

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Happy Mother's Day



wishing you time...  
to dream,  
to relax,  
to enjoy!  
with love...

## 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

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# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, May 14

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Wednesday, May 15

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Thursday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Friday, May 17

8:00 a.m. Intention of the Celebrant

### Saturday, May 18

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

Lou and Joan Eacovalle

### Sunday, May 19

8:00 a.m. Richard Sepe, req.

Mary and Pete Cangelosi

10:30 a.m. Barbara Mason, req.

Durham Family



## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day / Catholic Relief Service Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
 10:00 a.m. Rosary (Church Center)  
 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
 10:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

### Monday, May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima

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

### Tuesday, May 14 - Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
 50 Plus Trip to see Jesus in PA  
 10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Class (Narthex)  
 7:00 p.m. Bereavement (Drexel Room)  
 7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Upper Room)

### Wednesday, May 15 - Saint Isidore

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
 5:30 p.m. Yoga - Gentle Mat Class (Church Center Loft)  
 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi (Church Center Loft)

### Thursday, May 16 - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
 5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

### Friday, May 17 - Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
 7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep (Church Center)

### Saturday, May 18 - Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

8:30 a.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)  
 5:30 p.m. Mass - Installation of Fr. Rick as Pastor of St. John's followed by Reception (Church Center)

## Mass Schedule - May 18/19

Saturday	Fr. Rick's Installation Mass	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Bishop James Checchio	
Reader .....	David Geerinck	
Altar Server .....	Geerinck/Torzcon Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Joann Gardner	
.....	Joan Eacovalle, Donna Torzcon	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader .....	Jim Murray	
Altar Server .....	Mickley Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Barbara Gates	
.....	Maritza Perez Proano, 1 Needed	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Rick Rusk	
Reader .....	Paul Gagen	
Altar Server .....	Connery Family	
Music Eucharistic Minister.....	Jane Albert	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	Jim DeVito, Doris Royal	
.....	Peter Royal, Ana Giametta, Donna Lance	

### Sunday, May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter / Development of Peoples

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
 10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
 10:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)



### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Josephine Marple, Silvia Bursit Romero, and William Holena.**

**Deceased:** **Josephine Marple**, mother of Cyndy Behrens, and **William Holena**, cousin of Joe Stanski. 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.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: "The Pajama Diaries"**

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."*  
*John 10: 27-30*

**The Pajama Diaries** is cartoonist Jill Kaplan's daily adventures of the Kaplan family: modern-multitasking mom Jill, her easy-going yet bluntly honest husband, Rob, and their two teenage daughters, Amy and Jess.

In one episode [March 14, 2018], Jill has had a tough day dealing with the self-absorbed teenage angst of her two daughters. That evening, sitting with her husband, she shares her frustration and exasperation.

"It's not just the stuff they notice that bugs me." Mom laments. "It's the stuff they don't. The **little** things: driving them places, buying their favorite snacks, making sure they wear sunscreen . . . All of that goes unnoticed. [Sigh] I know I'm complaining, but it **really** bugs me."

Rob embraces his exhausted wife. "Congratulations."

"What?" Jill asks.

Rob explains, "You're every mother on the planet."

Jill quietly replies, "Weird how lonely it is being in good company."

**The vocation of motherhood is very much an extension of the vocation of the Good Shepherd. In their total and complete love for their children, moms (and dads!) are the hand of God leading us through the rocky roads of life and catching us when we fall; in the wisdom of their experience and in their constant and patient support, they are the "voice" of the Good Shepherd calling us to the safety and forgiveness of home. Christ speaks in many voices — including our own. We can be the "voice" of Christ's compassion, comfort, forgiveness and peace in even our smallest and simplest words and acts of kindness and generosity. Today may we give thanks for our mothers who are the very voice of the Good Shepherd in our lives, assuring us with hope, mending our brokenness, be it our limbs or hearts, loving us unconditionally and completely, as God assures and heals and loves us from the moment of our birth.**

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

Last week Bishop Bootkoski confirmed our young men and women with the gift of the Holy Spirit! This Sacrament of Confirmations fills us with the power and strength of God's love. Here we are called to be adults in the Church giving our witness to Jesus and his gift of NEW LIFE! Congratulations to all! Please, check out the poster in the entrance for names and pictures!

God Bless,  
Fr. Rick

## **4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 12, 2019**

*"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."*  
*(Acts 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to.

## **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 .. 296**

**Parishioner Responses ..... 111**



## **THANK YOU**

- Thanks to Joan Eacovalle, Carol Crescenti, Marie Malone, Jane Albert and Judy Santoro, without whom we could not have gotten the Auction/Raffle Mailing out so quickly..
- Thanks to Bent Herrig and Gary Caprio for stepping up to put together the Patio Set and the Car for the Fab 5 Raffle.
- Thank you Chris Zelesny for making the chair pillows that make the seating in the Narthex so much more comfortable..

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

proudly invites you to join us

as we celebrate the

Installation of Our New Pastor

Rev. Richard Rusk.

We will celebrate this blessed occasion  
through worship with *God's Word at Mass*

May 18, 2019, 5:30pm.

Reception immediately following.



## **BAPTISM**

Anyone who is expecting a birth of a child or have a child to be baptized contact France Kennedy this week at [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org) or (908-832-2513) to register for the preparation program and discuss arrangements.

# Christian Formation

## 2019 CONFIRMADI OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN



Please remember to keep the Confirmation class of 2019 in your prayers as they prepare for this beautiful sacrament. They will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 10, 2019 at 7:00PM at the Church of the Annunciation in Bloomsbury.

## 2019-2020 GIFT FAMILY FAITH REGISTRATION



Please visit the parish office for new student registration, and contact Renee Ciszewski at [renee@ccsjn.org](mailto:renee@ccsjn.org). If you have your forms from our April session. They can be returned completed with payment to the parish office. Completed forms and payment are due by June 30, 2019



## TEN REASONS TO LIKE THE EASTER SEASON

1. There are many new members of our Catholic faith.
2. It is the season of joy, celebration, and the entire reason for our hope.
3. I like the feeling of coming out of the dark and experiencing the fullness of Christ's light!
4. If you are from the South, it means you can break out the white pants, linen, seersucker, and white shoes, which remind me of the season of light and new life.
5. It is a season of rebirth—in our yards, in our hearts, and in our spirits.
6. It's a season of reflection to see if we grew spiritually by assessing our Lenten journey.
7. It is the season of our renewal of baptismal vows and a recommitment to what our Baptism calls us to do.
8. Jesus is risen and continues to appear to the disciples. Just as the disciples needed more time to understand what the Resurrection meant, we are given 50 days of Easter to let our understanding of the Resurrection take root in our lives.
9. We get to hear the readings from the Acts of the Apostles, in which we see the transformation of the disciples from being startled and terrified to boldly proclaiming the Good News.
10. It's so encouraging to spend some time each day of the Easter season thinking, "What does it mean to my life today that Jesus Christ died for me and is



*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*

# Social Ministry & Parish News

## 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 [project-earth@ccsjn.org](mailto:project-earth@ccsjn.org) for more information or to sign up.



## SPRING PLANTING--PROJECT EARTH GARDEN

Join us in the garden on Saturday May 18 from 10 am to 5 pm for spring planting. Come for a little while or stay the whole day as we begin the 2019 growing season. All ages are welcome! The produce grown in the Project Earth Garden is donated to local soup kitchens and food banks. Contact Anne at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org) for more information.

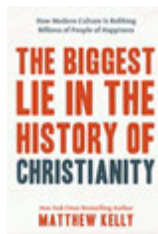
## OUR COMMUNITY SPRING GIVING TREE



Once again this year we are helping the Three Agencies that we provide for with Our Spring Giving Tree. Please read and follow the instructions regarding our collection of items. Please bring in your items by June 2nd. We thank you in advance for your support of all our endeavors to assist the needy.

## THE BIGGEST LIE BOOK DISCUSSION

*May 21 at 7:30pm*



Have you read the parish book from Christmas "The Biggest Lie"? We are having a book discussion on May 21 in the Office Drexel Room, all are welcome! The focus will be on the end of the book to discuss transformation during this Easter season. So pick up the book, it is a quick read and worth the look.



## **DINNER DANCE & AUCTION** **IS LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY!**

**Saturday June 1st**

**Get your tickets now.**

**Early Bird Special ends May 20th.**

**Wine, Beer & Cheese \$25/person (\$35 after 5/20)**

**Dinner & Auction \$50/person (\$65 after 5/20)**

**Combo Ticket \$75/person (\$85 after 5/20)**

**Did you know you can purchase tickets**  
**On line at the parish website [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)**

**Don't forget to get your raffle tickets.**  
**Pick some up in the Narthex after Mass.**

**Sign up sheets are in the Narthex for**  
**food donations and volunteering at the Auction.**

**Call us if you would like to make a donations.**

**Babysitting available**  
**Call the office to make your reservation!**

## **PUT YOURSELF IN THIS PICTURE:**

It is normal weekday and you have to get up for work. What kind of expectation do you think you will have? Probably nothing different than most every other weekday, -breakfast, commuting, work, dinner, bedtime. Nothing special. Now imagine winning a an all-expense paid week at a resort. How do you think you will wake up on the day of your departure? Probably excited, right? Maybe you are anticipating lots of days in the sun, gourmet meals, and a seemingly endless array of new adventures waiting for you. That's quite a different set of expectations, isn't it? Let's apply this kind of thinking to our spiritual lives: What are your expectations this Easter season? Are they ordinary or high? Are you thinking, "Well, Lent is over I had a good Easter. Now it's time to get back to my routine"? Or are you expecting God to draw you even closer to him this Easter season and help you experience even more of his life and his love?

Want to read more? Pick up a copy of The Word Among Us from the Narthex offering reflections like this on gospel in your daily life

## **SPRING CLEANUP**

### ***Just Missed It!***



There are still some tasks to be done. Contact the office if you have some time to spare.

## **HE IS RISEN! ALLELULIA!** **ALLELULIA!**

Easter brings us the joy of the resurrection. We are an Easter people, celebrating that our Lord has saved us from sin and offers us everlasting life. We now begin the Easter season. Over the next few weeks we come to church with joyful acceptance of Jesus' promise of new life. What does that mean to us daily, today? This is a wonderful season to come to Mass, listen to scripture and the homily and see what God is trying to tell us. This is the time to come out of Lent and begin our new life with Jesus – how do we take his teaching of loving one another and put it into practice daily. This week, start with praying and listening to God daily.

## **TAI CHI**



Ever wanted to try Tai Chi? Now is the time. A new 6 week session is starting May 15th at 6:30pm in the Church. Tai Chi tones muscles, improves your balance and helps improve meditation focus tech-

**STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life* 

## **CATHOLIC HEART** **WORKCAMP OPENINGS**

Due to some recent cancellations, we have spots open for CHWC this summer. We are going to Dover, Delaware from Sunday, June 23 to Friday, June 28. If you are currently in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through Senior in high school you are eligible to attend. If you'd like more information, please contact Mary Connolly at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com) or 908-930-0784.

# Parish News

## 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  
 Jay Heyman  
 Stephanie Illtscho  
 Arthur Lanteri  
 Bonnie Lieberwirth  
 Declan Maloney  
 Dick McCall  
 Jan McLeavey  
 Christine Meyer  
 Jon Morris  
 Joan & Megan Myers  
 Nancy Patterson  
 Nilsa Perez Parsons  
 Thomas Pearson  
 John Pfeufer  
 Ali Redling  
 Earl & Denise Roberts  
 Joe Romanger  
 Noah Skinner  
 Michael Slivka  
 Dick Slusher  
 Anthony Sorgi, Jr.  
 Patty Galati Stafford  
 Margaret Thomsbury  
 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

## Mother's Day Intentions

### **Deceased:**

Eleanor Angelina  
 Eileen Armstrong  
 Lola Luisa Arriola  
 Margaret Battell  
 Kathryn Bauernfeind  
 Kathleen Bennett  
 Marianne Bennett  
 Michaele Bennett  
 Gloria Brisson  
 Herkie Brown  
 Mary Budz  
 Edith Cangelosi  
 Lola Pastora Castillo  
 Lucille Cassidy  
 Yolanda Cole  
 Margherita Crescenti  
 Josephine Cucchiara  
 Josephine Damino  
 Maria E. Dawson V  
 Jane DeVincenzo  
 Rose Donofrio  
 Wanda Dowhan  
 Mary Drucker  
 Julia Durham  
 Theresa Eacovalle  
 Eleanor Fazalcos  
 Rose Felitti  
 Doris Fera  
 Rachel Flores  
 Sally Flores  
 Pauline Fotta  
 Margaret Gates  
 Fabiola Giametta  
 Sophie Goski  
 Josephine Handy  
 Marianne Horn  
 Magdalena Jankauskas  
 Miriam Jardeneuz  
 Lucy Kelemen  
 Virginia King  
 Dorothy Lambert  
 Betty Livoti  
 Marguerite MacDonald  
 Martha Malone  
 Anna Martalus  
 Frances McCormack  
 Marion McCormack  
 Emily McKenna  
 Eliz McQuister  
 Teresa Mehle  
 Martha Merriam  
 Blanche Mikrut  
 Ella Milko  
 Lulu Mills  
 Concetta Mulhern  
 Lillian Niziol  
 Helen Notaroberto  
 Genevieve Nowatkowski  
 Charlotte Owens  
 Linda Owens  
 Madeliene Owens  
 Anna Pocius  
 Florence Prandato  
 Mary Pyskaty  
 Wanda Pyskaty  
 Jeanne Quigley  
 Eugenia Quijano  
 Anna Remus  
 Ruth Riley  
 Bernice Ruscetta  
 Marie Shilling  
 Laura Marie Swindler  
 Concetta Troiano  
 Diane Wichtendahl  
 Anne R. Wickel  
 Maria Wiepzyński  
 Emma Willean  
 Marian Zelinka

### **Living:**

Ann Aiello  
 Joyce Arrizza  
 Emily Bauernfeind  
 Nancy Bauernfeind  
 Cathy Bennett  
 Mrs. Corazon A. Castillo  
 Monica Chilenski  
 Lydia D'Armiento  
 Vicky Davids  
 Cocetta Dobrow  
 Erin Eacovalle  
 Gina Evans  
 Elizabeth Flanagan  
 Gail Foley  
 Marjorie Geerinck  
 Jane Graham  
 Estella Hernandez  
 Gertrude Heyman  
 Lori Hoffman  
 Sharon Janks  
 Evelyn Marino  
 Linda Mattrey  
 Peggy Mattrey  
 Anna Marie McKenna  
 Dawn Mulhern  
 Elaine Mulhern  
 Geraldine Pellegrino  
 Carmen Perez  
 Jeanette Peters  
 Shirley Pojedinec  
 Helen Quigley  
 Jeanne Quigley  
 Eleanor Shanahan  
 Ruth Shump  
 Lynn Slomczewski  
 Christine Swindler  
 Mary Jo Torczon  
 Nancy Vitale  
 Angela Wares



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited-until you try to get into their pew.
- The Lord created the world in six days and rested on the seventh. On the eighth day, He started taking complaints.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but the fly comes close.

# Parish and Community News

## SPEAKING TRUTH FROM THIS SIDE OF HELL

A priest was asked to conduct the funeral of a woman he did not know very well but whose family lived in the parish. The woman, who was in her seventies, suffered from a particularly painful wasting disease. The pain became so great that one night she stepped out of bed, put on slippers and a dressing gown, let herself into the back garden, climbed the fence, walked into the local lake, and drowned herself.

The priest listened to her husband tell the story. At the funeral the priest talked about the things “we knew and the things we didn’t know . . . We didn’t know what anguish was going through her mind, but we did know how deeply she was loved and will be missed. We didn’t know what could bring her to such despair, but we did know that her life was beautiful and that those who knew her loved her and would always cherish what she meant to them.”

A week after the funeral, the priest visited the widower to see how he was doing. The priest expected the usual conversation about the funeral and how the family appreciated what he and the parish had done for the family — maybe even say how well the priest had spoken, given the circumstances.

But that’s not how the conversation went. The widower looked straight at the priest, head still and eyes unblinking, and said, “What you said was completely wrong. You said, ‘We don’t know what was going through her head when she got out of bed and walked down to the lake.’ That’s not true. I know exactly what she was thinking. She’d tried before, and afterwards she told me what it was like. I know what she was thinking. I told you that when you came to see me last time. But you weren’t listening, were you? Maybe you didn’t want to listen.”

The man’s tone was more weary than angry, as if the priest was just one of a series of people who hadn’t really listened, either to her or to him.

What the pastor learned that day has stayed with him for the rest of his ministry. He writes:

“My role is not to make things better, because that leaves the person more isolated than before. Instead, my role is to stand beside them as they face the hardest things in their life, one of which may turn out to be their fear that they could get to such an isolated place that they might consider something awful and destructive. If it’s awful, I don’t say, ‘Maybe it’s not so bad’; I say, ‘It seems very painful. I wonder which is the hardest part. Maybe you can try to put it into words so I can share the thing that’s giving you so much pain to be thinking about on your own.’

“If you have a choice between giving someone false hope and giving them the truth, always give them the truth. Once they realize the hope is false, they’ll be worse off than before. But if they can name and face the truth — and find that they’re still here and they haven’t scared you away — then they may learn the path to life: if we stay with the truth and walk through it, then we can come out the other side and find we’re still alive. If they do that, they’re on the other side of hell, and hell can’t hurt them in the same way as before.”

**That’s the role of “shepherding” that Jesus calls each one of us to take on: to walk and lead one another through the steep paths and dangerous ridges we all must walk, not diminishing the danger or pain but helping one another make our way through it. The challenge of taking up the Good Shepherd’s staff is to face the truth despite our own fears, to search for God’s light (if only a flicker) in the midst of overwhelming darkness, to reach out to grab another despite our own tenuous grasp. In our own acts of generosity, love and forgiveness, we echo and give voice to the Risen Christ and the good news of hope and grace that is Easter resurrection.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### May 5, 2019

67 Donors Weekly .....	\$4,764.00
39 Yellow Brick Road .....	\$1,260.00
5 Mother’s Day .....	\$161.00
3 Easter Offering .....	\$165.00
2 Initial .....	\$6.00
1 Holy Land .....	\$20.00

### May 6, 2018

88 Donors Weekly .....	\$9,496.00
53 Yellow Brick Road .....	\$1,405.00
27 Initial .....	\$128.00
9 Mother’s Day .....	\$190.00

## STORE CARDS



**Aqui cards are available with 10% to St. John’s:**

Thanks to the **12** families who purchased **\$2,200.00** in grocery & store cards for last week, the stores gave us a profit of **\$112.50**.



**Don’t forget to use our Amazon Link**

Whenever ordering from

Amazon. Go to our website [ccsjn.org](http://ccsjn.org) and click on the button on the front page. Or go to <http://tinyurl.com/lx7c83s>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

Wed., May 15 .....	L. Caprio
Wed., June 3 .....	J. Santoro

### Store Cards

#### May 11 and 12

5:30 p.m.....	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.....	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.....	D. Hunt

#### May 18 and 19

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

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of May 12.....	M. Proano
Week of May 19.....	A. Soltesz

### Church Center Cleaning

May 16.....	Team B
May 23.....	Team C

### Counting

May 13.....	Cangelosi / McCabe
May 20.....	Malone / Caprio

### Altar Flowers

May 18.....	L. Mullen
May 25.....	S. Kosakowski



**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”**

# Basking Ridge Electric Co, LLC

Electrical Contractor



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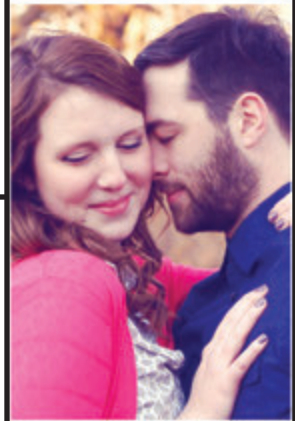
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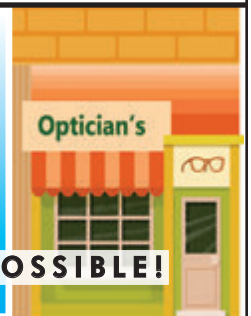
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