

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Worshipping at:

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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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

November 5 & 6

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	Earl Roberts
Lector	D. Geerinck
Altar Server	Geerinck/Torczon Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Torczon, J. Gardner, M. McCall, D. Kelemen, M. Wickel
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	A. Piechowski
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Minick, S. Janks, K. Malley, A. Sawczuk
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	A. Sawczuk
Altar Server	Malone Family
Gift Bearers	Kuhn Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Martalus, R. Martalus, K. Gemma, E. Lacy, A. Giametta, A. DeStefano

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 1

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
7:30 p.m. Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, November 2

9:30 a.m. Mark Livoti req. Livoti Family

Friday, November 4

7:00 a.m. Michael Serafin

Saturday, November 5

5:30 p.m. Diane Sacco req. Rita & Walt Price

Sunday, November 6

8:00 a.m. Henrietta Klawunn req. Klawunn Family
10:30 a.m. Olga Charkut req. Vincenzi Family

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 30 — All Souls Intentions/Fr. Cronin at all Masses

Monday, October 31 — St. Amperatus/Halloween

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

Tuesday, November 1 — All Saints

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

Wednesday, November 2 — All Souls

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. CPIII Parent/Confirmandi Meeting (Church Center)

Thursday, November 3 — St. Martin de Porres

6:30 p.m. Craft Show Set-up (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry/Bell Choir (Church Center)

Friday, November 4 — St. Charles Borromeo

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

Saturday, November 5 — Bl. Manuel Lozamo Gavudo/ Stewardship Weekend

9:00 a.m. Craft Show (Church Center)

Sunday, November 6 — Stewardship Weekend/Yellow Brick Road

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Office Center & Church Center)
11:30 a.m. Coffee for Quilters (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, October 31

Bulletin
Halloween Parade

Tuesday, November 1

All Saints
7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Wednesday, November 2

All Souls
9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. CPIII Parent/Confirmandi Meeting (Church Center)

Thursday, November 3

12:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)

Friday, November 4

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

Saturday, November 5

9:00 a.m. Craft Show (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, November 6

Stewardship Weekend
11:30 a.m. Coffee to Honor Quilters (Church Center)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

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

HUMBLE SERVICE



Today's readings remind us that entering God's kingdom isn't about busying ourselves with great things—things beyond us, things God hasn't called us to, things that are none of our business. Rather, the Gospel teaches, we enter the kingdom through a narrow door, low to the ground. We enter it by humbling ourselves, bending low, and reaching out to those around us. We have one Master, Jesus Christ. Let us, in the words of Malachi, listen to him and lay his words to heart. Let us do and observe all things whatsoever he tells us through his Church, and imitate his self-sacrificing love through humble service.

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ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

This Weekend

This weekend after the communion of the Mass the baskets will be passed for your All Souls Remembrances. You will find the envelopes in your boxed set or in the Narthex on the buffet. Your intentions will be remembered at every Mass and on special days during the month.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday is the feast of All Saints. Masses will be offered at 7:00 a.m. at the Neumann Residence Chapel and 7:30 pm at the Church Center. It is a holyday of obligation.

ALL SOULS DAY

November 2, Wednesday is the commemoration of all the souls who have gone to their rest. Mass will be offered at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the Neumann Residence Chapel. It is not a holyday of obligation. You can request people to be remembered on that day and during the month by filling out the envelope in your boxed set or from the Narthex.

There are candles available for burning to remember loved ones. They may be found in the Narthex in boxes. Light a candle and place it on the table. You can place your donation in the basket provided. (A \$5.00 donation is suggested)

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 — Lily Hodge — Helena Ferguson — Marty Hegarty — Rev. Msgr. Donald Endebruck — Rev. Arthur Anderson — Joseph Tagliareni — Jewel LeVine

Deceased: Joseph Tagliareni, brother of Paul Tagliareni; Jewel LeVine, aunt of Lynn Mergen. 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.

WELCOME TO MONSIGNOR CRONIN

One of the newly appointed Monsignors in the diocese is **Monsignor Sylvester Cronin** who is in charge of the Stewardship office of the Diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Monsignor will be with us this weekend to address the Bishops' Annual Appeal "In Faith, With Hope" for 2011. Please give Monsignor a warm St. John welcome.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Next Weekend

Next 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. **In September we received \$4818.00 for this collection.** 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.

Parish News

CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP 2012

We will be attending camp in Providence, RI from June 24-29, 2012. The cost for the trip is \$330. Participants must be entering high school in the fall of 2012. If you are interested in attending, a non-refundable \$75 deposit is due now. For more information, **please contact Mary Connolly at 908-930-0784 or mandmconnolly@gmail.com.**

THANK YOU COFFEE FOR QUILTERS

November 6, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, Church Center



Please join us on November 6 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass to thank all the quilters for their years of dedication to St. Johns. They have been an important thread in the parish patchwork. Help us give a big well deserved hand to the gals who wrapped us in such beautiful warmth.

SEASONAL THANKS

Special thanks to **Bill Zelesny, Veronica Drucker, Anne Germino, Wayne Infusino, Anita Sawczuk** and many others, who keep a garden, plot of land or lawn looking great throughout the summer. We are truly grateful for your tireless (does this mean without tires?) work.

Andy Koslowski took care of a tree bowing to the Lord. I hope that he doesn't get poison ivy from the 3 inch vine that wrapped itself around the tree.

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.

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

Fundraising

- 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.”

2011 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Faith, With Hope



Ministering to those experiencing pain, confusion and fear, and those preparing for death is the role of the clergy assigned to Hospital Ministry. They respond to calls at every hour of the day and night providing sacramental and pastoral presence in hospitals and health care facilities throughout the diocese. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry.

To date, our parish has received \$7,330.00 in pledges/gifts to the 2011 Bishop’s Annual Appeal from 36 families toward our goal of \$37,400.00. 19.6% to goal. Thank you!

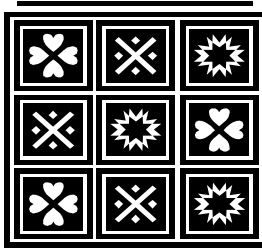
CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Church Center

The last Craft Show and Quilt Raffle will take place on Saturday, November 5. The Quilt displayed in Church is the last quilt that will be raffled off here at St. John’s on Saturday, November 5. Be sure to get your raffle tickets back for a chance to win. We have room for more crafters. Please send the message out to any that you know. There are posters in the Narthex. Please help yourself to them and display them in area stores.

Our last Craft Show needs help in setting up on Thursday, November 3, tearing down from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, runners in the morning and afternoon, help in the kitchen, and food for the kitchen. You can sign up in the Narthex or on line. We are also looking for crafts for the St. John’s table. Drop them off at the church or the Seton Room. Thanks you for your assistance. **Contact Annette Uss with questions. Her email is aschettinouss@yahoo.com. Thank you.**

2011 QUILT RAFFLE



This year’s quilt raffle will be at the annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 5. Tickets not mailed by October 31 should be delivered in person to the parish office or plan to return them in person on the day of the raffle to be sure yours are included in the drawing!

This year’s Quilt, “**Asian Sparkle**” is a Full/Queen Coverlet, Value \$1300.

TRICKY TRAY

This is the first year that we got to separate the Tricky Tray from the Auction. Its long history was directly associated with the Auction and sprang from it. For many years people wanted to separate it but to no avail until last year when **Marybeth Harrison** said she would chair it and set a date for the fall. She commandeered her longtime friend **Sandy Aarons** to serve as co-chair.

What a combination! They had baskets assembled during the summer and spent many hours making it the success that it was. Of course they had much help. How could you do it otherwise? We are grateful for the co-chairs and all who pitched in to make this Tricky Tray happen. **The total of the Tricky Tray before expenses is \$7,083.90.** The finances are still being collected and bills being paid. As soon as we know we will let you know.

GAS RAFFLE

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee especially **Fran Barbone** is creating and handling the Gas Card Raffle. It was our first. The \$500 winner was **Karen Blair**, the \$250 winner was **Linda Paterson** and the \$100 winner was **Laura Mullen**. Congratulations and thanks to all who participated. The money for the cards was donated and so only the mailing and the cost of the tickets were costs. We thank the donor especially for this contribution. **The total profits from the Gas Card Raffle was \$2,496.08.**

Diocesan News

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 sightseeing. **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.

MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Sunday, October 30, 12:00 p.m., St. Francis Cathedral

A Mass honoring healthcare professionals will be held on Sunday, October 30 at St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen at 12:00 p.m. Bishop Bootkoski will celebrate the Mass and the Very. Rev. John N. Fell, S.T.D. will be the guest homilist. The White Mass honors those in our diocese who are involved in the healthcare profession: physicians, nurses, pharmacists, technicians, chaplains, administrators and volunteers. It is an opportunity to give thanks for their dedicated service in the ministry of healing and compassion. Following the Mass there will be light refreshments and fellowship downstairs in the Community Room. **For more information, call 732-562-1990 ext. 1629.**

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION CONVOCATION

November 12, 2011

All church ministers and parishioners are invited to attend the diocesan Faith Formation Convocation at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center in Piscataway on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The Convocation will be especially helpful to all those in parish leadership, especially catechists and Catholic School teachers, RCIA and Evangelization teams, and Youth and Young Adult Ministers. The day will include prayer with Bishop Bootkoski, David Haas (keynote speaker and musician), over 20 workshops (in English and Spanish), lunch, and exhibitors.

David Haas will be performing a Pre- Convocation Concert on Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Church, in Bridgewater. All are invited to attend (free will offering).

For more information, call 732 562-2448 X 1310 or go to the diocesan website for concert info, workshop descriptions and registration forms: www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/catechesis/

STANDARD TIME

Next weekend the clocks FALL back. We return to Standard Time. Please set your clocks back on Saturday before you go to bed. If you don't you will be at Mass an hour early and think that the pastor has overslept. Stay in bed for an extra hour of sleep. Enjoy!

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT DIOCESAN CEMETARIES

Wednesday, November 2, 9:00 a.m.

Most. Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski will be the celebrant of the annual All Souls Day Mass on Wednesday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. on the grounds of Resurrection Burial Park, Hoes Lane, Piscataway. At the same time, Rev. Msgr. William Benwell, Vicar General, will be the celebrant of the All Souls Day Mass on the grounds of Holy Cross Burial Park, Cranbury Road, East Brunswick. All the faithful are invited to participate at either burial park. The Mass will be celebrated inside the Mausoleum Chapel located on each site. **For further information, contact the Cemetery Office at 732-463-1424.**

SAVE THE DATE

2012 Students-to-Leaders , Foundation for Catholic Education Dinner Tuesday, May 1, 2012, The Palace at Somerset Park

The mission of the Foundation for Catholic Education is to provide tuition assistance for low and moderate income families. Through your support, you give children the gift of a Catholic education. For further information, please call 732-562-2429, Email educationdinner12@diometuchen.org or visit the website at www.diometuchen.org/development.

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.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION OF LEADERSHIP

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this time to meet and pray as a community in preparation for new parish leadership. We are so grateful for the wisdom of your loving Spirit expressed through each of us and as a community. This is our home, our beautiful spiritual family, one in body with you that you have blessed beyond measure.

The immense love, vision, and leadership that we have experienced are the most special of blessings that we have and continue to treasure. Now as we prepare for transition of leadership, we experience mixed feelings of denial and deep sadness, and at the same time, feelings of great happiness for our pastor as he prepares to respond to the Spirit's call for a new beginning. We ask you Lord to help us move through these feelings by finding ways to support each other, our pastor and the next spiritual leader. We trust in your constant care as we understand our needs for preparation and for future leadership. In communion with your Holy Spirit we continue to open our hearts to your direction and unconditional love. With the deepest of gratitude we release these words into your heart, knowing our prayer is already answered. (Laura Sharp)

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **13 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$1,500.00** with **\$75.00** 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.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Class, Saturday, November 19, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

The next First Reconciliation class will meet in the Church Center on Saturday, November 19, at 3:30 p.m.

CPIII PARENT CONFIRMANDI MEETING

Wednesday, November 2, 7:30 p.m., Church Center

All 2012 Confirmandi (CPIII/eighth graders) are required to attend a Parent/Confirmandi Meeting on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. At least one parent should accompany their child.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

Religious Education Program

WHAT'S IN THE FISH?

Iesous Christos Theos Yios Soter (Greek alphabet)
Jesus Christ Of God Son, Savior (English alphabet)

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

News & Needs

Reminder: Jr High CP classes still begin at 6:30 p.m. but end at 8:00 p.m.

We are trying to build a substitute catechist list for Sunday mornings and the Junior High program. If you can help even if only occasionally, please contact the Office of Catechesis at 832-2162 or dking@ccsjn.org.

Deacon Dennis

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do This in Memory of Me"

Focus: Humble Service
"We are called to serve"

Scripture: "Do and observe all things whatsoever [the scribes and Pharisees] tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but do not practice . . .
"The greatest among you must be your servant."

Matthew 23: 1-12

Reflection: What has been your experience of service in the Church? Share your experience of being of service in church and out of Church. Whom do you think is of greatest service? Are they honored in your experience?

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

Song: "Servant Song" #373

Story: To the class of 2011: Get lost...

It is a Sunday afternoon this past May on a college quad or in an arena or auditorium. The class of 2011 is about to set out to make their way in the world. As they receive their hard-earned degrees, they are sent forth to such valedictories as follow YOUR passion, chart YOUR own course, march to the beat of YOUR own drummer, follow YOUR dreams and find YOURSELF.

But six months later, reality has set in. Today's college grad is facing a very different reality as they make their way from a protected and sheltered childhood to a world that is unforgiving and unpredictable.

Find YOUR passion, they were told - but they discover that developing one's inner self is a life-long endeavor.

Chart YOUR own course, they were taught - but as they plan their journeys, life gets in the way: a young woman feels called home to help care for a parent suffering from cancer or Alzheimer's; a young man working under a miserable boss must develop a whole new skill-set to keep the department functioning; the promised path to the dream career becomes a rocky road of exhausting hours, broken promises and financial catastrophes - and best you keep your mouth shut and head down.

March to the beat of YOUR own drummer, they heard that commencement afternoon. But they soon discover that you make the most beautiful music when you play as part of an ensemble, each player working in harmony to create and achieve.

Seek YOUR happiness and joy, they were urged. But happiness is elusive - until it is found in another's happiness: your spouse, your child, your family and friends.

Writing in *The New York Times* (May 30, 2011), columnist David Brooks articulates his concern for the class of 2011 and 2012: "Today's grads enter a cultural climate that preaches the self as the center of a life. But, of course, as they age, they discover that the tasks of a life are at the center . . . Most of us are egotistical and most are self-concerned most of the time, but it's nonetheless true that life comes to a point only in those moments when the self dissolves into some task. The purpose in life is not to find yourself. It's to lose yourself."

As Jesus says in today's Gospel, greatness is discovered not in finding ourselves but in "losing" ourselves in the great tasks of life; not in our own wants but in our generosity in helping others find their own reasons to hope and persevere; not in procuring our own satisfaction but finding the enduring joy of happiness found in love and being loved. For those who would be Jesus' disciples, our purpose in life is realized in the act of doing good itself (not in the recognition or acclaim we receive), in realizing that we imitate Christ in such work, in the assurance that we are bringing the love of God into the lives of others. Jesus, who welcomed to his side the rejected and scorned of society, who washed the feet of his friends and taught them to do the same, leaves the legacy of such "greatness" to us, his Church: to "lose" ourselves in the great "tasks" of discipleship.

Connections, October 2011

MASS TEXTS FOR ADVENT 2011

*(from A GUIDE TO THE NEW
TRANSLATION OF THE MASS, by
Edward Sri, p.1*

"Do this in memory of me." These remarkable words were spoken by Jesus nearly 2,000 years ago when he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The Church fulfills this command of the Lord whenever we celebrate the Mass. In doing so, we participate in the supreme mystery of our faith, the memorial of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

The way in which the Mass is celebrated has undergone various changes throughout the centuries, but the heart of the liturgy has remained the same. It continues to be a celebration of the banquet of the Lord, in which Catholics come to hear the word of God in the Scriptures and receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. As we prepare to welcome the revised English translation of the Mass, we can be assured that the Eucharist we celebrate will stand in continuity with the first Eucharist instituted by Christ – and that the new translation is intended to help enhance our worship of God and deepen our participation in the sacred mysteries of the liturgy.

This booklet seeks to explain why the new translation of the Mass is being issued and how it will assist our worship. It is my prayer that this booklet will help you develop not only a greater awareness of the upcoming changes in the translation of the Mass, but also a deeper appreciation of the Liturgy itself and a deeper love of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Booklets are available in the Narthex. As you read them, please return them for others to read.

Social Ministry

REMINDERS

Food pantry/distribution

Some important reminders for the Food Pantry and Thanksgiving Food Distribution Program:

- Don't forget to pick up the new food pantry list from the Narthex.
- All donations for Thanksgiving must be completed by November 6.
- Freezers in the carriage house will be available for your turkeys, chickens, and turkey breasts next week.
- Please remember that we need 8 large turkeys and 17 small breasts or small chickens. The breasts may be the vacuum packed type like the Jennie-O brand.
- Use one of the reusable bags available in the basket next to the pantry donation basket.

Any questions or comments can be addressed to Greg Wilson at wgrew3@juno.com or Anne Germino at 908-343-1618. Thanks!

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.

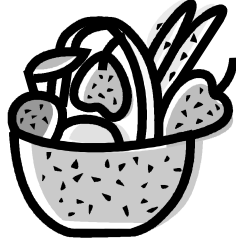
St. Jude's Ranch

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE FOOD PANTRY AND THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD DELIVERIES



Our community's generosity regarding the Food Pantry and our specific food drives has always been outstanding, so we are now going to raise the bar a bit. Although we are eliminating some of the mainstays of the past, we are adding new items to our list of needs. This is being done as a result of our talks with the recipients of our efforts. Try to keep in mind that eight (8) families and seventeen (17) individual seniors are our clients. If you do this, we think it will become clearer as to why we are making the changes. For example, individuals,

who are elderly appreciate small hams, small chickens or turkey breasts, while the families will be more happy with the traditional turkey/ham dinner.

Let's start with new items on our list: canned/bottled juices, salt and pepper, sugar, easy meals like Hormel Completes, Dinty More stew, canned ravioli, Spaghettio's and chili, cooking oil, vinegar, pancake mix and syrup, cleaning products and sponges, trash bags, aluminum foil/plastic wrap, toiletries: soaps, deodorants, toothpaste, razors and shaving cream and finally, toilet tissue and paper towels. In addition, we will continue to need: cereals, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate, jello/pudding, snacks like cookies and candy, peanut butter, jelly, pasta/noodles, pasta sauces, salad dressings/condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup and bbq sauce, canned veggies, soups, macaroni and cheese, rices, instant potatoes, apple sauce and canned/package/bottles fruits.

We will publish this list of needs and place on the table with the bulletin in the Narthex.

All of the food required for Thanksgiving will be needed by November 6.

All of the food required for Christmas will be needed by December 4.

Please see the column at the left for additional important reminders regarding the Food Pantry and Food Distributions.

Community News

POTTERSVILLE PRESCHOOL

Pottersville Preschool is a warm and caring faith-based preschool that provides enrichment programs which include Spanish, computers, science and a special weekly music class. The preschool teachers are professionals who have earned degrees in Early Childhood or Elementary Education. The preschool is well-equipped to create a positive and nurturing atmosphere that is conducive to meaningful learning experiences. The Pottersville Preschool provides a low child/teacher ratio that exceeds New Jersey State requirements. Serving children ages 2-5 years old 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 or 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 with a "Stay and Play" option until 2:30. **Please contact the Director, Nancy Campbell, for more information. Pvpreschool4nc16@aol.com 908-439-3913.**

Adult Formation

PONDERING PAUSES

“To prayerfully prepare for and embrace the transition of parish leadership”

We had a great Parish/Town Meeting last Monday. Many suggestions were offered as things to do to follow our goal for this year. As the weeks go on we will share those suggestions in this column. One of the more positive suggestions was to the possibility of welcoming an international priest as pastor. It was suggested that the parish come to know his background, his country of origin, his ethnic food, and even his language.

It reminded me of the study of geography. When we were studying different countries we would learn as much as we could about the country. If there were children in class who had ancestors from that country they would share the stories that they heard. Pictures and facts about the country would be presented. Ethnic foods might be prepared for the class to taste. Even the language was spoken if someone knew it or there was a recording. We learned by personal or shared experiences.

I remember that when I went to Puerto Rico I went to a dance presentation. They presented the dances that were from a varied background of the people who made up the peoples of Puerto Rico. I learned a lot about the country by these dances and was very surprised about the background that made up the island. I took a year of Spanish in the seminary. I didn't learn much and often think of how much better it would have been to learn to speak the language than all the grammar the professor tried to get us to learn. There is such a joy to be able to speak to people in their native language even if you can't be conversant.

This is not only true of other countries. It is advantageous to also learn about people from our own country, where they are from, what their background is, where they went to school, where they have visited. Are these not the opening sentences to people we meet? We engage in conversation.

I have been at tables at weddings and tried to engage people in conversation. They would answer my question but say nothing more nor ask a question in turn. I remember once asking if I could sit with this person (happened to be a priest, I later learned) at breakfast. I again asked questions. That is how I found out he was a priest. He answered all of my questions. In this experiment I did not offer anything about myself unless he asked. He did not ask. When he left the table he did not know my name, my occupation or anything else about me and yet we were in constant conversation. It was not a dialogue because he did not really engage in any interest in me. It was not dialogical, only one-sided.

Whether a change in leadership or an encounter with a new parishioner there has to be a two or three way conversation going on. Those are the simple rules of making Connxions if we are about Christian hospitality. We need to be conscious of the simple exchanges of life. They are no big deal or challenge. They are about being human about being open to meet and come to know new friends. As the saying goes, “There are no strangers here, only friends that we have not met yet.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30, 2011

Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office 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
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
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
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

Stewardship

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 11/7	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 11/8	M. McCall
Wednesday, 11/9	Angel Needed
Thursday, 11/10	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

October 29 & 30

5:30 p.m.	C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	C. Zelesny

November 4 & 5

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.	Help Needed

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 10/30	L. Feller
Week of 11/6	C. Fortenbacher

Church Center Cleaning

November 4	Team E
November 11	Team A

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. **Last weekend, we collected \$181.25 from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.** In our quarterly check, we sent \$700.00 to St. Mary's.

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 30, 2011 - 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled." - Matthew 23:12

Who among us would put ourselves on a pedestal and sing our own glory? Yet, that's what we do when we think that we get all the credit for our accomplishments. We must humbly acknowledge that all we have and all we do is a result of God's blessings to us.

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 October 17, 2010

101 Weekly Donors	\$3,321.50
11 Monthly Donors	\$1,770.00
Loose Money	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$5,251.50
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00

For October 16, 2011

73 Weekly Donors	\$2,241.00
27 Monthly Donors	\$3,160.00
Loose Money	<u>\$50.00</u>
Total	\$5,451.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$968.75

Weekly Averages

September.....	\$5,915.00
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

**Catholic Community of St. John Neumann
November, 2011**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December Su Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 All Saints 7:00 AM Mass - NRC 12:00 PM Staff Mtg - DR 7:30 PM Mass - CC	2 All Souls 9:30 AM Mass - NR 6:00 PM Yoga-CC-Loft 7:30 PM CP/III Parent- Confirmandi Mtg-CC	3 Craft Show Setup 6:30 PM Craft Show Setup - CC	4 7:00 AM Mass - NR 5:00 PM Cleaning -CC	5 Craft Show (9-4) & Stewardship Wknd 9:00 AM Craft Show - CC
6 YBR Collection & Stewardship Wknd 9:00 AM K-6 - OC 11:30 AM Quilters Coffee (after 10:30 mass)-CC 6:30 PM Jr. Hi - CC	7 6:00 PM Zumba - CC 7:00 PM Fundraising-SR	8 NO MASS 7:30 PM Stewardship-SR	9 NO MASS 6:00 PM Yoga-CC-Loft 7:00 PM Budget - DR	10 7:30 PM Music/Bell-CC	11 Veterans Day 7:00 AM Mass - NR 5:00 PM Cleaning -CC	12 8:30 AM Diocesan Faith Formation-Diocese
13 Christmas Giving Tree Starts 10:30 AM Children Lit-cc	14 10:00 AM S.H.I.P. 6:00 PM Zumba - CC	15 7:00 PM Mass - NR 7:00 PM Prop. Mgmt - DR	16 No Yoga 9:30 AM Mass - NR 7:00 PM REAB - DR	17 10:00 AM Nursing Home 6:00 PM Food Pick-CC 7:30 PM Music/Bell-CC	18 7:00 AM Mass - NR 5:00 PM Cleaning -CC 7:00 PM Food Pack-CC	19 8:00 AM Food Deliver -CC+CK 8:30 AM Pastoral Council-DR 9:30 AM Sat. Catech.-CC 3:30 PM 1st Reconcil. Sess 4 - CC
20 Food Pantry Wknd & Christ the King 9:00 AM K-6 - OC 6:30 PM Jr. Hi - CC	21 6:00 PM Zumba - CC	22 7:00 PM Mass - NR 7:30 PM Connxions-OCK	23 Office Close@Noon & No Yoga 9:30 AM Mass - NR	24 THANKSGIVING DAY & Office Closed 9:30 AM Mass & Change Worship Aides - CC	25 Office Closed 7:00 AM Mass - NR 5:00 PM Cleaning -CC	26
27 1st Sunday Advent & New Translation of Mass Begins 10:30 AM Children Lit-CC	28 6:00 PM Zumba - CC 7:00 PM Fundraising-DR 7:30 PM Children Lit-SR	29 7:00 PM Mass - NR	30 No Yoga 9:30 AM Mass - NR			

HOW MANY PLASTIC BOTTLES DO YOU USE?

Ever wonder how many plastic bottles (e.g., water, juice, tea, etc.) you use in a year? What happens to those bottles? Do they ALWAYS get recycled? Or, do some of them wind up in the trash? Consider this:

- In 2007 we spent \$16 billion on bottled water. That's more than we spent on iPods or movie tickets.
- In 2006, on average we each consume about 167 bottles of water.
- A typical family consumes 182 gallons of pop, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottled water a year.
- 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.
- How much waste does our use generate? Picture this:
 - On average of 77%, 38 billion, water bottles are in landfills
 - We throw away 25,000,000 plastic beverage bottles every hour!
 - Eight out of 10 plastic water bottles become landfill waste.
 - Plastic bottles take 700 years before they begin to decompose in a landfill

Always think twice before buying or throwing away plastic. Here's what you can do:

- Plan ahead, bring a reusable bottle with you – this is good for the environment and saves you money.
- Buy reusable bottles that are recyclable: steel & glass are the best choices.
- Avoid buying reusable plastic water bottles – they are hard to recycle and will only end up in the landfill.
- Be accountable for your use: bring your plastic bottles home to recycle if a recycling option doesn't exist at your event.
- Get your co-workers on board: set up a plastic bottle recycling bin at your office.
- Make a commitment to not use water bottles.
- Throwing a party? Fill a reusable carafe for water and don't offer water bottles (you can do this in the workplace as well).

Had to use a plastic bottle – re-purpose it as a vase for flowers or refill to water plants