

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

*FOUNDED on the teachings of Jesus Christ,
NOURISHED by the hospitality of the Califon Christian
Communities,
FORMED with a commitment to Social Ministry, and
STRENGTHENED by the Holy Spirit*

*The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann is
a jubilant people on a continuing spiritual
journey of hope:*

*TO CELEBRATE and DEEPEN our faith
TO SHARE our unique gifts, talents and treasures
TO CHERISH all life
TO LIVE in openness, acceptance and love.*

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Our Parish

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398 County Road 513
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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Tuesday7:00 p.m.
Wednesday9:30 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday..... 4:45-5:15 p.m.

About Our Parish

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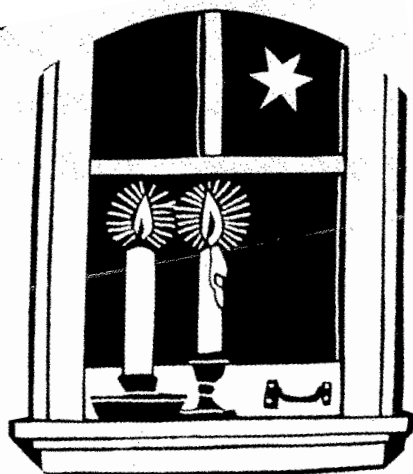
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Parish Registration

Anyone living within the parish boundaries who would like to become a member of our Catholic Community or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith should call or email the church office. We will meet with you at your convenience where you will learn about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Those joining the parish are encouraged to celebrate their welcome and registration at a weekend Mass.

Please notify the parish office of any change in phone number, address, email address or when leaving the parish.

Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of sacraments and certification as a sponsor.

Regular Sunday worship indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. An assurance of family practice and raising children in the faith they seek is necessary for the sacraments of initiation and certification of sponsorship.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at any weekend Mass. The preparation process begins during pregnancy and includes an initial pastoral visit with the Pastoral Assistant for Connxions and attendance at one Baptism Preparation Session, which is offered quarterly. Please call the parish office to register. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation. No baptisms are celebrated during Lent.

First Eucharist: First Eucharist is celebrated in May, following two years of preparation. Family participation and regular worship are an integral component.

Confirmation: Confirmation is celebrated in the fall, following three years of preparation. Active participation and weekly worship are an integral component.

Adult Confirmation: The formation process is held in the parish, followed by a parish celebration of Adult Confirmation.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended gradual formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults, or baptized Christians who wish to enter the Catholic Church or for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Interested persons may begin the process at any time, please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament Celebrations

First Reconciliation: First Reconciliation is celebrated in Advent of the second grade. Parent participation and regular worship is required.

Matrimony: Couples wishing to be married at St. John's are required to make arrangements one year in advance. Four sessions with the Pastor and Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Parish registration and active worship are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office so someone may visit and bring the sacraments.

Holy Orders: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 ext. 1700 or by email at vocations@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations.

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Schedule January 22 & 23

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	G. Porto
Altar Server	F. Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	E. McCabe, J. McCabe, A. Sawczuk, C. Behrens, D. Lance
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector	D. Geerinck
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Torczon, A. Giametta
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	K. Skuza
Altar Server	Olesiak Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	M. Wickel, D. Wickel, M. Milko, M. McCall, D. Kelemen

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 18

7:00 p.m. Intentions of John & Linda Ostapovich req. Malone Family

Wednesday, January 19

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 21

7:00 a.m. Catherine Bohem & Family

Saturday, January 22

5:30 p.m. Eileen Zocchi req. CCSJN

Sunday, January 23

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline req. McCabe Family
10:30 a.m. Stephen Rollens req. Jerry Brisson

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 16 — Food Pantry Weekend

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

Monday, January 17 — St. Anthony

Office Center Closed

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)

Tuesday, January 18 — St. Artema

9:30 a.m. Quilting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, January 19 — St. Blathmaic

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

Thursday, January 20 — St. Fabian, St. Sebastian

10:00 a.m. Nursing Home Visit (Little Brook N.H.)
7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)

Friday, January 21 — St. Agnes

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

Saturday, January 22 — St. Vincent

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

Sunday, January 23 — Catholic Education Collection

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)
9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting (Valley View)
11:30 a.m. Vitality Coffee (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, January 16

p.m. Out of Town

Monday, January 17

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 18

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Committee Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, January 19

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Away)

Thursday, January 20

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
6:30 p.m. Dinner (Out)

Friday, January 21

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

Saturday, January 22

5:30 p.m. Installation of Father Vashon

Friday, January 23

11:30 a.m. Vitality Coffee

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Michael Lamotte
Joe Angeline	Harry Larson
Pat Arat	John Lauler
Antonia Baasten	Kevin Leahy
Kate Bachman	Holly Lear
Richard Baker	Jewel LeVine
John Ballard	Michele Makos
Peter Barbieri	Taylor Maleski
Agnes Barhart	Lily Anna Mastro
Alice Beardsmore	Silas Mastro
Carol Becker	Tom Martin
Maria Beckman	Judy Martino
Mary Anna Bennett	Marie Mazzoni
Eugene Brzezienski	Susan McHugh
Shirley Bumen	Patrick McKenna
James Burns	Brett Melworn
John Burns	Tyler Messenger
Eileen Caffin	George Meyer
Angie Caponetti	George Milke
Barbara Carbonneau	Betsey Miller
Joseph Carpentiere	Michael Milto
Jose Castro	Nina Montouri
Lou Citarelli	Erica Morgan
Riley Clark	Robert Olivetti
Lorraine Cochrane	Gloria Omstead
Peggy Colaneri	Floyd Opdyke
Gerard Cook	Daisy Ort
Valerie Cordero	Bill O'Toole
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Natalia Cresti	John Pfeufer
Dalton Cummins	Steve Plume
Joseph D'Achino	Brian Plushanski
Sr. Ann Damian	John & Nicole Ramsden
Percival Davids	Albert Rayburn
Maria Elena Dawson	Tom Regan
Virginia DeCasino	Ed Reinagel
Peter Demchur	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
Dorothy Deo	Pat Roach
Nick DeVincenzo	Julie Ruby
Anthony DeVito	John Sawczuk
Ann Dodwell	Maria Sawczuk
Betty Doyle	Ed Scharf
Paul DuPre	Chris Seltzer
Courtney Ellis	Abe Shalaby
Jacob Fakelmann	Paul Shubeck
Hannah Farrington	Sister Mary George
Akiea Finn	Marianna Sivori
Anthony Fiorillo	Jim Sklenar
Ann Flemming	Christopher Skuza
Ryan Flynn	Austen James Slinger
Helen Galligan	Carol Smarsh
Theresa Galvano	Colleen Smith
Frank Gargiulo	Jonathan Solis
Maria Gargiulo	Felicia Steward
Jayne Giese	William Stortz
Alice Giordano	Timothy Struble
Jerry Goski	Evelyn Sulenski
Sophia Goski	Mary Sulenski
Robert Govett	Julie Suplee
Rose Gradone	Tracey Sutch
Angela Grieco	Margaret Sweeney
Christina Grillo	Joan Thompson
Dorothy Gross	John Toolan
Colleen Hendzrak	Rose Uricchio
Tyler Hodulik	Robert Villani
Anita Horan	Dayelle Watts
Richard Hughes	Harvey Whille
Brittney Ianitto	John William
Jeannine Imperiale	Gloria Wood
Nona Janks	Elizabeth Wodrich
Diana Janowski	Lynn Yondolino
Bob Jenkinson	John J. Zelesny
John Kaemmerer	Joey Zieba
Rosemary Kimbal	Michael Zocchi
Mary Kirchner	
Frank Kostecki	
Spencer Kydd	

WATER AND SPIRIT



Last Sunday, John baptized Jesus with water. This week John asserts that Jesus is “the one who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit.” Soon we celebrate the fulfillment of this promise on the fiftieth day of Easter: Pentecost. Ordinary Time is the working out of this promise, starting with Jesus’ own baptism and each of ours, too.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2001 M. Erspamer, OSB. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.

FOUNDATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Next Weekend

The second collection next weekend is for the Foundation for Catholic Education, a Diocesan endowment fund which provides tuition assistance grants for 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. Please be as generous as your means allow.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This ministry, which is an extension of our Religious Education Program, is designed to give all children, Kindergarten-5th grade the experience of hearing God’s Word from their perspective. The readings, prayers and Homily are prayerfully prepared with a child’s view of life, in mind. Each child who gathers in the Narthex with the adult leaders has an opportunity to be an active part of the Mass Liturgy designed exclusively for them. It’s a perfect chance to enrich a child’s spiritual development during Mass.

Check the bulletin or call the church office for dates that Children’s Liturgy of the Word is gathering at 10:30 Mass.

Any adult, young adult or teen who is interested should contact Regina DeStefano at 908-713-6839.

**Office is closed on Monday in honor of
Martin Luther King, Jr.**

Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Derek Graffis — Kam Hassidim — Olga Charkut — Robin Lehmann — Raymond Spino — Rev. Michael Scott — Irene Adams**



Deceased: **Robin Lehmann**, friend of Mary Connolly; **Raymond Spino**, friend of Mike Connolly; **Rev. Michael Scott**, priest of the Diocese of Metuchen, **Irene Adams**. 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.

CHRISTMAS THANKS

As Christmas is being put away we remember who was responsible for setting it up in the first place.

The tree set up and I believe responsible for getting it was **Roger Malone** and **Steve Hollyfield**. They were aided by **Kaitlin, Erin, and Deidre Hollyfield** and **Fred and Kristin Heimall**. The **Garcias** supplied the trees for the altar.

The decoration sign in list includes **Mike and Sue Griffin, Jim and Nichole Simila, Jim and Cookie DeVito, Lou and Liz Livoti and Kristin and Fred Heimall** (who directed the evening) and also set up the work outside.

Joe and Dorothy Sima, Mike and Susan Griffin, Liz Harmon, Joe and Anne Germino, Mary Cangelosi and Father Šimo set up the flowers on Christmas Eve.

The Paterson family took care of the luminaries.

Thanks to all. I hope that I got everyone's name since I wasn't around to take the names down myself. I am truly grateful to **Fred Heimall** who directs the operation. Our Christmas celebration was brighter and beautiful because of all your assistance. Thank you.

TRANSFER OF MINISTRIES

MARILYN WICKEL has coordinated the Liturgical Ministries for the past several years. She is no longer able to do this. We appreciate the long and faithful service that she has rendered for the community. This is an important job in the smooth running of liturgy. She has done so with great dedication. The community has been well served by her ministry. I personally am truly grateful. Thank you Marilyn.

EARL ROBERTS will pick up where Marilyn has left off. I appreciate his acceptance of this role. May I also remind you that those assigned must procure a substitute unless they have exhausted all resources. Please do not put on the sign in sheet or schedule to get a substitute. These MINISTRIES are very vital and important ministries and we depend on your faithful execution of them. If you know vacation plans or other dates when you are not available please notify Earl before the next schedule. Earl will be in touch to update the list as to your usual availability. Sometimes a ministry is not just out of convenience and requires a stretch to be present when needed. Please bear with us as we work this out and cooperate with Earl. I am grateful to him for taking this over.

ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION BLOG

There are a number of Faith Formation Models being used by parishes across the United States. We will be examining all of them to help us understand these models and evaluate their fit to the needs of our St. John community.

The **Traditional Model** is weekly or biweekly classes for children. This classroom model is the one we are most familiar with. Here at St. John's our biweekly classes are lectionary based.

In some circumstances, **Home Schooling** has been used. This is usually used in response to some special need of the families. In Home Schooling, parents meet and receive guidance and work assignments for their children. They then work with their children at home in order to help their children grow in knowledge and faith of God.

In more recent times, **Intergenerational** or **Whole Community Catechesis** is being developed and experienced in many more parishes. Our Saturday Catechesis Gathering which meets once a month is based on this model. To get a better un-

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Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, December 6, 2010

Committee Meeting:

- **Dr. Fay** attended the meeting and presented and update on the Religious Education portion of Five Year Plan.

Old and Continuing Items of Business:

- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011. The topic will be Parish finances.
- There will be a Vitality Coffee on February 20, 2011 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass hosted by the Pastoral Council. Pastoral Council members will be available at that time to provide information and answer questions for parishioners interested in joining the Council.

New Items of Business:

- Father Šimo will arrive on December 17 and will be here for Christmas week.

Next meeting: Monday, January 24, 2011

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly

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Parish News

ZUMBA!



Coming soon to St. John's: **Zumba Fitness!!** What is it?? Zumba is a Latin and international music-

based dance workout. Dance experience is not required; all you need is the desire to move and have fun! So come join us on Monday evenings at the church center, beginning January 10 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and work off those Christmas cookies!

If you have questions, please contact Arminda at quiltingblockhead@gmail.com or Maggie at mhbaumann@earthlink.net The

cost is \$5/class and proceeds will go to St. John's. Wear comfortable workout clothes, sneakers and be sure to bring a water bottle. To keep the exercise area safe and protect the wood floors, please consider wearing your street shoes to church and changing to sneakers before entering the church space.

derstanding of this model and how it is being used in parishes, we will be reviewing the programs of St. David the King in Princeton Junction and St. Matthias in Somerset. To view a video that explains St. David's Parish Family Ministry see the link below. We will be featuring St. Matthias' G.I.F.T. or Growing in Faith Together program in the next post.

Most recently, a **Summer Alternative model** has proven to be successful. This catechesis occurs during two weeks in the summer. The children spend ten consecutive mornings or evenings Monday through Friday participating in catechetical lessons and activities. This takes the place of Traditional or Intergenerational classes which start in September. It has been found that children learn more from this focused catechetical experience while they are on summer vacation from the demands of their public school education. To find out more about this model read "*Reinventing Religious Education*" at <http://www.trentonmonitor.com/main.asp?SectionID=5&SubSectionID=42&ArticleID=1417> or you can more easily access the article by doing a Google search for "Reinventing Religious Education" and choosing the first website on the list. At the beginning of this article from the Trenton Monitor you can view a video that shows you the Summer Catechesis program at St. Anselms. Further down in the article is a link to view St. David's Intergenerational Family Catechesis.

Many parishes have separate models for **Sacramental Preparation**. While some parishes continue to include this catechesis in their traditional and intergenerational classes many parishes have developed separate programs to involve the parents and the parish community in the sacramental preparation of children. Along with making the parents more equipped to prepare their own child, the parents receive adult level catechesis on the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

We continue to invite you to post any comments you would like to share on our parish blog. The link to our blog is on our parish homepage underneath the link to the Lifelong Catechesis presentation of last November's Town Meeting.

Social Ministry

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in our area. Serve homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only **once** a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month to get that good feeling of giving and making a difference. Call the Meals on Wheels office at 908-284-0735 to offer your time or for more information. Help Meals on Wheels help others. – "*Many Thanks!*" Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon County delivered 65,000 meals to 450 homebound people in 2009 and the need increases annually.

LETTER FROM OUR SPONSOR CHILD

The following is a letter from our sponsor child in the Philippines, Angel Fajardo Cerdana.

Dear St. John Newmann Church,

First of all I would like to greet you a pleasant day. I hope your always fine and in good condition and far from any kind of sickness.

About my studies, it is doing fine I'm fond of joining different organizations like sports club for me to improve my health and have more friends. I am happy to tell to you also that I was able to achieve my goal because I'm now in 3rd year high school and that I have passed the challenges which means one more year to go before I face another test in life, so I could be able to go to college.

About my family, I thank God that we're able to help each other to meet life's trials. My two brothers are now living with us and very helpful in the daily chores in the house. I do always the tasks assigned on me and do it with a smile. We had a youth quarterly meeting which deals about environmental issues like global warming and climate change. You know it happens that those issues are now important

Social Ministry

and we have different symposiums and seminars especially since many people died after the typhoon on the day that brought the Philippines to distress last September (2009).

St. Vincent Foundation¹, let us to be more aware, as a human being that we should protect the mother earth. I also learned that littering would greatly affect each of us even if he/she is in the other side of the world. They say that mother earth are in our hands. We have to be more responsible in caring for our nature.

I also received a birthday gift during my birthday celebration and a birthday cake which I shared to my family. I'm very happy that our birthdays are part of the foundations program. Before I forget let me say thank you for the continues support in my studies. I keep you all in my prayers that the Lord bless you always and gives you more blessings.

Take care, and God Bless,

Your Sponsored Youth,

Angle F. Cerdana #396190

¹ The St. Vincent Foundation administers the programs for the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging in Manila.

HAVES 'N NEEDS

What to do with those unwanted but useful items?

Try putting them on our parish website in the "Haves 'n Needs" section. Email us a short description of the item and we'll post it for a month or so and see if someone out there is looking for your treasure.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, January 23, 9:00 a.m., Valley View

There will be a meeting of all parents of First Eucharist children on **Sunday, January 23** at 9:00 a.m. in the Valley View School cafeteria. This will include time for parents to share an activity with their child and instruction to continue their child's preparation at home. Saturday catechesis families should bring their First Eucharist child with them. These children will be joining the second grade class on that day and then join their parents near the end of this class period.

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, January 29, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

First Eucharist classes for all children begin on Saturday, **January 29** at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.

CPI PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING

Sunday, January 30, 9:00 a.m., Valley View

As our sixth graders begin to prepare for Confirmation, their parents will be joining them for an introductory and welcoming meeting about their Confirmation preparation. This will take place during class time on **Sunday, January 30** in the Valley View School cafeteria. All CPI candidates should bring at least one parent to this meeting which starts at 9:00 a.m.

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 your 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!

PONDERING PAUSES

Cries in the wilderness

More than six million children, some as young as six years old, are forced into bonded labor in India, living as slaves and working fourteen hour days, seven days a week. Too often a desperate family is coerced into handing over a child as collateral for a debt. When these children cry out for their parents, they are tortured and beaten. Often half-starved, they are not allowed to laugh or talk out loud. One seven-year-old boy, found in the home of a senior government official, had been branded with a hot iron rod all over his body for committing the mistake of drinking leftover milk from a glass.

Kailash Satyarthi and his team are the voice for these children and countless others who suffer the same fate. Satyarthi, born in 1954, left a promising career in electrical engineering to fight against child servitude in India and, through his efforts, 67,000 child slaves have been rescued. As architect of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE), he has linked child exploitation with the positive model of education and rehabilitation.

Satyarthi labors against the inhumane practices forced upon children working mainly in the massive carpet industry, those who labor in isolated, filthy factories. For his efforts to save children from a life of misery, he has received numerous death threats and two of his colleagues have already been killed. "But I think of it all as a test," Satyarthi is quoted as saying in a *PARADE* magazine article by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo. "If you decide to stand up against such social evils, you have to be fully prepared – physically, mentally, and spiritually."

It is hopeful to know that God's will for justice still lives in the hearts of many. As Isaiah proclaims, "Here is my servant, says the Lord, "my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit." May God's spirit protect those who fight for ones who cannot. *Dr. Constance M. Popp.* CONNECT

Sacrament Preparation

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, March 4, 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 Deacon Earl 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 4 at 7:15 pm. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – February 18.** For more information or to begin the process please call Rita at the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – www.ccsjn.org.

BAPTISM HOST COUPLE NEEDED

St. John's needs the assistance of an individual or couple willing to join our Baptism Ministry team. As a team member you assist in helping to equip parents attending St. John's Baptism Program with the basic theology and symbols of the Sacrament. In addition, each individual or team couple assists in a welcoming manner as host at an assigned infant's Baptism.

To serve in this ministry you need only be a practicing member of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann with a desire to help parents and godparents understand the Sacrament, the responsibilities it carries and the joy associated with it. Based on need, the program is currently offered quarterly.

If God's grace is urging you to volunteer to work in this ministry please call Earl Roberts at 832-2513 or email > eroberts@ccsjn.org !

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2011

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

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: Is 8:23---9:3/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Focus:** Lamb of God
“Like the first disciples, we too follow Jesus, the Messiah, the Christ.”
- Scripture:** John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”
John 1: 29-34
- Reflection:** What is your experience or understanding of Jesus as “the Lamb of God? What title best describes Jesus for you? Have you ever been recognized by a title or called out by some title? Has a title had an influence on your perspective of someone?”
- Song:** “Christ, Be Our Light” #542
- Story:** The night the television set is switched off

In the downtown shelter, the large television set is always on. Shutting it off is like tampering with another country's flag. Lesser acts have led to war.

But one humid night, a staff member turned the television off. The shelter's wilting guests - even those who paid no attention to the perpetually flickering images - were stunned. Two women stood at the front of the room, under the dark screen. Each unsnapped a case, lifted out a stringed instrument and started to tune it. Then they began to play: first, a pair of madrigals, a Mozart duet, some Telemann, a Bulgarian folk tune.

The musicians didn't know anything about the lives of their audience. They didn't know who was listening with one ear while hearing voices with the other. They didn't know who was freshly out of prison and who was heading back in, who was momentarily sober and who was never sober.

News of the concerts spread and the audiences grew. The musicians - professionals who play in the city's renowned symphony - are not surprised.

One Wednesday a month the television set at the shelter is turned off and the concert begins. Over the months, little windows have opened. The music manages to bridge the unscalable chasms separating people. For a couple of hours - the forgotten, the lost, the desperate, the addicted, and those who struggle to help them - are all the same.

[From "The night the television is switched off" by Elissa Ely, **The Boston Globe**, October 31, 2010.]

John the Baptizer urges us to "switch off" the busyness of our lives and to realize that the Lamb of God is in our midst in every act of selfless generosity and humble compassion. The Spirit of God, like the timeless music of Mozart, brings us together despite our differences and divisions as God's children. Everyone of us - of every profession and age group, possessing every talent, skill and ability - has been called, as the Baptizer was called, to point to Christ, the Lamb of God, dwelling among us and walking with us in our doubts, our hurts, our fears. John declared his witness in preaching and baptizing at the Jordan; our witness can be declared in less vocal but no less effective vehicles: in our unflinching compassion for others, in our uncompromising moral and ethical convictions, in our everyday sense of joy and purpose.

Connections, January 2011

SATURDAY ADULT CATECHESIS OPEN TO ALL

One of the results of our Town Meeting is to invite all adults to share in the Saturday Morning Catechesis gathering that meets once a month. You are cordially invited to drop in any month to join our adult faith sharing on the Sunday scripture readings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following **Saturdays: January 22, February 12, March 12, April 9 and May 21.** We gather for prayer at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. there is time to socialize and continue conversations. You are welcome to drop in and participate in just the hour discussion from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or join us for all or part of this monthly Catechetical gathering.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 5 & 6

MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

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

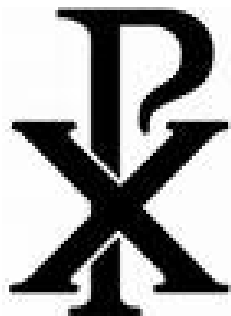
Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Weekend as you leave Mass. Our youth will greet you in the Narthex to collect your \$ donations and cans of soup. Then on February 25 and March 12 a group of students along with parent chaperones will serve the clients at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick and present our gifts.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

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

2nd Lieutenant, Baumann Katherine
Petty Officer Behr, Fred, U.S. Navy
2nd LT Behrmann, John, USMC
Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force
Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army
Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC
LCpl Bunce, Evan, 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
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
CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy
CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army
GM3 Hurler, Shane
SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force
PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC
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
Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army
ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy
Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy
SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army
Lt. Mallue, Edward Paul, Jr. U.S. Army
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. Omstead, David, USA
Capt. Omstead, Barbara, USA
SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army
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
SSGT Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force
Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army
Capt., Warkentin, William J., USMC
Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., US Air Force

CONNECT FOR SOMONE



Ice and snow, chilling temperatures, and short daylight days keep many of us indoors looking for something to do. It is a perfect time to pray, not just for ourselves but for so many that have no one to pray for them. Young people, who never gave a thought to dying suddenly incapacitated or dying, others so wrapped up in the challenges of the day to take a moment to acknowledge the Lord. They are as much in need as any homeless person we come across, perhaps even more. A prayer for them can certainly be of benefit.

Then there are those labeled "evil" and those they prey upon. There is no shortage of people in spiritual need, and opportunities for us to make a difference. As Christians we have an obligation to help make a connection for them, keeping in mind that prayer can only make a difference for good, and these are some of the most needy in the world. The conversion of heart and contrition for those doing evil as well as the grace filled support for their victims can be assisted with our prayer.

When winter days sideline us, perhaps we can make use of some of that time by praying for those who can't or won't.

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.*

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.

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 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.**

Fundraising

VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 11 from 7-10:30.

This event benefits our youth summer Catholic Heart Workcamp trip. The evening will include family-style Italian dinner, dessert buffet and live music from the GB's! Seating will again be available in the Narthex.

\$25 per person \$175 table for 8 \$225 table for 10

Contact **Jim Murray** for reservations 832-5273 or jmurray@eclipse.net

THE AUCTION IS COMING

The Auction is coming...Saturday, June 4, 2011. We need a chairperson (or co-chairs) to host this critical fund-raiser. Please speak to someone on the fund-raising committee as soon as possible

Fran Barbone 537-2637 franbar2@comcast.net

Marybeth Harrison 537-9601 maryb1212@hotmail.com

Susan Kuhn 537-4423 s.kuhn3@comcast.net

Marlene Milko mmilko@us.ibm.com

The TRICKY TRAY has been moved to October, 2011. Co-chairs are already in place!

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **19 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,650.00** with **\$132.50** coming to St. John's. 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. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop. This weekend, the third weekend of the month, profits will go to St. Mary's in Coeburn.

Community News

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL – SOMERVILLE OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION

Teaching the Catholic faith is the central mission of Immaculate Conception School, a co-ed grammar school serving students in grades Pre-K (age 4) through 8. Located at 41 Mountain Avenue in Somerville, ICS provides a Christ-centered education that fosters creativity and responsibility and encourages students to be the very best they can be. We offer full-day Pre-K and Kindergarten classes, a challenging core curriculum that is consistent with the requirements prescribed by the State of New Jersey, and a wide range of extra-curricular activities.

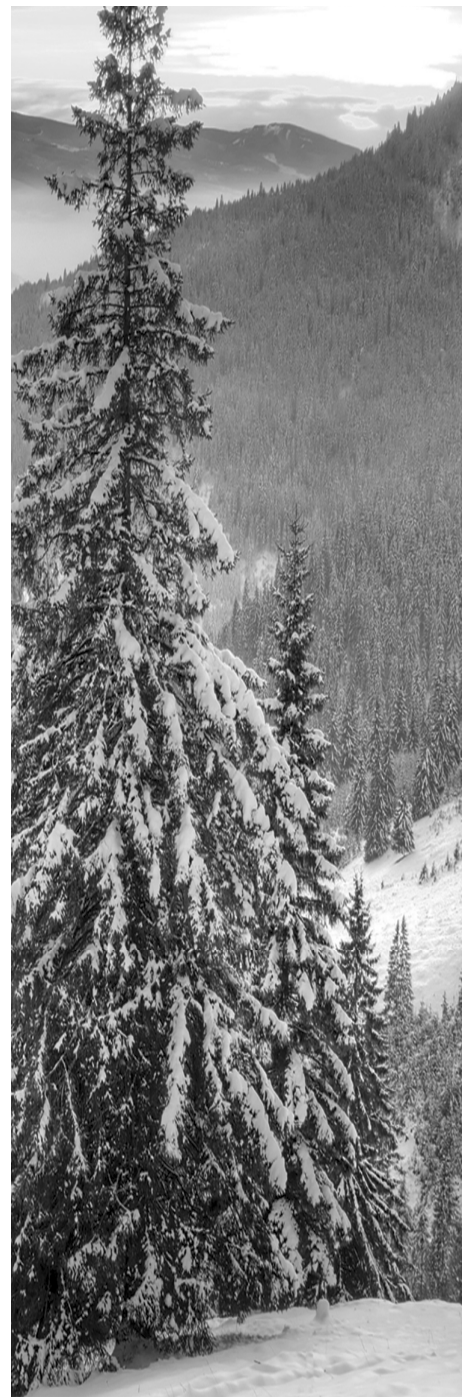
If you are interested in learning more about our school, we invite you visit on either of the following dates:

Sunday, January 30 – Tours will be given from 11:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 1 – Open House and Tours from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Come tour our school, meet our students and parents, and learn why Immaculate Conception School truly is the "Good News" in education. Information regarding registration for September 2011 enrollment will be available at both Open House events.

For more information, please visit the school's website (www.icsschool.org) or call 908-725-6516.



John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" — Jn 1:29-30

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A LETTER FROM FR. MIKE HERBERT OF ST. MARY'S

Dear Fr Bill and St John Neumann Community:

As we come to the end of the Christmas Season, our warmest greetings in Christ and continued thanks for the generous support you give us.

So far it's been a rough beginning to Winter, with unusual cold and snow increasing local need for fuel and other assistance. Your contributions help us to do our bit for the many local people who are unemployed and financially struggling.

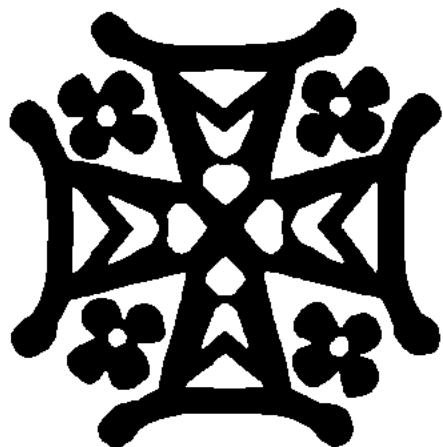
During the past year, also because of your help, we have been able to replace two sets of exterior steps that were literally collapsing and making access to parts of the church building hazardous.

I am also forwarding three sets of pictures from our Christmas Vigil celebrations--"pictures," "more pictures" and "still more pictures." A few are a bit blurry, but this was not due to egg-nog.

God bless you all,

Peace,

Fr. Mike Herbert and the parishioners of St Mary, Coeburn.



Diocesan News

2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Christ for One Another



Our goal is to have 100% participation in the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Appeal with a pledge or one-time gift as your means allow. Your support is greatly appreciated. **To date, our parish has received \$31,006.25 in pledges/gifts to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal from 126 families toward our goal of \$37,400.00. 82.9% to goal. Thank you!**

CAN YOU SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille – a lifeline for troubled marriages

If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but (both of you) wish to try again - then the RETROUVAILLE program may help you. RETROUVAILLE (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program begins the weekend of March 4 – 6, 2011. All inquiries are confidential. **For further information please call the Family Life Office (days) (732) 562-1990 Ext.1624 or Tom & Pat McTague (732) 583-4468.**

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Why not take the opportunity this summer to enrich your marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held **January 28 - 30, 2010**. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone **1-888-827-NJME** for registration and information. Visit us at: www.wwmecentralnj.org for more information.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The Catholic Spirit will be available after Masses next weekend, January 22-23. Upcoming features and stories include:

- Diocesan Year in Review
- Catholic Schools Week supplement
- Photos from Diocesan Christmas Concert
- Update on Middlebrook Deanery School

YOU'RE INVITED

2011 Students-to-Leaders Education Dinner

Tuesday, March 22, The Palace at Somerset Park
Cocktails 6:00 p.m. * Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Entertainment by **HOT-ON-BROADWAY**

Since 2001, the Foundation for Catholic Education has distributed over \$500,000 each year in tuition assistance. Through your support, you give children from low and moderate income families the gift of Catholic education. For information, call 732-562-2429.

Stewardship

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



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

319 families; 30 Time & Talent Responses, 24 Treasure Responses; 5 Youth Responses

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"The Lord has prepared a feast for me: given wine in plenty for me to drink."
Communion Antiphon*

We speak of bounty, overflowing on God's holy mountain. Do you ever wonder how that will take place? I always wonder who is going to take care of it, who is going to grow, prepare or serve it. Sometimes our image of heaven is more magical than it is real. We have this notion that God will wave a magic wand and poof it will happen. I think that this image of heaven and God dealing with his people is off base. Maybe that is why we have so much difficulty in living the word of God.

Reimage heaven or the reality of the kingdom on earth in a stewardship frame of mind. All of a sudden you have to change your image of how things will happen and how we will come to know the kingdom on earth and the kingdom of heaven. Try to use the image of sharing. Doesn't this change this Houdini concept of heaven? The Lord prepares a feast for us is an image of what we must do to make it happen. We work with the Lord as God works with us. We work side by side with God and with each other to make it happen. If we have plenty of wine to drink don't you think it is because we have labored with the Lord and not like the wine of Cana? Maybe the ability to work with each other without all the usual difficulties is a better image of heaven and stewardship.

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For December 27, 2009

59 Weekly Donors	\$1,650.00
22 Monthly Donors	\$3,400.00
Loose Money	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total	\$5,105.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$843.75

For December 26, 2010

49 Weekly Donors	\$4,274.00
Loose Money	<u>\$81.00</u>
Total	\$4,355.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00

Weekly Averages

December.....	\$5,575.00
November.....	\$5,727.19
October.....	\$5,795.00
September.....	\$5,608.00
August.....	\$5,315.00
July.....	\$6,544.00
June.....	\$4,687.00
May.....	\$5,296.00
April.....	\$5,732.00
March.....	\$5,616.00
February.....	\$6,165.00
January.....	\$5,668.00

Weekly Need \$8,182.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 1/17	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 1/18	Angel Needed
Wednesday, 1/19	S. Griffin
Thursday, 1/20	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

January 15 & 16	
5:30 p.m.	G. Best
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	V. Hoffart
January 22 & 23	
5:30 p.m.	D. Hingos
8:00 a.m.	K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m.	C. Zelesny

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 1/16	M. Buniva
Week of 1/23	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

January 21	Team D
January 28	Team E

Bulletin Transporters

January 21	A. Giametta
January 28	L. Livoti

SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

In March 2009, we began sending profits from cash card sales on the third weekend of each month to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. If you don't use these cash cards but want to contribute to St. Mary's you may leave a donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. **In December, we collected \$225.00 in profits from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

This weekend, profits from grocery card sales will go to St. Mary's.

Stewardship Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP

Time & Talent Opportunities

As Stewards, we share out time, talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the relationship we hold with Jesus in God.

We are a Stewardship Parish sharing time, talent and treasure as a way of life.

On-going Stewardship Opportunities:

Worship/Liturgy

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist
- Music Ministry
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

Formation:

- Religious Ed Advisory Board
- Catechist

Pastoral/Organizational:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Property Management Committee

Connxions:

- Team Member
- Connxions Companion
- RCIA Team
- Baptism Preparation Team

Stewardship:

- Committee Member
- Fair Trade
- Shop Rite & A&P Card Sales

Other ways I can help:

Please complete the contact information and check appropriate volunteer section. Return by way of the collection basket—Social Ministry box—send or drop off at the Office Center—go to web site and fill out under forms.

Name(s): _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

If you are new or visiting you can learn more about the parish by visiting our website www.ccsjn.org. You can email Father Bill jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org if you have any particular questions. If you want us to contact you, email the parish or check off your request or information you want to communicate below.

- [] new in the area [] visitor [] planning to live in the area
- [] parishioner [] former parishioner [] been in the area awhile
- [] change of [] address [] email [] phone number [] marital status
- [] wish to join parish [] would like envelopes [] would like info on direct deposit contributing

- Grocery Card Sales
- Companions Ministry
- Connxions Ministry
- Greeter
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass
 - 8:00 a.m. Mass
 - 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Vitality Coffee Help
- Office Angel