

# 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](http://www.diometuchen.org)

Rev. Richard Rusk ..... Pastor  
Rev. J. Wm. Mickiewicz.....Pastor Emeritus

#### **Trustees**

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

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908-832-2513 Office/908-832-7618 Fax

#### **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.  
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 a.m.

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# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, September 17

7:00 a.m. No Intention

### Wednesday, September 18

8:00 a.m. Dana Wilson, req.  
Karen and Gary Porto

### Thursday, September 19

7:00 a.m. No Intention

### Friday, September 20

8:00 a.m. No Intention

### Saturday, September 21

5:30 p.m. Thomas Regan, req.  
Judith Regan

### Sunday, September 22

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. Agnes Kimkowski, req.  
Maureen Sepe

## Mass Schedule - September 21/22

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	Needed
Altar Server .....	Uss Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	M. Connolly
.....	J. Eacovalle, Lyle Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	C. Bitters
Altar Server .....	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Martalus
.....	G. Battell, B. Martalus
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant .....	Fr. Rusk
Reader .....	Mary D'Avella
Altar Server .....	D'Avella Family
Music Eucharistic Minister .....	D. Lance
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	M. Milko, D. Royal
.....	P. Royal, J. Albert, D. Torczon

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, September 15 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in O.T.

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)  
9:00 a.m. Coffee Sponsored by Connxions (Narthex)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy (Narthex)  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Sponsored by Connxions (Narthex)  
11:45 p.m. Catechist Meeting (Church Center)

### Monday, Sept. 16 - Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrser Claver, Priest

### Tuesday, Sept. 17 - Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
10:30 a.m. Chair Yoga (Narthex)  
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Drexel Room)

### Wednesday, September 18 - Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
5:30 p.m. Yoga (Church Center Loft)  
7:30 p.m. Book Club (Seton Room)  
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Reception Area)

### Thursday, Sept. 19 - Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)  
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. 50 Plus Speaker 'Outsmart the Scammers' (CC)

### Friday, Sept. 20 - Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions Church

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

### Saturday, Sept. 21 - Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 a.m. 9 Mile Walk for Mary (ICS - Annandale)  
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

### Sunday, September 22 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in O.T.

8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)  
8:45 a.m. Bell Choir Practice (Church Center)  
10:30 a.m. Mass - Welcome Back GIFT Program and Blessing of the Catechists (Church Center)  
12:00 p.m. GIFT Program (Church and Office Centers)

### Office Hours are:

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Friday: 9:00am to 12:00pm



### Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered during the Holy Eucharist: **Merary Naranjo, Cecelia Bianco, Barry Catanzareti, and Jennie Melhem.**

**Deceased:** **Merary Naranjo**, mother of Yailin Sima, **Cecelia Bianco**, mother of Jen Evanko, **Barry Catanzareti**, brother of Mary D'Avella; and **Jennie Melhem**, mother of Nadima Melhem; 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.

## **24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME: Taking a sharp left from the alt-right**

***The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son. Luke 15: 1-32***  
Washingtonian Magazine [May 2019] recently published a touching story written by the anonymous mother about her teenage son “Sam” who got sucked into the internet wormhole of angry propaganda aimed at disaffected males like her son. It took empathy and a stranger’s courage to get him out.

It all began when Sam was falsely accused by another student of sexual harassment. Sam was innocent, but school officials felt obligated to “protect” the girl. Sam was devastated. Sam’s sweet earnestness and desire to do well were gone. His parents decided to move Sam to another school midyear. Sam felt alone and betrayed.

That’s when Sam discovered “alt-right” websites that fed Sam’s anger and distrust with their racist and bigoted rants. With his new online “friends,” his relationship with his mom and dad became more and more strained.

Sam begged to go to Washington’s “Mother of All Rallies,” a gathering of right-wing groups that took place at the Washington Monument in 2017. At first, his mom and dad refused to let him go, but after much pleading, his mom agreed, provided that they would go together and that they would observe, not participate.

Once they arrived, Sam began interviewing as many people as he could. He usually just asked one question, *Why are you here?* and recorded their diatribes on his phone.

Sam was meeting his online heroes and “friends” — and soon realized how unheroic and self-absorbed they actually were. None were as convincing or as witty as they had presented themselves online.

As they were leaving the Mall, Sam and his mom met a middle-aged man who stood alone on the grass, holding a small poster featuring a picture of a smiling Heather Heyer, the demonstrator murdered at Charlottesville in 2017. Under the picture, he had written in magic marker the words *A TRUE AMERICAN PATRIOT* and “c-ville” under her photo, above a hand-drawn heart. Sam’s mom told her son, in front of the man, “Standing up for your beliefs among such a large unfriendly crowd is the definition of courage.”

Sam and the man shook hands — slowly and deliberately — as if they were each transferring something to the other.

And, in the months that followed, the Sam of kindness and sweetness came home.

**Sometimes the only way we can bring someone back is to give them the space to turn around and find their own way home. This mom does that for Sam — just as the prodigal’s father does that for his son. She continued to love him enough to let him go and regain his perspective, to realize that he is loved and capable of loving. Such difficult love is but a taste of the great love God has for all of us: love that is eternally forgiving, constantly inviting, never limited or qualified, and, in the end, love that can bridge any distance.**

## **HURRICANE DORIAN RELIEF COLLECTION**

***From Rev. Msgr. Joseph G. Celano, Episcopal Vicar***

As you know, Hurricane Dorian has devastated the islands of the Bahamas. These destructive storms and other natural disasters throughout the world claim lives, displace peoples and devastate communities.

On September 4, Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, issued the following statement regarding Hurricane Dorian,

*“As we continue to be vigilant for the effects of Hurricane Dorian as it approaches the U.S. coast, we are extremely mindful of the dire need faced by the community in the Bahamas so devastated by this catastrophic storm...”*

Bishop Checchio has authorized a voluntary second collection to be taken in each of our parishes next weekend, September 14-15, to assist with the disaster relief efforts. Payment by check should be noted as “Hurricane Relief” and made out to the Diocese of Metuchen.

Following the collection, all funds should be remitted to the Office of Finance as soon as possible for disbursement to the relief efforts. An online giving option will be created on the diocesan website for those who prefer this method of giving, with donations also coming to the Diocese of Metuchen for disbursement to this disaster relief effort and any future disasters that may require our assistance.

## **PASTOR’S CORNER**

I want to thank everyone who came forward to be teachers and assistants for our Religious Education Program. When we look at the most important things that a parish needs to do, religious education is at the top. Here we are passing on the faith to future generations. Here we are planting the seeds of the faith in the hearts of young people who will grow and enter the world with the Gospel Message. Thank all of you for your service!

God Bless,  
Fr. Rick

## **24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME**

**September 15, 2019**

***“Everything I have is yours.”***

***(Luke 15:31)***

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?



## **OUTSMART THE SCAMMERS**

Fraud is on the rise and scammers are becoming more crafty. The 50s Plus Club is sponsoring a speaker from Edward Jones on Thursday, September 19th at 7 pm here at the Church. Come join us for the presentation “Outsmart the Scammers”. Everyone is invited.

## **JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR FOOD AND CONVERSTATION**

Stop by after Mass this weekend to find out what Connxions is all about! The Connxions Ministry will be hosting coffees after each Mass. We are happy to enjoy food and socializing with you and celebrate St. John’s Connxions Ministry.

**CONNXIONS  
MINISTRY**



# Christian Formation

## **REGISTER FOR THE GIFT FAMILY FAITH NOW!**



Registrations are due now. There are forms on line or in the Narthex. Contact the office with any questions 908-832-2513.

## **ON-LINE FORMS**

We are looking to incorporate interactive forms on our parish website. If you have knowledge in this area and can help us with on line forms please contact the office – 908-832-2513 or [sjn@ccsjn.org](mailto:sjn@ccsjn.org)

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CONNECT SENIORS WITH NUTRITION SERVICES**



Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon provides comfort, sustenance, and assurance to seniors since 1973. Many homebound elderly who through illness, disability or frailty have no other source of meals. A hot noontime meal and a companionable visit from a volunteer driver provides food, comfort and security they can count on.

Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon is seeking volunteers to assist the elderly in Hunterdon County. The non-profit agency depends solely on volunteers to deliver meals to clients' homes weekday between the hours of 11 am to 1 pm. The volunteer commitment is flexible, generally once a month.

"Volunteers play a vital role and we are always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to help us carry out our mission. Our success depends largely on community volunteers," said Regina Hlasney, Executive Director.

Volunteering is easy, registration forms are available online at [www.mowih.org](http://www.mowih.org) or by calling the office at 908-284-0735.



## **SCHEDULE FOR PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

Whether you're a current or future catechist or even just considering helping out sometime in the future in one of the many programs in our parish that involve children, you should attend one of the following "Protecting God's Children" upcoming workshops:

Immaculate Conception  
316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale  
Wed., Sept. 25, 2019, 7:00 PM  
Basement of Church

Immaculate Conception  
316 Old Allerton Road, Annandale  
Thursday, October 10, 2019, 7:00 PM  
Basement of Church

Protecting God's Children® for Adults is training conducted by VIRTUS® certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The Diocese of Metuchen requires every adult who is ministering to children and teens to attend one of these programs. A link to register for one of the above workshops, as well as a complete listing of other sessions in the diocese, can be found on [diometuchen.org](http://diometuchen.org) and click on the "Sign up now for Virtus Sessions" link on the bottom of the home page. Some sessions book quickly, so please register early. Check the link often as ses-

## Social Ministry

### **MR. FIX IT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



Mr. Fix It Program is seeking volunteers with basic handyman skills. Program volunteers perform small safety related home repairs for Hunterdon County seniors, age 60 and over and individuals with disabilities.

The mission of the Mr. Fix It Program is to perform jobs, which if neglected, would adversely affect the safety of the eligible senior or disabled resident. The goal is to help these residents remain safely in their own homes and communities.

See the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex or pickup a brochure on the counter below the flyer.

### **NOTES FROM THE GARDEN**



Just when it seems we have reached the full potential of the garden, another year surprises us with more abundance! Every year is different but the explosion of vegetables this year has been a wonderful blessing. We are currently supplying two soup kitchens and a food pantry with deliveries about once a week. In addition, this past week, social ministry leaders delivered boxes of fresh vegetables to 5 local families and a large tray of assorted vegetables to Parkside Manor. Our first planting of carrots exceeded 150 lbs and a second crop is well on its way, ready for another harvest in October. Green beans just won't quit. In addition to delivering 15-20 lbs a week fresh, volunteers have cleaned and processed about 30 lbs that have been frozen for use at SHIP soup kitchen throughout the winter. We brought in about 30 heads of broccoli and 36 heads of cabbage. The harvest will continue for several more weeks. Come on out to the garden to see and while there, enjoy the beautiful flowers, goldfinches and butterflies!

## BAPTISM



### Received in the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Victoria Moura Perez / George Ace Peres**  
*Twins Victoria and George baptized September 7, 2019*  
**Parents: Joel and Monique Perez**  
**Brother: Sebastian**

**Harper Amy Phillips**  
*Harper Amy baptized September 8, 2019*  
**Parents: Kyle and Meg Phillips**  
**Brother: Hunter**

## Prayer Ministry



### GOD'S GENEROUS MERCY

The father in this parable give us a glimpse of our heavenly Father. He sent Jesus to pour out his entire self-lavishly- to welcome us back home. In everything he said and did, Jesus revealed God's shockingly generous mercy, a mercy that is available to each one of us. It's a mercy that doesn't hold a grudge. It's a mercy that waits patiently for us to begin our return. It's a mercy that eagerly welcome us home.

This is the mercy that God has for you and for everyone around you.

***"Thank you, Father, for your extravagant mercy. Thank you for running out to meet each person who come back to you. Even me."***

Reflections like this are found in *The Word Among Us*. Pick up a copy from the Narthex.



### ANITA'S GARDEN

The first landscaped island you see in the parking lot as you come up the driveway at St. John's was planted by Anita and Stan Sawczuk. It is in need of a little attention so we have scheduled a couple of work evenings to complete this task. Bring a pair of work gloves and join us on Monday and Tuesday, September 23 and 24 from 6-7:30pm. Contact Anne Germino at [projectearth@ccsjn.org](mailto:projectearth@ccsjn.org) or Jim Murray at [jmurray@eclipse.net](mailto:jmurray@eclipse.net) for more information.

### ONE DAY, 9 MILE WALKING PILGRIMAGE—NEXT WEEKEND



#### ***"THE WAY OF ST. JUAN DIEGO"***

***Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.***

In preparation for the Consecration of the Diocese of Metuchen to Our Lady of Guadalupe, all youth, families and people of faith are invited to participate in this walking pilgrimage starting at 10:00 a.m. on September 21st. The walk will begin and end at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, followed by dinner and Mass celebrated by Bishop James F. Checchio. The cost, which includes lunch and dinner, is \$20 by August 20 or \$25 thereafter. The walk will take place rain or shine. Registration is required. There are registration forms available in the narthex or register and pay online at [www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage](http://www.LightingHeartsOnFire.org/walking-pilgrimage). The deadline for registration is September 13<sup>th</sup>, so please gather together your friends, family and/or small faith group and mark your calendars for this fun and spiritual event!

***Sign up in the Narthex to walk with other members from St. John's!***

### CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2020

Believe it or not, it is already time to register for CHWC 2020! Next summer we will be going to Saranac Lake, NY from June 21-26. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Connolly as soon as possible at [mandmconnolly@gmail.com](mailto:mandmconnolly@gmail.com).



### PARISH PICNIC

***Sunday Sept 29th***

Come enjoy a wonderful day, our Parish Picnic is a great time for everyone! The fun starts at 2pm with the Duck Race, plenty of things to do, inflatables, face painting and games for kids as well as great food that everyone brings their favorite picnic fare! It is a great time to just sit back and enjoy friends! It's a great time to meet parishioners if you are new to the parish. Even if you can't come the whole time – feel free to stop in and enjoy what you can. Hope to see you then. Please bring a side dish to share and if you can bring burgers or hotdogs with buns for your family.



***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"***

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Clara Alvarez  
 Gary Anderson  
 Andrew Arias  
 Miguel Astacio  
 Diane Bosack  
 John D'Almeida  
 Aiden Day  
 Barbara DelPiano  
 Sophia DeVita  
 Anthony DeVito  
 David Fabiano  
 Dawn Farley  
 Cindy Feighan  
 Emma Finnegan  
 Steven Geist  
 Joseph Gruszczynski  
 Tulio Hargain  
 Thomas Haines  
 Stephanie Illetscho  
 Suzanne Lafferty  
 Arthur Lanteri  
 Bonnie Lieberwirth  
 Declan Maloney  
 Jan McLeavey  
 Christine Meyer  
 Jon Morris  
 Joan & Megan Myers  
 Nancy Patterson  
 Nilsa Perez Parsons  
 Thomas Pearson  
 John Pfeufer  
 Ali Redling  
 Earl & Denise Roberts  
 Brian Roche  
 Joe Romanger  
 Noah Skinner  
 Michael Slivka  
 Dick Slusher  
 Anthony Sorgi, Sr.  
 Patty Galati Stafford  
 Margaret Thornsbury  
 Nicholas Troiano  
 Don Velli  
 Tom Wiles  
 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  
 2LT, Geerinck, Josh, 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

## "THE DAY I STOOD SIMMERING IN SHAME..."

In an essay in the **National Catholic Reporter** [January 2014], the late writer and poet Brian Doyle lamented a "sin" he committed that had a sobering and lasting effect on him.

His ten-year-old son had been fighting with his brother for what seemed like an eternity. Dad's demands that he cool it were met with either indifference or snark. Finally, Dad had had enough.

"I roared at my son, I grabbed him by the shirt collar, I frightened him so badly that he cowered and wept, and when he turned to run, I grabbed him by the arm so roughly that he flinched, and it was that flicker of fear and pain across his face, the bright, eager, holy-riveting face I have loved for ten years, that stopped me then and haunts me [still] for I am the father of his fear, I sent it snarling into his heart, and I can never get it out now, which torments me."

As soon as Brian let go of his arm, the boy "sprinted away and slammed the door and flew off the porch and down the street, and I stood there simmering in shame. Then I walked down the hill into the laurel thicket as dense and silent as the dawn of the world and found him there huddled and sobbing. We sat in the moist, green dark for a long time, not saying anything, the branches burly and patient. Finally, I asked quietly for his forgiveness and he asked for mine and we walked out of the woods, hand-in-hand, changed men."

**Most of our struggles to forgive are the stumbles we make in hurting those we love most. In the same awkward situation, we can be both the aggrieved father whose discipline is more than justified and the self-centered son who hurts deeply the ones who love him the most. As Brian Doyle learned in his encounter with his son, we all possess the grace to forgive; the love of God empowers us to seek forgiveness and make right what our selfishness has broken or shattered.**

## SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary by renewing your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 27, 2019 at 4:00 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: [diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold](http://diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold). If you are unable to access, please contact the office 908-832-2513 or [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org). Registration will close on October 11, 2019. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or calling 732-562-1543.



## SMILE WITH YOUR FAMILY



**Remember to  
 Stop by the  
 Connxions Coffee  
 After all Masses  
 This weekend!**





## TRICKY TRAY

### TRICKY TRAY COMING OCTOBER 18TH

*Come help out!*

The team is looking for your help! Email the coordinators at [trickytray@ccsjn.org](mailto:trickytray@ccsjn.org). We are also accepting donations from parishioners and looking for help with soliciting to local businesses.

**Donations accepted in the Seton Room Now !**

Call the office 908-832-2513 or email [fundraising@ccsjn.org](mailto:fundraising@ccsjn.org) if you have any questions.

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

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

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

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

### DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you have ever considered becoming Catholic or know someone who may be interested, there is a process to help you discern whether it is what you want to do. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation. Every year teams in parishes meet with unbaptized persons and those baptized into other faiths to discuss and learn about the Catholic faith. The first stage is called Inquiry and simply put, is a time for you to ask any and all questions about God and the church. This is the period to help you find out if you are interested in becoming Catholic. So please don't think you have to know this is what you want to do. The Inquiry phase helps in that discernment. Please contact France Kennedy if you would like to find out more. Phone 908-832-2513 or email [fkennedy@ccsjn.org](mailto:fkennedy@ccsjn.org).

### 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>.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

**September 8, 2019**

58 Donors Weekly .....\$2,688.00  
26 Yellow Brick Road .....\$391.00  
5 Peter's Pence.....\$140.00

**August 26, 2018**

77 Donors Weekly .....\$4,010.00  
6 Yellow Brick Road .....\$340.00  
28 Peters Pence.....\$473.10

### STORE CARDS



Thanks to the **15** families who purchased **\$3,895.00** in store cards in the last two weeks, the stores gave us a profit of **\$207.60**.

### DON'T MISS OUT

**Save the date - Friday, Dec. 6th**

**The Tasting Event**

This year we will start the event a half hour earlier! Will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hope you can join us for another fun filled evening!



### VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

#### Office Angels

Wed., September 18.....L. Caprio  
Wed., September 25.....J. Santoro

#### Store Cards

##### September 14 & 15

5:30 p.m..... J. Eacovalle  
8:00 a.m..... V. Hoffart  
10:30 a.m.....D. Royal

##### September 21 & 22

5:30 p.m.....C. Crescenti  
8:00 a.m.....L. Stanski  
10:30 a.m.....H. Quigley

#### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of Sept. 15..... D. Lance  
Week of Sept. 22...C. Fortenbacker

#### Church Center Cleaning

September 19.....Team B  
September 26.....Team C

#### Counting

September 16.....Kucharski/Gagen  
September 23..Malone/Kosakowski

#### Altar Flowers

September 21 .....L. Mullen  
September 28 .....M. Perez

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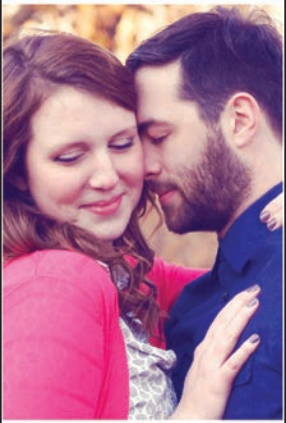
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