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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.

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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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

October 8 & 9

Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	A. Sawczuk	
Altar Server	F. Kennedy	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance, V. Olesiak,	
.....	D. Kelemen, D. Torczon, J. Gardner, M. McCall	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	D. Waddleton	
Altar Server	D. Waddleton	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	T. Klawunn, J. Klawunn, C. Behrens, K. Malley	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	K. Skuza	
Altar Server	DeStefano Family	
Gift Bearers	Staten Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	M. Milko, M. Wickel,	
.....	C. Zelesny, B. Zelesny, S. Pojedinec, R. Pojedinec	

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 p.m. Maureen Stout req. Dick & Martha McCall

Wednesday, October 5

9:30 a.m. Sawczuk Family req. Anita Sawczuk

Friday, October 7

7:00 a.m. Catherine Bohem & Family

Saturday, October 8

5:30 p.m. Jenny Stout req. Sharon & Alan Janks

Sunday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Linnea Janks req. Janks Family

10:30 a.m. Joseph & Olga Charkut req. Vincenzi Family

12:15 p.m. Olga Charkut

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 2 — Paving Our Yellow Brick Road

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office Center)
1:00 p.m. Picnic (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Office Center)

Monday, October 3 — St. Juvinus

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

Tuesday, October 4 — St. Francis of Assisi

12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, October 5 — St. Charbitina

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, October 6 — St. Bruno, Bl. Marie-Rose Durocher

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

Friday, October 7 — Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Confirmation Music Ministry Practice (Church Center)

Saturday, October 8 — Bl. Chiara Badano

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Individual Reconciliation (Church Center)

Sunday, October 9 — Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church Center)
12:15 p.m. Confirmation (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, October 2

1:00 p.m. Picnic

Monday, October 3

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Tuesday, October 4

12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

Wednesday, October 5

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

Thursday, October 6

12:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)
7:00 p.m. Sorting (Neumann Residence)

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Confessions (Church Center)

Sunday, October 9

12:15 p.m. Confirmation (Church Center)

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

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

PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT



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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2002 V. Shuck. All rights reserved. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom © 2002, OCP. All rights reserved.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

This Weekend

This week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6,707.00 for that payment. Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment. **Last month, we collected \$5,327.00.** The remainder of the funds to pay the mortgage comes from Shop Rite/A&P Cash Cards and fundraisers. Please support these endeavors, especially the cash cards, if you cannot contribute to this collection.

GOOD SEARCH

You may have forgotten that the search engine www.goodsearch.com brings money into our fundraising account. It isn't much but it adds up at the end of the year. Please set your computer up to use this search and designate St. John Neumann Church, Califon, NJ as the receiver.

ONE SUNDAY FOR THE WHOLE WORLD

On October 23, Pope Benedict XVI calls every Catholic in the world to celebrate our vocation to be missionary. It's World Mission Sunday!

As Catholics around the world — here at home and in the Missions — gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, we are to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work. We pray for those awaiting the "Good News" of our Lord's great love for us and for the missionaries who offer the poor and suffering the light of Christ. And we are to offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for more than 1,150 dioceses in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pa-



Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer:
Bertha Fulton — Martin Dohaney — Michael Serafin

Deceased: **Martin Dohaney**, husband of Mary Lou, Fr. Mickiewicz's cousin; **Michael Serafin** brother of Fr. Thomas Serafin, pastor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Three Bridges. 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.

WHO IS THE FOOD ANGEL?

Someone has been dropping off kielbasa and sauerkraut – corn, tomatoes and even occasional fruit at the Residence. I am always pleasantly surprised but don't know who to thank. I even had an unsigned note. Thanks if you wish to remain anonymous.

CONFIRMATION MUSIC MINISTRY

Rehearsal: Friday, October 7, 7:30 p.m., Church Center

Attention anyone who wants to participate in the music for Confirmation: There will be a music rehearsal on Friday evening, October 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. This is the only scheduled rehearsal, so you must be there if you plan to participate. The Confirmation Mass will be at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, October 9.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Joan at the Top O' The Barn. They donated a substantial amount of books to the book sale and they are very generous to St. John's throughout the year with donations for our Social Ministry.

WERE YOU LEFT OUT?

I have discovered that with the transfer of ministry coordinators and the use of the automatic scheduler some people have been left off the ministry list. If this has happened to you please email (jwmikiewicz@ccsjn.org) or speak to Father Mickiewicz. I apologize for this error. It was not intentional and no one was meant to be dropped.

If you wish to become a part of the lector (reading at Mass), eucharistic (distributing wine and/or bread), or table serving ministries please let Father know in the same way. We are looking for additional ministers especially for the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

We will soon begin the process of updating the prayer list. We are finding that some parishioners forget to ask us to remove a name from the sick list after the individual has recovered and is well, or perhaps they feel it is "bad luck" to remove the name. If you would like a name to remain on the sick list for the next six months, please let us know and we will keep the name on the list.

WHAT A WEEKEND!

The last weekend in September was a real show stopper. There were the Tag and Book Sales. Thanks to **Marian Sulenski/Ditzel** and **Sandra Ann St. Amour/Aarons** and their team of workers whom we shall hear about soon on the Tag Sale. The Tag Sale profits are \$2,863.61.

Andy Kozlowski was aided by a team of workers on the Book Sale and **Wayne Infusino** in setting up the tables. I didn't see any names of those who set up the tents. The 2011 CCSJN book sale earned \$1,517.25 for the parish.

Thanks to all who made this a red banner day. The effort they expended was well worth it.

The other great happening was the Confirmandi Retreat. Under the direction of

Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 19, 2011

Opening/Closing Prayer — Joann Gardner

Present — Fr. Bill, Pam Casserly, Joann Gardner, Steve Gemma, Bill Harrison, Donna Lance, Roger Malone, Mike Mastro, Laura Sharp, Brandon Staten. Deacon Dennis King, our new part-time Parish Catechetical Leader, dropped in to greet the Council.

Reflection

The Pastoral Council Members reached a mutually agreed upon goal for 2011-2012. Our goal is "to support and engage our community to prayerfully prepare for and embrace the transition of parish leadership." The Council continues to discuss ways to achieve this objective. The challenge will be to get the parish to embrace this goal and to convey the message out to the majority with understanding and accuracy. This can be accomplished at Committee Meetings, Pondering Pauses (Church Bulletin) authored by Father Bill, Prayer of the Faithful, and with a major unveiling at the Town Hall Meeting on October 24. The Town Hall agenda, prepared by Mike and Joann, was discussed and solidified.

Committee Meetings

The Stewardship Committee, chaired by Anthony DeStefano, will be attending the October 17 Pastoral Council Meeting.

Old and Continuing Items of Business

- 5 Year Plan/Covenant - Bill continues to update, revise, re-format, and edit the 5 Year Plan into a workable document. Each committee, throughout the year, will work with their Pastoral Council liaison to update this plan.
- Pastoral Council Archives – past

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minutes will be scanned by Laura and placed in the archives by Steve.

- Communications – Town Meetings/Vitality Coffee – Our town meeting date is set for Monday, October 24 at 7:00.p.m The topic will be “Prayerfully Preparing For and Embracing the Transition of Parish Leadership.” Dinner will be available prior to the meeting.
- Parish Picnic – The 2nd annual St. Joseph and St John Neumann joint picnic will be on Sunday October 2 at Saint John’s.

Pastor’s Items of Business

- Welcome Deacon Dennis King, our new part-time Parish Catechetical Leader, for about 125 students.
- Welcome Kerri Caldaro as Financial Administrator.
- November’s craft show and quilt raffle will be our last.
- Father Bill distributed articles from the National Catholic Reporter, “The State of US Parishes Today,” “Ten Years to Ponder Our Losses,” and “The Church is a Communion of Local Churches.”

Next Meeting: Monday October 17, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

Prayer: Bill Harrison
Minutes prepared by Donna Lance

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Gerry Brisson that mighty team of St. John’s GREATS created an experience worth the trip. Thanks to all those super men and wonder woman! A list should be forthcoming.

And then us ordinary folk carried on the usual weekend activities. Let me tell you that the energy of the weekend carried over into our celebrations. They were “awesome,” I believe is the word.

ZUMBA FUNDRAISER FOR BREAST CANCER

Sunday, October 23, 2:00 p.m., Church Center

Mark your calendars! October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and we will be hosting a **Zumba Fitness “Party in Pink” Zumbathon on Sunday, October 23 from 2:00-4:00** in the afternoon right here at St. John’s! The entrance fee will be \$20 per person and 100% of our proceeds will go to Susan G. Komen for a Cure. Komen is the largest source in the world of nonprofit funds dedicated to the fight against breast cancer. Invite friends and family and join us for great afternoon of dance and fitness!! **Please RSVP to Arminda, by phone 908-537-2637 or email quiltingblockhead@gmail.com so that we can plan for refreshments, etc.**

JOIN THE BELL CHOIR!

We would like to invite you to join the St. John Neumann’s Handbell Choir! Our choir is in need of six additional members to fill out the group. Anyone can learn to play the bells and no musical background is required – we will teach you. We welcome children from grade six to adults. Rehearsals are held on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Church Center and we will re-start on October 6. The Handbell Choir is a great way to enhance the Liturgy of the Mass, a way to express your joy of music and it is fun. **Please contact Chris Bitters cjbit-ters@comcast.net (908) 832-1070, Arminda Barbone quiltingblockhead@gmail.com (908) 537-2637 or Ron Pojedinec rjsapoje@comcast.net (908) 537-6241 if you are interested.**

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PCL

We welcome **Deacon Dennis King** to St. John’s as our new part-time Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL). Dennis is a deacon of the diocese of Paterson and is stationed at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Flanders, NJ. He has just retired from many years of teaching at Essex Catholic, East Orange, NJ.

We are excited to have a deacon on our staff as PCL. His experience and many years in Catholic Education brings an added dimension to our program. I am sure that you will give him a warm St. John welcome and give your full cooperation and support to his ministry.

TRAFFIC PATTERNS

With the beginning of Religious Education this weekend and the use of the Parish Office and Church Center for classes we ask you to be extremely vigilant when leaving the 8:00 a.m. Mass and coming to the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Drop off and pick up of students will be at the Parish Office even if the class is in the Church. Please be patient with this procedure. It will take some time to do and to get used to. Hopefully the students will go directly to the church after class for 10:30 a.m. Mass. Younger students may need the direction of parents. So parents

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can park and pick their student up at the Office and accompany them to Church via the front sidewalk or the covered walkway from the Office to the Church.

Please be careful in driving past the church entrance when dropping students off at the Office so that you don't run over the people leaving 8:00 a.m. Mass. If you have gone to the 5:30 p.m. or 8:00 a.m. Mass please be cautious when driving past the Church entrance as you leave after the conclusion of class at 10:15.

Please follow the arrows in the parking lot and make the full circle of the lot and not cross over parking spaces even if it is more convenient.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ALTAR FLOWERS

We are coming to the conclusion of the schedule with the last week of September. If there are any other people who could serve in this ministry please email Father before we make up a new schedule. Flowers can come from yard or field. We also have a budget to buy flowers for the weekend. All we need is for someone to be responsible for any given weekend.

DUCK RACE 2011

Duck races have been part of the fun at the St. John Neumann annual picnics since 1994. The tradition will continue this year at the 2nd annual St. Joseph and St. John Neumann joint picnic on Sunday October 2. Starting at 1:00 p.m., over 1000 pink, yellow and blue "rubber ducks" (well, actually plastic) will float down the South Branch of the Raritan River to the finish line behind St. John Neumann. The first duck to reach the finish line is the winner. The ducks include 100 each pink ducks, yellow ducks and blue ducks numbered from 1 to 100; and 900 mixed color ducks numbered from 101 to 1000. The ducks are "sold" to parishioners and friends to help pay for the picnic. They go for "a buck a duck," 6 for \$5.00 or 13 for \$10.00. Purchasers write their names and telephone numbers within numbered spaces on poster boards. If there is no one selling ducks, just leave the money or a check in the marked duck race can – it's the honor system.

The 2nd St. Joseph's and St. John's Joint Duck Race begins when the ducks hit the South Branch of the Raritan behind 221 Butternut Road in Califon (Lebanon Township) and start floating to the finish line behind St. John's. The time it takes to reach the finish line varies with the river flow. It might be as little as 15 minutes to 30 minutes or more. Follow the marked paths through the woods to the finish line at the river; please watch out for rough ground, loose rocks, branches and stickers. Besides rooting for your ducks at the finish line, you can also join in to make things happen. We can always use help, including setting up the net that goes across the river at the finish line; launching the ducks at 1:00 p.m.; wading down the river to collect ducks that are stuck on rocks; and getting into the water to help determine the winner and maintain safety. Children and young adults can have a great time collecting ducks from the water with their hands and nets, and remember to bring towels and dry clothing. There will be souvenir Halloween ducks for those who help collect ducks.

The big winner gets their name engraved on the "Lucky Ducky" trophy, which they get to take home until the next race. There is also a "special surprise" – it's all for fun. The owners of the first 10 ducks also get duck hats.

We appreciate your participation, including buying ducks to help cover the cost of the picnic, watching the race and joining in.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **15 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$1,675.00** with **\$83.75** 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. Purchase of these cards goes to help pay our monthly mortgage.

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN



Thanks this week to **Annette Schettino-Uss** and **Dick Hopkins** for help with the harvest. We will soon be cleaning out the beds and mulching them for the winter but for now we still have tomatoes, beans, and squash coming in. We also have pumpkins and corn stalks to cut for fall church decorations. **Please call Anne Germino 908-343-1618 to volunteer.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2011

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

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RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

This October the Catholic Church throughout the United States will observe Respect Life Month, an annual tradition now in its fortieth year.

Beginning on October 2, 2011—Respect Life Sunday—Catholics across the nation will join together to witness to the inherent equality and transcendent value of every human being.

The theme chosen for this year's Respect Life Program is *I came so that all might have life and have it to the full*. In this brief explanation of his mission (cf. John 10:10), Jesus refers both to our hope of *eternal* life, to be restored through his death and resurrection, and to our life *in this world*.

To celebrate Respect Life Month, the Office of Respect for Life of the Diocese of Metuchen is sponsoring or helping to promote the following events:

40 Days for Life: September 28–November 6—A peaceful prayer vigil for the end to abortion. Two locations: S. Main and Camplain Streets, Manville and 228 Main Street, Woodbridge. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com

Life Chain: October 2— Peaceful, prayerful demonstration in opposition to abortion and other attacks on human life. The event is held 2:00-3:30 p.m, rain or shine. For locations, visit www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/repsect-for-life/

The 10th Annual Critical Life Issues Conference: October 29—8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Center, Piscataway. Theme: “I came so that all might have LIFE...and have it to the full.”

Adult Formation

PONDERING PAUSES

Some people change their seats in church like they change their underwear. Some people like to keep the pastor on his toes, others don't want to sit next to the same person, others keep out of the sun, and still others get a different perspective from different seats. Some people sit in the same place all the time. They won't move even if the sun is in their eyes. They don't know what to do or where to sit if there is someone sitting in “their” pew. Some people don't like change and others don't like to repeat an action they did before. We are different in more ways than one.

The church in the past has changed a priest around for a variety of reasons. Associates have been regularly changed to give them a variety of experiences before they become pastors. I personally was changed several times. The first change that I asked for but that did not happen was when I was ordained two years and the associate had made his dislike of me public by putting me down. I decided that the people and I did not have to put up with it. I went to the Bishop to ask for a change. He said that he would not change me but would change the other curate because he had problems with him before. After five years however (the usual time of associate's assignments in those days) I was transferred. The pastor had died, I was administrator and a new pastor was assigned. This was also another reason for transfers. The next parish I was in I went to ask for a transfer during the first year because I would have lost my mind or done harm to the pastor. I was there only one year but it felt like ten.

My next transfer came after four years. At the end of three I knew that it was over but stayed another year to get things ready for my successor. By the end of that fourth year both I and the pastor were asking for my transfer. After two years in the next parish I asked for Campus Ministry and went to Rutgers for eight years. Bishop (later Cardinal McCarrick) moved me out of campus and left me for two and a half months at St. Matthias parish in Somerset and then asked me to go to St. Ann's in Hampton in order to establish St. John's.

I have remained here to finish the job for which I was sent. The general rule of thumb these days is for a pastor to serve a six year term or office renewable with a second six years. Since I was grandfathered in I did not follow these new guidelines which have not been strictly enforced. In retrospect I think that I should not have stayed as long even though the master plan was not finished. I have a feeling that I should have moved on after the “summer of our discontent” but even now I would not like to leave a parish in need. As a result we as a parish have been preparing for the known date of my retirement. I think this gives a community the opportunity to prepare as we are now doing.

The process may make it easier but will not take away the mourning. No matter if a death is sudden or comes at the end of a long illness, the mourning is still the same. We must also realize that there is great rejoicing where others might mourn. A change in pastors and personalities often give other people the opportunity to shine. In the whole arrangement the focus should be to unite a parish not cause divisions. We are called to work together to create community. May we continue our prayers for this end and the preparation for a new personality.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Donald Eigenbauer & Rebecca Koopman

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do This in Memory of Me"

Focus: Fruitfulness

"We are called to turn from sin and bear fruit for God."

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

Matthew 21: 33-43

Reflection: Share an experience of being turned away from someone's door. What is your reaction to being cheated out of that which is rightly yours? What is your reaction to unjust violence?

Song: "For You Are My God" #443

Story: 'The Help'

The hit movie *The Help*, based on the 2009 best seller by Kathryn Stockett, takes place in Jackson, Mississippi, in the early 1960s. Jackson is a city deeply divided by race. The film and novel movingly portrays the injustice of segregation and bigotry in the Jim Crow South on the eve of the Civil Rights movement.

The story centers on three women. Aibileen and Minny are two black maids who have spent their entire lives working for white families. But they have been more than "help" - they have raised the children in these families, often establishing a bond with these children stronger and more loving than the children have with their own mothers.

The third woman is Skeeter, who has just graduated from college and has returned home to Jackson. She dreams of becoming a writer. Having been brought up by a black maid herself, Skeeter deeply loves and respects these women. She also realizes what bigots her friends have become and how racism and prejudice are ingrained in Jackson society. The greater her insight, the deeper her anger.

Skeeter convinces first Aibileen and then Minny to tell her their stories for a book - the first time the subject of race would be told from the black perspective. It is a dangerous undertaking that could have catastrophic results for everyone if the project is discovered. But as the treatment of *The Help* in Jackson becomes more cruel and violent, other maids put aside their fears to come forward to tell their stories.

The book is published anonymously, with all names and places changed - but the white community recognizes itself in the powerful stories of these women. It is a small light of truth at the dawn of the Civil Rights movement.

Jackson, Mississippi, as portrayed in The Help mirrors the vineyard of today's parable. It is a place that is torn apart by self-centeredness, hatred and racism fueled by fear. God the owner calls us to create a vineyard that will yield his harvest of justice and reconciliation. But as The Help portrays, the work of the vineyard can subject us to misunderstanding, suspicion, abuse, intimidation and ridicule; living the principles of the Gospel can be discouraging, isolating and humiliating. Yet every one of us who claims to be a disciple of Jesus and a witness of his Resurrection is called to pay whatever price is demanded for the sake of the reign of God, for we believe that selfless compassion, humble forgiveness, and healing reconciliation will realize the harvest of the Father's vineyard.

Connections, September 2011

Religious Education Program

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

News & Needs

Effective 10/2/11 the Jr. High CP class schedule will be changed.

Start time will remain 6:30 p.m. but dismissal will be at 8:00 p.m.

Gathering Remarks in the church will begin promptly at 6:30 Class will be 6:45 to 7:45 and our Closing Remarks will be 7:45 to 8:00. Dismissal will be at 8:00. Deacon Dennis

RESPECT LIFE

New Jersey Right to Life is selling raffle tickets at all the Masses this weekend.

The prizes this year are: 1st Prize - a 2012 Volvo XC60 AWD SUV valued at \$38,775;

2nd prize - \$1,000 ShopRite gift card;

3rd prize \$750 Shop Rite gift card;

4th prize - \$500 Shop Rite gift card

Proceeds benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket.

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.

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. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so that we can remove them from the list. Please remember the following in your prayers:

2nd Lt. Baumann Katherine, Army Engineer
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
HM Bullis, Christopher, US Navy
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
2Lt. McLaughlin, Brian, U.S. Army
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. Royal, Benjamin, USMC
Scardino, David, U.S. Navy
2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard
Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy
Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC
Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC
Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army
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

Fundraising

2011 QUILT RAFFLE

Raffle tickets should have arrived at your home. You can help to make this important fundraiser a huge success by purchasing and/or selling the 2 books of tickets. **All tickets need to be accounted for, so please return your money or unsold tickets before the November 5 Raffle.** This year's Quilt "Asian Sparkle" is a Full/Queen Coverlet, Value \$1,300.

ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING SUMMARY--2011

Despite the heavy rains during the week and even the night before, 14 hearty golfers from St. Johns braved the standing puddles, 1 1/2 hour delay and had another great day of golf and camaraderie in this year's golf outing. Despite the wet course, it did not rain one drop for the entire day which kept everyone in good spirits at the Minebrook Golf Club in Hackettstown. This year the course provided a nice buffet breakfast in addition to the lunch. The event raised over \$1,400 this year.

We would like to thank our sponsors for the event: **Ross Holdings, LLC (Judy Ross), Cokebury Equine Associates--Matt & Andrea Butler, Hugh McKenna of Johnson Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep** in Hackettstown for sponsoring the Hole-In-One car. Also special thanks goes out to **Bill & Linda Gerristead** who drove down from Buffalo late the night before to be our official Hole-in-One observers.

The 1st place team was **Bill Harrison--Fran Barbone--Brandon Staten** and the 2nd place team was **Ray Klacik--Rick Christ--Bob Martalus**.

Longest Drives for men was **Bob Martalus** and for the ladies was **Anita Sawczuk**. Closest to the Pin was **Matt Andrejco & Gail Sawczuk**

Various prizes were awarded. Also everyone who participated received a complimentary sleeve of Pinnacle golf balls, bag of tees, and divot repair tool compliments of Minebrook.

Special thanks to all who braved the challenging conditions and we look forward to seeing a great turnout for 2012.

TAG SALE THANKS

The Tag Sale was a big success due to the support of many people who came to set up, sell and clean up. A big shout out goes to **Sandra Aaron** who spent many hours getting quotes on donated items and setting up the tent so that it was a place that was extremely organized and enjoyable to shop and was present for the three days of sales. Thank you to all who found a way to offer help around this "Green" fundraiser: **Donna Wellbrock, Candy Keegan, Andy Kozlowski, Wayne Infusino, Sharon Janks, Linda and Bill Gerristead, Cathy and Tom Bennett, Elizabeth Lacy, France Kennedy, Russ Ditzel, Marybeth Harrison, Alexandra Silakoski, Peter and Phillip Benson, Joanne and Andrew Fabiano, Peggy Barbella and Bill Fitzsimmons, Liz Livoti, Tom Claussan, Pete Cangelosi and the Tent Crew**. We appreciate all the wonderful donations and are sorry if we may have missed any volunteers. The fundraiser would not have been a success without all who helped.

BOOK SALE THANKS

The 2011 CCSJN book sale earned \$1,517.25 for the parish. A heartfelt thanks goes out to the following volunteers:

Chris Compton, Quinn Dalpe, Regina DeStefano, Dana Fabiano, Joanne Fabiano, Bill Fitzsimmons, Peggy Fitzsimmons, Linda Gerristead, Denise Ger-

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ristead, Wayne Infusino, Ray Klacik, Mary Kozlowski, Liz Livoti, Conor O'Sullivan, Alison Rutter, Anita Sawczuk, and Pei-Yung Song. A special thanks goes out to the book donators from inside and outside the parish. We are looking for someone to chair/run the 2011 CCSJN book sale. If you like books and think you would be interested please contact the office.

TRICKY TRAY

Attention tricky tray goers!! White tickets will be available on the weekend of October 8 and 9 for half price!! Yes....half price. This offer is for St John's parishioners only. The white tickets are for regular baskets. There are over 160 regular baskets!!!! Sooo don't miss out on this great deal!!!!

Thanks to **Ana Giametta** and **Donna Wellbrock** for volunteering to chair the kitchen for the Tricky Tray on October 14. The kitchen will open at 6:00 p.m. and the menu will include chicken salad on croissant, chili and hot dogs. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean up on the night of the Tricky Tray. Volunteers are also needed to help sell tickets on the night of the Tricky Tray. **Please contact Marybeth Harrison, maryb1212@hotmail.com — 908-310-7237 or Sandra Aaron, sandrastamouraaron@yahoo.com — 908-507-2378.** REMINDER: DOORS OPEN AT 6 AND TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN AT 7:30...

GAS CARD RAFFLE

Coming soon to a mailbox near you...Gas prices got you down? Soon you will be receiving an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a GRAND PRIZE of a \$500 gas card!! Second prize-\$250 gas card and third prize-\$100 gas card. The winning tickets will be announced at this year's Tricky Tray on Friday, October 14. You gotta be "in it" to "win it." Good Luck.

Sacrament Preparation

CONFIRMATION 2011

Sunday, October 9, 12:15 p.m.

Celebrant: Very Rev. J. William Mickiewicz, EP



A banner display of our 2011 Confirmandi is in the Narthex of the Church Center. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation next weekend. They are: **Juliana Benson, Philip D'Armiento, Timothy Ferraro, Joshua Geerinck, Cole Herudek, Jesse Herudek, Erin Hollyfield, Brianna Koshinski, Nicole Kozak, Caroline Mahoney, Ryan McDonald, Jason Niemiec, Douglas Olcese, Alexander Sherman, Sean Szymczak, Caroline Upwood, Natasha Vincenzi and Margaret Vitale.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The next First Reconciliation class will meet in the Church Center on Saturday, **October 22**, at 3:30 p.m. The next Reconciliation Parent Meeting will meet on Sunday, **October 23**, in the Church Center 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

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 time and we’ll post it for a month or so and see if someone out there is looking for your treasure.

Check out what is there once a month!

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!

2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Faith, With Hope

The Diocesan Office of Respect for Life works to restore respect and legal protection of human life at every state in its existence from conception to natural death. Beyond matters relating to the unborn, persons with disabilities, and the elderly, other topics being addressed include: reproduction technologies, cloning, stem cell research, chastity, the death penalty, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and end of life issues. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual appeal will help to sustain this important ministry.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY --FAMILY CELEBRATION



Sunday, October 23, 10: 30 a.m.

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

WALK: "Going the Extra Mile for Kids in Need of Jesus"

--Through the neighborhood and back to--

CELEBRATE: St. Francis Cathedral, Noon Mass

(Bishop Emeritus Hughes)

SHARE: a simple mission lunch (Cathedral Cafeteria) with Father Gary Wiesmann

For more information: 732-562-1990 ext 1707 or email: pontifical.mission.societies@diometuchen.org

Or visit:<http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/pontifical-mission-societies/>

Diocesan News

DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Placement test: Sunday, Saturday, November 5, 8:00 a.m

The high school placement test for Bishop Ahr High School, Cardinal McCarrick High School and Immaculata High School will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m. This is a four hour assessment. The fee is \$45.00. If your child does not already attend a Catholic school you can call the high school of your choice to get an application form. Mail the completed application to your first choice school. Be sure that your first quarter marks are on the form.

Open houses are scheduled as follows:

- Bishop Ahr HS, Edison — October 16 1:00-4:00 p.m., 732-549-1108 x641
- Cardinal McCarrick HS, Perth Amboy — October 6, 6:00-8:30 p.m., 732-721-0748 x244
- Immaculate H.S., Somerville — October 11, 6:00-8:30 p.m., 908-722-0200 x218

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN 30TH ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, November 19, 2011

Bishop Bootkoski extends a cordial invitation to the people of our Diocese to join him on the *Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.* on Saturday, November 19, 2011. Many parishes in our Diocese will be sponsoring buses to the event. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susan Kovach at the Diocese of Metuchen (732-562-2439) and she will assist you in finding a bus location.

The Cathedral Parish is also planning an **Overnight Trip** to Washington in conjunction with the Pilgrimage. The cost is \$400 per person based on double occupancy and includes round trip bus transportation, hotel, dinner, breakfast and sight-seeing. **For information or a reservation from, contact Rosemarie Gazaleh at St. Francis Cathedral (732-548-0100, ext 210).**

Please visit www.diometuchen.org for more information.

RED MASS

Sunday. October 9, 10:30 a.m., St. Francis Cathedral

The Diocese of Metuchen's 2011 Red Mass will be held on Sunday, October 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will be the celebrant, and Rev. Msgr. David I. Fulton will be the homilist. The Mass honors individuals in the judicial system and the legal profession and this year Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq. will receive the St. Thomas More award. Following Mass, there will be a brunch at The Pines Manor in Edison. Tickets are \$50 per adult. All are invited. For more information call 732-562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

BLUE MASS

Sunday. October 12, 10:00 a.m., St. Francis Cathedral

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski cordially invites all the faithful in the diocese to join him at the annual Blue Mass to pray for and with police officers and law enforcement personnel from the communities and towns across Middlesex, Hunterdon, Somerset and Warren counties. For more information, call 732-562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

Stewardship

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



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

282 families; 33 Time & Talent Responses, 25 Treasure Responses; 5 Youth Responses

OCTOBER 2, 2011 - 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruits." - Matthew 21:43

Consider this week exactly what you are doing in your life to produce fruit for the kingdom of God.

GRAB A BAG FOR PANTRY DONATIONS

One of the easiest ways for us to reduce our environmental footprint is to replace the use of plastic bags with reusable bags. We would like to help you make this transition! Instead of using plastic bags to make your pantry donations use one of the reusable bags we are providing. Reusable bags are available in the basket next to the pantry donation basket. Feel free to donate a bag to the collection. Grab a bag and bring in a pantry donation.

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For September 26, 2010

77 Weekly Donors	\$2,209.00
25 Monthly Donors	\$3,300.00
Loose Money	<u>\$81.00</u>
Total	\$5,590.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
Weekly Average for 9/10 ...	\$5,608.00

For September 25, 2011

62 Weekly Donors	\$1,957.50
31 Monthly Donors	\$3,730.00
Loose Money	<u>\$87.00</u>
Total	\$5,776.50
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$968.75
Weekly Average for 9/11 ...	\$5,915.00

Weekly Averages

August	\$4,487.00
July	\$5,015.00
June.....	\$5,167.00
May.....	\$5,241.00
April	\$5,343.00
March	\$5,963.00
February	\$5,133.00
January.....	\$4,916.00
December.....	\$5,575.00
November.....	\$5,727.19
October.....	\$5,795.00

Weekly Need \$8,182.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 10/10	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 10/11	M. McCall
Wednesday, 10/12	Angel Needed
Thursday, 10/13	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

October 1 & 2

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	S. Pojedinec
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

October 8 & 9

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 10/2	B. Lee
Week of 10/9	M. Buniva

Church Center Cleaning

October 7	Team A
October 14	Team B

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 September, we collected \$117.50 from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

DO OUR PART TO REDUCE WASTE

From the Stewardship Committee

Worried about the debt crisis? You can't escape the news – talk of the debt crisis is everywhere. The enormity of the problem can make us feel helpless but we're not. Our everyday actions when added cumulatively and have a long term impact on the over health of our community and nation. What does the debt crisis have to do with environmental stewardship? So glad you asked! Reducing waste reduces cost.

Consider that:

- On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.
- Solid waste disposal is the **third largest municipal government expense** after police protection and education.
- The **Institute for Local Self-Reliance** calculates that recycling creates 36 jobs per 10,000 tons of material recycled compared to 6 jobs for every 10,000 of tons brought to traditional disposal facilities.
- Let's not forget our oil dependency: **plastic is almost always the product of petroleum, a non-renewable resource**. For example, it takes over 1.5 million barrels of oil to manufacture a year's supply of bottled water. That's enough oil to fuel 100,000 cars.

Have you been paying attention to your waste disposal bills? The costs of waste disposal in Hunterdon County have been steadily increasing over the past three years.

Let's do our part to reduce the cost of waste disposal. Here are some suggestions for reducing waste in your routines:

- Say no to plastic bags – make a commitment to just not use them - ever. Once you make the commitment it's really not a big deal to stick with it!
- Pack your lunch. Take out just creates waste and costs more than making your own sandwich.
- Carry items out of the store – do you really need a bag for a magazine or a bag of potatoes chips? We take bags (and clerks give them to us) out of habit not out of need. Say it with me: "I don't need a bag."
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.
- Use a sponge or cloth instead of paper towels.
- Say no to Ziploc! Use containers over plastic bags. For example, freeze food in glass Pyrex bowls (they come with reusable plastic lids) and never in a plastic bag. Use a container to bring your serving of chips and pretzels instead of a plastic baggie.
- Use rechargeable batteries instead of disposable ones.
- Create a library exchange at work for books, magazines, and newspapers. Good for the environment – good for your wallet!
- Purchase items like juice and detergent in concentrate when possible
- Buy used instead of new – get in on the online auction fun! And let's not forget the St. John's tag sale.
- Use plates, cups, and utensils that can be washed instead of ones you throw away.
- What are you going to do with that old TV? Don't throw it away – Lupus will probably take it. www.lupus.org – they come to your house and take your stuff away. Support a cause and reduce waste (they sell and scrap your stuff).
- Single serving packages costs a fortune! Save the expense – reduce the waste. Make your own single servings using reusable containers.
- Before deciding to throw away and replace an item ask: Can I live with the imperfection? Can it be fixed?