

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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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.

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 15 & 16

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz
LectorA. Sawczuk
Altar Server Germino Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... M. MacKenzie, M. Wickel,
.....J. Gardner, M. McCall, D. Wickel, D. Torczon

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector A. Piechowski
Altar ServerMastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... K. Malley, T. Klawunn, B. Gates, B. Minick

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector B. Hunt
Altar Server Hunt Family
Gift Bearers Sieber Family
Ministers of the Eucharist..... E. Lacy, C. Carroll,
..... A. Giametta, M. Milko, B. Martalus, D. Lance

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 11

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Betty Doyle req.
Anita Sawczuk

Friday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Bertha Fulton

Saturday, October 15

5:30 p.m. Dunkan Hopkins, Sr. req.
CCSJN

Sunday, October 16

8:00 a.m. Genevieve Nowatkowski
req. Durham Family
10:30 a.m. Jean Merrill req. Fred &
Barbara Pfeufer

Parish Calendar

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)

Monday, October 10 — Bl. Hugh of Vitry

Columbus Day—Office Center Closed

10:00 a.m. SHIP (Office Center)
6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)

Tuesday, October 11 — St. Sisinnius I

Tricky Tray Set Up (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, October 12 — Ss. Amicus & Amelius

Tricky Tray Set Up (Church Center)
9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, October 13 — Bl. Gerard of Jerusalem

5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)

Friday, October 14 — St. Callistus I

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Tricky Tray (Church Center)

Saturday, October 15 — St. Teresa of Jesus

2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church Center)

Sunday, October 16 — Food Pantry Weekend

1:00 p.m. Picnic (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, October 9

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

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day—Office Closed
Bulletin

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

12:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)

Friday, October 14

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
4:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (Away)
6:00 p.m. Tricky Tray (Church Center)

Saturday, October 15

2:00 p.m. Wedding (Church Center)

Sunday, October 16

1:00 p.m. Picnic (Church Center)

Twenty-Eighth 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 Cochran	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 Hendzrak	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	

ALL ARE WELCOME



The kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast—God is wedded to his people, but the Lord has trouble getting his guests to come to the feast! Everyone (from even the highways and byways) is invited to fill up the numbers, but everyone must take a proper wedding garment. Baptismal initiation comes before the wedding feast of the Lamb

of God at the Eucharist. This is our God in whom we hope for salvation, and we rejoice that he is saving us. We are all invited and no excuses are accepted. RSVP!

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2002 K. Sullivan. All rights reserved. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, S.T.D. © 2002, OCP. All rights reserved.

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

October 23

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 Pacific Islands.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, October 10

The Office Center will be closed on Monday, October 10 for Columbus Day.



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



JOINT ST. JOHN'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PICNIC POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 16

1:00 p.m., St. John's Grounds

You did not miss the picnic. Due to the rush of the Raritan River and the inclement weather the picnic was postponed until next Sunday, October 16.

We are sorry that those who did not get the email or missed church came and were disappointed. We hope that those who brought food were able to use it at home. (Thanks to those who shared it with the pastor). We hope that they will return. It gives you a chance to get those ducks that you put off buying. We plan to have a good time.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the tent crew for the book/tag sale. They are: **Tom Bennett, Bob & Pat Gardner, Fred Heimall, Shaun Heimall, Wayne Infusino, Alan Janks, Andy Koslowski, and Lou Livoti and son.** And special thanks to our newest volunteers **Chris Compton and Quinn Dalpe.**

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.

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.

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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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**

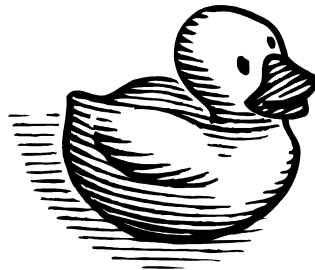
Arminda, by phone 908-537-2637 or email quiltingblockhead@gmail.com so that we can plan for refreshments, etc.

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.

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

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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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.

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.

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** cibitters@comcast.net (908) 832-1070, **Arminda Barbone** quiltinblockhead@gmail.com (908) 537-2637 or **Ron Pojedinec** rjsapoje@comcast.net (908) 537-6241 if you are interested.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Class, Saturday, October 22, 3:30 p.m., Church Center
Parent Meeting, Sunday, October 23, 9:00 a.m., Church Center

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.

CPII PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING

Wednesday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., Church Center

All CPII students (7th graders) are required to attend a Parent/ Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, **October 19**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Center. At least one parent should accompany their child.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **22 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,975.00** with **\$148.75** 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. **Next week's profits will be sent to St. Mary's.**

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 9, 2011

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10
Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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Social Ministry

REMINDERS

Let Us Know – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or too proud to ask for help. You can be the “angel of mercy” who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the “Samaritan Tip” form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/> Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helpinehc.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.

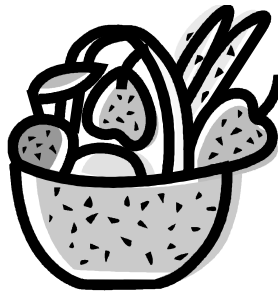
St. Jude’s Ranch

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!

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, Spaghetti'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.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Do This in Memory of Me”

Focus: Banquet of Plenty
“God invites us to a kingdom feast.”

Scripture: The parable of the king's wedding banquet: "Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."

"But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence."
Matthew 22: 1-14

Reflection: Share your experience of today's wedding celebrations. Share a unique wedding reception. What made that reception different? How do you feel about people who say they will come to an invitation and then do not? Do you think there is appropriate attire for a wedding?

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

Song: "Table of Plenty" #310

Story: 'Thrift Store Saints'

Fifteen years ago, Jane Knuth, a math teacher and mom, began volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift shop in Kalamazoo, Michigan. She approached the work with typical baby-boomer hard-charging determination to "fix the world" - but over the years, the experience changed her. The poor and desperate she has been able to help have deepened her own faith and brought her to a new understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Jane Knuth has collected stories of her experiences at "St. Vinnie's" in a delightful new book *Thrift Store Saints: Meeting Jesus 25c at a Time*. *Thrift Store Saints* includes some two dozen stories about the volunteers and patrons of the St. Vincent's thrift shop. The Kalamazoo thrift store sells everything from furniture and clothing to basic household items, but also offers financial assistance, referral services - and prayerful and emotional support - to the needy and lost.

Rather than viewing society's poor as problems to be solved, Jane and her colleagues see them each in a completely different light: as saints who can lead us straight to the heart of Christ. Jane Knuth writes:

"From all appearances, it looks as if we are running a thrift store at St. Vincent de Paul. At our meetings we frequently get into discussions about how to better run the store. Should we raise our prices? Give away less? Not accept so many donations? Lock our dumpster? Move to a better retail location? All these issues would come up with any resale shop. Eventually, it occurs to us that our purpose is not to run the most profitable, shrewd, efficient, riff-raff-free store in town. Our purpose is to help the poor and to change our way of thinking and being. It only looks as though we run a store. The store is just our cover . . .

"I still keep looking for the 'deserving poor' - the innocent ones who are blatant victims of injustice and hard luck. I want to help them and no one else. From what I can see, apart from children, most poor people's situations seem to stem from a mixture of uncontrollable circumstances, luck, and their own decisions. Same as my situation. Do I deserve everything I have? Am I somehow more moral, smarter, or a harder worker than poor people? Sometimes I am, most times I'm not. Do poor people deserve their daily struggle for existence? Are they immoral, stupid, and lazy? Sometimes they are, most times they aren't."

God's image of his human family is realized in the kindness and charity extended by a small thrift store. In today's Gospel, Jesus articulates the Father's vision for humanity: a "banquet" at which all are respected and honored for who they are and the goodness they bring to the king's table, be it the "table" of the classroom, the clinic, the playground, the home. If we are to be truly faithful to God's vision, the compassion of God must transform our heart's perspective, enabling us to see beyond ethnic stereotypes, economic distinctions, class and celebrity, to recognize every man, woman and child as made in the same image and likeness of God in which we were all created; we must be willing both to give joyfully what we have and to accept humbly what others bring to the table. God's "banquet" is only realized when we embrace a radically new vision of humanity, a perspective that ignores suspicions, doubts and stereotypes and, instead, recognizes everyone, first, as a child of God, worthy of respect, love and compassion.

Connections, October 2011

Religious Education Program

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

News & Needs

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

Start time remains 6:30 p.m. but dismissal is at 8:00 p.m.

Gathering Remarks in the church begin promptly at 6:30. Class is 6:45 to 7:45 and our Closing Remarks are 7:45 to 8:00. Dismissal is at 8:00.

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@ccsyn.org.

The new pattern for drop-off and pick-up for Sunday Morning Catechesis is working out well. Please drop-off and pick-up all students through the Office Center; remain with your vehicle, and follow the arrows around the perimeter of the lot.

Deacon Dennis

CLASS PARENTS

Thank you to all our parents who volunteered to help us with this ministry for the Sunday morning and Junior High Programs. Letters were sent out to all Class Parents with the procedures to follow in the event Religious Education is cancelled due to weather or other reasons. If you do not receive your letter in the mail and/or if you have any questions, notify Jo Ann Jarvis at 832-2162.

Amy Compton	Donna Guzzino
Lori Kecker	Mira Leiwant
Melissa Lewis	Danielle Meekings
Susan O'Sullivan	Frances Ratsimor
Jana Rojas	Patty Will

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

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), Cokebry 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.

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.

Adult Formation

PONDERING PAUSES

We have been through a lot of challenges here at St. John's. When I write my memoirs maybe I can cover them or maybe it will be my swan song. We have also done some marvelous things that are recorded in memory and on the heart but have escaped written form. There are many things that are not remembered but that have made us the people that we are. These are the things that we may not even be aware of when various emotions arise.

We were a new parish in 1982-1983 when we began our journey (29-28 years ago). There was no previous history except the parishes from which we came or lived in during our lives. Everything we did was new. We did not have to live up to people's images and memories. We have discovered in the memories recorded for our 25th Anniversary that the facts are not always remembered correctly. (Remember that when you tell the new pastor what was done.)

We created memories. In establishing a new parish everything is new. We had nothing but land and \$25,000.00 from the diocese. We had certain indulgences as well in regards to our assessments and expectations. We had to borrow money from the diocese to buy the Parish House and the land where our buildings are situated. We had no furniture, kitchen supplies or worship aids. It was a new venture that was as free as it was challenging.

This will not be the case with a new pastor. He will come with his own expectations and dreams. Dreams of what he thinks a parish should be. Frequently they will be reactionary dreams to what he has experienced in his ministry. They will be dreams that stem from his theology and ecclesiology. If it is his first pastorate there will be hopes and expectations that he will want to put into practice. That is why way back when I was in training to be a pastor they said not to change anything for the first year. Get to know the parish.

Listen, observe, consult are words that were offered. That is why when we established St. John's we had listening sessions in peoples' homes and listened to their dreams and expectations. We followed advice like the bumper stickers that I wanted to have made. Since we were a "Parish on the Move", you didn't know where we would be, I suggested, "Follow me to St. John's." I was informed that would not be appropriate on a woman's car. It would not have been appropriate for a man either in that context but I guess they thought a man could handle it. It was not so far fetched in a recent episode of "Modern Family."

The same process of listening to a new pastor's dreams and expectations would also be helpful. A mutual listening, observing and consulting would be a plan. As you move forward you will be creating a new vision and a way to achieve this. We have done this in our own history especially in this last year with financial, staff, and building changes. A parish is ever changing within a tradition that recognizes roots but able to prune so that life may be even better.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

Catholic Inquiry is the first phase of the journey to initiation for adults. It is a time for informally sharing our stories and helping one another discern where God is leading. It's a time to get acquainted with Catholics and our Church. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, you are invited to journey with members of St. John's Initiation Team on the rewarding and enriching path to becoming a Catholic Christian. *The details and duration of this faith journey vary according to each individual's starting point.*

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call the office at 832-2513. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in your faith.

YOUR PRAYERS

Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or Catherine McVicker (303-0907) at any time.**



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III. Donald Eigenbauer & Rebecca Koopman



2011 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Faith, With Hope



Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports programs that foster vocations and provide ongoing formation for those called to ordained and lay leadership roles within the Church. Your generosity also ensures that our retired priests who have served so faithfully will receive suitable care in their later years. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

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
- 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.

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

October 21-23, 2011.



It takes much effort just to make ends meet today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life?

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held October 21-23, 2011. Early registration is advisable as space is limited. Phone 1-888-827-NJME for registration and information. Visit us at: www.wmecenralnj.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 9, 2011 - 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

The secret to being a good steward is to trust that God will supply us with all that we need. We must turn away from materialism, want less, share more and learn to be grateful for God's many blessings.

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 3, 2010

89 Weekly Donors	\$2,164.50
26 Monthly Donors	\$3,410.00
Loose Money	<u>\$112.00</u>
Total	\$5,676.50
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00

For October 2, 2011

64 Weekly Donors	\$1,908.50
39 Monthly Donors	\$3,406.00
1 Yearly	\$1,500.00
Loose Money	<u>\$60.00</u>
Total	\$6,874.50
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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 10/17	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 10/18	J. Santoro
Wednesday, 10/19	L. Gerristead
Thursday, 10/20	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

October 8 & 9

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

October 15 & 16

5:30 p.m.	G. Best
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	R. McShane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 10/9	M. Buniva
Week of 10/16	M. Cangelosi

Church Center Cleaning

October 13	Team B
October 21	Team C

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.**

Next week's profits will go to St. Mary's.

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?