

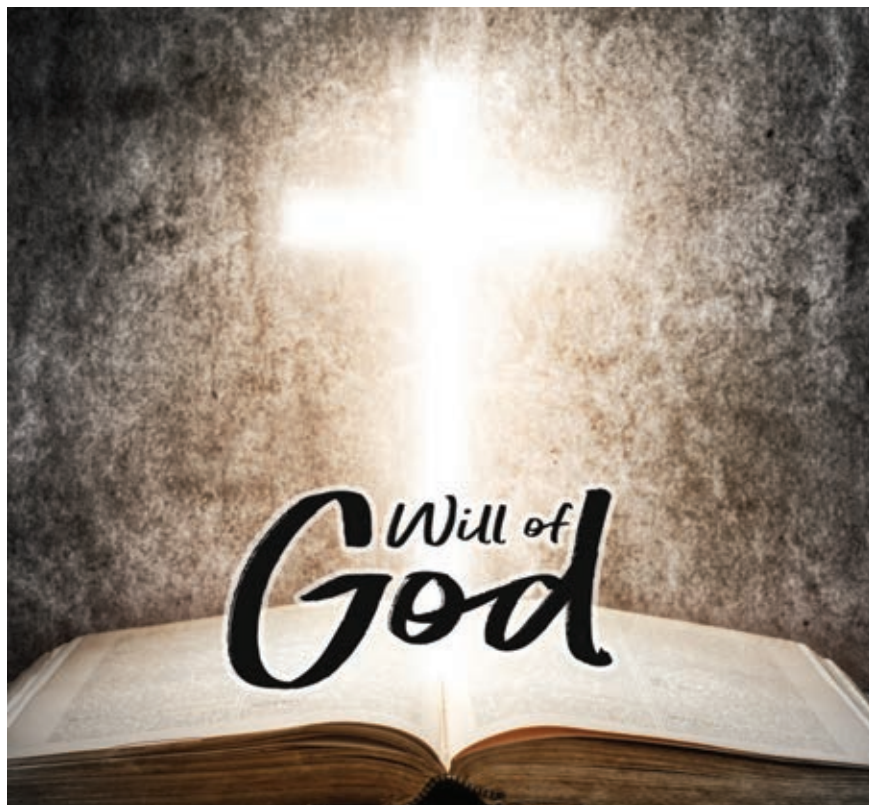
The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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
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Rev. Richard Rusk Pastor

Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....Pastor Emeritus

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs.....9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Friday.....9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

Worship at Church Center:

Saturday Vigil Mass..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Sunday 10:30 a.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.

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This Week at Saint John's

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Wednesday, February 19

8:00 a.m. Norma Rae Fredericks, req.
Marie and Roger Malone

Thursday, February 20

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Friday, February 21

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Saturday, February 22

5:30 p.m. Mary Colombo, req.
Anne Sacco and Barbara Pannone

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Dick McCall, req.
Tom and Cathy Bennett
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish



**COME AND HEAR
THE BELLS**

Next Sunday, Feb. 23rd
At the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mass Schedule - February 22/23

| Saturday | | 5:30 p.m. |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|
| Celebrant | Fr. Rusk | |
| Reader | J. Murray | |
| Altar Server | Uss Family | |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | L. Garcia | |
| | J. Gardner, J. Oelkers | |
| Sunday | | 8:00 a.m. |
| Celebrant | Fr. Rusk | |
| Reader | K. Knight | |
| Altar Server | Needed | |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | T. Klawunn | |
| | J. Klawunn, D. Lehnert | |
| Sunday | | Baptism |
| Celebrant | Fr. Rusk | |
| Reader | S. Bauernfiend | |
| Altar Server | D'Avella Family | |
| Music Eucharistic Minister | M. D'Avella | |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | M. Milko, J. DeVito | |
| | M. Quigley, S. Pojedinec, 1 Needed | |
| Sunday | | 10:30 a.m. |
| Celebrant | Fr. Rusk | |
| Reader | S. Bauernfiend | |
| Altar Server | D'Avella Family | |
| Music Eucharistic Minister | M. D'Avella | |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | M. Milko, J. DeVito | |
| | M. Quigley, S. Pojedinec, 1 Needed | |

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY
FEBRUARY 17TH FOR PRESIDENTS DAY**

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 16 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Snow and Heat Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. Spelling Bee-Knights of Columbus (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Valentine Dinner Dance Snow Date (Church)

Monday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order / President's Day / Office Closed OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Upper Room)

Tuesday, February 18 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

Wednesday, February 19 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)

Thursday, February 20 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
3:30 p.m. 50 Plus Planning Meeting (Seton Room)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

Friday, February 21 - Saints Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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


Saturday, Feb. 22 - The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

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

Sunday, February 23 - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time / Catholic Press Collection

8:00 a.m. Mass - Welcome (Church Center)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Bells-Kelemen Baptism (Church Center)
10:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of The Word (Narthex)
12:15 p.m. Game Afternoon (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: **Arthur Lanteri, Nancy Patterson, Herbert Kluge, Michael Fabiano, Sr., and Judith Strandberg.**

Deceased: **Arthur Lanteri**, uncle of Joanne Fabiano, **Nancy Patterson**, friend of Pojedinec and Staten families, **Herbert Kluge**, father of Lynn Johnson, **Michael Fabiano, Sr.** father of Paul Fabiano, and **Judith Strandberg**, cousin of Suzanne Kosakoski. 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.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: **An Immigrant's gift on Christmas Eve.**

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all these things have taken place . . .

" . . . if you bring your gift to the altar and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." **Matthew 5: 17-37**

In an essay in The New York Times this past Christmas Eve, Tali Farhadian Weinstein tells the story of her coming to America from Iran forty Christmases ago.

In February 1979, three-year-old Tali, her parents and her infant brother were Jews trying to escape Tehran at the height of the Islamic Revolution. The family managed to get to Israel before outgoing flights were halted. Tali's father went ahead to the United States on a tourist visa to find housing and employment. Finally, Tali and her mother and brother were able to fly to the United States, arriving at Kennedy Airport on Christmas Eve. Tali's mother was terrified: the tourist visas she bought from a travel agent in Israel were certainly fake; they had one-way tickets; and they didn't look like "tourists" — they had a large suitcase stuffed with pots and pans, a few items of clothing for the children and photo albums. Tali writes:

"When it was our turn for inspection, the Immigration and Naturalization Service officer — very reasonably — challenged my mother's claim that we had come for a short visit. My mother didn't say that what she wanted was asylum, that we had a well-founded fear of persecution in our country of origin. My mother didn't know that those words had the power to keep us in America, that anyone on American soil had a right to be heard on that claim. Maybe because she had grown up in a county with no such protections, she couldn't imagine such a thing.

"We could have been turned away. But that nameless I.N.S. officer — about whom I know nothing other than how he conducted himself in that moment — made a different decision. Before him stood a young mother traveling alone with her babies, visibly in need of refuge. She told him that the children wanted to see their father, that they had spent months apart. And he granted us 'deferred inspection' — meaning that we had permission but not authorization to enter the country — and told us to come back to the airport right after the holiday for deportation."

With the help of New York's Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, Tali's family applied for and received asylum.

Today, Tali Farhadian Weinstein is the general counsel of the district attorney's office in Brooklyn. One of the most important lessons about law and law enforcement she learned as a three-year-old immigrant from that nameless I.N.S. officer on that Christmas Eve. She writes in her New York Times piece:

"Law enforcement requires us to exercise our humanity and sense of justice, always mindful of the demands of safety, in individual cases. Discretion in law enforcement can be abused, of course, but the alternative — the letter of the law without the spirit of the law — is worse."

In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of "fulfilling" the Law — not abolishing it. Jesus seeks to restore the spirit of mercy, justice and reconciliation that gives meaning and direction to every just legal code. The border control officer Tali and her family encounter in New York was wise and compassionate enough to see beyond the questionable documents they had to recognize the reality of their situation and respond with the discretion the law permitted. Today's Gospel challenges us to look beyond legalisms and social and cultural yardsticks — and our own narrow interests — to recognize people in need and our responsibility as followers of Jesus to seek them out, to advocate for them, to welcome them.

CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH

The annual drive to support our diocesan newspaper, *The Catholic Spirit*, is taking place during the month of February, National Catholic Press Month. Please support their good work by using the envelope in your packet. Any amount you contribute will show your support for the ministry of *The Catholic Spirit* and will be greatly appreciated. And please remember to take home a copy of the paper — it has a special role to play in your life as a practicing Catholic.

PASTOR'S CORNER

I want to thank all those who gave of their time, talent and treasure to put on our Valentine's Dinner Dance. And, as always, thanks to all those who came!

These fund raisers are very important to our Parish life and allow us to keep things running smoothly. Once again, thanks to all for your continued support.

Many Blessing,
Fr. Rick

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2020

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." **MATTHEW 5:20**

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear — it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.



CONCERT

March 22nd, 2pm

Come enjoy an hour interlude of classical, spiritual and inspiring music to support SJN Music Ministry. Performed by Darren O'Neill, on classical guitar and Katie Meo Cudworth, soprano. Refreshments following. We appreciate your donation to support St John's Music Ministry needs.



AMAZON LINK QR CODE

This QR Code will bring you directly to the St. John's website ccsjn.org and click on the Amazon



Christian Formation / Social Ministry



CRS Rice bowls are available in the Narthex for those families who do

not have a student in Religious Education but who would like to participate in the 2020 Catholic Relief Service fund drive.

It's not what you give up.
It's who you become.



YOU'VE GOT 40 DAYS. WHO WILL YOU BECOME?

What can you do in forty days? Start a new prayer habit? Get more active in your daily life? Lent presents the perfect opportunity for you to take the next step toward the-best-version-of-yourself. A free daily Lenten video program (sent straight to your email) **Don't let it pass you by.** Sign up. Watch videos.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>



SAVE THE DATE

**Willie Lynch Band,
Friday April 24.**

**Our 5th year. Anyone
interested in helping
out with ticket sales or event co-
ordination, should contact Fred
(908-229-5879).**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIOCESAN - Spelling Bee

When: Sun., Feb., 16, 2019 at 12 PM

Where: Church Center



The 8th grade Confirmandi students are participating in the Diocesan's Spelling Bee sponsored by the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus.

INVITATION TO ALL CHILDREN KINDERGARTEN THRU 5TH GRADE TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Are you aware that our parish hosts a special Liturgy of the Word for Children in **Kindergarten through 5th grade?** This Liturgy occurs two times a month during the 10:30 Mass. The readings and homily are designed so children across these age groups can participate and through their participation, understand the message God is offering all His followers, including kids on that specific Sunday. In recent months it seems the attendance in the Children's Liturgy has disappeared. We think it's because of two reasons, both resting on the parents. One is that parents are unaware of the Children's Liturgy of the Word and/or parents aren't encouraging their child(ren) to attend. Your child can and will benefit from being part of this Liturgy ministry. Please ask your child to give it a try one or two times before they say they won't go again. IF they do not want to come up front when we process out of the church they can just walk out to the Narthex and meet us there.

February dates for CLOW are February 2nd and 23rd.

Social Ministry & Parish News

NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PHONE NUMBER

(862) 217-7457

Saint John Neumann Social Ministry now has their own phone number where you can leave messages and someone will get back to you.



GREENHOUSE HELP

Last March, the greenhouse in the Community Garden was blown down by very high winds during a storm. Fortunately, the cost of a new greenhouse was covered by our insurance and a new greenhouse was installed at the beginning of January. Many thanks to Chris Brynildsen and his crew, Pete

Cangelosi and Bill Behrens for their hard work. This past week, the shelves were hung and raised beds were installed in the floor of the greenhouse. A variety of lettuce will be planted in the coming weeks for use at the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen. If you have experience in greenhouse growing or would like to learn along with us, we would love to have you join us to make the most of the new growing space. All are welcome! Contact Anne Germino at projectearth@ccsjn.org.



TAX SEASON IS UPON US

Please take note:

You should have received a year end statement of contributions made to St. John's through Parish Giving. This statement does not account for contributions made by check or envelope to St. John's.

You should have received a tax statement from St. John's for those donations. If you gave through the Automated Giving in 2019 a second statement was sent out which included those donations.

The Automated Giving Program was replaced with Parish Giving in 2020. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



THINK SPRING!

THINK AUCTION DINNER DANCE!

We're looking for a few parishioners to join this year's team and serve as Auction Chair(s) and Sub-Chair Volunteers. See the sheets in the Narthex for specific tasks and descriptions, pick one that matches your interests. The streamlined Auction Dinner Dance format successfully pioneered last year makes planning the event even easier. Please consider stepping up even if you are new to helping with the Auction or are interested in trying out a new role this year! Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, June 6th and think about a warm evening outside wine tasting under the tent.

CATHOLIC HEART WORCAMP

DEADLINE EXTENDED

If you are interested in joining us at CHWC this summer you now have until March 31 to contact me. We are going to Saranac Lake, NY from June 21-26. You must be entering 9th grade in the Fall to attend. Please be in touch if you have any questions or if you are interested. Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 908-930-0784.



THANK YOU

Often there are tasks we need that require help from our wonderful volunteers. We'd like to thank Linda Caprio, Carol Crescenti, Diane Lehnert, Marie Malone and Eileen McCabe for their help with getting out 2 mailings this week.

Thanks also to Phyllis Baker, Mary and Pete Cangelosi, Doug Compton, Anne Germino, Sharon Janks, Meg Joy, France Kennedy, Barbara Pannone, Andrea Soltesz, and Kathleen Swindler, without whom we may not have been able to move forward with the Valentine Dinner Dance.

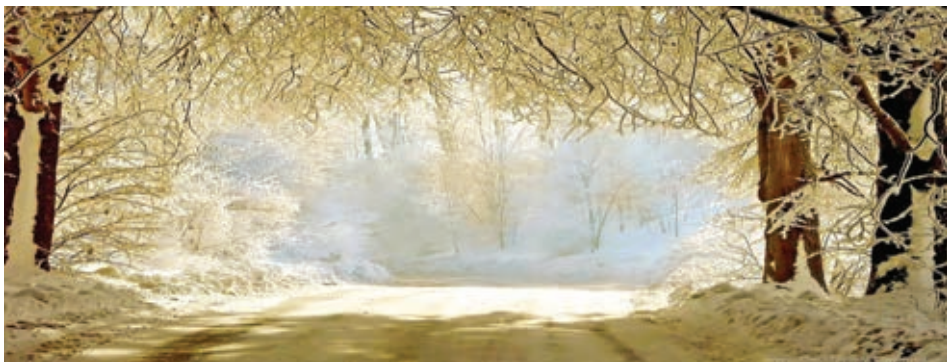
WHAT ARE YOU DOING MONDAY NIGHT?

....or Tuesday for that matter. The week has just started, work's done, finishing up dinner dishes and want to drop in front of the TV to relax, forget about the day and how things are?

What if you tried something new for six weeks? Just to see if changing one night would make a difference.

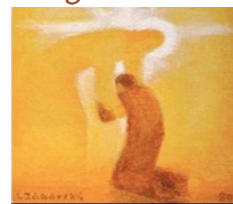
Each night in Lent different small groups meet; approximately eighty parishioners leave their houses once a week to come to these meetings. A meeting that lifts them out of their daily routine, to listen, to think and consider their life and their faith. The Small Groups start the first week of Lent, the week of Feb 23. Email francekennedy99@gmail.com if you want to try a group. Advise what day or evening of the week you would be available.

See how you and others can enrich your life.



What lies ahead?

Prayer Ministry



FREE WILL

Before man are life and death, ... whichever he chooses shall be given him. (Sirach 15:17)

Free will. It's God's greatest gift to us, and it's also our riskiest characteristic. Free will has enabled us to decide for ourselves what kind of people we will be. It has enabled us to create music and art, to build cities and roads, to marry and have children. It has also enabled us to destroy instead of create, to hurt and betray instead of heal and build up. Most important, it's through our free will that we decide whether to follow Jesus or our own thoughts and desires.

Sirach seems keenly aware of how much of a two-edged sword our free will can be. Each of us, he says, is free to choose between "fire and water, life and death, good and evil". And God will respect whatever we choose.

Of course, our heavenly Father longs for us to choose life in him, but he will never force himself on us. He is not like the petty gods dreamed up by the pagans, who use threats and manipulation to keep their people in line.

God also knows that free will has consequences. And so Sirach teaches, "Whichever he chooses shall be given him" (Sirach 15:17). While God honors our choices, he also respects the results those choices bring.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a real-life illustration: Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment". If you choose to nurture anger, resentment, and condemnation, don't be surprised if other people begin treating you in the same way. But if you build an environment of trust and respect, that's what you will receive.

So choose life today. Use this awesome gift of your free will to choose gentleness, patience, and all the other fruit of the Spirit. Above all, choose Jesus. Welcome him into your life, and let his love soften your heart. It's the best choice you could ever make.

"Jesus, help me to choose you in every situation today."

If you enjoyed this reflection pick up a copy of the Word among us from the Narthex.

Parish & Diocesan News

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carolyn Anderson
Dana Colabella
Marie Damiano
Steven Geist
Tulio Hargain
Jay Heyman
Madi Kinney
Bonnie Lieberwirth
Samantha Livoti
Tom Malley
Declan Maloney
John Meyer
Catherine Mills
Karen Moore
Florence Nawrocki
John Pfeufer
Ali Redling
Earl & Denise Roberts
Michael Rubright
Tracy Schauer
Edward E. Sharpe
Gayle Stinson
Tom Wiles
Joey Zieba

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please remember in your prayers:

Captain Baumann, Katherine, US Army
Spec. Bitters, Christian, US Army
Cavallo, Chris, USMC
2LT, Michael Tyler D'Avella, US Air Force
SSO, Andrew Fabiano, US Navy Reserve
2LT, Molly Ferguson, US Air Force
2LT, Geerinck, Josh, US Air Force
Spec. Jablonski, Jon Tyler, US Army
Private, Linzer, Matthew, US Army
Seaman, Linzer, Stephanie, US Navy
SR O'Leary, Thomas, US Navy
Lieutenant Simila, Nicole, US Navy
Airman, Vardian, Justin, US Air Force
Jr. Lieutenant, Webster, Justine, US Navy



Received in the Sacrament of Baptism **Kate Erin Soltesz**

The Catholic Community St. John Neumann joins in celebration with parents, Dana and Will and sister, Quinn, and grandmother Andrea Soltesz.

SADLY, THINGS ARE FINE FOR MICHAEL . . .

In a recent episode of Lynn Johnston's Sunday newspaper comic strip **For Better or For Worse**, 13-year-old Michael complains to his mom, "Mom, there's nothing to wear!"

"Michael," his mother counters, "you won't go shopping with me, and the last time I gave you money to buy your own clothes, you didn't buy anything!!"

A few minutes later, Michael is staring out the window. "There's nothing to do," the teenager whines.

His mother reminds him, "Brian asked you to go swimming, you dad asked you if you'd go downtown with him — and you turned them both down."

Mom next encounters Michael plopped in front of the television, the sound turned down. "There's nothing to watch," Michael gripes.

Mom says pointedly, "There are plenty of channels to choose from and you have video games to play."

In the next-to-last panel, Dad comes home from his errands to find Michael just sitting in a chair, a forlorn expression on his face. "What's with Michael?" Dad asks.

Mom deadpans, "There's nothing to complain about."

Today's Gospel is about attitude and perspective. Jesus asks us to consider not just our failings and sins — the acts themselves — but the self-centeredness at the heart of our actions. To embrace happiness is a choice we make; we decide whether or not to engage the world with a perspective of hope and possibility. Michael's pessimism is his own making, and his wise mom calls him on it. On a much deeper and more serious level, Jesus challenges us to confront the anger, the bigotry, the self-righteousness that we use to justify our selfish behavior: the attitudes that tear families and communities apart, that destroy our own sense of self-respect as well as diminishing the basic human dignity of others. To follow Jesus is to see the possibilities we have for doing good things and to accept God's grace to make such good a reality.



"QUEEN ESTHER" GET YOUR SEATS NOW

**At Sight and Sound in Pennsylvania
Deadline February 20th**

Although the play of 'Queen Esther' is Wednesday, April 22nd, your seats must be reserved and paid for by Feb. 20th. The bus is already 1/2 full and we look forward to filling it up. Price is

\$155 per person and includes: Luxury Motor Coach, Show ticket, Smorgasbord, taxes, gratuities, driver's tip.

Sponsored by the 50 Plus, but all are invited to join. Forms with information are in the Narthex. Contact Shirley Pojedinec at 908-537-6241 if you have any questions



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



These actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.

- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.



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"

Parish & Diocesan News

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 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.
 - Email prayerministry@ccsjn.org.
 - Call 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.

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Please watch your mailbox for a letter from Bishop Checchio coming to you this week announcing the 2020 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 the formation of seminarians and enhances the work of campus ministry through the Catholic Center at Rutgers University. 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.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES CHURCH LENTEN RETREAT

Sunday, March 29th at 2:00 PM

Our Lady of Victories Church at 105 Route 519 in Baptistown is hosting a Lenten Retreat on Sunday, March 29th at 2PM. The afternoon will include the Rosary, Benediction, Adoration, opportunity for Reconciliation, hymn singing and Lenten Reflection by Ms. Fernanda Perrone, Curator and Archivist of Special Collections for Rutgers University. She will be speaking about the history of Contemplative Nuns of NJ with a Lenten theme. There will be refreshments afterwards too. All this and it won't even cost you a dime! The program is suitable for men, women, teens and tweens.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021

TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at <https://online.factsmtg.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

LETTER TO A SUFFERING CHURCH

If you are troubled with the crisis in the church, you are welcome to pick up Bishop Robert Barron's book *Letter to a Suffering Church* from the Narthex. After reading it you can return it to the Narthex or pass along to someone who may benefit from it. Please contact the office if you want to discuss 832-2513 or fkennedy@ccsjn.org. We can organize a discussion session with anyone who is interested.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 9, 2020

62 Weekly Donors\$2,130.00
8 Bldg & Ground Maint\$401.00

February 10, 2019

74 Weekly Donors\$3,619.00
11 Bldg & Ground Maint,\$552.00
2 Snow & Heat\$150.00
20 Catholic Education\$404.00

STORE CARDS



Thanks to the **15** families who purchased **\$2,325.00** in store cards, the stores gave us a profit of **\$123.00**.



VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., February 19.....L. Caprio
Wed., March 4.....J. Santoro

Store Cards

February 15 / 16

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

February 22 / 23

5:30 p.m.....B. Cestone
8:00 a.m.....P. Nanna
10:30 a.m.....D. Royal

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Feb. 16B. Sobey
Week of Feb. 23M. Proano

Church Center Cleaning

February 20Team F
February 27Team A

Counting

Feb. 18Cangelosi / Caprio
Feb. 24Malone / McCabe

Altar Flowers

February 15K. Heimall

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you were sexually abused by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or you know of someone who was, you are encouraged to report that abuse to law enforcement and/or by contacting the Diocesan Response Officer at (908) 930-4558 (24 hours/7 days a week). For more information on how to report abuse, visit our diocesan website: <https://diometuchen.org/report-a-suspected-abuse>.

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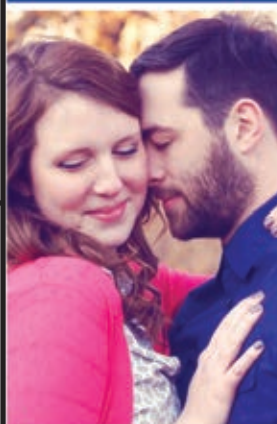
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