

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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398 County Road 513
 (Church Center)

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.

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.

About Our Parish

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THE
PRESENTATION
OF THE LORD

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

February 5 & 6

Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Deacon.....	E. Roberts	
Lector	M. Harrison	
Altar Server	Olesiak Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	C. Behrens, V. Olesiak, B. Garcia, L. Garcia	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	J. Murray	
Altar Server	Geerinck-Torczon Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Geerinck, B. Minick, J. Klawunn	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	M. Wickel	
Altar Server	Malone Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance, K. Gemma, D. Wickel, A. Sawczuk, M. Milko	

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 1

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 2

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

Friday, February 4

7:00 a.m. George Muscat req.
Gemma Family

Saturday, February 5

5:30 p.m. Rosalee Karkoska req.
Hall Family

Sunday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline req.
Sue & Mike Griffin
10:30 a.m. Steven Rollens req.
Steve & Amanda Brisson

Parish Calendar

Sunday, January 30

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)
9:00 a.m. CPI Candidate/ Parent Meeting (Valley View)
1:30 p.m. Dove Chocolate Party (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, January 31 — St. John Bosco

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Committee Meeting (Office Center)

Tuesday, February 1 — St. John Yi Mun-u

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

Wednesday, February 2 — Presentation of the Lord

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

Thursday, February 3 — St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

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

Friday, February 4 — St. Aventinus

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

Saturday, February 5 — St. Agatha

3:30 p.m. First Eucharist Session 2 (Church Center)

Sunday, February 6 — Yellow Brick Road, Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend

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

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, January 31

10:30 a.m. Appointment (Away)
12:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)

Tuesday, February 1

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 3

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)

Friday, February 4

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

Saturday, February 5

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Office Center)



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Fourth 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	

BLESSED



Today we hear the beatitudes. They are the targets of every honest Christian's life and a way to judge how we are doing as followers of Christ. They lead us to true humility, to knowing ourselves as we really are before God and our neighbor. The beatitudes lift our eyes and hearts to where we should be. God has chosen us, however "common and contemptible" we seem by

human standards, and made us members of Christ Jesus, who is our wisdom, our virtue, our freedom, and our holiness. Thanks be to God!

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YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Next Weekend

Next week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6707.00 for that payment. **In January, 87 families gave \$3,184.00 to help meet that need.** Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Thursday is the Feast of St. Blaise. Wednesday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (formally the Purification of Mary). Traditionally candles for the year are blessed on this day. On the Feast of St. Blaise candles that were blessed the day before are used to bless throats. After the Masses on the weekend we will bless throats. "The custom comes from a time when the entire year was filled with blessings. As the year unfolded, the Church offered up the whole of creation to bless the Lord. Without these many blessings observed throughout the year, the blessing of throats loses an important perspective. We begin to regain this perspective by reinvigorating this blessing.

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 — Conchetta Mulhern**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2011

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

CLAIM YOUR KITCHEN ITEMS

In the Narthex you will find a wide variety of items which were found in the kitchen following this year's fundraisers. Please claim your items. Any items not claimed within the next two weeks will be donated to the Top of the Barn.

RETIREMENT

Rita Price is retiring at the end of February. She has been struggling with some health issues and felt it was time to really enjoy life rather than going to work in pain some days. She wants to enjoy her many grandchildren.

Rita has been an intimate part of the Parish from the beginning. Her youngest daughter was Confirmed here and she has been an active part of our worshipping community from the beginning. Rita also organized and still is a part of the cleaning crew. We just celebrated our 20th anniversary of the blessing of the Church Center and she began the overseeing of the cleaning from that point on if not before the Church was blessed.

Rita started working as Parish secretary when we were still in the Parish House – 33 Main. She started in February 2001 and so has been with us for 10 years. She was part of the move from the Parish House to the Office Center. We are truly grateful for all that she has done for the Office and the parish. We thank her profusely.

We will be evaluating our staff positions and determining what our staff will look like for the coming year. As you know we have some financial challenges and so are not sure how the office staff will look. We ask your cooperation and be alert to our needs by volunteering in this interim period. Also continue to be patient with us as Earl, Maureen and I continue to deal with our health challenges. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thanks also to Rita and her pleasant and charming way on the phone. The first contact that people have with St. John's is the unknown voice that greets you on the phone. Rita has always given the inquirer or visitor the best possible first impression. What a blessing she has been!

ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION BLOG

Thanks to all the parents that attended the January 9 meeting at Valley View School. If you were unable to attend, a link to the parent meeting presentation can be found on the homepage of our website at: <http://www.ccsjn.org/>.

The bishops of the Catholic Church have defined the goal of all catechesis to be an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. We are all called to share in Christ's prophetic, royal and priestly mission and as parents the most important work we can do is pass on our faith to our children. We discussed what or who was the most important factor in our own coming to believe. While some shared family members or catechists were most influential, others shared experiences such as celebrating the Eucharist with people of faith to be what initiated their belief in Jesus Christ.

After reviewing the different faith formation models currently being used, interest in the traditional, intergenerational and summer alternative programs for children was voiced.

We discussed the fact that holding classes at Valley View is no longer supportable. Our enrollment in Valley View K-6 classes has dropped to 58 students, about half of the 120 students enrolled in 2005. The rental and custodial fees for holding classes at Valley View was renegotiated but they are still over \$4000. The num-

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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!



Here at 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.

RESPECT LIFE

THE 8TH ANNUAL NEW JERSEY PROLIFE YOUTH RALLY

The Salesians of Don Bosco invite youth, young adults and families to this rally which will be held on Friday, April 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Seton Hall University. This rally includes speaker Sean Forrest, witness talks, skits, lunch, Mass and music. For more information and registration, please contact: Salesian Youth Ministry at 973-761-0201 or email ProLife@salesianym.com • www.salesianym.com



bers in Saturday Family catechesis and Junior High have also decreased. Therefore, the Parish Catechetical Leader for next year's programs will be ministering on a part time basis.

It was suggested that we continue traditional classes using our Church and Office Centers for class space and that this could be on a weekday instead of Sunday. Some interest in a weekly traditional program was voiced. Parents were also in favor of the intergenerational model and some said they would participate in a summer alternative catechesis. It was suggested that we need to determine if we can get catechists and teen assistants for a summer program. The advantages of having a separate Junior High catechesis session, which prepares these children for confirmation, was discussed. As in Youth Ministry, it builds community, encourages peer faith sharing and community service. It also gives these teens the opportunity to assist in the programs of younger children. It was suggested that we should consider adding the sixth graders to Junior High.

We took a straw poll of interest in the following catechesis programs (parents could vote for more than one model) and here are the results:

Summer Alternative Program:

Mornings - 13
Evenings - 18
All Day - 12

Intergenerational Program:

Once a month- 15

Traditional Program:

Weekly/weekday - 5
Weekly/Sunday - 5
Biweekly/Sunday - 10

**** 32 parents (representing 31 families) attended the meeting ****

Dr. Fay invited the parents to continue this discussion on our parish faith formation blog. A link to this blog is located on the homepage of the parish website: www.ccsjn.org. To read comments or make a comment, just click on the word **comment** at the bottom of any posting. Parents suggested that we also put a survey in the bulletin to get the opinions of parents.

YOGA AT ST. JOHN'S

In March, we will be starting up another round of gentle Yoga in the Loft on Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. The cost is \$55 for five weeks in March or \$12 per class for drop ins. If you are interested, please email Ana Giametta at ana.giametta@gmail.com.

2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Christ for One Another



Your gift to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal supports diocesan-sponsored programs that promote Catholic values that enhance human life and spiritual growth, providing families with opportunities for enrichment, education and healing. If you have already made a gift to this year's appeal, thank you! If you haven't done so, your help is still very much needed. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is crucial to our Church's ability to serve God's people in need. **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!**

CHINESE HUMAN RIGHTS

No one wants to hear about it, no political force wants to deal with it. Financial institutions wish to remain ignorant of it, and mass retailers make huge profits from it. What is the thing which no one wishes to acknowledge or deal with except some of the religious in China? Slave labor by millions!

Slave labor camps set up in the fifties by chairman Mao, thrive in this new millennium. These labor camps are used under Chinese law to reform convicts (Laogai), re-educate those who think incorrectly (Laojiao) and force job placement for the good of the people (Jiuye). Many Catholic religious and laity are among those imprisoned.

Under PRC (People's Republic of China) law those detained under Laojiao and Jiuye cannot be held for more than three years at a time because they have not been convicted of any crime. They are not referred to as prisoners but rather as "personnel." Records are purposely made difficult to follow and releases and re-arrests occur daily further complicating any effort to track an individual. Over one-thousand labor camps have been recorded but the actual number remains unknown. They house millions of men, women and children who are forced to work on everything from kiln ovens, and pottery to building power generation plants. The Chinese government grants special privileges to enterprises using labor camps and prisoners, to encourage and attract foreign investments. Some Canadian construction companies even have contracts with camp operators for labor.

While organ transplants in this country have reportedly not included organs from China, over ninety-percent of the organ transplants in China are done with organs from prisoners and personnel who died in labor camps. Since it is reported that only about five-percent of Chinese people wish to donate organs it is assumed that these inmates were either forced to sign organ donor agreements or the organs were simply harvested following their death. A Canadian report released as early as 2006 alleged the murder of those imprisoned especially Falun Gong cult practitioners for the specific purpose of harvesting their organs and the intimidation of those thinking of joining the group.

It is also important to note that outside the work camps the average Chinese toy factory worker, for instance, is 12 to 15 years old, earns as little as 6 cents an hour, works up to 19 hours per day, 6 days a week. The youngest workers have been found to work all day in plant work areas reaching 104-degree temperatures, handling toxic glues, paints and solvents.

Something to keep in mind as we make our next purchase or find our elected officials preparing to make a new "agreement" with China is the U.S. – China Security Review Commission Policy Paper on Prison Labor and Forced Labor in China which concluded that the U.S. Customs Service "cannot conduct independent investigations in China" to determine if goods imported into the U.S. were made in Chinese forced labor camps. Despite numerous treaties, memoranda of understanding and laws, the Commission concluded that China simply refuses to supply the information needed to make factual determinations. In order to establish NAFTA trade and obtain a "favored" rating China signed human rights agreements in 1992 and 1994 which it has never abided by.

Many think we fail to deal with the issue because of the financial debt they hold for our country. Perhaps we should leverage that debt and treat China as we would a bad landlord. Let's escrow our payments until they live up to the agreements they signed and children and the innocent go home.

Earl Roberts

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 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

Humility 101

Bob Muldoon believed his Ivy League education, consisting of two master's degrees, would ensure employment. But in 2002, when the dot-com industry tanked, so did Muldoon's job, along with countless others.

Forced to reevaluate, he turned his white collar around and started wearing a blue collar, attempting manual labor for the first time. Computer skills were of little use in his new position laying down hydroseeded lawns. "Can you drive a forklift?" became the first of many disappointing questions his boss asked, all answered with a grimacing, "No." Fortunately he was hired anyway.

Thus began an exercise in humility that taught him about another world he came to respect. Although Muldoon could converse in nearly flawless Parisian with the Quebec truck driver about breakfast choices and driving conditions, his training in French was completely useless in telling the driver how to attach a metal chain to the forklift to remove the load of pallets from his truck. Muldoon's boss looked on with dismay as Muldoon was reduced to using charade-like movement to convey his message.

"All my life I've been trained in the manipulation of abstractions (words, symbols, figures), so when it now comes to the manipulation of tangibles (nuts, bolts, maps) I'm flummoxed. So much that it's become a running joke with my boss that, whenever there is a choice to push or pull, turn left or right, I invariably err."

Perhaps it is our errors, our inabilities, that actually bring us closer to understanding the blessings of the beatitudes. For "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." Our only boasting is to boast of a God who loves us in spite of ourselves, which Muldoon had ample opportunity to practice when lawn season ended and his boss' next question became, "Can you drive a snowplow?"

Dr. Constance M. Popp

Social Ministry

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Monday, February 14, 10:00 a.m., Office Center

The next scheduled mission providing the noon meal to the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville is scheduled for **Monday, February 14**. If you are interested in how to assist in this ministry, please call Anne Germino at 908-343-1618. If you have volunteered to prepare food items they must be at the Office Center by 10:00 a.m. that Monday, as scheduled. **Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.**

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.

Fundraising

DOVE CHOCOLATE DISCOVERY

Sunday January 30, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Church Center

15% of proceeds to be donated back to the Church. There is a \$5 admission fee (includes two dipping and two sipping samples). Great Valentine Day specials are available. Bring a friend for a great afternoon of chocolate delights.

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

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

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **22 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,525.00** with **\$126.25** 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.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Focus:** Unexpected Fullness
“Jesus tells us that true happiness runs contrary to ordinary expectations.”
- Scripture:** “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . they who mourn . . . the meek . . . they who hunger and thirst for righteousness . . . the merciful . . . the clean of heart . . . the peacemakers . . . they who are persecuted . . .”
Matthew 5: 1-12
- Reflection:** Compare the Gospel with Luke 1:46-55 Mary’s “Magnificat.” Who do you think are Blessed? When have you felt Blessed? When have you felt lowly?
- Song:** “Blest Are They” #586
- Story:** Living beatitudes

This week, if you do something for someone else for no other reason than to bring joy to their lives, blessed are you.

If you find yourself feeling the loss of a friend or loved one and, in missing them, you realize that you experienced the love of God in their love for you, blessed are you.

This week, if you put yourself second for the needs of another, blessed are you.

If you do the "right" thing when the conventional wisdom is to do the "smart" thing, blessed are you.

This week, if you forgive someone or if someone forgives you, blessed are you.

Sometime in the next few days, if you stop, unplug and spend even just a moment thinking about all the good in your life and find yourself embraced by a sense of gratitude, blessed are you.

This week, if you can diffuse someone's anger, if you can bridge the chasm between you and another, if you bring a positive perspective to an otherwise negative situation, blessed are you.

If you risk being laughed at or misunderstood or if you endure a "funny look" from someone because you took a stand based on what was morally and ethically right, blessed are you.

You have reason to be glad.

In the blessings you give, you have been blessed.

To be a people of the Beatitudes is to embrace the spirit of humility that begins with valuing life as a gift from God, a gift we have received only through God's mysterious love, not through anything we have done to deserve it. Jesus calls all who would be his disciples to live the "blessedness" of the Sermon on the Mount: to embrace a spirit of humble gratitude before the God who gives, nurtures and sustains our lives and to respond to such unfathomable love the only way we can: by returning that love to others, God's children, as a way of returning it to God.

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: 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 just drop in and join us for coffee and discussion of the scriptures from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or come for all of this catechetical gathering.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 5 & 6

Don't forget to bring soup cans to Mass next weekend to participate in the Souper Bowl of Caring which benefits Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen. Teens will be collecting cans of soup and donations after each Mass on February 5 and 6 and then delivering our donations as well as working at Elijah's Promise on February 25 and March 12. Teens wishing to participate in Souper Bowl of Caring and/or work at Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen should use the Stewardship Opportunities page in this bulletin to volunteer or email Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

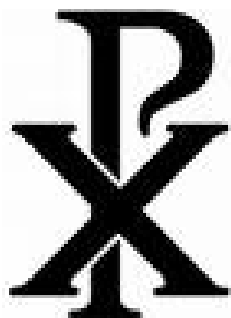
Plan to join an adult Bible study on the "The Life Giving Power of the Cross". This six week Bible study will start the week of March 6 and explore how to share in Christ's victory of the cross. A time and day for this bible study will be determined by the participants. **If interested please email Dr. Fay at rosefay@ccsjn.org.**

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

RECONNECT



We can find ourselves connecting with God in many ways. We can pray a formal prayer or think a conversation with Him. He talks to us not only with his written word (Scripture) but also through nature, other people, our own intuitions, art, books, and music. He actually employs all of creation in an effort to reach His "free-willed" creation.

One disconnect can lead to others. We often disconnect from family and later from God because He reminds and encourages us to reconnect. The opposite is also true as well. We disconnect from God, often just drifting away, and continue to drift and eventually drift away from family and friends, because we are withdrawing into ourselves and our own world. Self-absorbed one can stay really focused on the most important subject in the world – ourselves.

Often pride and self-centeredness are the greatest challenges we face as humans and as Christians. They encourage us to sin resulting in a disconnect from God and family. Lines of communication need to remain open both with God and family if we want to stay connected. Mass, Eucharist, prayer and living one's faith maintain God's connection. Acting out of love with those around us, participating in family, church and community events help keep us remain connected to those around us. As long as you live it is never too late to reconnect.

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.**

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, February 5, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

The next First Eucharist class meets on Saturday, February 5 at 3:30 – 5:00 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.

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 !

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS FOR 2011-2012 NOW AVAILABLE

Applications for financial aid through the Diocese of Metuchen Tuition Assistance Program for the 2011-2012 school year are now available at all diocesan elementary and secondary schools. Completed applications must be received by Private School Aid Service by no later than Thursday, March 31, 2011.

To obtain an application form, please contact the Principal or main office of the school where the student is registering. A printable version of the form, both English and Spanish, is also available on the diocesan website at www.diometuchen.org/schools/tuition-assistance/.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – SOMERVILLE OPEN HOUSE

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 offers 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 until 11:00 a.m.

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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free." Ps 146 Responsorial Psalm.

From her lowliness Mary expresses in her Magnificat her openness and readiness to receive God's word. She does not speak from deservedness but from her emptiness. Someone who is empty has the capacity to receive. God shares with her his Word, the living Word of God, who is Jesus. Incarnation could not happen if God was unwilling to share nor if Mary was not open to receive. A gift is not a gift if someone refuses it.

Stewardship is about giving and receiving. If we hold on to the things we have. If we refuse to part with something that we have plenty of or if we accumulate when someone is in need we thwart the plan of God. A priest once gave out candy to some children and none to others. When the one who had much, like a bag of Halloween treats, would not share with the child who had none there was a reluctance to share. He had his "show and tell" fulfill his point.

Sometimes we give away what we don't like and feel that we are fulfilling the law. Mary did not cling to anything. She emptied herself so that she might receive and share her gift with those in need. "He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy" Luke 1:54.

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For January 24, 2010

92 Weekly Donors	\$2,438.00
27 Monthly Donors	\$4,836.00
Loose Money	<u>\$38.00</u>
Total	\$7,312.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$843.75
55 Catholic Education.....	\$909.00

For January 23, 2011

78 Weekly Donors	\$2,304.00
20 Monthly Donors	\$2,535.00
Loose Money	<u>\$95.00</u>
Total	\$4,934.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
48 Catholic Education.....	\$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, 1/30	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 2/1	L. Gerristead
Wednesday, 2/2	Angel Needed
Thursday, 2/3	P. Anderson

Grocery Cards

January 29 & 30	
5:30 p.m.	D. Royal
8:00 a.m.	P. Nanna
10:30 a.m.	Needed
February 5 & 6	
5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	R. McShane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 1/30	L. Feller
Week of 2/6	M. Buniva

Church Center Cleaning

February 4	Team A
February 11	Team B

Bulletin Transporters

February 4	C. Carroll
February 11	B. Lee

SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

Baby it's cold outside

With the extreme cold weather this year, we have decided to help out St. Mary's in Coeburn, VA with some warm clothing. **During the month of February we will collect new mittens, gloves and hats to send to help keep children and adults warm.** Please deposit your new mittens, gloves and hats in the white bin in the Narthex that we currently use for food donations and the Stewardship Committee will box them up and send them to St. Mary's. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

FEBRUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30 AM Quilting-SR 7:00 PM Mass	2 9:30 AM Mass-NRC 6:15 PM Yoga-Loft 7:00 PM REAB Mtg.-DR	3 7:00 PM Quilting-SR 7:30 PM Music Ministry-CC	4 7:00 AM Mass-NRC 5:00 PM Church Cleaning	5 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Sess. 2-CC
6 YBR COLLECTION & SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 10:30 AM Children's Lit.-CC	7 6:00 PM Zumba-CC	8 9:30 AM Quilting-SR 7:00 PM Mass-NRC 7:30 PM Stewardship-SR	9 9:30 AM Mass-NRC 6:30 PM Dinner Dance Setup-CC 7:00 PM Budget Mtg.-DR	10 5:00 PM Church Cleaning 6:30 PM Dinner Dance Setup-CC 7:00 PM Quilting-SR 7:30 PM Music Ministry-CC	11 VALENTINE DANCE 7:00 AM Mass-NRC 7:30 PM Valentine Dinner Dance-CC	12 9:30 AM Sat. Cat.-CC
13 Develop. of Peoples / Cath. Home Mission 9:00 AM K-6,VV 11:30 AM Vitality Coffee-NX 6:30 PM Jr Hi-CC	14 10:00 AM SHIP 6:00 PM Zumba-CC	15 9:30 AM Quilting-SR 7:00 PM Mass-NRC 7:00 PM Property Mgmt.-DR	16 9:30 AM Mass-NRC 6:15 PM Yoga-CC-Loft	17 10:00 AM Nursing Home 7:00 PM Quilting-SR 7:30 PM Music Ministry-CC	18 7:00 AM Mass-NRC 5:00 PM Church Cleaning	19
20 Cath. Spirit Subscript & Food Pantry Wknd 10:30 AM Children's Lit.-CC	21 PRESIDENT DAY - OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM Zumba-CC	22 9:30 AM Quilting-SR 7:00 PM Mass-NRC 7:30 PM Connxions-OCK	23 9:30 AM Mass-NRC	24 7:00 PM Quilting-SR 7:30 PM Music Ministry-CC	25 7:00 AM Mass-NRC 5:00 PM Church Cleaning 5:30 PM Elijah's Soup Kitchen-Away	26 8:30 AM Pastoral Council-DR 3:30 PM 1st Eucharist Sess. 3-CC
27 SNOW & HEAT COLL. 9:00 AM K-6,VV 9:00 AM 1st Eucharist Parent Mtg II-VV 6:30 PM Jr Hi-CC	28 6:00 PM Zumba-CC 7:00 PM Fundraising-DR 7:30 PM Children's Lit.-SR					

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

- Souper Bowl of Caring**
Collect Parishioner Donations after Mass (Teens)
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass (February 5)
 - 8:00 a.m. Mass (February 6)
 - 10:30 a.m. Mass (February 6)
- Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, New Brunswick**
Serve Clients (Teens, must be at least 12 years old)
 - 5:30—7:30 p.m. (Friday, February 25)
 - 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)
- Volunteer Adult Drivers/Chaperones**
 - 5:30—7:30 p.m. (Friday, February 25)
 - 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)
- Valentine's Dinner Dance**
 - SET-UP: Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30p.m.
 - SET-UP: Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.
 - SERVING: Friday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.
 - DISHWASHING: Friday, February 11 at 7:30p.m.
 - CLEAN UP: Saturday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.