

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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## Mission Statement

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

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

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

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

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith*

*TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures*

*TO CHERISH all life*

*TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

## **Annual Parish Goal**

***We, as ministers, will foster***

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

## **Diocese of Metuchen**

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

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

### **Trustees**

Fred Heimall ..... Trustee  
Mary Cangelosi ..... Trustee

### **Church and Office Center:**

398 County Route 513, Califon  
PO Box 455, Califon, NJ 07830  
908-832-2513 Office/908-832-7618 Fax

### **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 am

### **Holy Day Masses**

Residence Chapel ..... 7:00 a.m.  
Church Center ..... 7:00 p.m.

See Parish Calendar Inside for changes

## **Parish Contact Information**

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# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, March 26

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Wednesday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Thursday, March 28

7:00 a.m. Kurt Jahn, req.

Jim and Joann Murray

### Friday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, March 30

5:30 p.m. William Schultz, req.

Joann and Bob Gardner

### Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Margaret Portela, req.

Kappus Family

10:30 a.m. Anita Sawczuk, req.

Ron and Shirley Pojedinec

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, March 24 - Third Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. Property Mgmt Sponsored Coffee (Narthex)

9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)

10:30 a.m. Mass (Church)

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

11:30 a.m. Property Mgmt Sponsored Coffee (Narthex)

### Monday, March 25 - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 p.m. Small Group (Drexel Room)

7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Meeting (Seton Room)

### Tuesday, March 26 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

11:00 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)

7:00 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

### Wednesday, March 27 - Lenten Weekday

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

10:30 a.m. Small Group (Narthex)

7:15 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

### Thursday, March 28 - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

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

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

7:30 p.m. Music/Bells (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Small Group (Upper Room)

### Friday, March 29 - Lenten Weekday

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

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper (Church Center)

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Reconciliation (Reconciliation Room)

## Mass Schedule - March 30/31

Saturday	8:30 p.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader .....	Josh Geerinck
Altar Server .....	Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Joann Gardner
.....	Jim Oelkers, Debby Kelemen
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader .....	Chris Bitters
Altar Server .....	Mickley Family
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Barbara Martalus
.....	Bob Martalus, Joe Sima
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rick Rusk
Reader .....	Anthony DeStefano
Altar Server .....	DeStefano Family
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	Marlene Milko
Ministers of the Eucharist .....	Bob Sobey, Donna Lance
.....	Doris Royal, Peter Royal, 1 Needed

### Saturday, March 30 - Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

7:00 a.m. Men's Spirituality Breakfast (Office Center)

3:30 p.m. 1st Eucharist - Session #4 (Church Center)

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

### Sunday, March 31 - Fourth Sunday of Lent / Diocesan Clergy Retirement

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

9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)

10:30 a.m. Mass - Danik Baptism (Church)

11:30 a.m. Discover St. John's (Office 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: **Donna Starita, and Percy Davids.**

**Deceased: Donna Starita**, niece of Anne Sacco and Cousin of Barbara Pannone and **Percy Davids**, father of Mauricia Nacamuli. 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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: "The Green Book"

*The parable of the fig tree.*

*Luke 13: 1-69*

The award-winning film **The Green Book** is the true story of the unlikely friendship between a black world-class pianist and the white Bronx nightclub bouncer he hires to drive him on a tour of cities in the segregated South of the 1950s. But what about the title — "the Green Book"?

**The Green Book** was actually called "The Negro Motorist Green Book": a listing of businesses across the country that welcomed African American travelers. The first edition was published in 1936 by Victor Green, a postal worker who lived in Harlem. **The Green Book** included restaurants and motels that would serve black motorists. It also warned of towns and cities that were hostile to African Americans, who were taking to the road in record numbers in the 1930s and early 40s, as more jobs for blacks were opening up around the country. And they kept **The Green Book** at hand. If there were no **Green Book** listings along the route they were driving, they didn't stop.

Often a safe place to stay was a room in someone's house, like Harriet Cornwall's house in Columbia S.C. The Rossonian Hotel and Lounge was one of 80 such accommodating businesses listed in the Denver area. Great musicians like Duke Ellington and Billie Holiday stayed at the Rossonian — these legendary artists were welcome to play downtown, but not welcomed to stay. And South Boston can boast of Charlie's Sandwich Shop, opened by two Greek immigrants, Charlie Poulos and Christi Manjourides, in 1927. Charlie's was the first restaurant in Boston that served all races.

In the 1948 edition of **The Green Book**, publisher Victor Green wrote: "There will come a day sometime in the near future when this guide will not be published. This is when we as a race will have equal opportunities and privileges in the United States."

Green, who died in 1960, didn't live to see that day come, when the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964 mandated the end of segregation. Publication of **The Green Book** ended in 1967. It's largely forgotten now, its legacy underestimated: that there were, during this ugly part of American history, business men and women who refused to buckle to racism and welcomed all to their establishments.

**The first part of today's Gospel points to the evil of marking people by some arbitrary measure of sin or evil, of segregating or isolating classes of people by race or religion because of a false sense of superiority or fear of social pressure. God "rides" with those who are rejected and scorned by the self-righteous and the avaricious; God "stops" at those places who welcome all his daughters and sons with respect and peace.**



### 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 after the Stations.

The following is a list of who will be hosting each week:

- Mar 29 50 Plus
- Apr 5 Small Groups
- Apr 12 Social Ministry



### ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

**May 11th - 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please consider helping out with some of the necessary cleaning, maintenance and repairs around the Church, Office, Residence and grounds. Windows, Closets, Deck Refinishing, relocating items, yard cleanup, etc. Lunch will be provided. We can use your help for all or any part of the day. Please sign up in

the Narthex, or just show up. If you have any questions, call Sharon in the office 908-832-2513 or [sjanks@ccsjn.org](mailto:sjanks@ccsjn.org).

### PASTOR'S CORNER

This weekend the Property Management Committee will be hosting coffees after all the Masses. It's that time when the committee is looking for new members. You don't have to be an expert on property or management. If you own a home or have an interest in property management or landscaping, we need you.

Some committee members will be available to answer your questions after all the Masses. See the bulletin insert and pickup a hand out in the Narthex.

Our Annual Spring Cleanup is scheduled for May 11th from 8am to 3pm. We have many tasks to be done and can use your help. If you can spare even an hour or two please sign up in the Narthex. Lunch will be provided.

Thank you,  
Fr Rick

### STEWARDSHIP RESPONSES

Please fill out a stewardship form and if you haven't already done so. You can try a service and let us know if it doesn't work with you.

**Number of Parish Families .. 301**  
**Parishioner Responses ..... 92**



### STEWARDSHIP

Eight stewardship forms were returned this week. Please, Please, Please stop in the narthex and fill out your form and leave it in the basket! If you have questions about Stewardship opportunities email or call the office for information. [Sjn@ccsjn.org](mailto:Sjn@ccsjn.org) / 832-2513.



# Christian Formation

## OPERATION RICE BOWL 2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



In today's Gospel of Luke, Jesus takes Peter, John and James up to a mountain to pray. Jesus was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth.

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl Lenten journey let us remember in prayer our families, communities, and brothers and sisters around the world that are in need. May our fasting keep us mindful of the families and communities that are hungry. May our almsgiving assist CRS to alleviate hunger in the world.

## LENT IS A TIME TO GROW CLOSER TO JESUS



Lent is a wonderful season to fast from the negative habits. It is an opportunity to redirect the focus of our faith journey in positive ways that we may grow in holiness. Let's revisit our Lenten resolutions with this perspective in mind.

Take one area of temptation and practice the opposite virtue. For example, if you have negative thoughts about a coworker, stop and consider one good quality this person has and thank God for it. Angry with a family member or friend? Consider praying for that person daily. Jesus wants you to grow in love and holiness and you don't have to do it alone he is always with you. **"Lord help me to grow in holiness and love this Lent."**

## Social Ministry

### COMMUNITY GARDEN SIGN-UP



Sign-ups for a raised bed in the community garden for the 2019 growing season will take place in the Narthex on April 6 and 7 after all of the weekend Masses. We have 32 beds available--28 traditional 'low' beds and 4 'high' beds for those who have physical limitations. There is no monetary charge to use a bed but each member will be required to contribute 12 service hours of help in the garden. If you have any questions or need more information contact Anne Germino at [project-earth@ccsjn.org](mailto:project-earth@ccsjn.org).

### WELCOME



We extend a welcome to two new parish families. The Swiderski's, Joe and Diana and their young daughters Adriana and Sienna and Mike and Danielle Pennucci have joined the parish. Take a look at the bulletin board and introduce yourself when you see them.

### SAMARITAN HOMELESS INTERIM PROGRAM (SHIP'S GALLEY) SOUP KITCHEN

Each month on the 2nd Monday and 4th Thursday from 11:30am-2pm, volunteers from St. John's serve the noon meal at SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville. You can join us in this outreach to the poor and homeless and serve once or as often as your schedule permits. If you are unable to come to the soup kitchen to serve, you can also help by providing casseroles, fruit, salad, soup and other food items. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, contact Anne Germino at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org).

### INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

As we Spring Forward, we can also be a blessing to others this Lenten season and Pay it Forward! We will be working with our host church, Spruce Run Lutheran by hosting those who have no home during the week of March 31-April 7. You can volunteer solo, with family, friends, or involve service groups and there are many ways to help. Please take the time to check out where we need assistance at the following link and sign up to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e054eafad22a20-family9>

If you need further information, or would prefer to join in with a more seasoned volunteer, please email Debbie Hunt at [dhuntfaml@comcast.net](mailto:dhuntfaml@comcast.net).



At St. John Neumann

### 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. We also need someone to vacuum the worship area. Contact the office if you want to see if this could fit into your schedule.

### ST JOHN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 14th after the 10:30 Mass**



Join the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday after the 10:30 Mass! There will be 'hidden' Eggs for ages 1 – 10. Bring your baskets if you have them – but we will have bags available if you forget. Be prepared for weather - dress for outside temperature and wet grass! We have separate hunting grounds to accommodate the ages. Come join the fun!

## **2019 SPRING BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

***Tuesday Evenings from April 2 through May 14***

Personal loss can be a challenging time. How we manage is unique to each of us. There will be a series of six (6) non-denominational, interrelated and supportive bereavement seminars at St. John Neumann, Califon, NJ, beginning April 2nd. John Cole, a professional in the transitioning process, will facilitate the sessions. This short-term program has been considered very helpful by past participants who have experienced personal loss. The conversations extend from understanding loss and normal reactions to steps, guided by faith, towards acceptance and the recreation of hopeful lives. While a primary focus is the death of a significant other, those who have experienced severe loss because of divorce, separation, or other substantial life altering events are welcomed. All sessions start at 7 p.m. The dates of the seminars will be April 2, 9, 16, 30, May 7 and 14.

Please note that each session builds on the prior one. Attendance at all six sessions would be best to derive optimal benefit. At this time, all sessions will be in the upper floor of the parish office building, unless participant mobility issues arise.

Registration can be made with France Kennedy at the parish office by calling her at 908-832-2513 on or before March 29. If anyone has any questions about the seminars or participation, please call John Cole directly at 908-399-4234. This series is open to individuals from all faiths and religious communities. If you are aware of anyone who may benefit from attendance, no matter their affiliation, please suggest that he or she call France Kennedy or John.

## **JOURNEY OF LENT**

Lent is coming and going, as winter has lost its grip and the hope of spring and Easter are just around the corner.

Each year the season of Lent comes and offers us a journey to Easter. How is your journey this year? Same old, same old? Or are you spending just a bit of time away from your daily chores and responsibilities to make this year special. Last weekend we heard about the experience of Jesus' Transfiguration, and parishioners in the small groups gathered to talk about what it meant to them. What about you? Are you on a journey to be transfigured this Lent? Are you open to have the Spirit touch your heart and compel a change in you?

Lent is still chugging along, we notice it when we think of what to have for lunch on Friday, or when we get the urge for whatever we gave up. But is there any other impact Lent has on you?

Lent is a time for introspection or reading scripture; time in prayer or meditation; going to a weekday Mass or visiting the Eucharist Chapel. Lent is not done. Think of your Lenten Plan, and revise it - add to it. Spend time talking to God about your path and which direction you should go.

There are still a lot of opportunities for you to Live Lent; Stations of the Cross, donating to our Social Ministry to help those in need, attending reconciliation after Stations on Fridays. Even something as simple as calling or visiting someone you haven't seen or spoken to who would need or welcome the contact.

***Lent is not over, it's not too late to modify your journey!***



## **BLUE MOON CULINARY-CHEF PAT MILLER**

Hats off to Chef Pat Miller from Blue Moon Culinary for her past involvement in our fundraising effort (the SJN Tasting). Recently we each took advantage of Pat's donations of a *Valentine's Dine In* at our own homes. While our selections of 4 course meals were exquisite, she "brought to the table" the china/silver, candlelight, flowers and soft music; then cleaned up the kitchen. Beat celebrating at any restaurant.

Blue Moon Culinary is farm to YOUR table, customizing toward the gluten/grain free, paleo, vegan, low carb and other diets. Don't wait for a blue moon. For any chef or catering, please support [chefpat@bluemoonculinary.com](mailto:chefpat@bluemoonculinary.com) (908-281-9222); [www.BlueMoonCulinary.com](http://www.BlueMoonCulinary.com) ...by Steve Bauernfeind / Marlene Milko

## **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 24, 2019**

***"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'"***  
***(Luke 13:7)***

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.



## **MEN'S SPIRITUALITY BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, March 30th, 7:00 a.m.**

Please join us for the in the Office Center for our monthly Men's Spirituality Breakfast. Come for the food, stay for scripture.

## **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](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org).



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Alligood  
 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  
 David Fabiano  
 Dawn Farley  
 Cindy Feighan  
 Emma Finnegan  
 Debbie Gregorakis  
 Joseph Gruszczynski  
 Liz Harmon  
 Fred Holub  
 Stephanie Illetscho  
 Michael Kucharski  
 Arthur Lanteri  
 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  
 Anthony Sorgi, Jr.  
 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

## A RARE GIFT

Sarah Gray was three months pregnant with identical twin boys when she and her husband, Ross, learned that one of them suffered from anencephaly, a fatal birth defect. Six months later, Thomas and Callum were born; Callum survived, but Thomas died six days later. Sarah and Ross decided to donate Thomas' tissues and organs to science research. They were able to donate his liver, his cord blood, his retinas and his corneas.

A short time later, Sarah was on a trip to Boston. She remembered that Thomas' corneas had gone to the Schepens Eye Research Institute at Harvard. She and Ross had signed away any rights to future information about the donation. But she decided there was nothing to lose by calling.

"I donated my son's eyes to you a couple of years ago," Sara explained to the receptionist at Harvard. "I'm in town on business for a couple of days. Is there any chance I can stop by for a ten-minute tour?"

The woman who answered paused. "I've never had this request before." The woman asked Sara to hold for a moment; finally, someone came on the line and said she would be welcomed. The next day, Sara met one of the researchers at the lab. The researcher said that an infant's eyes "are like gold to us." Thomas' cells were still being studied at the lab as they developed treatment for a number of different eye ailments.

The warm and grateful welcome she received gave Sarah "the bug." So she and Ross arranged visits to the other three labs around the country where their little boy's tissues had been sent. At Duke University, they learned that Thomas' blood was part of a study on how anencephaly develops. Scientists at the Cytonet lab explained how Thomas' liver was being used to develop lifesaving therapy for liver disease. And at the University of Philadelphia, the Rosses saw how Thomas's retinas were a Godsend to researchers looking for ways to treat retinoblastoma, a deadly cancer of the retina.

For Sarah and Ross and Callum, the donation of Thomas' tissue was no longer an abstract "nice thing to do." The extraordinary good of Thomas' gifts became something real to them. Their feelings of grief turned into pride. Their son and brother was with them in this life-giving work.

**Sara and Ross Gray model the generosity of heart and spirit of optimism of the gardener in Jesus' parable. Like the gardener who sees some hope for the struggling fig tree, the Rosses are able to see beyond their grief to make some good come from their little boy's death. As God's mercy and compassion know no end, we are called to embrace the faith of the gardener: to work and re-work our own small plots and realize its harvest of compassion and grace.**

## MAKING A PRAYER REQUEST AT ST. JOHN'S

Prayer is the way we talk with and listen to God, and the St. John Neumann Prayer Ministry is here to support you in times of need. If you would like the Prayer Ministers to include your request in their prayers, there are three ways to reach out to them:

- Fill out a Prayer Request Card, which can be found at the Prayer Station in the Church. It is located on the left side as you enter the Church proper from the Narthex.
- Send a Prayer Request through the Parish website ([www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)) or email the office [sjn@ccsjn.org](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org).
- Call the Parish Office at 908-832-2513 and speak with someone about your request

All requests for confidentiality are honored, and should be noted when making the request. We all know how powerful prayer can be, and many have experienced the peace, guidance, healing and answers to their needs that prayer can bring. As a community we support one another in prayer.



# Parish and Community 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:

- St. Bernard, Bridgewater - Mon., March 25th (7:30 p.m.)
- St. Patrick, Belvidere - Wed., March 27th
- Blessed Sacrament, Martinsville - Fri., March 29th
- St. Rose of Lima, Oxford - Wed., April 3rd

For a full listing of Awakening Night dates and locations, please visit [lightingheartsonfire.org](http://lightingheartsonfire.org).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS – 2019

Council #10627 is proud to announce our 6th annual CCSJN Joseph F. Labuta Scholarship Award application to high school seniors of Knights of Columbus brothers or parishioners of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. The application can be found on the website, [www.kofc10627.org](http://www.kofc10627.org) by accessing the drop down menu for COUNCIL ACTIVITIES, then YOUTH ACTIVITIES, then SCHOLARSHIPS, and finally SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS. Follow the directions for essay writing as given there and accessing the correct application for committee consideration. The scholarship will be a particularly competitive process for the 2019 award. **ALL SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSIONS are due in the St. Joseph Rectory Office, 59 Main Street, High Bridge, NJ by MAY 1, 2019.**



## GOODBYE 1970'S ORANGE CHAIRS

The weekday Mass participants were pleasantly surprised this week, when the old orange chairs did not bring them back to 1970. The chairs have been part of the parish since the early days when Lyle got them from his work. So new chairs appeared, thanks to Lari O'Donnell who tirelessly works to find new homes for furniture from businesses that have closed or downsized. In addition to the chairs, we have a new larger conference table in the Drexel Room to accommodate more people in our men and women's spirituality sessions and bible studies - so don't forget to sign up - we have room for you! Back to the chairs... I know you are

wondering what happened to the 35 orange chairs we had - tossed to the curb? No, with our stewardship strong, we thank Kate Knight for listing them on Freecycle and in less than a week she had found a new home for them. A Presbyterian Church in Middlesex has need of the chairs, and Jim Murray will be delivering them this Sunday. We feel as it was meant to be as our pews came free from a Presbyterian Church . . . the chairs find their way to their new home.

We hope you will attend a weekday Mass to see the improvement! Weekday Masses are Tuesday and Thursday are 7am and Wednesday and Friday are 8am.

***Come enjoy weekday liturgy at the Neumann Residence!***



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



***Some clever and funny Church Signs (with a hint of truth o them)***

- Free Trip to heaven. Details Inside!
- Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin-Robbins.
- Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!
- Have trouble sleeping? We have sermons - come hear one!
- People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### **March 17, 2019**

68 Donors Weekly .....\$2,964.00  
2 Yellow Brick Road .....\$95.00

### **March 18, 2018**

82 Donors Weekly .....\$5,474.00  
5 Yellow Brick Road .....\$200.00  
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50 Diocesan Retirement....\$1,126.00  
1 Develop. of Peoples .....\$20.00  
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Thanks to the **11** families who purchased **\$1,470.00** in grocery & store cards for last week, the stores gave us a profit of **\$75.60**.

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Wed., March 27 .....L. Caprio  
Wed., April 3 .....J. Santoro

### **Store Cards**

#### **March 23 and 24**

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

#### **March 30 and 31**

5:30 p.m.....L. Livoti  
8:00 a.m..... P. Nanna  
10:30 a.m.....Needed

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of Mar. 24 .....M. Proano  
Week of Mar. 31 ... C. Fortenbacker

### **Church Center Cleaning**

March 28.....Team A  
April 4 .....Team B

### **Counting**

March 25.....Malone / Caprio  
April 1 ..... Cangelosi / Gagen

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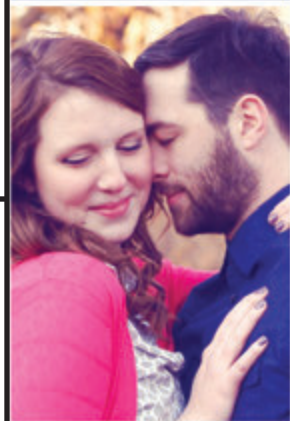
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