

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.***

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Bishop of the Diocese of Metuchen

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Worship at Church Center:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
First Friday Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Or anytime by appointment

Weekday Masses at

Neumann Residence Chapel:

390 County Road 513
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 8:00 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

No Weekday Masses

Tuesday, January 15

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, January 16

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, January 17

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, January 19

5:30 p.m. Anita Sawczuk, req.,
Eileen McCabe

Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m. Julianne Cullen, req.
Jenny and Warren Evanko Family
10:30 a.m. Carmen Ruscetta, req.,
Joe and Jane Varcadipane



Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord / Together in Charity Collection

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 (Narthex)
1:00 p.m. 50 Plus Pot Luck Lunch (Church Center)

Monday, January 14 - Weekday

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

Tuesday, January 15 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)
7:14 p.m. Bible Study (Upper Room)

Wednesday, January 16 - Weekday

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

Thursday, January 17 - Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, January 18 - Weekday

Saturday, January 19 - Weekday

8:30 a.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - January 19/20

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Maurice Carlton
Reader	Jim Murray
Altar Server	Klacik Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Joann Gardner
.....	Mary Connolly, Jim Oelkers
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Maurice Carlton
Reader	Chris Bitters
Altar Server	Kennedy Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	Bob Martalus
.....	Barbara Martalus, Sharon Janks
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Rev. Maurice Carlton
Reader	David Geerinck
Altar Server	D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	Donna Torczon
Ministers of the Eucharist	Mary D'Avella, Bob Sobey
.....	Jane Albert, Donna Lance, Jim DeVito

When were you Baptized?

Sunday, January 20 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Catholic Education Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
11:30 p.m. Discover St. John's (Office Center)
11:45 a.m. Info Gathering for Ireland Trip (Church Center)
1:00 p.m. 50 Plus Pot Luck Lunch-Snow Date (Church)



Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Carol Sartorius, Fernando Bambalan, Milagres Roque, and Jacob Pulikoottil.**

Deceased: Carol Sartorius, aunt of Kathy Altaville, Milagres Roque, Fernando Bambalan, relative of Janice Lowary, and Jacob Pulikoottil father of Cindy Mathew. 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.

NEW YEAR, NEW YOU!

How often do we get the chance to start over? New Year, new you...that's how the saying goes. I find it fascinating that we only associate each new year as a new beginning when really there are so many. This week's reading from the Gospel of Luke reflects on baptism. I feel that the new year and baptism are correlated. The New Year and all of the resolutions we make seems like our chance to start over. The best part is that this isn't just once a year. It's every day. Every day when we open our eyes we are given the chance to start fresh. The same is said with baptism. When we are baptized we are wiped clean from all of our sins. Think about this. When we wake up each day and start fresh, isn't that like we're being baptized over and over again? This isn't just a one-time thing or a once a year thing. This is an every day, 365 days for the whole year, to start fresh over and over again.

On December 1st 2018 my twin daughters were baptized. As I watched Father Abraham anoint each girl with oil, I found myself overwhelmed with a sense of peace and understanding. In that moment I realized that Shaun and I were setting them up on a path that will ultimately help to guide them in the right direction as they get older. We are laying down a foundation for them to help them grow into faithful human beings. This is a feeling that we can hold onto every single day because we get to start over every single day. "John answered them all, saying, 'I am baptizing you with water but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'" It is because of this reason that every morning when we rise, we are baptized and made new again, not just on January 1st.

Shannon Heimall



Lou and Liz Livoti, Bob and Barbara Martalus, Claire Mattrey, Mike and Helen Quigley, Fran Stasick and Patty Nanna as our photographer.

DEDECORATING THANK YOU

Thank you to the following for helping with the de-decorating of Christmas:

Not all were 50 Plus. we had one 5 year old **Claire Mattrey** who helped as well!

Nancy Bauernfeind, Bill Behrens, Tom Bennett, Pete and Mary Cangelosi, Fred Heimall, Brent Herrig, Alan and Sharon Janks, France Kennedy, Tom Klawunn,

SACRED WELLS

For the ancient Celtic tribes of Ireland and Britain, God was first to be found in nature: in creation, the Celts realized a God present in all of life's complexities and mysteries.

Wells were especially sacred places to the Irish, as writer Margaret Self writes in her book **Sacred Spaces: Stations on a Celtic Way:**

"I have come to recognize that joy and sorrow are two sides of the same coin, and my angels and demons walk hand in hand. A well, which the Celts revered as sacred space, expresses something of this paradox. It is sacred because it is the source of water; the cradle and assurance of life itself. Yet that source of life is only reached by descending into the depths of a deep, dark shaft . . .

"Not all of our memories are charged with the energy of joy. Some carry energy that feels destructive and negative. Yet these 'wells' of our lives may be the very place from which we draw living water . . . To risk the journey to the bottom of the well demands courage. For many of us, that journey into darkness only happens when circumstances force us into an encounter with 'rock bottom.' Must such an encounter be negative? Or might the dark shaft of the well truly bring us to 'sacred space'?"

At his baptism by John, Jesus begins his public life as teacher and healer; he begins his work of revealing to humankind the hope of the kingdom of God. In the waters of this "baptismal well," Jesus takes on what he knows will be a difficult life — but his willingness and courage to embrace this baptism reveals the Spirit of God in the midst of every human experience. Today may we renew our own baptisms, our daily journey to the dark and terrifying depths of life's dark wells, where we find the living water of God's grace.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 13, 2019

"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...' " (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states that "Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will." In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE AT MASS?



If you enjoy when a Eucharist Minister offers you the Chalice with a smile, or been struck by a reader proclaiming the Word, maybe you are being drawn to participate more fully in the Mass and serve others by being a Reader, or a Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server. We all have talents that we can share with others by serving at Mass. Your service can be custom fit to your personal schedule. Please talk to a Liturgical Minister after Mass or contact the office to discuss sjn@ccsjn.org.

TAI CHI

Ever wanted to try Tai Chi? Now is the time. A new 6 week session is starting Jan 23 at 6:30pm. Something new for the New Year! Tai Chi tones muscles, improves your balance and helps improve meditation focus techniques.



IRELAND 2019 SOAK IN CELTIC WISDOM!

Fr. Abraham will be leading a pilgrimage April 22-May 1, 2019 to discover Celtic Ireland. This will be a unique opportunity to explore Celtic traditions and magnificent beauty. If this sounds interesting, there will be a brief meeting to learn more about the pilgrimage on January 20 at 11:45 in the Church. If you are unable to make this meeting you could call 732-395-7959 for more information.

Christian Formation

Religious Education Program

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.*



ST. ZITA PRAY FOR US!

St. Zita is the patron saint of housekeeper, since there is not a patron saint of clutter, she seems a good choice for this task.

Let's get organized in 2019. Organizing is a process. When it comes to finding "just right" strategies, the first time isn't always the charm. Big jobs can be overwhelming! The key to success is finding a way to break them into smaller more approachable tasks that makes progress easier.

Weather you have a big job or a little clutter to organize, here are a few ways to overcome procrastination and get started.. one step at a time.

Establish a time frame. Whether you have 15 minutes or an hour to spare, dedicating time to make progress is always a win. In addition, just getting started can get you on a roll so that you might just decide to continue after your designated time is up. ... Or not. It's up to you.

Don't accumulate. Every time you walk past something that's not where it belongs, pick it up and put it away. Pick up something every time you walk past a pile of "stuff." This includes the mail. Read, place in a folder or disregard..Baby steps.

Choose one singular sensation. Just one drawer, just one shelf, just one pile ... all of these are good places to start. Best of all, you know when you're finished. One small step each day will lead to a big change in 365 days! Less stress and more peace. *St. Zita pray for us*

Social Ministry & Parish News

TOP O' THE BARN



We would, once again like to thank the Top o' the Barn for their very generous donation of \$2,000 to the St. John's Social Ministry. Without them so many things we do wouldn't be possible. Please remember that they take donations of clothes and other household items and you never know what treasure you might find there to treat yourself. They are located next to the Califon United Methodist Church at 15 Raritan River Road.

CROCHETING FOR CHRIST / KNITTING FOR NEEDY



A parishioner has been knitting scarves to give to those in need. She asked for donations of yarn to make more and the response was wonderful. She received so much yarn she wants to know if others would like to gather to knit or crochet and socialize. Contact the office if you are interested ijn@ccsjn.org. Possible time to gather is either Monday 2 to 4pm in Long Valley or a weeknight in the Seton Room from 6:30 to 8:30 or 7 to 9.



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE THANK YOU FOR 16 YEARS OF SUPPORTING CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP!



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 7:00pm (Snow date Saturday, February 9 after 5:30 Mass at 7:30)

Soup and salad, Italian menu, dessert buffet and gluten-free options. Music and dancing with Mike Griffin and the GB's. ADMISSION IS FREE but donations gladly accepted! Seating is limited so reserve soon. Let us know your table needs and we will be happy to coordinate. Contact Jim Murray (Jim@cpamurray.com), Mary Connolly (mandmconnolly@gmail.com) or the office at 832-2513.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP: we could use you for set-up (2/6 from 4-6:00); running the dishwasher; serving; the awful job of scraping plates for the dishwasher, and clean-up. Contact Mary if you can help.



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.



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"

CAREER & TRANSITION WORKSHOP

At St. John Neumann's - January 29, 2019, 7 to 9 p.m.

A seminar/workshop is being offered on careers and career transitioning on January 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the second floor of the St. John Neumann Office Building. Parishioner John Cole (experienced in career development matters) will lead a discussion on important considerations for career changes, personal marketing, resume development and LinkedIn. Participants can share thoughts, concerns and ideas about their careers as trends and current practices are examined. cursory resume review opportunities will be available during the session. This session is free and open to those who are and are not parishioners. If you are interested, please contact France Kennedy at 908-832-2513 by January 23rd to register.



NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are attending St. John's but have not registered with the parish we invite you to come to our Discover St. John's Welcome Lunch 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 acquainted. Then fill out an information card so we can email you some information or contact France Kennedy at the parish office: fkennedy@ccsjn.org.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PARISHIONERS OF A NEW PASTOR

- Pray for the intentions of the new pastor and for the parishioners of Saint John Neumann
- Be open to the new pastor's needs, wants, and views
- Pastoral Council members extend a personal welcome to the new pastor
- Introduce self to the new pastor
- Let the new pastor know the activities and ministries in which they are engaged
- Let the new pastor know what is important to them in being a member of the Community of Saint John Neumann
- By words and actions show the new pastor how they are invested in Saint John's and its future
- Make every effort to participate in welcoming sessions with the new pastor
- Encourage pastor to attend ministry meetings in which one is a member
- Show interest in the new pastor's background and experience
- Volunteer to assist the new pastor in getting oriented to the area and the local community
- Invite the new pastor to meet with other parishioners in more informal and social settings
- Recognize that some changes will be made
- Show support by volunteering in specific ways to achieve parish objectives
- Maintain Stewardship commitment to Time, Talent, and Treasure
- Share their vision for the parish with the new pastor
- Be willing to dialogue with the new pastor about the overall mission of Saint John's
- Avoid constant evaluation of the new pastor's actions and views
- Work on preventing dissension and get people to dialogue
- Avoid comparing pastoral styles
- Avoid pursuing one's own agenda
- Speak for self and avoid representing the views of other parishioners
- Avoid negativity and gossiping about past events in ways that can bias the new pastor towards activities or others
- Seek information before making judgments

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BIBLE STUDY

*4 Weeks
starting Jan. 8th
7:14pm in the
Upper Room*

MASS AND A MOVIE!

Connxions Committee is hosting our winter Movie Night on Jan 26. We thought we would try it right after the 5:30 Saturday Mass, hence the billing: Mass and a Movie. Sign up in the narthex to reserve your seat! It helps to know how much seating we need to set up. You are welcome to bring any snack you want to enjoy your movie experience. A variety of drinks will be provided. The movie: The Letters – based on Mother Teresa's life.



VATICAN II AND THE CHURCH OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

*Three 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.



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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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD: "The Color of Water"

And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."
Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother is author James McBride's best-selling memoir of growing up in a family of twelve brothers and sisters, raised by a white Jewish mother who was evasive about her Jewish ethnicity but steadfast in her love for her children.

As a boy in Brooklyn's Red Hook projects, James knew his "light skinned" mother Ruth was different — and wondered if he was black or white. When he asked her mother one day if he was black or white, she snapped "You're a human being. Educate yourself or you'll be a nobody!" For Ruth, education, not race or culture, was the realization of one's full identity.

But young James wasn't satisfied. So he asked his mother, a very religious woman, whether God is black or white.

Mother Ruth sighed, "Oh boy . . . God's not black. He's not white. He's a spirit."

"Does he like black or white people better?"

"He loves all people. He's a spirit."

"What's a spirit?"

"A spirit's a spirit."

"What color is God's spirit?"

"It doesn't have a color," his mother said. "God is the color of water. Water doesn't have a color."

James writes that he "could buy that" and, as he got older, continued to appreciate more deeply and profoundly the many dimensions of his racial and cultural identity. On this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we see in the clear, life-sustaining waters of our own baptisms the "color" of our identity as the "beloved" of God, the God who loves us, who cries with us and for us, who knows the pain and despair and anger we experience because he has experienced it all himself by becoming one of us. In the waters of baptism, we embrace the Spirit of God and that Spirit embraces us, as well: God the Creator and Father is present to us in all our tears and laughter, in all our struggles and triumphs, in our every grief and joy.

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



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



A pastor joined a local service club where some of his congregation were also members. Assigned the task of making name tags for the group, the members of his congregation decided to play a practical joke on the pastor. And labeled his tag Hog Caller.

When the pastor saw his name tag, he laughed. "They usually call me the Shepherd of the Sheep," he quipped, "but I suppose our members know themselves better than I do."

Diocesan and Community News



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

January 4 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate this season of Christmas, it is a special joy to announce over and over the wonderful truth that God has made His home among us in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. While the world quickly moves on in a never ending chase for the next exciting thing, we are called to reflect again on the truth that God is with His people. Because we celebrate Christmas...what does that mean for the rest of the year?

One of the primary ways that God remains with us is through the Spirit filled Church that He founded. You and I, baptized into Christ's very life, are called and sent into the world—this is known as being a "Missionary Disciple"—which simply means that what has been given to us as a gift we are called to give and share with others. Pope Francis desires that our whole Church be a church that goes with enthusiasm out to others, in order that the waiting world will experience the love and joy of Christ through us.


Every year we have a special opportunity to participate in an annual local collection: *Together in Charity*. The collection funds our Catholic Charities' Emergency Assistance Program, which aids parishes when individuals and families are faced with urgent financial, housing, or medical needs beyond a parish's capacity to meet. Your parish may have been one of those helped by the program, since in the last year 53 parishes (59%) of our parishes turned to Catholic Charities for emergency assistance. In total, 400 households, consisting of 605 adults and 574 children were helped by those who gave to the *Together in Charity* collection.

Please consider giving a gift to express solidarity with all who are seeking the face of Jesus and reach out to the Church in hope. Jesus may be found in the face of a senior citizen who cannot afford a prescription or family facing eviction or the loss of utilities; your gift is an expression of a disciple doing the work of Jesus. The Faith is alive when we reach out in love to meet the needs of all who come to us. Your monetary donation, as your means allow, will be a great expression of our local Church of Metuchen responding to Jesus' words: "What you do to the least, you do unto me."

I thank you in advance for your generosity and assure you of my prayerful best wishes in the new year ahead.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,


Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

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.

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Pick up your envelopes!

Thank you for your support of St. John's. Your new envelopes start Jan. 1st. Pick up your box from the Narthex. Or fill out the Automated Giving forms next to the envelopes. One less thing to worry about forgetting!



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Jan. 16 C. Behrens
Wed., Jan. 23 G. Battell

Store Cards

January 12 and 13

5:30 p.m. L. Livoti
8:00 a.m. V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m. D. Hunt

January 19 and 20

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Jan. 13 B. Lee
Week of Jan. 13 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

January 17 Team C
January 24 Team D

Counting

Jan. 14 Malone / Kosakowski
Jan. 21 Cangelosi / McCabe

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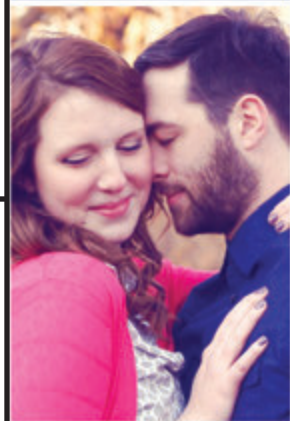
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