

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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Earl Roberts Deacon

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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 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 a.m.
Friday 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

Weekly Masses

Tuesday, February 26

7:00 a.m. Mary E. Byrne, req.
Brisson Family

Wednesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, March 1

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Saturday, March 2

5:30 p.m. Lynn Jeffries, req.,
Mary and Mike Connolly

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Margaret Portela, req.
Alan and Sharon Janks
10:30 a.m. Joseph Iovine, req.
Alan and Sharon Janks



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 24 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Catholic Spirit Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Bell Choir (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:35 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office Centers)

Monday, February 25 - Weekday

7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting (Seton Room)
7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, February 26 - Weekday

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

Wednesday, February 27 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)
7:30 p.m. Book Social "The Biggest Lie" (Church Center)

Thursday, February 28 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:00 a.m. S.H.I.P. (Church and Office Center Kitchens)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, March 1 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. 1st Friday Holy Hour (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - March 2/3

Saturday

5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader David Geerinck
Altar Server Klacik Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Donna Lance
..... Joann Gardner, Jim Oelkers

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader Chris Bitters
Altar Server Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist Tom Klawunn
..... Jane Klawunn, 1 Needed

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader Jen Kelly
Altar Server Alligood Family
Music Eucharistic Minister Mary D'Avella
Ministers of the Eucharist Gloria Cucchiara, Peter Royal
..... Sheena Carew, Jane Albert, 1 Needed

Saturday, March 2 - Weekday

3:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist Session #2 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, March 3 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Stewardship Weekend / Yellow Brick Road Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - Gallione Baptism - Class Mass (Church)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Session (Church and Office Centers)



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Louis Merrill, Barry Danziger, Diana Proano, Theresa Degnan-Templeton and Barbara Sansevere.**

Deceased: Barry Danziger, former parishioner, Diana Proano, sister of Edgar Proano, Theresa Degnan-Templeton, former parishioner and Barbara Sansevere, mother of Mary Jane Medea. 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.



PREPARING FOR LENT

For me the Lenten season has always been a time to refocus on God and get my life in order. I want to Live Lent! So I can live faith with greater integrity and in deeper communion with God and my neighbor. I have come to realize that Lent is not so much about giving up things as it is about seizing the opportunity to be all that God has

called me to be; a holy, healthy, and loving person, a disciple of Jesus Christ committed to transforming my faith into real-life action.

A good Lent begins with a plan. Just as we carefully plan for big events in our personal lives, such as a graduation or a wedding. Lent invites us to make our hearts ready for remembering Jesus' passion and celebrating Jesus' resurrection. The best way to celebrate Jesus' resurrection is to live more fully Christ's life in the here and now.

What are some actions this Lent that can deepen your relationship with God, make you more aware of God's presence in your life, and help you to be kinder, more loving, to others? Reflect on your life and where you are in your relationship with God. Which relationship in your life most needs forgiveness and God's healing presence? What are you doing for people who are living in poverty? What bad habit is keeping you away from God? What do you need to change? Pray about it; ask God. We can't make changes in our lives without God's grace. Willpower is never enough.

Now, write down simple actions under each of the three areas we are invited to act on during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (giving to those in need and supporting our parish and other worthy organizations). St. John's like many parishes participate in CRS Rice Bowl program through which millions of Catholics in the United States apply the Lenten pillars of praying, fasting, and almsgiving to help alleviate hunger around the world. To find out more about the program visit www.crsricebowl.org.

We are called to live Lent so we can live faith not only during these 40 days but every day henceforth.

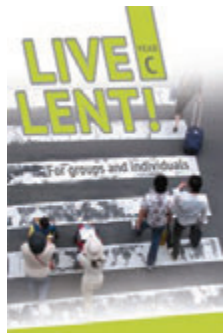
Jot down the commitments you will make in each of these areas. Remember, keep it simple and doable. Review your Lenten commitments each Sunday during Lent and make adjustments.

Action Step: Write down what actions I will take during Lent in the areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Theresa Rickard



Be part of the parish plan! Write down what action(s) you will take during Lent in the areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving and share it in the narthex!



JOIN A SMALL FAITH GROUP & LIVE LENT!

Ever wished you had more time to think about important things in life? Lent is an opportunity to rearrange our priorities. Lent can come and go or you could make a plan to get something out of Lent.

Part of your plan can be trying a small group. Small Faith Groups meet once a week for six weeks of Lent. You are invited even if you can only attend a couple of sessions! Sign up in the narthex or contact France Kennedy for more information francekennedy99@gmail.com or 908-307-7879. Groups begin March 4.

PASTOR'S CORNER

These are the weeks that we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal throughout the Diocese of Metuchen. May I express my gratitude for your continued support! The following is from our Bishop:

"Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to ensure the continuation of our evangelization and catechesis programs. Among many other vital needs, funds from the Appeal also help to form our seminarians, assist couples preparing for marriage, and provide basic necessities and counseling services for the poor and vulnerable.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a way to combine our resources to accomplish great things. Each person of our Diocese is invited to set out with a spirit of hope and expectation to **Help Build a Civilization of Love**. Together, we turn with renewed confidence and outstretched arms to Our Virgin Mother of Guadalupe to set our hearts on fire as we prepare to be consecrated to her maternal care.

Thank you for your generosity.

Most Rev. James F. Checchio"

Again, thank you for your continued support! God Bless.

Fr. Rick

7TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

***"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back."* (Luke 6:35)**

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

First Friday Holy Hour



March 1 - 7:00 pm
Neumann Residence Chapel

Christian Formation

CLASS MASS GRADES 3&4



Please join our 3rd and 4th grade GIFT students on **Sunday, March 3** during the **10:30AM** as they celebrate their **Class**

Mass. It is a wonderful chance to watch our youth deepen their faith and understanding of the Liturgy, by playing an active role during the Mass.

SOUP N STATIONS



Please join us for Soup n Stations each Friday in Lent. Soup Supper starts at 6pm and Stations of the Cross follow at 7pm.

Father Rick will be available for Reconciliation for anyone interested after the Stations are completed.

Each week a different group or Ministry from St. John's will sponsor the Soup Supper. Please let us know if your group would be interested in sponsoring a week.

This year we will also put out a collection box for alms giving or free will donations that will go to support our Social Ministry. If you have any questions contact the office 908-832-2513.

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.

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.



REFLECTIVE PRAYER

In today's world, there is a lot of emphasis placed on *knowing* and *doing* and not so much on *being*. In other words, we find ourselves focused on *what* we know and do and not enough on *who* we are.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus often went off alone to pray; it doesn't say that he went off to "recite prayers." As important as just resting in God's presence and meditating on or contemplating some aspect of God's truth, beauty, and goodness.

Meditation, however, is simply prayer that focuses attention on God so that we can recognize his presence in our daily lives and respond to what he is asking of us. Reflective prayer (meditation) involves the imagination. Kids have great imaginations and, as a result, they love to pray in this way. Here are some tips for reflective prayer from the book, *The Catechist's Toolbox*:

Reflective prayer uses an approach inspired by St. Ignatius of Loyola. It invites us to pray by using the senses of imagination—sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. We thereby create a setting in our minds: a welcoming place—whether it is a biblical setting or a place of our own choice—to enter into conversation with Jesus. St. Ignatius said that such conversation should resemble the way "one friend speaks to another" (*The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius*, 54).

Here are some basic steps for reflective prayer.

Getting Ready for Reflective Prayer—Begin to focus on God's presence. Establish a quiet, prayerful, and comfortable environment and mood to help them overcome distractions. This first step may take anywhere from three to five minutes. Consider the following as you join them in reflective prayer:

Comfortable Posture—close your eyes or to focus your attention on a symbol or a picture.

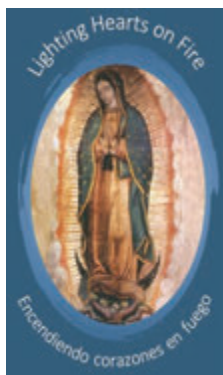
Deep Breathing—Take two or three minutes to relax and breathe deeply. Establish a rhythm to your breathing by counting slowly to three. Breathe in, and out slowly to a three count.

Reflective Music—Reflective (instrumental) music can help by covering distractions and providing a soothing setting.

Before long you may begin to appreciate a new way to experience God's presence in your life.

Parish News

AWAKENING NIGHTS HELD AT LOCAL PARISHES



As part of the preparations for consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe, parishes throughout the diocese will be hosting "Awakening Nights." Parishioners will come together for an evening of prayer, preaching and testimony centered on the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego in Mexico in 1531 and the miraculous image left on his cloak (tilma). All are invited to attend any of these events beginning at 7 p.m. at the following local parishes:

Our Lady of Lourdes, Whitehouse Station – Wed., Feb. 27

Immaculate Conception, Annandale – Thurs., March 14

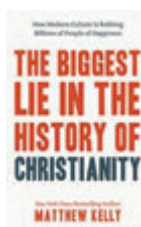
St. Brigid, Peapack – Tues., March 19th

St. Bernard, Bridgewater - Mon., March 25 (7:30 p.m.)

For a full listing of Awakening Night dates and locations, please visit lightingheartsonfire.org.

THE BIGGEST LIE BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb 27th at 7:30pm



Join us for a Winter Reading Event! Find the book we gave out at Christmas or pick one up in the Narthex – "The Biggest Lie". The easy to read format fits into your life a chapter at a time! Then come enjoy an evening of food, discussion and socializing this Wednesday, Feb 27 at 7:30pm.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND / MARCH 3 AND 4

Giving Your Best

God gives us talents not to build ourselves up with pride, but so we will have something we value to share and give to others.

One winter I spent Wednesday evenings teaching art classes to mentally handicapped adults. I planned a variety of art projects these young men and women could make and enjoy. One young man worked each week, but never smiled or spoke. Andy had trouble working with his hands and seemed displeased with everything he made.

One evening I taught candle making. Andy dropped in ice cubes and poured melted blue wax into the empty milk carton to make his candle. Once it cooled, Andy peeled off the cardboard. I lit the wick and watched Andy's face light up! He quickly blew it out then cradled his masterpiece. Andy took it and gave it to his counselor. He beamed as he presented his gift. He had so little, but he gave away the best he had made.

I felt so humbled, for when I first learn to make things well, I want to keep them and hoard my workmanship. God gave us his best in giving us Jesus, God's only Son. Jesus gave us his best, in giving his life for us.

Give it Your Best!

Please return your Stewardship Forms next weekend at Mass!



ST VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

On behalf of the Catholic Heart Workcamp participants, we are so grateful and in awe of the support of our parish community for our service mission week! The dance was a very successful event and we raised close to \$8,000! The monies will be used to keep the costs associated with the trip reasonable and enable anyone who wants to join us to do so without financial concern. In 1916, author Lily Hardy Hammond wrote, "You don't pay love back; you pay it forward. Your generous donations of time, monies, and prayer will enable this year's group to once again "pay forward" the love of Jesus to those we will serve in the Dover, Delaware area. I hope that those of you who heard Daniel Uss and Hannah Nacamuli speak at the dinner got a sense of what we do. You all will be with us in spirit as the St. John Neumann crew shows up to work, and pray, and laugh, and sing, and dance and get little sleep.

There are many people to thank for assisting in making the dinner dance happen. They helped with set up, dinner prep, serving, and clean up: Sally Ader, Steve Baurenfeind, Cathy and Tom Bennett, Victoria Brynildsen, Pete Cangelosi, Pam Casserly, Lisa and Michael Cucchiara and Michael's friend, Regina Destefano, Jack Evanko, Dana Fabiano, Paul Gagen, Tom Klawuun, Emilia Kuhn, Diane Lenhert, Liz Livoti, Janis and Zach Lowry, Marie Malone, Martalus, Ezekiel and Martiza Perez, Andrew Ranallo, Annette Schettino, Maureen Sepe, Joe Stanski, Kathleen Swindler, and Daniel Uss. Thank you to Barbara Panone for organizing the delicious candy sales. Our office staff of Sharon Janks, France Kennedy and Susanne Erz are immensely helpful behind the scenes taking and updating reservations and keeping track of the financial side of the event. Thank you to Mike Griffin and his band for traveling a distance and creating a lively, joyful atmosphere. The transformation of our worship space absolutely does not happen without Wayne Infusino's tireless attention to detail and willingness to indulge our ever-changing seating arrangements. Special gratitude to Joann and Jim Murray for their unwavering support for CHWC and the dinner dance. Jim does love a microphone, doesn't he? Finally, to Fr. Rick for being a part of our celebration and having faith that everything would be back in order for 5:30 Mass! If I have left anyone off this "thank you" I am most sorry, but know your help was appreciated.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY

Church Signs



- Sign Broken. Message inside this Sunday..
- Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
- You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

ASH WEDNESDAY **MARCH 6TH**

Mass and Ashes: 7:00 a.m.

Service and Ashes: 4:30 p.m.

Mass and Ashes: 7:00 p.m..

***All Masses will take place
At the Church Center***

LENTEN PRACTICES

During Lent, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading Scripture, to service by giving alms, and to sacrifice self-control through fasting. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

CALLING ALL CHRISTIANS



"Calling all Christians" Join the upcoming global effort from March 6th through April 14th for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Offer time to peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Main St. Washington. There will be an opening rally on March 3rd between 2-4 outside the Planned Parenthood. Please pledge to lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/>

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez
 Gary Anderson
 Andrew Arias
 Miguel Astacio
 Diane Bosack
 Joan Cardierre
 John D'Almeida
 Aiden Day
 Barbara DelPiano
 Denis DeVirteuil
 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
 Declan Maloney
 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 Galati Stafford
 Margaret Thornsby
 Nicholas Troiano
 Don Velli
 Dana & Greg Wilson
 Jason and Matthew Witkop
 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: *Boors and beggars . .*

"For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same . . . Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." Luke 6:27-38

The young chaplain was not prepared for what she experienced the first weeks at the hospital. First, there was the Vietnam vet whose kidneys were failing him. He routinely insulted and demeaned the nurses assigned to his care with cruel and crude jokes. At first, the inexperienced chaplain was appalled at the man's behavior, but, in time, came to understand why he acted as he did: Once powerful and vital, he was losing his easy strength and control over his body. He was suddenly vulnerable before women young enough to be his daughters, so grasped at whatever control he could find. The chaplain began to see him "doubly," as the boor and the beggar — and against her best instincts, the chaplain was moved by his plight.

As the months passed, the chaplain began to see more people "doubly." Patients were routinely racist, sexist, demanding aggressive or cruel with the nurses and staff — **and** they are afraid, exhausted, in pain, helpless. In the hospital, the illusion of control — over the function of a limb or organ, the strength of the hands, the length of the life — is shoved in the little closet alongside shoes and street clothes, and most people clutch at anything that might give a taste of it back.

The chaplain writes of those first days: "I would have preferred not to return to the rooms whose occupants turned their suffering on everyone around them, but duty and my supervisor's insistence sent me back. I would have preferred to find excuses for the transgressions confessed to or committed in front of me, but responsibility to the transgressor stilled my tongue. I still would prefer those options. But my role demands a persistent and sharp-edged compassion, a capacity to behold both the sin and the sinner, to understand that humans do bad things that cause real harm and yet remain human. The best service a chaplain provides for a patient is treating them not as a symptom or a saint but as a whole person, complete with the pack of small evils all of us contain alongside our better angels. Even after years of practicing this double vision, some days it is more than I can manage . . ."

It's a struggle. Sometimes we can find a way to overlook or get past someone's bad behavior; at other times, the only thing we can do is walk away, to punish them by our silence or ostracism. But the now-veteran chaplain has learned compassion, "compassion I have had to discover [that] requires effort and a willingness to hold onto tension, but it is not complicated to practice. It is as simple as completing the sentence: They are young, **and** they cause harm in their thoughtlessness. They desire acceptance, **and** they act cruelly to get it. They are vulnerable, **and** they are punishing others to feel stronger. They are hurting, and they hurt others. Always **and**. Always stay long enough for the **and**."

Over time, an inexperienced hospital chaplain develops the compassion urged by Jesus in today's Gospel. Jesus' hard teaching on loving one's "enemies" challenges us to understand and acknowledge the hurt and pain in the lives of those we find difficult to tolerate, let alone "love." In every relationship, in every set of circumstances, the faithful disciple of Jesus seeks to break that destructive rut of hatred and distrust by doing the hard work of seeing the "and" in everyone's life, that we are all more than just our failings and sins — we are also our vulnerabilities and hurts. Always, always, Jesus says, "stay along enough for the 'and.'"

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Help Build a Civilization of Love

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The campaign will again be conducted during Lent and our parish can earn a rebate of 50% of the amount collected over goal.

Through your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal you help those in our diocese whose needs are the greatest—the poor, the homeless, and those struggling with illness or grief. Among other needed pastoral ministries, your gift also supports our Cultural Diversity Ministries and enhances the work of forming our youth. The many pastoral, educational and charitable ministries of the Diocese of Metuchen would not be possible without a generous contribution from every household. Please be as generous as your means allow.

Parish and Community News

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
March, 2019

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17 2nd Sun. of Lent 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC	18 7:00 PM Small Group - DR 7:30 PM Pastoral Council Mtg - UR	19 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 11:00 AM Small Group - NRC 7:00 PM Property Mgt Mtg - DR 7:00 PM Connections Mtg - COCK 7:00 PM Small Group - UR	20 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Small Group - NRC 7:15 PM Small Group - UR	21 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR	22 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - CC 7:30 PM Reconciliation - RR	23 5:30 PM Mass - CC 8:30 PM Property Mgt sponsored Coffee - NRC
24 3rd Sun. of Lent 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Property Mgt sponsored Coffee - NRC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - CC 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy - NRC 11:30 AM Property Mgt sponsored Coffee - NRC	25 7:00 PM Fundraising Mtg - COCK 7:00 PM Small Group - DR 7:30 PM Children's Liturgy Mtg - SR	26 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 11:00 AM Small Group - NRC 7:00 PM Small Group - UR	27 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:30 AM Small Group - NRC 7:15 PM Small Group - UR	28 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. - COCK 5:00 PM Cleaning - CC 7:30 PM Music/Bells - CC 7:30 PM Small Group - UR	29 8:00 AM Mass - NRC 6:00 PM Soup Supper - CC 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - CC 7:30 PM Reconciliation - RR	30 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Breakfast - CC 3:30 PM First Eucharist - Session #4 - CC 5:30 PM Mass - CC
31 4th Sun. of Lent & Diocesan Clergy Collection 8:00 AM Mass - CC 9:00 AM Small Group - SR 10:30 AM Mass - Diocesan - CC						

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 17, 2019

70 Donors Weekly\$3,294.00
 4 Yellow Brick Road\$210.00
 36 Snow/Heat.....\$680.00

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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., Feb. 27L. Caprio
 Wed., March 6J. Santoro

Store Cards

February 23 and 24

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

March 2 and 3

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Feb. 24B. Lee
 Week of March 3L. Livoti

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February 28 Team C
 March 7 Team D

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Feb. 25 Malone / Caprio
 March 4 Cangelosi / Gagen

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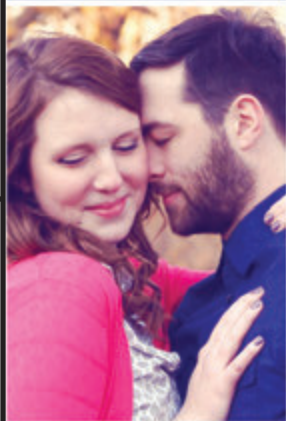


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