



TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2008

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone”

MISSION STATEMENT

**Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
1998-1999**

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.

THE WEEK THAT IS

Sunday, October 5 – Paving Our Yellow Brick Road

10:30 a.m. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Church Center)

Monday, October 6 – St. Bruno & Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

Tuesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

9:30 a.m. Quilting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, October 8 – St. Reparata

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Bell Ministry (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Adult Formation (Office Center)

Thursday, October 9 – Ss. Denis & Companions, John Leonardi

7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)

Friday, October 10 – St. Telchidis

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

Saturday, October 11 – Ss. Tarachus, Probus & Andronicus

3:30 p.m. First Reconciliation Session 1 (Church Center)

Sunday, October 12 – Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)
9:00 a.m. Adult Formation (Valley View)
1:15 p.m. Remove Pews (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

MASS SCHEDULE October 11 & 12

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector L. Caprio
Altar Servers Germino Family
Ministers of the Eucharist D. Lance, J. Gardner,
..... V. Olesiak, **2 Needed**

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector R. Ditzel
Altar Server F. Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist R. Pojedinec, S. Pojedinec,
..... A. Miele, J. Klawunn, T. Klawunn

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector B. Hunt
Altar Server Malone Family
Ministers of the Eucharist B. Martalus, R. Martalus,
..... B. Zelesny, C. Zelesny, D. Torczon

Sunday 12:15 p.m.

Celebrant Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector A. Sawczuk
Ministers of the Eucharist R. Wickel, M. Wickel

PAVING THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

This Weekend

This weekend is the first weekend of October and the weekend for paving the Yellow Brick Road. We are truly blessed in the support that you give to this monthly collection to meet our mortgage payment of \$6,707. We are in countdown mode. We have four more years on the mortgage for the payoff of \$339,010. **Thank you for your sustained support. Last month 124 families gave \$5,343.00.** The rest is made up through fundraising.

2008 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Continuing the Mission of Christ



Did you know that there’s more than one way to give to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal? You can: Make a pledge and spread out your payments; donate on-line by going to the Diocesan website: www.diometuchen.org; have your donation matched by your company with a Corporate Matching Gift; make a one-time gift. No matter which way you choose, we thank you. Every gift is appreciated and every gift is important.

YOM KIPPUR

Greetings to our Jewish friends who celebrated Rosh Hashanah 5769 - Happy New Year and Yom Kippur this week - Day of Atonement. We pray with you and greet you with wishes for blessings.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Our kingdom community, like the vineyard is holy because God continues to work to transform us into the kind of community God desires (CCC #823-29). Being God's kingdom community is never easy. It will always cost us something. Those who reject God's kingdom ideal for one of their own will find ways to persecute us. Following Jesus will always mean following him through suffering to resurrection (CCC #675, 769, 1816).

PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT

Vineyards and vine dressing are familiar in many places. In Scripture, they are favored ways of speaking of the Trinity's care for the Lord's gathered and covenanted people. In today's readings from Matthew and Isaiah, the yield of the vineyard is spoiled. In response, Jesus notes he has become the cornerstone of a new structure and has been given to a people who will produce good fruit. May God's incomprehensible peace be in our hearts and thoughts.

† REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS †

Irene Adams	Theresa Galvano	Floyd Opdyke
Eleanor Angelina	Ty Geiger	Daisy Ort
Joe Angelina	Frank Ghiselli	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Pat Arat	Jayne Giese	John Pfeufer
Antonia Baasten	Robert Govett	Steve Plume
Kate Bachman	Rose Gradone	Drew Pojedinec
Richard Baker	Angela Grieco	John & Nicole Ramsden
John Ballard	Christina Grillo	Albert Rayburn
Peter Barbieri	Ed Hempling	Ed Reinagel
Agnes Barhart	Colleen Hendzrak	Jerry Reslmaier
Carol Becker	Anita Horan	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
Jean Blewitt	Richard Hughes	Pat Roach
Lorraine Boccella	Brittney Ianitto	Denise Roberts
Mary Lou Boccell	Jeannine Imperiale	Julie Ruby
Mary Bock	Ernest Jandersit	Benjamin Sawczuk
Loretta Briener	Robert Jandersit	Gail Sawczuk
Eugene Brzezienski	Nona Janks	John Sawczuk
Shirley Bumen	Diana Janowski	Maria Sawczuk
James Burns	Bob Jenkinson	Ed Scharf
John Burns	Harry Kaemmerer	Chris Seltzer
Eileen Cafilin	John Kaemmerer	Abe Shalaby
Angie Caponetti	Trudy Kaemmerer	Paul Shubeck
Barbara Carbonneau	Ann Kalafut	Sister Mary George
Joseph Carpentiere	Garrison Keillor	Marianna Sivori
John Caspar	Rosemary Kimbal	Carol Smarsh
Jose Castro	Mary Kirchner	Grace Smarsh
Lou Citarelli	Spencer Kydd	Colleen Smith
Riley Clark	Michael Lamotte	Alice Sprague
Lorraine Cochrane	Kevin Leahy	Joseph Sterphone
Tony Colenari	Holly Lear	Felicia Steward
Gerard Cook	Jewel LeVine	Marla Stivers
Valerie Cordero	Michele Makos	William Stortz
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Taylor Maleski	Evelyn Sulenski
Natalia Cresti	Silas Mastro	Mary Sulenski
Dalton Cummins	Tom Martin	Julie Suplee
Joseph D'Achino	Judy Martino	Tracey Sutch
Maria Elena Dawson	Marie Mazzoni	Margaret Sweeney
Peter Demchur	Susan McHugh	John Toolan
Anthony DeVito	Patrick McKenna	Brendan Treanor
Mary Ditzel	Brett Melworn	Rose Uricchio
Ann Dodwell	George Meyer	Hazel Van Kampen
Betty Doyle	George Milke	Robert Villani
Paul DuPre	Betsey Miller	Dayelle Watts
Courtney Ellis	Michael Milto	Harvey Whille
Hannah Farrington	Nina Montouri	John William
Mary Feo	Erica Morgan	Gloria Wood
Akiea Finn	Natalie O'Hearn	Elizabeth Wodrich
Anthony Fiorillo	Sr. Margaret O'Rourke	Lynn Yondolino
Ann Flemming	Violetta Olesiak	John J. Zelesny
Joe Ford	Robert Olivetti	Eileen Zocchi
Katelynn Fortenbacher	Gloria Omstead	Michael Zocchi
Helen Galligan	Rolv Omstead	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, October 7

7:00 p.m. Gerard DuBeau req. Fred & Barbara Pfeufer

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 a.m. Sr. Roseline Mezy OSF req. Sr. Dolora

Friday, October 10

7:00 a.m. Intentions of Richard Miller req. Sr. Dolora

Saturday, October 11

5:30 p.m. Margherita Crescenti req. Crescenti Family

Sunday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Genevieve Nowakowski req. Durham Family

10:30 a.m. Michael Doran req. Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

12:15 p.m. Mickey Griffin req. Rosemarie Phillips

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Monday, October 6

1:00 p.m. Mass (Prison)

7:15 p.m. Symposium (Away)

Tuesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)

4:00 p.m. Appointment (Office Center)

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:30 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board (Office Center)

Wednesday, October 8

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, October 9

Day of Reflection (Away)

Friday, October 10

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

6:00 p.m. Dinner (Away)

Saturday, October 11

1:00 p.m. Communion Call

2:00 p.m. Appointment (Office Center)

REMEMBERED AT MASS



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Jane Krok – Jams Magnetta – Sharon Yankofchick – Joan Lauler – Ruth Ellmyer – Charles E. Starita – Gerard DuBeau – David Cicitta – Antoinette Ercolino**

Deceased: **David Cicitta**, nephew of Dick Sepe; **Antoinette Ercolino**, mother of Joe Ercolino. 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.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

2-1-1 IN HUNTERDON UPDATE

At a meeting this past Wednesday of the Human Services Advisory Council, representatives of north regional call center located in Parsippany answered questions concerning calls to that facility placed from Hunterdon County. They noted that only 10% of the calls that were going through 2-1-1 from Hunterdon County are currently going to the new facility. That leaves the remainder of the calls going to Hunterdon Helpline through the **800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357** telephone numbers.

They felt there were several reasons for this, not the least of which were some telephone service providers not switching over their 2-1-1 connections to the new location leaving those calls still directed to the Hunterdon Helpline location. As of this past week, all service providers have redirected calls from anywhere in Hunterdon County to the Parsippany facility. The two regional call centers will also play a developing role in emergency preparedness including outbound calls to designated groups of people with emergency announcements such as evacuation notification, storm warnings, etc.

On the service side, serious concerns were raised about the communications infrastructure where they reported that callers now can be referred to Hunterdon Help Line as a resource in helping to solve a problem. Questions on the subject of knowledge of the local area that the responder has, as well as familiarity with all the local, state and federal programs and resources are a challenge and function of employee training and turnover at the call center site.

It was suggested that some sort of performance criteria or dashboard be developed to gauge the effectiveness of the change from a county based 2-1-1 response through Hunterdon Help Line versus the regional state call center approach. It was suggested that it could take three years to evaluate the effectiveness of the change. There are currently two state call centers – one serving the north and one serving the south. Representatives from Hunterdon Helpline will make a presentation at the next meeting.

As the economy simmers on the back-plate of recession, calls for assistance are on the rise and the winter season has yet to deliver its unknown challenges. Calls of people who are experiencing first lifetime financial crisis are on the rise to both 2-1-1 and Hunterdon Help Line. So, unfortunately, there is no shortage of people needing help.

Generally speaking, the closer one is to the problem of another, the greater the chance is for understanding. The greater the understanding the greater someone seeking assistance can be assessed and responded to with accurate information. If someone who is in crisis uses 2-1-1 to connect and has a bad experience, it is highly unlikely that they will call again because trust in that service has been lost.

CANCER WALK

On October 4 -5 in NYC, I will be walking with my daughters Kaitlyn and Erin and me in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The Dwyer Girlz team is short of its fundraising goal and need your support. Specifically Katy and Erin need your donation as they are short of their commitment of \$1800. We are excited about doing the walk and know it will make a difference for many women diagnosed with this

disease. Please help to support our efforts and this critically important cause by making a generous contribution. You can make your donation via check made out to Avon Breast Cancer Walk. Please remember as you're making your donation that in less than the time it took to read this, another woman in the U.S. was diagnosed with breast cancer. You can also help me by passing this message along to others who may be interested in being a part of the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Thank you for your support. The checks can be dropped in the Social Ministry drop-box or mailed to me at 111 Forest Dr. Glen Gardner, NJ 08826. Please call with any questions 908 239-8897. Thank you from the Dwyer Girlz!!

MARCO'S RACE

Pam Dean will be participating in "Marco's Race To Cure Hemophilia" which will be held on October 11 in Bangor, Pennsylvania. The goal of each runner is to obtain \$200 in pledges, 100% of which will go to the National Hemophilia Foundation for research in seeking a cure for Hemophilia. You can pledge by signing up at the Social Ministry Station in the Narthex, email Pam at ddlesmom@yahoo.com or call her at 908-730-7764 and make your pledge.

SHIP

Monday, September 8, 10:00 a.m., Office Center

The next scheduled mission providing the noon meal to the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville is scheduled for **Monday, September 8**. We will need hot casseroles, soup, tossed salad and fresh fruit. **To donate any of these items, please call Anne Germino at 439-9335**. All items must be at the Office Center by 10:00 a.m. Monday morning, September 8. Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING DRIVE

Starts this weekend

Well, the cool breezes of fall have already made their way through the valley and those short on cold weather clothing will soon feel the sting of need. You can help by gathering good new or useable cold weather clothing – coats, hats, gloves or new thermal underwear (mens or ladies - any size) and donating it during our "Cold Weather Clothing Drive" beginning this Sunday.

The Cold Weather Clothing Drive will end Sunday, October 26.

34th ANNUAL GENNESARET RETREAT

The 34th Gennesaret Retreat for the seriously ill will be held at the Vincentian Renewal Center in Princeton on October 17, 18, and 19, 2008. THE RETREAT IS OFFERED **FREE OF CHARGE**. You do not have to be terminally ill to attend. Many who attend struggle with fear or the disability of their chronic illness. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. It offers a respite, a quiet time, an oasis that enables one to continue their journey. At times it is possible for a spouse to attend with the retreatant.

For information or to register call: Hilare Reinold 732-566-7237, Peggy Walsh 908-654-5575, Linda Capobianco 732-928-2989, or Mary Lou Merrit 732-290-9248.

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, December 12, 7:15 p.m., Church Center

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

Our next **First Reconciliation Parents Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, November 2** at 9:00 a.m. in the Valley View School cafeteria.

First Reconciliation Session 1 – Saturday, October 11, 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center

First Reconciliation Session 2 - Saturday, October 25, 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, October 19, 12:15 p.m., Church Center

Please continue to pray for our Confirmandi and their families. We will be celebrating their Confirmation on October 19 at the 12:15 p.m. Mass. Bishop Emeritus Edward Hughes will be our celebrant.

CONFIRMATION PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETINGS

This year's CP/III Parent/Confirmandi meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday night, October 22** at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. CP/II parents and their candidates will be meeting the following **Wednesday, October 29** in the Church Center at 7:30 p.m. It is very essential that at least one parent accompany their Confirmation candidate to their meeting.

SPECIAL THANKS

On September 19 and 20 our 2008 Confirmandi attended an overnight retreat at Trout Lake Retreat in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania to prepare them for their final journey to Confirmation. A special thank you to **Gerry Brisson** who was the Team Leader for the weekend and has been for the past several years. Gerry's team consisted of adult and teen leaders: **Chris Bitters, Tanya Dainoski, Shane DeStefano, Cathy Gagen, Kristen Harrison, John Lacy, Laura Lamperti, John Niemiec, Gary Porto, Nick Porto, Angela Tagliareni**. Also, thanks to the **Shannon Family** who donated the snacks for the trip. The team did a fabulous job preparing the Confirmandi for their Sacrament. Thanks to everyone who was involved in its success.

A Celebrate Youth Mass was celebrated the following day on Sunday, September 21 to culminate the weekend. Thanks to the Confirmandi who participated in the ministries of the Mass and did a stupendous job: **Our Greeters: Victoria Sansone, Catherine Miller, Brianna DiPasquale, Jessica Tursi; Cross Carrier: Jake Szymczak; Lectors: John Ferns, Alison Kucharski, Amanda Altavilla, Megan D'Avella; Gift Bearers: Grace Hulseman, Nicolette Niemiec, Jessica Andrlich, Patrick Gardner; Altar Dressers: Caroline Olesiak, Lauren Pepperman, Lauren Bunica; Eucharist Ministers: Patrick Meade, Marissa Dattler, David Baumann, Ken Jarvis; Music Ministry: Erin Shannon; and Witness Speaker: Ben Dixon.**



Infant baptism preparation is an outreach of support to new parents by the St. John's Baptism Team on behalf of our community. Following an initial pastoral visit at the parish office with either the Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization and Social Ministry or the Coordinator of

the Baptism Preparation Team to start the process, parents attend one preparation session, which is offered quarterly. Baptism Host Couples from St. John's Baptism Team facilitate the program and assist on the day of Baptism as well. All St. John's Baptisms are celebrated at a regular weekend Mass, except in special circumstances. The Community is present to welcome the child into the church and to pledge their support to the new parents as they raise their child in the faith we share. Parents are expected to be registered active members of The Community of St. John Neumann. At least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic. The next scheduled Baptism Prep Program is **Friday – December 12 at 7:15 pm. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – December 5.** For more information or to begin the process please call the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – www.ccsjn.org.

RESPECT LIFE

As we again celebrate Respect Life Sunday, we see the attacks on innocent human life seem to become more complex and deceptive. Abortion is sold as giving the woman a "right to choose;" assisted suicide is a way to relieve the pain of the dying; embryonic stem cell research as a means of attaining marvelous cures. Yet the essential question remains for each of us: Who is our neighbor? In this age, especially, it must include those not protected by law, those who have no voice.

LIFE CHAIN

This Sunday, October 5, 2:00 p.m.

This will mark the 27th year that the Diocese of Metuchen will sponsor and participate in National Life Chain Sunday as a way of expressing our respect for human life. Life Chain is a peaceful, prayerful stirring demonstration, giving people of all faiths the opportunity to unite and make a visible statement in opposition to abortion and other attacks on human life. Those who participate in Life Chain spend time in quiet prayer, asking God, the giver of life, to guide us in promoting the sanctity of human life. Life Chains will be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., rain or shine, in five locations: Washington Road, **Sayreville** (call Michael at 732-727-7639); S. Main street, **Phillipsburg** (call Joan at 908-213-6974); **Flemington Circle** – Route 31 to Main Street (call Bob at 908-236-9648); Somerset Street and Mountain Ave, **Somerville** (call Isidoro at 732-469-3397) and Route 35 North – New Brunswick Avenue to Brace Avenue – **Perth Amboy** (call Felicia at 732-752-0626.)

EVANGELIZATION

CHALLENGING QUESTION & ANSWERS

Now and again, we run into people who for whatever reason, begin to argue a point of faith that is contradictory to that of Catholics or question us wanting to learn more about it. We often are hesitant to respond because we are not sure what supports our beliefs. For the next few weeks we will list some popular objections/questions and a response from Scripture supporting the belief.

Wk. 16 – Faith - Question: The Bible is the only authoritative source for God's word.

St. Paul instructs Timothy to teach others as he was taught, by what he heard, not by what he read. This in no way minimizes scripture but the idea that scripture alone is the only authoritative means in which God communicates to His people. The apostles both preached and wrote, and so there continued both an oral and written tradition that is used in the Church to hand on our faith. This process is known as "catechesis," which is derived from the Greek verb meaning to echo or resound.

"and what you have heard from me before many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

– 2 Timothy 2:2

EVANGELIZATION TEAM

The Evangelization team is in need of a few new members. Please consider donating some time to working on this team. The team meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month to explore avenues and implement strategies to help all parishioners work together to become an evangelizing community: one that reaches out to the community in a welcoming way, to share faith, to live by the gospel values and to foster renewal of community and society. **You can help fill this need by emailing Earl Roberts at eroberts@ccsjn.org or calling 908-832-2513.**

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call Earl Roberts at 832-2262. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in your faith.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Catholic Inquiry is the first phase of the journey to initiation for adults. It is a time for informally sharing our stories and helping one another discern where God is leading. It's a time to get acquainted with Catholics and our Church. **If you are thinking about becoming Catholic**, you are invited to journey with members of St. John's Initiation Team on the rewarding and enriching path to becoming a Catholic Christian. *The details and duration of this faith journey vary according to each individual's starting point*

YOUR PRAYERS

Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the **Office Center, 832-2513**, or drop the name into the collection basket. Please remember the following in your prayers:

Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force
Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army
Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC
IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy
Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC
Lt. Colonel Campbell, Vincent, USMC
CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC
AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force
AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force
RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy
LCPL Dombrowski, David, USMC
Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army
2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC
CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army
Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy
Hafke, Michael, National Guard
Airman First Class Heimall, Benjamin, U.S. Air Force
CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy
GM3 Hurler, Shane
SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force
PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC
AO2 Jones, Lee M. Jr.
MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy
Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot
CPL. Krause, James E., USMC
SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army
Lt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army
RP3 Brown, Leighton M., U.S. Navy
ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy
Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy
Maj. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force
HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy
Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret
Maj. Martin, John, USMC
ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy
Capt. David Omstead, USA
Capt. Barbara Omstead, USA
Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army
PC2 Quinn, Lisa, U.S. Navy
1st Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard
EM3 Runge, Adam, U.S. Navy
2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard
Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy
Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC
Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army
Airman Basic Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force
Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army
2nd Lt., Warkentin, William J., USMC
Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., U.S. Air Force

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or Catherine McVicker (303-0907) at any time.**

ADULT FORMATION

PONDERING PAUSES

"Introducing ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE: His life and mission" continued

Citizen of Rome

Finally, we cannot ignore the influence of the Roman Empire in Paul's world. Rome was the ruling power in the West.) Remember that inhabitants of Paul's world were less aware at the time of such tremendous cultures in India and China in the East.) Paul himself was a Roman citizen.

Rome's power was felt in numerous ways. Most important, the world was basically at peace. The *Pax Romana* (Latin for, "Roman Peace") meant that travel on the extensive Roman road system and its sleek ships was fairly safe from threat of criminal attack, though still always hazardous. Paul took advantage of this relative calm, utilizing this Roman transportation system when he went on his extensive apostolic journeys to preach the gospel. He went all over the eastern Mediterranean world, and journeyed to Rome itself. He planned to go to Spain, to the far western reaches of the empire, but was martyred in Rome.

Paul also uses his Roman citizenship to ensure a fair legal proceeding (Acts 22:25-27). Rome retained the ultimate political authority over life and death. Rome, then, was always in the background, a power that could not be ignored.

Apostle to our culture

Paul, like all of us, was a product of his era. To some degree, he believed that many influences in the surrounding culture were detrimental to the spiritual health of his communities. Yet, in other instances, Paul knew how to use common cultural images to good effect in order to get his message across to his audience.

Perhaps that is the challenge of Paul to each of us today. He, who has shaped so much of our Christianity, challenges us to remember our own culture bravely, with Christ as our guide.

by Ronald D. Witherup, S.S.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Since faith formation is a life long process (and not just for children!), St. John's adult community is invited to celebrate this year's catechetical theme: THE WORD OF GOD IN THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH. Our first gathering is Wednesday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Seton Room or Sunday, October 12 in the Valley View School cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. Come and discover your prayer personality and experience how you can use the WORD of GOD fruitfully in your prayer life. We will also be forming a Bible Study group in Lent. See the schedule which is printed on page 12 in this bulletin.

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

"The Heart That Belongs to Christ"
by Msgr. Gregory Malovetz

"Yes, brother, may I profit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ." (Phlm 1:20)

It was a beautiful autumn day when I went to pick her up. I found her in the kennel, barking at everything and nothing. Her honey-colored coat glistened in the morning sun, and soon I found others standing and watching the little retriever. I laughed as I waited for the kennel staff to complete the adoption papers. A woman also amused by the dog's sweetness turned to me and asked, "Excuse me, but are you thinking about getting that little dog?" I smiled and felt my heart expand, "I'm sorry," I replied, "but that is my dog."

We can never truly understand how immense the heart of Christ truly is. Throughout the pages of Scripture we see his tenderness and compassion toward others. No one is excluded from the love of his heart. That is the truth of the Gospel. Centuries pass, and Jesus still knows by name every person who comes to him. We belong to him and he delights in our lives.

Sometimes we don't believe that. We are tempted to think that Jesus only observes us when we have sinned or failed. There are some who may even believe that they have wandered so far that Jesus has forgotten them. The thrilling truth is this: his heart is open to each of us. He sees our goodness and our sweetness, and he delights in it.

Some find it hard to believe in Christ's love because they have not experienced that kind of love in their own lives. If we are to be his disciples and evangelize the world, then we must expand our hearts. Whose heart could be refreshed this day because you pointed out their goodness? That is the role of the disciple who looks out into the world, with an expanding heart, and says "that is my brother; that is my sister."

from PRAYING WITH SAINT PAUL, "Magnificat" p. 379.

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2008

Sunday:	Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday:	Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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FUND RAISING

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **36 families** purchase Shop-Rite and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$5,050.00** with **\$252.50** coming to the parish. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Our thanks to all who purchase these cards and to those who are willing to stay after Mass to sell them. Gift cards rank third in fund raising only beaten by the Auction and total Craft Show. Our profit for the fiscal year is \$7,513.75.

BOOK SALE DONATIONS

Although the next book sale is far away we do accept donations of books year round. Since the book sale lasts only 1 1/2 days, books we offer have a short window of time to sell. We ask that donation of books be restricted to books printed since 2000, and that any paperbacks be in new or like new condition. Of course we do not want any textbooks, manuals, or magazines. At the risk of sounding too picky, please understand that any book that does not sell becomes a transportation, storage and/or disposal burden. Boxes of donated books can be left outside the carriage house and smaller quantities can be left in the white bench/chest located on the left inside the front doors to the church.

LOOKING FOR CRAFT DONATIONS

It's time to start thinking about St. John's annual craft show. The show will quickly be here so it's time to think about a special talent you can share. Last year we had fabulous donations and the table earned over \$500.00. We can do it again! To reach this goal, the craft show committee is looking for handmade items that can be sold at the St. John's craft table. Please share your talent and help us reach our goal. Popular items last year included wall hangings, table runners, hostess gifts, holiday related items, knitted hats and scarves. **Please contact Sharon Lohrmann at 908-537-7340 or sharonbill203@embarqmail.com to submit items.**

ANNUAL QUILT AND MORE RAFFLE

Raffle tickets should have arrived at your home. You can help to make this important fundraiser a huge success by purchasing and/or selling the 2 books of tickets. **This year's Raffle ticket will give you 4 chances to be a winner:** Grand Prize: "Take Me Home" Irish Chain Variation Full/Queen Coverlet/ Value \$1145, 2nd Prize: Large Decorative Basket/ Value \$90, 3rd Prize: Ceramic Tea Pot/Value \$85, 4th Prize: Ceramic Bowl Value \$75. **All tickets need to be accounted for, so please return your money or unsold tickets by October 26.**

**Want help selling quilt raffle tickets?
Check Out the Website!**

Go to www.ccsjn.org and click on "Down the Road" to see a picture of this year's raffle quilt. By right-clicking on the image then clicking on "Copy Image" you can paste a copy of it into an email that you can send to your family and friends to help you sell your raffle tickets!

STEWARDSHIP

SHOPPING FOR DOLLARS

The Stewardship Committee at St. John Neumann has set a goal of getting 100 different families to buy ShopRite or A&P dollars in the same month. We kicked off a "Shopping for Dollars" campaign on the weekend of June 21 and 22. We would like everyone to consider buying Shop Rite or A&P cards for their weekly shopping and continue to buy them throughout the rest of the year.

This is a very simple fundraising activity that everyone can participate in with the minimum of effort. The stores give us 5% of every dollar sold and all you have to do is go food shopping. What could be simpler? We currently have approximately 350 families registered at St. John Neumann. On an average weekend 25 families buy Shopping Dollars. If an additional 75 families bought just one \$25 card, we would raise an additional \$93.75 every week.

Your participation is needed and appreciated to help us reach our goal. Stop by and look for the grocery cart in the Narthex after Mass and go "Shopping for Dollars." If you forget, you can stop by the parish office any weekday 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and pick them up.

COMMUNITY NEWS

IS FOOD A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

Overeaters Anonymous can help! Whatever your problem with food, you are welcome. Monday evenings, 7:30 – 8:30 pm. Califon Methodist Church, River Rd. Please contact Wendy 908-752-3610 for more information or visit www.overeatersanonymous.org.

ANNUAL DINE ITALIAN AT VOORHEES HS!

Friday, October 10, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m., Voorhees H.S.

An all-you-can-eat Italian Dinner will be held on Friday, October 10, 2008 from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. at Voorhees High School, Route 513 in Lebanon Township. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2009 Project Graduation, a drug and alcohol free party for graduating seniors. Dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, ziti, lasagna, pasta with pesto, as well as salad, bread, beverages and dessert. Dine in or take out. Pricing is \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for senior citizens and students, and children under age 5 are free. Tickets are available at the door. A 50-50 raffle will be available. Please come out and support the Class of 2009 and stay for our homecoming game as the Voorhees Vikings take on Delaware Valley High School.

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CATECHESIS

“THE WORD OF GOD in the life and mission of the Church”

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: Fruitfulness
“We are called to turn from sin and bear fruit for God.”

Scripture: The parable of the vineyard owner’s son: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits.”

Matthew 21: 33-43

Reflection: What different endings could we invent for this week’s gospel story?

Song: “This Day God Gives Me” #642

Story: Jonathan’s dream

Little Jonathan was a happy, beautiful baby; but at four-and-a-half months, he had trouble holding his head up. Doctors found that Jonathan had spinal muscular atrophy, a nerve disease that causes a weakening and wasting away of the muscles. Jonathan’s parents, Peter and Amy Barzach, two very accomplished professionals, could do nothing to help their little boy. Jonathan died at nine months.

A few weeks after Jonathan’s death, Peter and Amy saw a huge wooden boat with swings and slides — a great piece of playground equipment. They thought about buying it and donating it to their son Daniel’s school; but they realized that Jonathan, had he lived, would not have been able to play on it — Jonathan would have been confined to a wheelchair.

So Peter and Amy decided to build a playground where all children, regardless of their physical limitations, could play together. They began the project by holding a “dreaming and designing party” for 200 children. Using Legos, clay, tongue depressors, crayons and all kinds of art supplies, the children showed Peter and Amy what the playground should look like. An architect then took the kids’ ideas and designed a labyrinth of swings, ropes, ramps, towers, balance beams, sandpits and slides that would be fully accessible to wheelchairs.

Peter and Amy then went to work making “Jonathan’s Dream” a reality. A local community center set aside part of its own land for the playground. Foundations and area charities made major grants to the project. Local companies donated equipment and materials. On an October afternoon, hundreds of volunteers of all ages gathered at the site to build the playground. Directed by construction and landscaping professionals who donated their time, they hammered and sawed, raked and planted, assembled equipment, and laid the expensive wood-polymer surface required to make the playground wheelchair-friendly.

From large monetary grants to small acts of generosity, Jonathan’s Dream was realized. People have since come from all over the world to study the design elements of the West Hartford, Connecticut, playground — and create in

their own communities safe and fun places where all children can play together.

[From *Ordinary Graces* by Kathleen A. Brehony.]

Jonathan’s Dream is the result of a family and community coming together; giving whatever resources and expertise they possessed to make this “vineyard” realize its harvest. Inspired by the brief life of a brave little boy, people gave whatever they could in terms of time and money to create a place where all children could play. God’s vineyard is created not by what or how much is given but by the love compelling the giver. Through compassion, generosity and justice, we can realize the harvest of our own piece of the vineyard God has entrusted to us.

Connections, October 2008

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PARISH NEWS

PETE NEEDS HELP!!

Pete Cangelosi needs volunteers to help with pew repairs starting this Monday October 6 till complete. Please bring battery drills.

CHURCH CENTER FLOOR REFINISHING

It’s time to refinish the wood floor in the Church Center again. We need help removing the furniture after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on October 12 and then we will need help putting everything back on Friday October 17, anytime from 4:00 to 5:00 and after.

We will also be refurbishing the pews while they are out of the worship space and could use help with that, but as of yet don’t have a specific schedule of times. These times will follow. Please contact the office if you can help.

25th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIALS

We have ordered some church vessels, vestments and accruements in honor of our 25th Anniversary. We will also be setting up the prayer chapel behind the altar (greenhouse) with icons of saints for private devotion. If you are interested in memorializing any of these items please contact Father Bill and he will tell you what is available.



PLANTINGS FOR THE LABYRINTH

The serpentine hedge row to enclose the Labyrinth garden is being prepared for planting. The following plants and price are listed below. If you would like to donate any one of these trees or plants please contact Anita Sawczuk (popsino@patmedia.net), Father Bill (jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org), or Ed D'Armiento (lorined@patmedia.net). We will be purchasing them from Brook Run unless you have another source and would like to get them at that place.

4 Norway Spruce	each \$150
4 Leyland Cypress	each \$120
2 Boxwood	each \$70
4 Cherry Laurel	each \$65
4 PeeGee Hydrangea	each \$70
8 Low growing Juniper	each \$15

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

Pittsburgh 2008

This summer 29 volunteers representing the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann traveled to Pittsburgh and joined 320 others from across the United States to provide service to those in need. Much of the work we were involved in was for the elderly. We scraped, painted, washed, weeded, cleaned, organized, sanded and weeded some more. However, most importantly we formed new relationships with our team members and our residents. Our accommodations were extremely challenging but looking back, the week flew by quickly. I would like to extend my thanks to all in the parish who so generously supported this opportunity to put our faith into action. The following teens and adults participated this summer: **David Baumann, Tommy Bennett, Cathy Bennett, Amilee Bishop, Mary Connolly, Nate Connolly, Kristen Cook, Flory Cook, Mark Corser, Matt Cucuzella, Regina DeStefano, Ben Dixon, Emma Ferraro, Katelynn Fortenbacher, Annie Furnald, Kristen Harrison, Kat Hill, Laura King, Laura Lamperti, Patrick Meade, Ben Mullen, Sean Mullen, Melissa Nanna, Julianna Pennucci, Doug Rude, Elizabeth Rude, Angela Tagliareni, and Clare Zelesny.**

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

SUMMER 2009

There will be a meeting on **Monday, October 27** at 7:00 p.m. in the Drexel Room for anyone interested in attending camp next summer. We will be choosing our destination at this meeting. Even if you are undecided, please come to the meeting to hear more about the program. The meeting is for adults and teens. **Any questions, please contact Mary Connolly at mandmconnolly@gmail.com or 537-2032.**

MOVING THE GARDEN SHED

It has been suggested to move the Garden Shed outside of the garden to keep the Groundhogs from living in the garden. To do this we need backs, supervision, rollers, etc. Is there anyone that can direct this operation? Call the Office or speak to Anne Germino or Father Bill.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

September 20, 2008

A complete copy of the minutes is available on the Parish website at www.ccsjn.org under Pastoral Council.

- **Sr. Donna Ciangio**, O.P. will be presenting at the Monday, November 17 Town Meeting. Further details will be available soon.
- **Fr. Bill, Kevin Dean** and **Mary Connolly** will participate in a discussion about Pastoral Councils on WDVR 89.7FM on Tuesday, October 28 from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- **Anthony DeStefano** highlighted the activities from the Stewardship Committee. The Committee has grown over the past year to its current committee of five. New parishioners are always welcome.
- The biggest initiative this past year has been the Free Trade coffee and chocolate products. Roasted pecans have recently been added as sale items. The theme for this year's Stewardship Weekend (11/8-9) is the organization "Ten Thousand Villages" (tenthousandvillages.com).
- Another initiative the Stewardship Committee undertook was to see an increase in the average number of families who participate in buying A&P and Shop Rite dollars. They have seen the average grow from 30 to 40 families this summer and their goal is to average 50 families per week.

COME JOIN THE BELL CHOIR

The St. John's Bell Choir is recruiting ringers! **If you are interested in joining the Bell Choir, please contact Jaki Fesq at jakifesq@gmail.com.** Rehearsals begin again in September, every other Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The goal for this season is to learn Christmas music for December.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

A number of people are fighting cancer. It was suggested to have a support group for those who might find support from those who have gone through treatment and those who are going through or anticipating treatment. **Call the office if you are interested or email us at jin@ccsjn.org.**

25TH ANNIVERSARY T SHIRTS

We are offering for sale 25th anniversary T Shirts. They are \$15.00 a piece and come in sizes for men and youth and different design and sizes for women. You can pick one up in the Narthex after Mass. I gave them to my family for Christmas. They are great keepsakes of our anniversary. you.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

EXTRA! EXTRA! Read all about it! Lindbergh and Hauptman: The Trial of the Century happens in the Hunterdon County Court House, Flemington every weekend in October. Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and Saturday at 8:00 p.m.. Two of our parishioners, **Andy Koslowski** and **Bernadette Andrejco**, are in this play. Please come out and support them. Tickets at www.FamousTrials.com.

DIOCESAN NEWS

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

For more information about NFP, contact Dr. Kathy Skuza at 908-247-7760 (cell) or 732-651-3874 (beeper) or the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 ext. 1624.

ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Tuesday, October 7, 10:30 a.m., Bridgewater



Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski, in appreciation for their dedicated service, cordially invites all local, county, state and federal law enforcement officials who live and work in

the diocese to attend the annual Blue Mass on Tuesday, October 7 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Route 22, Bridgewater. Lunch will be served following the Mass. For information, call 732-562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

October 24-26

Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help widowed, separated and divorced persons make a new beginning in life through a powerful, intense and positive experience of hope and peace and is open to persons of all faiths.

The specially trained team members are "wounded healers" who have suffered the loss of a spouse. The participants are led through the program which consists of presentations followed by personal, private reflection and then dialogue in small groups.

The next weekend is scheduled for October 24-26. It is held at the Stella Maris Retreat House in Elberon, New Jersey. For detailed information call Vivian at 732-441-7070 or Rich at 609-333-9868.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY--FAMILY CELEBRATION

Sunday, October 19, 2008, 10:45 a.m.

MEET: St. Francis Cathedral CYO, Metuchen
(Main Street and Library Place)

WALK: 'Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus'
--Through the neighborhood and back to--

CELEBRATE: St. Francis Cathedral, Noon Mass
(Bishop Bootkoski)

SHARE: a simple Mission Lunch (Cathedral Cafeteria) and listen to our very own, **Jodie D'Angiolillo**, Office of Evangelization, tell us about her mission trip to the Sudan!

For more information call 732-562-1990 ext 1707 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC GIRL SCOUT GATHERING

November 1, 9:00 a.m., St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway

The twenty-sixth Annual Catholic Girl Scout Gathering will be held on November 1. This program is for Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors. It will run from 9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. This year the gathering will be held in the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway.

The cost is \$12.00 per girl. This includes the program supplies, patch and lunch. Because the gathering will be held in the Diocesan Center, no bag lunches or outside food or drinks is allowed. Sandwiches, a drink and chips will be served for lunch. Adults staying must purchase a lunch for \$6.00. Contact Judy Orgonas at 732-562-2446 for registration forms. Reservations and payment are due by October 24. Register early – space is limited. Please make checks payable to:

Diocese of Metuchen
St. John Neumann Pastoral Center
P.O. Box 191
Metuchen, NJ 08840
Attention: Girl Scout Ministry

GIRL SCOUT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Catholic Girl Scouts who wish to earn religious recognition medals through programs provided by the Diocese of Metuchen may participate in the following programs:

2nd & 3rd grade Brownies – Family of God
Juniors – I Live My Faith
Cadettes – Marian Medal
Seniors – The Spirit Alive

Workbooks for these medals are \$6.00 each and are available from:

Diocese of Metuchen
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HOLD YOUR NEXT EVENT AT THE ST. JOHN NEUMANN CONFERENCE CENTER

The St. John Neumann Conference Center is conveniently located in Piscataway and perfect for groups from 30 to 300 people. Our facilities are available for birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, Christening and Communion parties, repasts, parish functions, conferences and meetings.

For more information, email Events@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org and click on the "Banquet Facilities in the Diocesan Center" link.

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?' Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." — Mt. 21:42-43

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STEWARDSHIP – TIME & TALENT

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Stewardship Thoughts



"In 1997, Wangari Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement. Deforestation in Kenya had brought dwindling water supplies, soil degradation, and hardships for millions of rural women. Dr. Maathai's organization hired these women to plant trees.

Her plan made a difference in many lives; it also brought attacks from the authoritarian government. Despite imprisonment, in 2002 she was elected to parliament with 98 percent of the vote. In 2004, with 30 million new trees planted, Dr. Maathai was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. For \$20, Green Belt Movement International can support two women to plant 20 trees. Visit www.greenbeltmovement.org."

When stewardship of the land is not observed there are many repercussions that are not even thought of. Cutting down trees for whatever reason can be dangerous. All of nature is linked. Our stewardship is often called upon to make right what has been wronged. Not only did the planting of trees restore the land, water and soil but also taught people about ecology and stewardship.

We take many things for granted. Like the child who flushes things down the toilet it seems to make perfect sense until we look at the long range effects of such a simple action. To the child it just disappears and it is fun for the moment. They may even wait for it to come back. We know otherwise and we need to teach this fact. Cutting down a rain forest has multiple implications. It does not automatically regenerate. Like Dr. Maathai and her women who planted the trees we need to be good stewards and replace what has been destroyed and teach so that it doesn't happen again.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

OFFICE ANGELS

Monday, October 6 - Angel Needed p.m.
 Tuesday, October 7 - P. Sullivan p.m.
 Wednesday, October 8 - Angel Needed p.m.
 Thursday, October 9 - Angel Needed p.m.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

October 4 & 5 - E. McCabe 3:00 p.m.
 - P. Sullivan 8:00 a.m.
 - C. Manbeck 10:30 a.m.
 - D. Hingos 12:15 p.m.
 October 11 & 12 - C. Crescenti 5:30 p.m.
 - J. Klawunn 8:00 a.m.
 - C. Schaumburg 10:30 a.m.
 - D. Hingos 12:15 p.m.

CHURCH CENTER WATERING SCHEDULE

Week of October 5 - J. Pennucci
 Week of October 12 - J. Rojas

CHURCH CENTER CLEANING TEAM

October 10 - Team D
 October 17 - Team E

BULLETIN TRANSPORTERS

October 10 - L. D'Armiento
 October 17 - L. Livoti

STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE



STEWARDSHIP SPIRITUALITY

"We are a Stewardship Parish sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure as a way of life."
 104 Responses from 366 Families
 96 Time & Talent, 85 Treasure

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward of the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For September 30, 2007

102 Weekly Donors \$3,117.00
 33 Monthly Donors \$3,200.00
 Loose Money..... \$110.00
 Total \$6,427.00

For September 28, 2008 (366 Families)

89 Weekly Donors \$2,435.00
 36 Monthly Donors \$3,810.00
 Loose Money..... \$65.00
 Total \$6,310.00

20 Direct Deposit..... \$764.00

Weekly Need \$7,034.00

Weekly Averages:

August \$5,750.00
 July \$6,227.00
 June \$6,085.00
 May \$6,651.00
 April \$7,019.00
 March \$6,845.00
 February \$7,126.00
 January \$6,699.00
 December \$7,868.00
 November \$6,845.00
 October \$6,556.00
 September \$7,430.00

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

For September 28, 2008

Weekly		Monthly	
5	5.00 = 25.00	1	15.00 = 15.00
12	10.00 = 120.00	2	30.00 = 60.00
1	14.00 = 14.00	3	40.00 = 120.00
6	15.00 = 90.00	8	50.00 = 400.00
16	20.00 = 320.00	2	60.00 = 120.00
1	22.00 = 22.00	1	80.00 = 80.00
22	25.00 = 550.00	9	100.00 = 900.00
3	30.00 = 90.00	1	125.00 = 125.00
1	34.00 = 34.00	1	140.00 = 140.00
4	35.00 = 140.00	2	150.00 = 300.00
5	40.00 = 200.00	2	200.00 = 400.00
7	50.00 = 350.00	2	250.00 = 500.00
1	60.00 = 60.00	1	300.00 = 300.00
2	75.00 = 150.00	1	350.00 = 350.00
1	80.00 = 80.00	36	
1	90.00 = 90.00		
1	100.00 = 100.00		
84			2435.00

OFFICE FOR CATECHESIS
ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

ADULT FAITH FORMATION 2008-2009

Celebrating The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church
 (All topics will be offered twice as listed, location of Wednesday sessions may change)

Topic	Dates
Using the Word of God in Prayer Discover your prayer type and explore Lectio Divina	Wednesday, October 8, 7:30 p.m., Office Center (Seton Room) Sunday, October 12, 9:00 a.m., Valley View School
The Life and Letters of St. Paul Celebrating the Apostolic Year of St. Paul	Wednesday, November 12, 7:30 p.m., Church Center Sunday, November 16, at 9:00 a.m., Valley View School
Revelation 1-3: “The State of the Church Address?” What does this revelation about the early Church teach us about being Church today?	Sunday, January 25, 9:00 a.m., Valley View School Wednesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m., Church Center
The Cost of Discipleship <i>“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26</i>	Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 p.m., Church Center Sunday, March 1, 9:00 a.m., Valley View School
Saint Paul and the Cross of Jesus Christ <i>“The message of the cross .. to us who are being saved.. is the power of God” - 1 Cor 1:18</i>	Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Church Center Sunday, March 29, 9:00 a.m., Valley View School
Living the Abundant Life of Christ <i>“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.” - John 10:10</i>	Sunday, April 19, 9:00 a.m., Valley View School Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 p.m., Church Center

Lenten Bible Study - Six week series studying the Letters of St. Paul starting the week of Feb. 22nd. Day and time TBD by members. Register by contacting the Office of Catechesis: 832-2162 or rosefay@ccsjn.org by Feb. 1, 2009

REMINDERS

Let Us Know – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or to proud to ask for help. You can be the “angel of mercy” who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the “Samaritan Tip” form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/>



Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves ‘n Needs
Parish member? List either your Haves or your Needs on the parish website: www.ccsjn.org

New Eyes for the Needy
Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude’s Ranch
Donate you Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child
Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don’t forget to write!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please complete ID Box and ✓ appropriate volunteer information section

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Floor Refinishing – Week of October 12

- Remove pews from worship space (Sunday, October 12, after 12:15 p.m. Mass)
- Return pews to worship space (Friday, October 17, after 5:00 p.m.)

Questions Call: Sharon Janks: 908-832-2513
sjanks@ccsjn.org

On-going Volunteer Opportunities

- Office Angels
(5:00-8:00 p.m., one weeknight a month)
- Shop Rite & A&P Gift Card Sales
(after weekend Masses)
- Church Center Plant Watering
(approximately once a month)
- Church Center Cleaning
(Friday evening, once every 5 weeks)
- Bulletin Transporters
(Fridays, approximately once every 2 months)

Questions Call: Rita Price: 908-832-2513
ritaprice@ccsjn.org

Liturgical Ministry

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Server
- Eucharistic Minister