

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME

January 18, 2009

"Behold, the Lamb of God."

MASS SCHEDULE

January 24 & 25

Saturday **5:30 p.m.**

Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	R. Maratta
Altar Servers	Germino Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	J. Simila, D. Simila,
.....	L. Garcia, B. Garcia, D. Lance

Sunday **8:00 a.m.**

Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	G. Wilson
Altar Server	Sullivan Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	J. Sima, D. Sima,
.....	K. Malley, S. Janks, C. Behrens

Sunday **10:30 a.m.**

Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	M. Harrison
Altar Server	Zelesny Family
Ministers of the Eucharist	M. Milko, L. Mergen,
.....	C. Carroll, E. Lacy, C. Frey

Sunday **12:15 p.m.**

Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector.....	P. Gagen
Ministers of the Eucharist	R. Wickel, A. Giametta

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next Weekend

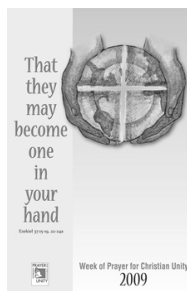
The second collection the weekend of January 24-25 is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a Diocesan endowment fund which was established in 1991. Your generosity to the Foundation collection provides tuition assistance grants to students in financial need in the Catholic elementary and high schools of the Diocese of Metuchen. Without financial assistance, these students might not receive the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic education today needs the support of everyone if we are to continue to inspire the future with faith, hope, love and knowledge. Please be as generous as your means allow.

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY

January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25



January 18-25, 2009 is the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The theme chosen for 2009 is "That they may become one in your hand." Throughout 2009, join Christians everywhere in praying "that they may all be one" joining our prayer with that the Lord Jesus Christ. For more information go to: www.geii.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
1998-1999

FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Californ 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, January 18 – Food Pantry Weekend

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

Monday, January 19 – St. Albert of Cashel

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office Closed

7:30 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Office Center)

Tuesday, January 20 – Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

9:30 a.m. Quilting (Office Center)

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

Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes

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

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, January 22 – Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Annual March for Life

7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)

Friday, January 23 – St. Anasius

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

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)

7:30 p.m. Folk Group (Church Center)

Saturday, January 24 – St. Frances de Sales

9:30 a.m. Saturday Catechesis (Church Center)

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

3:30 p.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Office Center)

Sunday, January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul/Catholic Education

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)

9:00 a.m. Adult Formation (Valley View)

6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

Our discipleship always begins with an experience of being called or invited to follow Jesus (CCC #50-53, 203-04, 1954-60). Calls come in a variety of ways – sometimes like Samuel in the deep recesses of our heart, sometimes like Peter through the invitation of others who have found the Lord. God’s self-revelation always happens in the midst of our “ordinary” times. Like Samuel, we are not very “familiar with the Lord” and must learn how to identify God’s presence in our lives (CCC #208, 300, 1146-52, 2565).

REPENT



Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers, James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus’ public work. We hear the same call: “Come, follow me” into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness?

† REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS †

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

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 21

9:30 a.m. Helen Schneiderwind req. Klawunn Family

Friday, January 23

7:00 a.m. Anna Louis req. Sr. Delora

Saturday, January 24

5:30 p.m. Joan Lauler req. Tagliareni Family

Sunday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Theresa Kovacs req. Bill & Barbara Gates

10:30 a.m. Florence Weimer req. Altavilla Family

12:15 p.m. Irene Gynra req. Hingos Family

PASTOR’S SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 18

Dinner (Away)

Monday, January 19

Office Closed

Bulletin

12:00 p.m. Deanery Meeting (Whitehouse Station)

7:30 p.m. Property Management Committee (Office Center)

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

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

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

7:30 p.m. Pastoral Council (Office Center)

Thursday, January 22

9:00 a.m. Diocesan Auditors (Office Center)

Friday, January 23

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

9:00 a.m. Auditors (Continued)

REMEMBERED AT MASS



We stand together in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Helen Swackhamer – Jordan Kelly – Rose Muller – Graham Herberer – Sigmund deHaas – Angelo Piazza – Diana MacKenzie – Patricia Leider – Anna Kalafut**

Deceased: Diana MacKenzie & Patricia Leider, friends of the Pepperman Family; **Anna Kalafut**, mother of Shirley Pojedinec. 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.

PRO-LIFE DAY

January 22 - Pro-Life Day - Day of penance for violation to the dignity of the human person - designated by the Bishops of the United States. www.usccb.org/profile/index.shtml

SOCIAL MINISTRY

ECONOMIC SIMULUS?

While we are in one of the most serious economic recessions the country has ever faced, it is important that in searching for a solution a few things be considered. First - Most economic experts across the political spectrum believe that another immediate economic stimulus package is necessary to avert what will certainly be referred to as a depression since it will last longer and be a deeper recession. Second - The lion's share of any rebate, stimulus check or tax cut should go to low and middle income people since past experience has shown that they are most likely to either spend it or reduce their debt which is most helpful in the process. Third - It must substantially increase amounts allocated for food assistance and unemployment benefits. Fourth - It needs to provide funds for states facing budget crises to prevent cuts to vital health and human services programs such as state supported Medicaid. Fifth - It should provide for expansion of foreclosure mitigation for home owners and protection for renters caught up in a foreclosure crisis. Sixth - It should provide funding for infrastructure projects that are ready to proceed thus creating jobs. Seventh - It should provide for "green" energy projects that will address the reduction of our dependency on fossil fuel, especially oil. Finally - The disbursement of funds should be overseen by an impartial panel composed of business leaders and average informed citizens supported by the best economic consultants in the country. In any event it has been suggested that we not allow those in part responsible for the policies and practices of the past which brought us to where we stand today to oversee a solution.

In the meantime our elected representatives need to devote their time to reviewing the failed policies, regulations and fraud that has brought the country to where it is today. At the same time they need to address immigration because when the inflation hits all the countries of the world as a result of what is happening now, more people than ever will try to enter this country legally or illegally.

The country of Zimbabwe, where the dollar was once worth more than a U.S. dollar, last week started printing fifty-billion dollar notes. With it one can purchase two loaves of bread. It is a perfect example of what greedy and irresponsible leaders of a country can do to its people. We must demand more of our leaders and when they don't know what to do. They must not be too proud to consult the best minds in the country. Our task it to insist that those we elected do what is best and moral for the country. If we don't hold our elected representatives accountable we could find ourselves like the citizens of Zimbabwe.

The solution begins with each one of us, making our desires known to our elected representatives, and praying that all of us are better and faithful citizens.

FOOD PANTRY

The Easter food distribution is coming quickly in March 2009. Our donations to the local food banks and our Thanksgiving and Christmas deliveries seriously depleted the SJN food pantry. If each of us brings one non-perishable item to church each Sunday we could fill our pantry to overflowing by Easter. What do you say? One canned good each week. It's that simple.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Would you like to do lunch? With Meals on Wheels, that is. Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon has provided "comfort food" to recipients since 1973; now we'd like you to join us. If you are over 60, homebound and/or have a disability, Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon can deliver a hot noontime meal Monday through Friday with weekend coverage if needed. Service can be short term until recovery or longer - or provide caregiver relief - depending on individual needs. Or - if you are able to - we invite you to join us at one of our Congregate Dining Nutrition Sites around Hunterdon County.

Delicious meals delivered and served by warm and caring volunteers - what could be better? **If you or someone you know would benefit from the security and support of home delivered meals or congregate dining, contact Meals on Wheels today. Call 908-284-0735 for more information.**

SACRAMENT PREPARATION

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, March 6, 7:15 p.m., Church Center



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 - March 6 at 7:15 p.m. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday - February 27.** 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT MEETING

Due to the parking lot of Valley View School being snow covered, we were forced to cancel the January 11 First Eucharist Parent meeting.

This meeting will occur on Saturday, January 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the office center Drexel Room at the same time as the First Eucharist children meet in the church center for First Eucharist Session 1.

First Eucharist Session 1 - Saturday, January 24, 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center

EVANGELIZATION

LOVE PEOPLE TO GOD

Be kind to those who mistreat you † Bless those that curse you † Love your enemies

These are three of the most important and life changing teachings of Christ. They run counter to our natural reaction and desire to "get even" or the more secular belief: Do unto others before they do unto you.

The more we deal with the arrogant and selfish people of this world, the more prone we are to ignore His teachings and react. But they are more than teachings. They are what is required of us as Christians and they are the greatest instruments to bring others to Christ and everlasting salvation. It all begins with each of us as individuals.

Mother Teresa always told people, "Don't wait for leaders, do things as an individual, person to person." This is excellent advice and the most effective way the majority of us can evangelize. We "love people to God" and encourage them in scripture reading. He does the rest!

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.

Readings for the Week of January 18, 2009

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25---8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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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
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

from *THE BIOLOGY OF BELIEF*
by Bruce H. Lipton, Ph.D.

I was exhilarated by the new realization that I could change the character of my life by changing my *beliefs*. I was instantly energized because I realized that there was a science-based path that would take me from my job as a perennial "victim" to my new position as "co-creator" of my destiny.

It has been more than twenty years since that magical night in the Caribbean. Throughout the intervening years, biological research has continued to corroborate the knowledge I gained on that early morning. Today, two newly evolved fields of science representing the most important areas of biomedical research substantiate the conclusions offered in *The Biology of Belief*.

First, the science of *Signal Transduction* focuses upon the bio-chemical pathways by which cells respond to environmental cues. Environmental signals engage cytoplasmic processes that can alter gene expression and thereby control cell fate, influence cell movement, control cell survival, or even sentence a cell to death. Signal transduction science recognizes that the fate and behavior of an organism is directly linked to its perception of the environment. In simple terms, the character of our life is based upon how we perceive it.

Second, the new science of *Epigenetics*, which literally means "control above the genes," has completely upended our conventional understanding of genetic control. Epigenetics is the science of how environmental signals select, modify, and regulate gene activity. This new awareness reveals that our genes are constantly being remolded in response to life experiences. Which again emphasizes that our experience of life shapes our biology.

Months after this book was first published, an article in one of the most prestigious journals, *Nature*, revealed exciting new epigenetic insights on how the environment controls gene activity in stem cells, which coincidentally is the same subject and conclusion I offer in Chapter 2. I must admit that I was amused by the fact that my chapter is entitled "It's the Environment, Stupid" while the more recent *Nature* article was titled "It's the Ecology, Stupid." (2005 *Nature* 435:268) Essentially, we are on the same page! p. xv (to be continued)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Our next adult faith sharing session centers on the first three chapters of the Book of Revelation. Here Jesus reveals the state of seven early church communities. How

can this revelation be applied to modern church communities and what can it teach us about being church today? Come and join our discussion either on Sunday, **January 25** in the Valley View School cafeteria at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesday, **January 28** at 7:30 p.m. in the Drexel Room of the Office Center.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A parish Bible study group will meet once a week during Lent, starting the week of February 22. The day and time will be determined by its members. **If interested sign up now by contacting Dr. Rose Fay at rosefay@ccsjn.org or 832-2162.**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

OFFICE ANGELS

Monday, January 19	- Office Closed	p.m.
Tuesday, January 20	- D. Zigmantanis	p.m.
Wednesday, January 21	- Angel Needed	p.m.
Thursday, January 22	- B. Pannone	p.m.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

January 17 & 18	- D. Zigmantanis	5:30 p.m.
	- P. Nanna	8:00 a.m.
	- V. Hoffart	10:30 a.m.
	- D. Hingos	12:15 p.m.
January 24 & 25	- C. Crescenti	5:30 p.m.
	- V. Santoro	8:00 a.m.
	- F. Cook	10:30 a.m.
	- D. Hingos	12:15 p.m.

CHURCH CENTER WATERING SCHEDULE

Week of January 18	-	L. Livoti
Week of January 25	-	A. Dalpe

CHURCH CENTER CLEANING TEAM

January 23	-	Team D
January 30	-	Team E

BULLETIN TRANSPORTERS

January 23	-	L. Livoti
January 30	-	P. Nanna

2008 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Continuing the Mission of Christ



The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry reaches out to teenagers as well as those in their 20's and 30's through special programs and activities, such as, Justiceworx, Diocesan Youth Day and Theology on Tap. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

\$29,889.98 pledged from 123 families toward our goal of \$38,400. Thank you!

77.84% to goal

THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

The context of Paul's argument here is a discussion of immoral sexual behavior in the Corinthian community. Paul is not so much concerned with the guilty parties (perhaps some kind of temple prostitution was involved; it is a question of a hangover from the previous pagan life) but with the failure of the Corinthians to discipline the offender.

As 'gnostics,' they used the slogan "All things are lawful for me" - anything goes. They felt this way because as gnostics they believed that their Christian experience enabled them to transcend the realities of the material world.

Against this gnostic position Paul argues that the Christian experience, rather than delivering the soul from the body, brings the whole person, body and soul alike, under the lordship of Christ. Paul drives his point with two figures.

He first pictures the individual believers as members of Christ. Here, for the first time in Paul's letters, we meet the figure of the Church as the body of Christ, a figure that will be developed in chapter 12.

Since sexual morality involves the whole person, it deprives Christ of his rightful property. It is worth noting that Paul's first use of the concept of the ecclesial body of Christ is ethical.

The second figure is of the Church as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Sexual immorality desecrates the temple of the Lord. This figure is particularly appropriate if temple prostitution was the point at issue. (Ronald Fuller, www.liturgy.slu.edu)

- Note the Greek (Hellenistic) influence of duality - "body and soul" - for the Jew there was not this duality. A person was one and entire not divided. How do you see yourself? Are you a body and a soul? Or do you see yourself as one entity?
- How may you be gnostic? Do you see yourself above the law? Are all things lawful for you? Do you transcend the material world? Do you see yourself as pure spirit or bound by your earthy body?
- How do you see yourself as the body of Christ?
- We also describe our bodies as "temples of the Holy Spirit." What does that mean for you?
- Scared and secular is one of those Hellenistic dichotomies? How do you feel about this division? How would it be different if all was seen as sacred, created by God? Then our actions would be desecrating - marring the sacred.
- What new perspective, if any, do you take from this reflection?

*O Holy Spirit,
We house your splendor,
or at least that is what you say.
Show us the brilliance you create
in us, in others.*



STEWARDSHIP

SHOPPING FOR DOLLARS



This is a perfect time to buy ShopRite and A & P dollars for your food shopping. The Stewardship committee would like to get as many parishioners as possible "Shopping for Dollars." Stop by the Shopping for Dollars table in the Narthex or the Office during the week to pick up the cards. Use them yourself or give them as gifts. Shopping dollars are always the right size and color. They are easy to buy and use and St. John's gets 5% of every dollar sold. This is a very simple fund-raising activity that everyone can participate in with the minimum of effort.

DIOCESAN NEWS

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LATELY?

**World Marriage Day Celebration
Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009**

Bring the whole family and join us for a "special" celebration beginning with the 12:00 Noon Mass at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. Bishop Paul Bootkoski will be the celebrant. Rev. Timothy Christy, Pastor, St. Magdalen Church, Flemington is guest homilist.

A festive brunch will follow immediately in the Cathedral Community Room. Dr. Philip Mango will address the topic of "The Real Deal About Men & Women." Pre-registration necessary. \$50 per family, \$35.00 per couple, \$20 per person. For additional information contact the Family Life Office (732) 562-1990 x. 1624 or e-mail: family.life@diometuchen.org.

CATHOLIC INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, February 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m., Piscataway

Suffering Silently?- Are you and your spouse currently experiencing the pain of infertility or the inability to maintain a pregnancy? There is support available! Come join us for a Catholic Infertility Support Group, now being offered through the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen on the third Saturday of the month at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway, NJ.

The first meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2009 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. For more information and to pre-register, please contact Amy Sherlock at (908) 500-1695 or amysherlock@gmail.com There is no fee.

SPOTLIGHT ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION DINNER

April 22, 2009 – Pines Manor

Save the date for the 2009 Spotlight on Catholic Education Dinner. The two schools being spotlighted this year are Sacred Heart School, South Plainfield and St. Matthias School, Somerset. Dinner price is \$200. Proceeds benefit these two schools and the Foundation for Catholic Education. **For more information call 732-562-2429 or e-mail spotlight09@diometuchen.org.**

CATECHESIS

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: Chosen by God
“In wonder, we follow the first disciples in meeting Jesus”

Scripture: As he watched Jesus walk by, John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Jesus turned and saw them following him. “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi . . . where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”
John 1: 35-42

Reflection: What does Jesus’ invitation “come and see” mean to me?

Song: “God Has Chosen Me” #381

Story: ‘Learning to behold’

A boy and his father were walking in the woods when the boy was startled by a spider. Instinctively, the boy swatted the insect and was about to kill it. But his father stopped him in time.

“Look,” his dad said. The boy stopped, bent down and watched the spider. He was soon captivated as the little spider continued to spin its silken web between the branches of a small tree. His dad explained that spiders are not to be feared, that spiders are good for the environment, protecting us and the plants we depend on for food by consuming disease-carrying insects.

The boy now saw the spider with entirely new eyes. He no longer saw an ugly insect but was awestruck by the spider’s unseen work in creation; the boy’s fear of the spider had been transformed into understanding and respect. The boy had come to realize the little spider’s connection to his own life.

The youngster had learned to *behold* . . .

[Adapted from *When the Rain Speaks: Celebrating God’s Presence in Nature* by Sister Melannie Svoboda, S.N.D.]

In today’s Gospel, John the Baptizer leaves the Gospel stage, exhorting his followers — and us — to “behold the Lamb of God.” The word behold connotes more than just to “look” — it implies wonder, attentiveness and awe. John calls us not just to “see” Jesus in our midst, but to “behold” his presence: to put aside our fears and stop our constant busyness in order to open our lives to being transformed and re-created in the light of Christ. In this new liturgical year, let us “behold” the Lamb of God among us: to open our hearts and consciences to see and hear Christ working, healing, and preaching in our midst; to embrace and be embraced by the love of God that moves and animates this story of his beloved Son’s living among us.

Connections, January 2009

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING WEEKEND

January 3 & February 1



The youth at St. John’s are on a mission to fight hunger and poverty. You can help. This year marks a special event for the Souper Bowl of Caring. On January 31 and February 1 (Super Bowl Weekend), it will have been 20 years since the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC addressed the issue of hunger in their community with this Super Bowl Sunday prayer:

“Lord as we enjoy this Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”

Help our junior high students fight hunger and poverty in their own community as you leave Mass on the weekend of Super Bowl. Our youth will greet you in the Narthex to collect your monetary donations and can of soup. Then, in April, a group of junior high students along with parent chaperones will serve the clients at Elijah’s Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick and present our gifts to them.

FUND RAISING

ANNIVERSARY BASKETS, COOKBOOKS AND BIBLES



In the echo of the 25th anniversary celebrations we are offering custom-made Longaberger baskets in two sizes with green trim and pewter crosses on the rim and a “Celebrate” tag. They are on display and available for purchase in the Narthex. The Tea Basket is \$50.00

and the Medium Market Basket is \$106.00. Prices include shipping and sales tax. Plastic protectors can also be ordered for an additional cost. Twenty-five percent of the basket’s price will be donated to St. John’s. **Contact Kristin Gemma at 908-859-1353 or kgemma@verizon.net if you have any questions.** Payment is by cash or check made payable to St. John’s.

25th Anniversary Cookbooks of desert recipes are also located in the Narthex. You can just pick one up for \$15.00. They don’t have to be ordered.

You will also find Bibles available in the Narthex as well.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **21 families** purchase Shop-Rite and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,625.00** with **\$131.25** 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.

RESPECT LIFE

As we mark the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion, this question still confronts our society: Which living members of the human species should be seen as having fundamental human rights, such as a right not to be killed? The answer that still evades so many is: no human being should be treated as lacking human rights, and we have no business dividing humanity into those who are valuable enough to warrant protection and those are not.

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AS WE RALLY FOR LIFE

Thursday, January 22, 2009, 11:00 a.m., Trenton

36th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court Decision. State House Steps, NJ Capitol, State Street, Trenton, NJ from 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. Various Pro-Life Speakers will be featured. PLEASE DO NOT BRING SIGNS SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED. Buses & carpools leaving from various NJ locations. **For more information call: (732) 562-0562 or (732) 533-7474 or e-mail: feedback@njrtl.org or re_duenas@yahoo.com.**

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON DC

January 22, 12:00 p.m., Washington, D.C.

Parishes running buses to Washington DC January 22, 2009 are listed below. Please call the parish contact name for more information and for pricing.

St. Mary Church - Alpha - Call Camille Rapinesi (908)387-0001 (This Bus Leaves From St. Philip & St. James Church In Phillipsburg).

St. Jude Church - Blairstown - Call Helen Lehner (908) 362-6797 Or Ted Schreiber (908) 813-0816

St. Joseph Church - Bound Brook - Call Bill Hillsinger (908) 393-2346 Or Isidoro Garcia (732) 469-3397

St. Bernard Church - Bridgewater - Call Fred Cobb (908) 963-9739 (This Bus Leaves From Immaculate Conception Church In Somerville)

Immaculate Conception - Clinton - Call Thomas Dwyer (908) 730-7477

St. Matthew Church - Edison - Call Marie Reibert (732) 287-2373

St. Elizabeth/St. Brigid - Far Hills/Peapack - Call Mary Oswald (908) 234-0156

St. Magdalen De Pazzi - Flemington - Call Carmela Kinney (908) 782-2922

St. Francis Cathedral - Metuchen - Call Cheryl & Jp Saggese (732) 632-9564

La Asunción - Perth Amboy - Call Rev. John B. Gordon (732) 826-4991

St. Philip & St. James - Phillipsburg - Call Camille Rapinesi (908) 387-0001

Our Lady Of Victories - Sayreville - Call Michael Yetsko (732) 727-7639

Immaculate Conception - Somerville - Call Kevin Dugan (908) 788-7736

St. Joseph Church - Washington - Call Camille Rapinesi (908) 387-0001 (This Bus Leaves From St. Philip & St. James Church In Phillipsburg).

Our Lady Of Lourdes - Whitehouse Sta. - Call Robert Keeling (908) 236-9648

PARISH NEWS

SNOW NEEDS

When it snows on weekends we are in need of snow removal, ice salting and doorway clearing. Art takes care of the parking lot but can't get it all done especially for 8 am Mass. During Christmas this was very problematic.

Therefore before we look for a service to do this we are seeing if there are any parishioners who could lend a hand or if we are paying a parishioner who would want the job. If this is not workable we are looking for referrals to some service company that could aid us.

Please contact the office and speak with Sharon. Thanks.

THREE CHEERS

To all who decorated and de-decorated the Church for Christmas.

There weren't many people but the faithful few made it possible. Thank you from the community and especially the pastor.

NEEDED

We need someone to go through the Christmas lights and weed out those that don't work any more. This should be done before we pack everything away for next year.

MARDI GRAS

Mardi Gras at St. John's is coming February 21st 7:30 p.m. - so mark your calendars.



Since the Middle-Ages Mardi Gras has been a time of revelry immediately preceding Lent. Some refer to it as the day before Ash Wednesday or Shrove Tuesday.

Others celebrate it from three days prior, or from the Epiphany. It is a carnival period

prior to the time when Christians prepare for Easter by observing Lent a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Back when it began Mardi Gras was designed to use up what food stuffs would not be consumed for the next six weeks of Lent and shopkeepers would not suffer a loss of income due to any cutback.

Before we begin Lent here at St. John's, we will have a period of merry-making as our community celebrates its own version of Mardi Gras. Check next week's bulletin for more information and a chance to participate in the planning of the event. Meanwhile start collecting the answers to our weekly Mardi Gras questions.

This weeks question #1 is: What are the colors of the Mardi Gras?

PROBLEM

The upkeep of the wooden floors in the Worship Space.

We ask your cooperation as we approach one of the messiest times of the year. With snow, rain and calcium ice melt we ask you to brush your shoes off as you come into Church. There is a grate with carpet in the entrance space before coming into the Narthex. There is a mat as you enter the Narthex and we will be adding one before the entrance into the worship space. Please use these mats to keep as much of the residue on your shoes or boots here rather than tracking into the Worship Space. If you find that you leave sand where you sat please take a few minutes to get the dust pan and broom and clean it up before it gets ground into the wood floor. The floor is a veneer and can't take too many more buffings.

Please observe when eating in the Narthex or worship space not to leave food fragments and seeds from food on the floor. Please clean it up so that it doesn't make its way into the wood surface. Thank you.

Maybe we will have to become like the Asians and Muslims who take off their shoes before they go into the house or mosque. Wouldn't that be a chore? Let's wipe our shoes instead.

PIANO - PIANO

"Softly" the direction goes. The way we play the "piano" and the way we express our gratitude for the gift of a piano to St. John's. There was no fanfare in its delivery. There was great joy in giving the gift and great gratitude in receiving this donation.

Peter and Maggie Baumann donated Peter's mother's piano to the community. **Audrey Baumann** died on Easter Sunday, 16 April 2006. This gift is in her memory.

We placed the piano in the Neumann Residence Chapel. There is also an electric organ there which was donated by Connie Shick a few years ago. With these two instruments available to the Parish in the Chapel, that is never closed, we invite anyone who wants to practice to make use of them. Just enter the chapel, set yourself down and practice or play to your heart's content. You won't bother the current resident.

Thanks to the Baumanns for this gift. We hope that it gets use. When the Church is occupied the Music Ministers can also practice at the Neumann Chapel.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 3, 2008

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

- The Pastoral Council met with **Gerry Brisson** and **Jack Lacy** as representatives of Music Ministry. They reviewed some of the group's accomplishments from this past year. **Jaki Fesq** has reinstated the Bell Choir; the group has scheduled more regular rehearsals; they performed a concert for the parish's 25th anniversary; they have taken a more active and personal approach to recruiting new members; they have begun to expand the number of songs that the musicians and parishioners know; and they continue to work at being more in sync with the liturgy. Areas of need were also discussed including the challenges of

having primarily a volunteer group. They indicated that the organization of the music room needs to be ongoing, the need to replace 2 or 3 of the music stands, and the need for surge protectors for the equipment. The group is committed to continuing to offer St. John Neumann the quality music experience they have consistently provided at 10:30 a.m. Mass. A challenge that faces our worship community is how to grow the music ministry to all of the Masses. The Pastoral Council appreciated their time and input this evening as well as their musical gift to all of us.

- A Pastoral Council sub-committee (**Bill Harrison** and **Pam Casserly**) will begin to look over the Stewardship questionnaires in January 2009 to review the process. The Leadership section was revised and **Kevin Dean** will have the complete revision for the Pastoral Council for our January meeting.
- Bill Harrison** is in the process of formatting the video he took of the recent Town Meeting presentation by Sr. Donna Ciangio, O.P. We hope to have it available for interested parishioners who were unable to attend.

CARE GIVER HELP AVAILABLE

*Live-in care giver for elderly person
available February 1*

Hunterdon County or Plainfield areas. Great references
Call Vonnie at 908-832-2762 or 908-442-5275.

PRAYER FOR OUR PRESIDENT

Dear God,
You gave your pious servant Davie a kingdom.
It became a powerful nation, whom none could defeat.
You gave his son Solomon wisdom,
and he ruled over a nation blessed with wealth.
You gave the Maccabees courage to defend their people
and preserve their devotion to you whatever the cost.
Today, you have blessed our nation with power and plenty,
much as you did the ancient nation of Israel.
Give our president Barack Obama the wisdom to govern us
justly, and give him valor to defend us against our enemies.
Most of all, give him a heart that will always seek you, your
will and your guidance,
as he completes the vocation to which he has been called.
Amen

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STEWARDSHIP – TIME & TALENT

SHARING GOD’S GIFTS

Stewardship Thoughts



“Everyone needs someone to help discern the voice of God in his or her life, to come face to face with Christ, to have the courage to respond, “Here I am.” Samuel needed Eli and Peter needed Andrew. We don’t hear much about Andrew. His famous brother eclipses him, yet without him, Peter might

never have met Jesus. Andrew teaches us that fostering faith in ourselves and others can be done with quiet humility. Do you know someone in need of faith or a person whose faith is shaken? Offer to get together, not to preach, but to be simply and humbly present. Consider joining (or starting) a faith-sharing group at your parish. Sharing our faith with others can help our own faith grow.”

I am not sure that Peter would have missed meeting Christ if Andrew had not invited him. If Andrew didn’t do it I am sure that Peter would have met Jesus through someone else if not by direct contact. This does not minimize the role of Andrew or anyone else’s role in leading us to something or someone new. How many spouses were introduced to each other by a friend, relative or long forgotten other? “Come and see” is a frequent invitation. Or come with me and see this place or movie or group. There is an impulse to share when we have discovered something or someone. We want others to have the same experience or benefit from what you have discovered.

Stewardship is about this kind of sharing. It would be selfish to keep some great discovery to our selves - a cure for cancer - the fountain of youth - a real bargain. Sometimes stewardship or sharing is a simple and automatic response. We are more apt to share with people we know and love. Christian stewardship or sharing goes beyond that which is comfortable. We reach out to others to let them in on the good news, the person of Christ, the faith that makes a difference. Is not faith a blessing that should be shared? “Come and see.”

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STEWARDSHIP - TREASURE



STEWARDSHIP SPIRITUALITY

“We are a Stewardship Parish sharing Time, Talent, and Treasure as a way of life.”

361 Families

**56 Time & Talent Responses, 47 Treasure Responses
18 Youth Responses**

In today’s first reading, we hear Samuel respond eagerly, “Here I am!” each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, “Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.”

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For January 13, 2008

106 Weekly Donors.....	\$3,151.00
31 Monthly Donors.....	\$2,770.00
Loose Money.....	\$125.00
Total.....	\$5,608.00
66 Special Collection (Together in Charity)	\$1,1510.00

Weekly Average for December, 2007..... \$7,354.00

For January 11, 2009 (360 Families) – Snow

65 Weekly Donors.....	\$1,837.00
19 Monthly Donors.....	\$2,190.00
Loose Money.....	\$40.00
Total.....	\$4,067.00
47 Special Collection (Together in Charity)	\$795.00

19 Direct Deposit..... \$644.00

Weekly Average for December, 2008..... \$7,148.00

Weekly Need..... \$7,034.00

Weekly Averages:

November	\$6,312.00
October	\$5,795.00
September	\$6,171.00
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

FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

For January 11, 2008

Weekly		Monthly	
7	5.00 = 35.00	1	15.00 = 15.00
17	10.00 = 170.00	2	30.00 = 60.00
3	15.00 = 45.00	1	40.00 = 40.00
16	20.00 = 320.00	3	50.00 = 150.00
1	22.00 = 22.00	3	60.00 = 180.00
9	25.00 = 225.00	1	75.00 = 75.00
2	30.00 = 60.00	2	100.00 = 200.00
4	35.00 = 140.00	1	120.00 = 120.00
5	40.00 = 200.00	2	200.00 = 400.00
1	45.00 = 45.00	1	250.00 = 250.00
5	50.00 = 250.00	1	300.00 = 300.00
2	75.00 = 150.00	1	400.00 = 400.00
1	80.00 = 80.00	19	
1	95.00 = 95.00		
1	100.00 = 100.00		
65			1837.00



January 12, 2009

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ,

January 22 marks the 36th Anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court Decision in *Roe v. Wade* which legalized abortion in our country. Because of this decision, millions of unborn babies have been killed. Subsequent pro-life policies which place restrictions on abortion have been enacted helping to save some innocent lives. Now, however, a potential federal law could wipe out virtually all restrictions on abortion. We cannot stand by and let this happen. The Diocese of Metuchen—together with dioceses from across the nation—is mobilizing for a campaign against this potential federal law.

The grave and unprecedented threat to human life is the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), a sweeping anti-life bill that creates a “fundamental right” to abortion throughout nine months of pregnancy. FOCA would eliminate restrictions on abortion that not only save lives, but that are favored by a majority of Americans, such as:

- Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists
- Force American taxpayers to fund abortions
- Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions
- Eliminate conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortion on religious, moral or ethical grounds
- Eradicate parents’ rights and responsibilities to be involved in their minor daughter’s abortion decision

If FOCA becomes law, abortion will become an entitlement the government must fund and promote. There are approximately 3,700 abortions in the United States each day. The number of abortions now stands at over 48 million since abortion was made legal in 1973. Under FOCA, these numbers will certainly increase.

In the past we have been able to keep FOCA from becoming a law.

FOCA was first introduced in Congress in 1993 but never came up for debate or a vote in the U.S. House or Senate. Pro-life advocates credit a nationwide postcard campaign with helping to keep the bill from advancing.

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The FOCA bill was reintroduced in 2007 and then Senator Barack Obama was a co-sponsor. We expect enormous pressure on the new Congress to reintroduce the bill again. In response to this threat to human life, another national postcard campaign will be launched this month.

This endeavor of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will send a message to Congress that the radical policies of FOCA are contradictory to Church teaching on the sanctity of life and must not become part of our nation's laws. Through the postcard campaign, Catholics throughout the country will have the opportunity to let our representatives know that we do not support FOCA and its anti-life policies.

I ask all of you to become informed and involved in this campaign for life. As Catholics, we must witness to the inviolable dignity of human life at all stages. Please continue to pray for our elected officials, that they may walk in the light of Christ and enact policies that protect human life and that they work to oppose federal funding and promotion of abortion.

Sincerely in the Lord,


+ Paul G. Bootkoski
Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski
Bishop of Metuchen

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 too 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: _____

Email: _____

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 transporter (Fridays, approximately once every 2 months)

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

On-going Liturgical Opportunities

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist

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