

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

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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 am

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, April 16

7:00 a.m. Patricia Parks, req.
Susan and Mike Griffin

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, April 18

8:00 p.m. Jean and Joe Stasick, req.
France Kennedy

Saturday, April 20

8:00 p.m. Dorothy Byrne, Mary Byrne,
Gordon & Sollesx Families,
req., Brisson Family

Sunday, April 21

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks, req.
Alan and Sharon Janks
10:30 a.m. Richard Sepe, req.
Maureen Sepe and Family

COME ENJOY THE BELLS!



The Bells will be played at the 10:30am. Mass both Palm Sunday April 14th & Easter Sunday April 21st.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday/Passion of the Lord Easter Flower Offering

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 a.m. Small Group (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Bells (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)
11:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt (Church Center Grounds)
3:00 p.m. Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Coat (Lambertville)

Monday, April 15 - Monday of Holy Week

4:00 p.m. Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center Kitchen)

Tuesday, April 16 - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Bereavement (Drexel Room)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Upper Room)
7:15 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church Center)

Wednesday, April 17 - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
3:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Living Station Practice (Drexel Room)
7:30 p.m. Small Group Joint Session (Church Center)

Thurs., April 18-Holy Thursday/Holy Land Collection

6:00 p.m. Confirmandi Seder Meal (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)
9:00 p.m. Keeping Vigil (Seton Room)

Mass Schedule - April 18/19/20/21

Thursday	Holy Thursday	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader	Joann Gardner	
Altar Server	Klacik Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Gloria Cucchiara	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates, Sharon Janks	
	Patti Rittman, Phyllis Baker, 1 Needed	
Friday	Good Friday Service	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader	2 Needed	
Saturday	Holy Saturday	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader	(1) Joann McNamara	
	(2) Kathleen Swindler (3) Neil MacDonald	
Altar Server	Needed	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	1 Needed	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Mary D'Avella, Joann Gardner	
	Patti Rittman, 2 Needed	
Sunday	Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader	Kate Knight	
Altar Server	Mickley Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Diane Lehnert	
	Maritza Perez Proano, Gail Battell	
Sunday	Easter Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader	Anthony DeStefano	
Altar Server	Cucchiara Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Debby Kelemen	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Gloria Cucchiara, Jane Albert	
	Marlene Milko, Bob Sobey, Sheena Carew, Phyllis Baker	

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday/Holy Land Collection

1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (Church Grounds)
8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Church Center)

Saturday, April 20 - Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Environment Decorating (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday

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

No gathering for the Rosary this weekend

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Glenn Welch, Fred Holub and Donna Starita.**

Deceased: **Fred Holub**, father of Patty Nanna, **Glenn Welch**, friend of Faye Mocariski and **Donna Starita**, niece of Anne Sacco and cousin of Barbara Pannone. 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.

WHAT IS EASTER TRIDUUM?

"Triduum" is a Latin word referring to a three-day period of prayer, usually in preparation for an important feast or in celebration of that feast. Easter Triduum is the liturgical name for the last three days of Holy Week: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday with Easter Vigil whereby we enter the joy of Easter Sunday. Here's a preview of how it is celebrated here at St. John's, as narrated by our parishioners Joann Gardner and Barbara Gates:

Holy Thursday: Our Sacred Triduum starts with the traditional Seder Meal on Holy Thursday, celebrated by the Confirmandi. These students enjoy the ritual meal that has been prepared by their parents. They are taught the meaning of the Seder meal (with bitter herbs, egg, lamb shank, salt and Elijah's Cup) according to the Hebrew custom.

If you have not attended a Holy Thursday Mass, you should try to be there. It is the time when the Oils of Chrism are presented to the Priest and Congregation after our representative has attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Metuchen and brings them to St. John's. During this Mass the priest performs the washing of the feet, a very humbling experience. As an extension of this act and to remind us that we all are Christ to one another, those whose feet were washed then wash the hands of the rest of the community. This practice, that is unique to St. John's, really makes us all participants in this sacred rite. At the conclusion of the Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is taken to the beautifully flower-decorated Seton Room where parishioners come in turns to "watch and pray" with Our Lord until midnight.

Good Friday: In the afternoon our Confirmation students present the Living Stations of the Cross outside. This presentation is quite moving as parishioners follow the path of Jesus on the road to His death on the cross. The students enact vignettes at each station and the congregation join in prayer, song, and meditation along the way. The students always do a splendid job.

At night, there is a solemn service in the church. The atmosphere is somber with low lighting and music. We hear readings from the Old Testament and the Gospel (the Passion Narrative), and there is time for reflection during the intercessions. After the intercessions, we each venerate the cross with a bow or a kiss. This service is not a Mass because there is no consecration of hosts, but communion is received with the extra Eucharist from the Mass on Holy Thursday. At the end of the service, we depart the church in prayerful silence.

Holy Saturday: This is the day of prayer and waiting. The Easter Vigil begins at 8 pm when it is still dark. The congregation moves outside to the unique Easter Bonfire. We then process into the Church with the Paschal Candle lit. We use candles lit from the Paschal Candle and as the vigil progresses, the Church is flooded with light representing new life. It is at the Easter Vigil that the Catechumen and the Elect receive the sacraments of initiation as full members of the Catholic Church. It is a spiritually uplifting experience. Consider being a part of this most holy and inspirational time at St. John's.

CHRISM MASS

Monday, April 15, 2019 - Cathedral, Metuchen

On Monday, April 15, 2019 Bishop James Checchio will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the Diocese. At this Mass, the Bishop will bless the Holy Oils which each parish receives for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose [340-397] began this custom - which we now call the Chrism Mass - in his Cathedral in Milan. The Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries! The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of the a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their Bishop and to their ministry to God and His People; the Bishop and all Priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 4:00 p.m.

Our parishioners Tom Klawunn and Patti Rittman will attend this Mass to receive the Holy Oils for our Parish which will be presented here at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Renew International has put out a small book called "Healing our Church." It is a small-group resource to help ordinary people struggling with the pain and sorrow coming from the crisis in the Church today. We would like to know if you are interested in participating. If so, call the office and let us know.

God Bless,
Fr. Rick

PLAYGROUP



Come join the party in the loft! St. John's newly formed playgroup is meeting weekdays and we are also looking to form a weekend playgroup. Email playgroup@ccsjn.org.

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 ...300
Parishioner Responses 109

ON LINE PARISH GIVING

Switched from Automated Giving 13
New Families Signed Up 3

STEWARDSHIP

We invite you to help out at the parish. We look forward to your talents to help the parish and the entire community. Check out the Stewardship forms in the narthex and if you have questions about any opportunity email or call the office for information. sjn@ccsjn.org / 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. We also need someone to vacuum the worship area. Contact the office if you want to see if this could fit into your schedule.

Christian Formation



Please return your rice bowls to the church narthex in the CRS collection box and Thank you for your generous participation!

**For it is in giving that we receive.
Francis of Assisi**



BAPTISM

If you have a child you want to baptize before August contact France Kennedy at 908-832-2513 to register for our Baptism Preparation Program in April.

EASTER FLOWER HELP

If you can assist with the indoor/outdoor Easter flowers, that would be appreciated. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. Thank You

COMMUNITY GARDEN BEDS STILL AVAILABLE



We are filling up quickly but there are still some garden beds available in the Community Garden at St. John's. Contact Anne at projectearth@ccsjn.org for more information or to sign up.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels needs your help! As one of the last meal delivery programs in New Jersey to depend solely on volunteer drivers, new drivers are al-ways needed. By committing approximately two hours, once a month, you can make a big difference in the lives of Hunterdon County's homebound seniors by delivering hot, nutritious meals. For more information call Meals on Wheels at 908-284-0735, visit their website at mowih.org, or email info@mowih.org.



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

April 19, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

An Ecumenical event presented by the GIFT Student on **April 19, 2019 at 1p.m.** You are invited to join us on a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus' suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ's love for us

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

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS PIES FOR EASTER



SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville will be open and will serve the noon meal on Easter Sunday. They are in need of pies for dessert. If you would like to make a pie of any kind to contribute, please contact Anne Germino at projectearth@ccsjn.org. All pies need to be delivered to St. John's by 8am on Friday, April 19.

CAREGIVER APPRECIATION & SENIOR RESOURCE EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019 • 11:00AM - 2:30PM

Hunterdon Medical Center, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington NJ 08822

Caring for a loved one can be stressful. Who do I call for help? What resources are available in Hunterdon County? You have questions, we have the answers! Community resource tables will be available.

This is a fun filled day filled with good food. music and community. Also available: complimentary massage services, lunch provided at no cost, win a chance for door prize, supervised activity for caregivers loved one.

Special Guest Speaker: Victoria Schmidt the author of Victoria's 95 Secrets: To A Happy, Healthy, Long Life. Lucky attendees will receive a free copy of Victoria's book! **To register for this informative and special day, please call Claudia at (908)581-5251**

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY THANKS YOU!

A sincere thanks to the following St. John's volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help host our homeless guests thru Interfaith Hospitality: Andy Kozlowski, Pam Casserly, Ray & Jennifer Klacik, Diane Lehnert, Anne Germino, Suzanne Larusso, Jane Albert, Michelle & Brian Regan, Phil & Regina Farrell. Together with the Spruce Run Lutheran Church community, we were able to offer food, comfort and support to those in need and your efforts were most appreciated. Mark your calendars for our next week of hosting which is July 28-August 4!

2019 EASTER & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Sat. April 13 - 5:30pm **Blessing of Palms** Procession (Portico)
Mass (Church Center)
- Sun. April 14 - **Passion/Palm Sunday** Distribution of Palms at all Masses
8:00am Mass
10:30am Mass
- Mon. April 15 - 4:00pm Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
- Tues. April 16 - 7:00am Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- Wed. April 17 - 8:00am Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
- SACRED TRIDUUM**
- Thurs. April 18 - **Holy Thursday**
8:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)
9:30pm-12:00am **"Keeping Watch"** (Seton Room)
- Fri. April 19 - **Good Friday** Passion and Death of the Lord
1:00pm Living Stations of the Cross (Grounds)
8:00pm Service (Church Center)
- Sat. April 20 - **Holy Saturday**
NO 5:30pm MASS
8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - (Church Center)
- Sun. April 21 - **Easter Sunday**
8:00am Mass (Church Center)
10:30am Mass (Church Center)

PALM SUNDAY

April 7, 2019

"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

On Holy Saturday at 12:00 Noon, parishioners are invited to bring their Easter foods such as baked breads, cakes, eggs, and meats, to the Church to be blessed for their Easter meal.



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.



KEEPING WATCH

We will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. Please join us for the special Mass. Afterwards you are invited to stay for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Seton Room. Adoration will be ongoing until midnight.

NOTE OF THANKS - From Middlesex Presbyterian

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are so grateful for the gift of so many armchairs from your to Middlesex Presbyterian Church, a small parish in Middlesex, New Jersey. Please pass on our gratitude for your generosity to Kathleen Knight, who connected the offer with my housemate and especially to Jim & Joann Murray who drove them down to our church this past Sunday. We are still figuring the best placement for all the chairs. What a lovely dilemma! Everyone helped offload the chairs. I was glad for the good weather to do this task. We pray for you all to experience God's richest blessings in this holy season.

In Christ's Love and Service,
Rev. Sally Campbell



ST JOHN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Following 10:30 Mass Palm Sunday April 14

Join the fun at our Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday April 14 after the 10:30 Mass! Children up to ten years old should gather on the patio behind the church **immediately following** the 10:30 Mass. We will ring the gong to start the hunt so please have the kids ready as the eggs are found very quickly and we don't want children to miss out. Please listen to the instructions before the event begins. You can take the candy and place in your bag to bring home and return the eggs in the plastic container. We encourage parents to help children share so everyone can have fun in finding eggs.

YOGA IS RETURNING

Chair Yoga Starts

Tuesday, April 23rd, 10:30am

Chair classes are for anyone who is not comfortable getting down and up from the floor. We practice lots of breathing and stretching and also a few standing poses. We prefer to remove our shoes but it's not mandatory. Class meets in the Narthex or on the back patio weather permitting. No prior experience needed.

Mat Yoga Starts

Wednesday, April 24th, 5:30pm

Gentle mat classes in the rear loft of the church sets the stage for a very relaxed and gentle yoga practice. Please bring a mat or beach towel and wear comfortable clothes and easy to remove shoes. No prior experience needed.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margaret Alligood
Clara Alvarez
Gary Anderson
Andrew Arias
Miguel Astacio
Diane Bosack
John D'Almeida
Aiden Day
Barbara DelPiano
Denis DeVirteuil
Sophia DeVita
Anthony DeVito
David Fabiano
Dawn Farley
Cindy Feighan
Emma Finnegan
Joseph Gruszczynski
Stephanie Illetscho
Michael Kucharski
Arthur Lanteri
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Declan Maloney
Dick McCall
Jan McLeavey
Christine Meyer
Jon Morris
Joan & Megan Myers
Nancy Patterson
Nilsa Perez Parsons
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Earl & Denise Roberts
Joe Romanger
Silvia Burset Romero
Noah Skinner
Michael Slivka
Dick Slusher
Anthony Sorgi, Jr.
Patty Galati 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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The Blessing and Procession of Palms

As [Jesus] rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road . . . the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.
Luke 19: 28-40

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD — THE PASSION:

. . . [Christ Jesus] emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness . . . he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
Philippians 2: 6-11

The [criminal] said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom . [Jesus] replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise . . ."
Luke 22: 14 - 23: 56

"Lay it all on the road . . . "

What is the most precious thing you own?

What is that one thing that defines who you are, that one thing that you would be totally lost without?

Your job? Your profession? Is it your work that gives your life meaning? Do you find your identity in what you do as a doctor, a lawyer, a manager, a police officer, a health care worker, carpenter, a computer tech? Does your work express what you want to make of your life and your world?

So are you willing to lay it all down on the road?

Or is it your skill as a writer, a cook, a carpenter, a painter? Do you find your life's satisfaction in what you create? Do you find your joy in expressing what others are unable to express and see their awe and delight at what you are able to communicate in the medium you work in? Or is your greatest joy the pleasure you bring with your beef bourguignon or chili or chocolate chip cookies?

Or do you do you consider yourself blessed to be able to fix what is broken or restore what's been lost?

Will you lay it all down on the road?

Or maybe it's being a loving parent or grandparent; a patient, generous teacher; a successful coach that can make a team out of a bunch of players.

Will you lay it all down on the road?

Whatever it is that makes you the person you are, whatever gifts you possess that give your life purpose and meaning — will you lay it all down on the road?

Would you lay your work, your talents, your love before the "One who comes in the name of the Lord?"

There is something noticeably missing in Luke's version of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday: palm branches. Unlike Matthew and Mark's accounts, Luke makes no mention of palms being waved or hosannas being sung. In Luke's account of Jesus' entry into the city, the people place along Jesus' path their single most important possession: their cloaks. A cloak was the most expensive article of clothing one possessed; most people owned only one that was constantly mended and never discarded. For the poorest of the poor, a cloak was more than an article of clothing: it was their shelter and home. The holy poor of Luke's narrative place all that they have at the disposal of the Messiah. To be disciples of the Redeemer Jesus is to "lay down" at the service of one another whatever we have and are, to "empty" ourselves (as the Apostle Paul writes in today's second reading) our comforts and fears and pride in order to become vessels of God's life and love in our own Jerusalems, in our own Holy Week journeys.



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



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

- Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.
- Running low on faith? Stop in for a refill.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.

Parish and Community News



SHARE YOUR EASTER JOY!

Know someone you want to invite to Easter Services? Take an invite card from the Narthex and give it to your friend, family member, or neighbor. Just hand them the card and say: "Hope to see you at church!"

THE MOST HOLY WEEK OF THE YEAR



Holy Week

We are entering the most Holy Week of the year when we commemorate the message of sacrificial divine love: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life"* (John. 3:16). Paul reminds us: *"Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person*

one might even find courage to die. But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8).

You are all invited to come and celebrate this unfathomable love of God for each one of us during the *Triduum*. Which simply means three day festival of prayer and worship. Join the Church services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Sunday. We will grow in greater knowledge of our faith when we attend these liturgical services. Can we consider this week as a time of grace for all of us as a family and so make sure that we participate in these worship services even by making some sacrifice this week, by rescheduling other activities, by rearranging other plans and thus giving priority to this week? You will see the grace of God flowing into your lives and into your homes..

SMALL GROUP OPEN SESSION

This Wednesday April 17 - 7pm Church Center

Everyone is invited for a BIG "Small Group" Concluding Session! If you have not participated in a small group you are welcome to this one time session to try it out. Join us this Wednesday, April 17, for a talk and discussion led by Father Rick. Anyone who enjoys sharing food, you are welcome to donate to our refreshments for socializing.

"SUMMER OF SPARTANS" AT IMMACULATA HIGH SCHOOL

Spend your summer at Immaculata High School. With a wide variety of Art, Music, and Athletic camps to choose from, there is something for everyone. A complete list of camps, dates, and registration information can be found at www.immaculatahighschool.org/summer. We look forward to seeing you on campus this summer!

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 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.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 7, 2019

64 Donors Weekly\$3,754.00
36 Yellow Brick Road\$956.00
6 Catholic Relief Svc\$205.00

April 8, 2018

59 Donors Weekly\$4,258.00
50 Yellow Brick Road\$1,572.25
7 Easter Offering\$395.00
1 Holy Land\$5.00
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VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., April 17 L. Capriol
Wed., May 1 J. Santoro

Store Cards

April 13 and 14

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

April 20 and 21

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of April 14 B. Lee
Week of April 21 L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

April 18 Team D
April 25 Team E

Counting

April 15 Cangelosi / McCabe
April 25 Malone / Caprio

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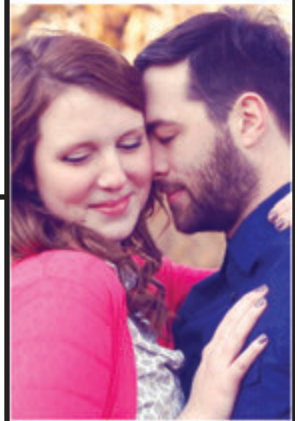


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