

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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Mary Cangelosi Trustee

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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 4

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Wednesday, February 5

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Thursday, February 6

7:00 a.m. No Intention

Friday, February 7

8:00 a.m. No Intention

Saturday, February 8

5:30 p.m. Donald Rodriguez, req.
Anne Sacco

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Dana Wilson, req.
Diane Lehnert



Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord / Building & Grounds Maintenance Collection Souper Bowl of Caring / Blessing of Throats

8:00 a.m. Mass - followed by Blessing of the Throats (Church)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass - followed by Blessing of the Throats (Church)
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Narthex)

Monday, February 3 - Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Tuesday, February 4 - Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

Wednesday, February 5 - Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Drexel Room)

Thursday, Feb. 6 - Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Seton Room)

Friday, February 7 - Weekday

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

Saturday, February 8 - Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM

8:00 a.m. Women's Spirituality Coffee (Drexel Room)
3:30 p.m. First Eucharist - Session 1 (Church Center Loft)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Mass Schedule - February 8/9

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rusk
Reader	M. Connolly
Altar Server	Geerinck Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	D. Lance
.....	P. Fabiano D. Geerinck
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rusk
Reader	C. Bitters
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	D. Lehnert
.....	G. Battell, M. Perez Proano
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Rusk
Reader	J. Weldon
Altar Server	D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister	S. Pojedinec
Ministers of the Eucharist	R. Pojedinec, M. D'Avella
.....	S. Carew, D. Royal, P. Royal

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you are gluten conscious or need to avoid gluten contact France Kennedy to discuss receiving low gluten host at Mass. We are happy to provide you the information on actual composite of the host and advise you of how to arrange receiving the host at Mass. fkennedy@ccsjn.org

Sunday, February 9 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)
10:00 a.m. Rosary (Seton Room)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Center)
12:00 p.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Church Center)



ROSARY

Sunday, February 9th, 10 a.m.

Please join us in the Seton Room, on February 9 at 10am to pray the rosary.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:
Anna and Simeon in our own temple

It had been revealed to [Simeon] by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord . . . There was a prophetess, Anna [who] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. Luke 2: 22-40

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. . .
 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven . . .” Matthew 5: 1-12*

Every parish community has an “Anna.” “Advanced in years,” she has known every joy and heartache of being a spouse and mother and grandmother. “Anna” lives at the heart of the prayer life of the community. She’s always among the first to offer her time to whatever needs to be done; her joy is filling her days with baking cookies for the soup kitchen, volunteering in the parish office, knitting prayer shawls, participating in any of the parish’s Scripture study groups or the RCIA team. The most important gift “Anna” brings to the parish is her ability to lift spirits and hearts by her kindness and understanding, her generosity of heart centered in her faith in God’s love, her trust in God’s presence in the reality of life. “Anna” is a “prophetess” to us of God’s hope and joy in our midst.

Every parish has a “Simeon,” as well. He has settled into the autumn of life with optimism. He takes joy in his family and friends. A good day is when he’s able to offer help, make someone’s day a little brighter, relieves a neighbor’s stress or anxiety. Though self-effacing, the “Simeons” among us possess the wisdom of experience and we do well to listen to them. They have weathered countless storms in their long lives but have always trusted that the light of God would shatter the darkness — and it always has. Our “Simeons” remind us of all we have to be grateful for. They are signs of the reality of our salvation: that God — *Emmanuel* — dwells in our midst in our love and care for one another.

Today, 40 days after Christmas, we celebrate the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the temple at Jerusalem, witnessed by the faithful Simeon and the prophetess Anna. May we give thanks for the “Annas” and “Simeons” among us, who are living signs of God’s love dwelling in our homes and communities and churches. May we live our lives with Anna’s “prophetic” grace and joy, that the light of Christ’s peace may illuminate our hearts and homes; may we take up in our own lives and hearts Simeon’s song of thanksgiving: *May we go in peace, Master, realizing your salvation; may we behold your light revealing your loving presence in our midst.*



AS TAX SEASON IS UPON US

*If you donate through Parish Giving
 Please take note:*

You will receive 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 will receive a statement from St. John’s to account for those contributions made by envelopes or checks. You will receive separately (if you haven’t already) a letter for those items that were donated to fund raising events. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

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.

PASTOR’S CORNER

We are entering the flu season and we want to make everyone feel good about coming to Mass. There are some basic things for all of us to be mindful of. If you are sick there is no obligation to attend Mass. Please, stay home and take care of yourself. Also, for the Sign of Peace during Mass a simple head nod is fine. Shaking hands is not required. Even after Mass if you don’t want to shake my hand on the way out I won’t be offended. The flu season comes and goes every year but we all have to use common sense to keep it from spreading.

Many Blessings
 Fr. Rick

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2, 2020

“...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...” LUKE 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is “being Catholic” something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It’s easy to be Catholic then, it’s harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?



SAVE THE DATE

*Willie Lynch Band,
 Friday April 24.*

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

ALZHEIMER’S POEM

Don not ask me to remember
 Do not try to make me understand.
 Let me rest and know you’re with me.
 Kiss my cheek and hold my hand.
 I’m confused beyond your concept.
 I am sad and sick and lost.
 All I know is that I need you to be with me at all cost.
 Do not lose your patience with me.
 Do not scold or curse my cry.
 I can’t help the way I’m acting,
 Can’t be different though I try.
 Just remember tht I need you,
 That the best of me is gone.
 Please don’t fail to stand beside me,
 Love me till my life is done.

Christian Formation / Social Ministry

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT REMINDERS

Upcoming Parent Meeting on SUNDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2020 @ 12/Noon in the Church Center. The Students will meet for their first session of FIRST EUCHARIST on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center. Mrs Gagen looks forward to seeing everyone.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Valentine Dance - Feb 14

If you can help with the Valentine's Dinner Dance, please contact the office office 908-832-2513 or sjn@ccsjn.org. We are asking youth and/or adult as we may still need help with serving, bus service, childcare.

BAPTISM



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.

GREETING CARDS FOR GROCERIES

A parishioner, who's hobby is to create various greeting cards, has embraced the spirit of stewardship by putting her cards on sale in the Narthex to raise funds for the ST. John's food pantry. You can choose from Birthday, Thank You, Baby or General for \$3 per card or you can pick four cards for \$10. If you pay by check make check out to St. John Neuman, Memo: food pantry. If you pay by cash just put the money in the box marked "Cards for Groceries". This is where checks can go too. Hopefully you will find cards to meet your Greeting needs so you can be supporting our Food Pantry as well. Go shopping in the Narthex after church today!!! (90% of all proceeds go directly to Food Pantry purchases.)

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



This weekend February 1st and 2nd is Super Bowl Weekend and thus Souper Bowl of Caring. Our Junior High students will once again be in the Narthex to collect your cans of soup and dollars, continuing the tradition started by a single youth group who had a vision and a prayer to feed the hungry. Let us stand together as a community and make this a Souper Bowl of Caring weekend to remember.



CASSEROLES FOR S.H.I.P.

We would like to thank our junior high students Summer Ona, Jenna Schimanski, Casey Busy and her mom Veronica, Gabby Medea and her mom Maryjane, JD Koplowitz, Hailey Koplowitz, Kate Cooksen and Carley Staten for giving up part of their Sunday (January 26) to cook for the needy of SHIP. Four trays of ziti, one tray of chili and two trays of brownies were made. God Bless you for your kindness and compassion.

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

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.

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 14th – 6:30pm

As the cold days of February arrive – warm yourself up at our Valentine's Dinner Dance! Invite your loved ones, friends, family, neighbors or come by yourself! It is a time to enjoy good food, good company, music and dancing! We will offer an Italian dinner menu and a gluten sensitive menu as well.

To make your reservations,

- Use the link on the parish website ccsjn.org
- Contact the office 908-832-2513 / snj@ccsjn.org,
- Call Jim Murray 908-310-6877
- Sign up in the narthex

And advise your preference:

- with whom you wish to sit,
- regular or gluten conscious menu
- reservation for free Childcare.

Tickets are \$35 each. We will have dinner, dancing and dessert.

So start thinking of what music you want to dance to so you will have your music requests ready for the DJ!



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.

SOMETHING NEW

As the new year begins to feel the same as last year, why not do something new. If you have never tried the small groups at the parish, we invite you to consider the small groups during lent. We have 8 or 9 groups of parishioners meeting once a week for six weeks, starting week of Feb 23. You would choose the day or evening that works best for your schedule. I hope you will try it to see what a few meetings could mean to you. Come journey together through Lent. Contact France Kennedy 908-307-7879 or francekennedy99@gmail.com.



What lies ahead?



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"

Prayer Ministry



CONSOLATION

This man was . . . awaiting the consolation of Israel. (Luke 2:22-40)

Who wouldn't like a bit of consolation today? Who wouldn't like to feel the Lord put his arm around their shoulders and tell them, "Everything's going to be okay"?

Simeon was looking for God's consolation. God had promised restoration for his people, Israel. He had promised a Messiah who would sit on the throne of David and draw all the nations to Jerusalem. For many years, Simeon had prayed for these promises to be fulfilled, but nothing had happened. Israel was still an occupied nation, and her people were still divided between rich and poor, Pharisee and Sadducee, Galilean and Judean. So Simeon continued to pray for redemption. And he waited.

Then the day came. Imagine how tender that moment was when Simeon held the child Jesus into his arms. The "consolation of Israel" had finally arrived (Luke 2:25). You can just hear the emotion welling up in his words: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace". *At last I have seen him. I can depart now, Lord because you have come to save my people.*

Simeon knew right then and there that everything was going to be okay. He didn't know how it would happen or when it would happen, but that didn't matter. He knew *that* it would happen, and that was enough for him to believe.

God knows your anguish; he hears your prayers; he knows your concerns. So let him console you. Today in the house of the Lord, you will meet Jesus in the unlikely form of bread and wine—as Simeon met him in the unlikely form of an infant. When you receive him, think of this prayerful man. Just as he did, take Jesus into your hands and into your heart. He has come to bring salvation and consolation. He may not tell you how or when, but it doesn't matter right now. Christ is in you, and everything is going to be okay.

"Master, my eyes have seen your salvation. I surrender myself to you."

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
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



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click on the button on the front page.

Or go to : <https://tinyurl.com/ccsjnamazon>

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.

"BEATITUDE" PEOPLE

When Jesus saw the folks gathering in the church hall, he invited them to pull up chairs and gather around. When everyone was settled and comfortable, Jesus took a chair himself and began to teach:

"Blessed are those who place the love of family and friends before all else, who possess a spirit of gratitude that compels them to give of their own blessings to others — for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who grieve, who struggle to cope and continue on: the single mom or dad trying to raise their children alone, the parents who wait for the lost daughter or son to return — for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are those who find their joy in the happiness of others: the young couple just starting out, the devoted teacher, the dedicated minister — for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are they who can see beyond their own interests and needs to the greater common good, who understand and honor their ethical and social responsibility to their community — for they will be filled.

"Blessed are they who treat classmates, co-workers and employees with respect and dignity; who never forget what it was like to struggle to raise a family, to be the "new kid," to start a new job; who keep in mind the many times they have been forgiven and received a second and third change that they didn't deserve — for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are those who seek justice for the poor and abused, who speak up for the victimized and powerless, who refuse to compromise in matters of ethics and morals — for they will see God.

"Blessed are those who possess that all-too-rare gift for bringing people together when self-interest and prejudice threaten to divide a family or church or community; who possess the humility to always make the first move to forgive and enable reconciliation to take place; who bring healing to those who have been hurt, ignored, or rejected — for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are ridiculed and criticized for doing what is just and good, who refuse to give into the cynicism around them, who will not rationalize injustice and justify falsehoods — for the reign of God is theirs.

"Rejoice and be glad" Jesus told the group that had met that night in the church hall, "for your reward in heaven is great."

In every time, in every place, there are the people of the Beatitudes. There are "Beatitude" people in our own families, in our own towns, in our own parish who have embraced the "blessedness" of Jesus' sermon on the mountain: Realizing the many blessings they possess, they seek to reveal God's blessings in the lives of others through compassion, generosity, mercy and peace; trusting in the mercy of God they have experienced in their own lives, they seek to be the means for others to realize God's presence in their lives. May God's grace illuminate our hearts that we may embrace the vision of the Beatitudes: to seek the grace and joy of God in all things.

Would you like to volunteer?
Call us today! We need you! ©1998



SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



After listening restlessly to a long and tedious sermon, a six-year-old boy asked his father what the preacher did the rest of the week.

"Oh, he's a very busy man," the father replied. "He takes care of church business, visits the sick, ministers to the poor . . . And then he has to have time to rest up. Talking in public isn't an easy job, you know."

The boy thought about that, then said: "Well, listening ain't easy, either."

Parish & Diocesan News



SAINT BLAISE

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with patients suffering from objects stuck in their throat. Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the "Acts of St. Blaise."

Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls." He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian. On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet.

Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith. Therefore, Agricola beat Blaise with a stick and tore at his flesh with iron combs before beheading him.

In another tale, Blaise was being led to the prison in Sebastea, and on the way came across a poor old woman whose pig had been stolen by a wolf. Blaise commanded the wolf return the pig, which it did -alive and uninjured - to the amazement of all.

LENT SMALL GROUPS

Sign up in the Narthex this weekend

Approximately eighty parishioners gather in small groups to talk, listen, and consider their life and faith for six weeks during Lent. The Small Groups will 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.



"QUEEN ESTHER" GET YOUR SEATS NOW

At Sight and Sound in Pennsylvania

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

Who is Jesus to me?

Jesus is the Word – to be spoken...

Jesus is the Life – to be lived.

Jesus is the Love – to be loved.

Jesus is the Joy – to be shared.

Jesus is the Sacrifice - to be offered.

Jesus is the Peace – to be given.

Jesus is the Bread of Life – to be eaten.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 26, 2020

66 Weekly Donors	\$4,982.00
1 Bldg & Ground Maint	\$75.00
2 Initial Offering	\$13.00
1 Together in Charity	\$25.00
2 Catholic Education	\$30.00

January 27, 2019

78 Weekly Donors	\$4,435.00
2 Yellow Brick Road	\$236.00
1 Together in Charity	\$5.00
18 Catholic Education	\$69.00

Automated Giving January 2020

82 Donors Weekly	\$7,322.00
33 Bldg & Ground Maint	\$1,620.00
18 Solemnity of Mary	\$330.00
1 Religious Retirement	\$25.00

STORE CARDS

Thanks to the 12 families who purchased **\$1,975.00** in store cards, the stores gave us a profit of **\$98.25**.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Wed., February 5..... J. Santoro
Wed., February 12..... C. Behrens

Store Cards

February 1 / 2

5:30 p.m..... L. Livoti
8:00 a.m..... C. Bennett
10:30 a.m..... R. DeStefano

February 8 / 9

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

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Feb. 2 L. Livoti
Week of Feb. 9 M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

February 6 Team D
February 13 Team E

Counting

Feb. 3 Cangelosi / Caprio
Feb. 10 Malone / Kosakowski

Altar Flowers

February 1 S. Kosakowski
February 8 M. Perez Proano

HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

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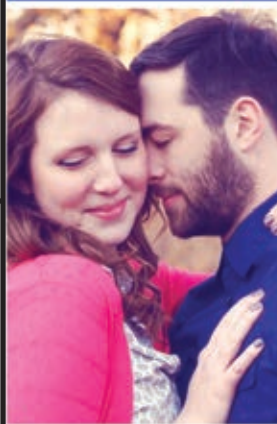
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