine running shoes of \$16.99. He returned to the hospital, put them on the patient's feet and wrote the discharge orders.

Dr. Sweet ran into Dr. Curtis as he returned with the shoes. Was he planning to submit his receipt for reimbursement? she asked.

He laughed.

Which left Dr. Sweet wondering: Why had Dr. Curtis done this? And why hadn't anyone else? She writes:

"It was a simple thing to do, but it never would have occurred to me to do it. I would have been frustrated with the shoe delay, of course, and would have filled out a second or even a third Medicaid request. I might have even written Medicaid or braved its phone tree to complain about the time the pair of shoes was taking. But it would have never occurred to me to go to Walmart and buy the patient's shoes. I had too much to do, too many forms to fill out, too many other patients to see. It would have meant crossing a kind of inefficiency boundary. And yet Dr. Curtis got in his car without much questioning . . . hurrying back to the ward with the shoes to put them on the patient — himself. He reminded me of an aphorism I loved but never understood: *The secret in the care of the patient is in caring for the patient.*"

Dr. Curtis shares the vision of the kingdom of God articulated by John the Baptist in today's Gospel: seeing individuals in need and not names on forms, willing to be the solution to a problem rather than a bystander, seeking justice and mercy before efficiency. In the spirit of John the Baptizer, we are all called to be witnesses of God's love by the love we extend to others; we are called to precursors of his justice by our unfailing commitment to what is right and good for others; we are called to be reflections of the light of God's Christ in our taking up Jesus' work of forgiveness, mercy and compassion.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



At a Whitehouse breakfast for religious leaders, President Bush told the story of a little boy who offered up this simple prayer: "God bless Mother and Daddy, my brother and sister; and God, do take care of Yourself because if anything happens to You, we're all sunk."

OUR ADVENT QUILT

Fr. Bill Mickiewicz, founding Pastor of our parish, purchased this Advent quilt. What did he see in this quilt that said "Advent" to him? Here is the story that might help you see Advent in it as well.

Fr. Bill was drawn to the colors and the pattern. The midnight blue represents the darkness before creation as well as the darkness that takes over the earth just before the longest, darkest night of the year. At the center the colors are almost like an aurora borealis moving and swirling in a flowing yet chaotic pattern.

How can the colors and pattern be interpreted? The shades from dark to light represent the ever-shortening daylight until the winter solstice when a few days later Christ is born as the light slowly begins to increase and we feel more at peace. The chaotic pattern can be compared with the chaos we feel in our lives during this busy season that will end on December 26. But think back to the chaos surrounding Christ's birth. Mary is pregnant and unmarried; Joseph finds his betrothed expecting a child that is not his; then the chaos of getting to Bethlehem for the census, finding there is no room, and giving birth in a stable. But through all this chaos comes light when this Baby, the Light of the World, is delivered and the Angels sing. To be sure there was continued turmoil in their lives as there is in ours, but we can refresh ourselves in the light of Christ. Meditate upon this quilt and discover your own spiritual symbolism in it.

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 8th grade through Senior year to attend. If you are interested, please contact Mary Connolly at 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.

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
 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

ADVENT REFLECTION: *Extraordinary grace on an ordinary train*

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" **Luke 3:10-18**

One Friday afternoon a little more than a year ago, a black 16-year-old girl and her 17-year-old Muslim friend, who was wearing a hijab, were riding on a commuter train in Portland, Oregon. Suddenly, a white man on the train began screaming anti-Muslim and racist insults at the two girls. One can imagine people staring at their phones or burying their heads in newspapers, desperately trying not to hear — but three brave passengers stepped forward to protect the girls.

The three were as different as could be. One was a 23-year-old recent Reed College graduate with a mane of long hair who worked in environmental consulting. Another was a 53-year-old Army veteran with the trimmest of haircuts and a record of service in Iraq and Afghanistan. The third was a 21-year-old poet and Portland State University student on his way to a job at a pizzeria. What united the three was decency.

When they intervened, the man harassing the girls pulled a knife and slashed the three men before fleeing. Rick Best, the veteran, died at the scene. Taliesin Namkai-Meche, the recent Reed graduate, was conscious as he waited for an ambulance. A good Samaritan took off her shirt to cover him; she recounted that some of his last words were: 'I want everybody on the train to know, I love them.' He died soon after arriving at the hospital.

Another passer-by staunched the bleeding of the student-poet, Micah Fletcher, and called his mother to tell her to go to the hospital — but played down the injuries to avoid terrifying her. Fletcher underwent two hours of surgery to remove bone fragments from his throat. Fletcher survived.

Police arrested the man, a 35-year-old white supremacist and charged him with the murders.

New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof writes: "In tragedy, we sometimes find inspiration. In that train car, we saw that courage and leadership are alive . . . among ordinary Americans converging from varied backgrounds on a commuter train, standing together against a threat to our shared humanity . . . " (The New York Times, May 30, 2017.)

What happened on that train is a sign of the "expectation" that "fills" every heart longing for the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace. As John preached at the Jordan, we can only welcome the Messiah into our lives when we move beyond ourselves to embrace the hurt and brokenness, the needs and hopes of others; we can only realize the "best" of humanity by taking on greed and arrogance and bigotry that diminish our humanity.

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

Weekend Masses / 4th 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.
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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.
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Diocesan and Community News



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. The parish will receive a donation for every dollar you spend!

VATICAN II AND THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

Tree Consecutive Wednesdays: From 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

January 23, January 30, February 6

Based on a video series with Dr. Richard R. Gaillardetz, Ph.D., this course will offer an opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges facing the Catholic Church. Presented by Fr. Greg Uhrig. Open to all ages. No charge, no registration needed.

ST. JOHN'S MENS CORNERSTONE 2019

The Men's Cornerstone Weekend is scheduled for next January 25-26th 2019 at the ICC Parish Hall in Annandale NJ. Men's Cornerstone is a 26-hour spiritual experience for the men of all area Catholic parishes hosted by the men of Immaculate Conception parish. It is a chance to explore faith in a low pressure, non-judgmental way. Whether its barely audible over life's noise or a voice clearly calling your name, we hope you will consider a small step in faith this year. You can find details and register at <http://www.iccanndandale.org/menscornerstone.aspx>. Or, you can also contact St. John's parishioner Jim Murray at 908-310-6877 with further questions.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRO-LIFE MINISTRIES

2019 March for Life Rally

The Knights of Columbus and the Pro-Life Ministries will have a bus going to the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. We will begin with a Mass at 6:00am at Immaculate Conception Church, Annandale. The bus will leave following the Mass and will return approximately 10:30pm. A sandwich lunch will be provided on the bus ride down. We will stop for dinner on the way back at a Golden Corral. Please contact Bill Smith @908-797-7359 or Email; smithbuilders@hotmail.com for all cost and for more information.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

Upcoming Weekend: February 8-10, 2019

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

For more information call the Diocese of Metuchen Family Life Office at 732-243-4573. To register call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 9, 2018

77 Donors Weekly.....	\$3,028.00
43 Retirement Fund	\$990.00
26 Immaculate Conception	\$355.00
9 Yellow Brick Road	\$168.00

December 10, 2017

59 Donors Weekly.....	\$2,351.00
29 Retirement Fund	\$567.00
8 Immaculate Conception.	\$145.00
6 Yellow Brick Road	\$175.00

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.

FR ABRAHAM'S CONTACT INFORMATION

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Dec. 19.....	G. Battell
Wed., Jan. 9	J. Santoro

Store Cards

December 15 and December 16

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

December 22 and December 23

5:30 p.m.....	B. Cestone
8:00 a.m.....	G. Battell
10:30 a.m.....	S. Pojedinec

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Dec. 16	M. Cangelosi
Week of Dec. 23	B. Sobey

Church Center Cleaning

December 20	Team F
December 27	Team A

Counting

Dec. 17	Malone / Cangelosi
Dec. 24	Kucharski / McCabe

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