

# 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*

Diocese of Metuchen  
Most. Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski,  
Bishop  
Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, retired  
Bishop  
[www.dioemetuchen.org](http://www.dioemetuchen.org)

Trustees:  
Mary Connolly  
Lyle Garcia

## *Our Parish*

### *Parish Team*

Rev. J William Mickiewicz..... Pastor  
Earl Roberts, .....Deacon

### **Mailing Address:**

PO Box 455  
Califon, NJ 07830

### **Office Center:**

398 County Route 513  
Califon, NJ  
908-832-2513  
908-832-7618 fax  
[www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org)

### **Worshipping at:**

398 County Road 513  
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513  
(Neumann Residence)

Tuesday .....7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday .....9:30 a.m.  
Friday .....7:00 a.m.

### **Reconciliation**

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

# About Our Parish

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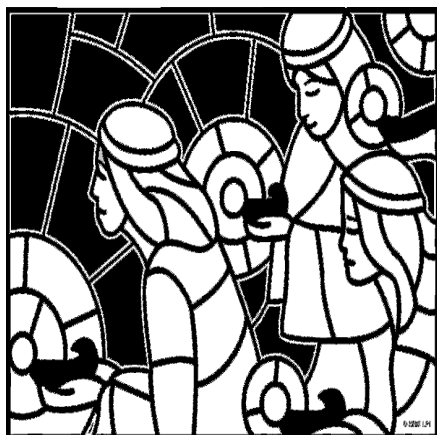
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### Parish Staff

Kerri Caldaro.....Financial Administrator  
Wayne Infusino.....Maintenance  
Sharon Janks.....Pastoral Administrator  
JoAnn Jarvis.....Office of Catechesis  
Kristin Gemma.....Bulletin Coordinator  
Deacon Dennis King.....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](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org) or visit [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations).

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Schedule

November 12 & 13

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector .....	M. Wickel	
Altar Server .....	F. Kennedy	
Gift Bearers .....	Ranallo Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Simila, J. Simila,	
.....	D. Wickel, J. Gardner, M. McCall, D. Kelemen	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector .....	D. Waddleton	
Altar Server .....	Vincenzi Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	C. Behrens, J. Sima, T. Klawunn, J. Klawunn	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>		
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Deacon.....	Earl Roberts	
Lector .....	S. Carroll	
Altar Server .....	Hunt Family	
Gift Bearers .....	Sieber Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	E. Roberts, C. Carroll,	
.....	K. Gemma, S. Pojedinec, R. Pojedinec, D. Lance	

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, November 8

7:00 p.m. No Mass

### Wednesday, November 9

9:30 a.m. No Mass

### Friday, November 11

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

### Saturday, November 12

5:30 p.m. Maureen Stout req.  
Janks Family

### Sunday, November 13

8:00 a.m. Catherine Gervasio req.  
Pete & Mary Cangelosi  
10:30 a.m. Magdalena Rauscherber-  
ger req. Maureen &  
Richard Sepe

## Parish Calendar

### 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)

### Monday, November 7 — St. Jacinto Castamede

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center)

### Tuesday, November 8 — St. Clarus

#### No Mass

7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office Center)

### Wednesday, November 9 — Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

#### No Mass

6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

### Thursday, November 10 — St. Leo the Great

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

### Friday, November 11 — St. Martin of Torres

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

### Saturday, November 12 — St. Josaphat

8:30 a.m. Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation (Neumann Center)  
3:30 p.m. First Reconciliation Session 3 (Church Center)

### Sunday, November 13 — Christmas Giving Tree Begins

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

## Pastor's Schedule

### Sunday, November 6

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

### Monday, November 7

Bulletin  
7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center)

### Tuesday, November 8

Convocation until Thursday  
No Tuesday or Wednesday Masses

### Friday, November 11

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
7:00 p.m. David Haas Concert (St. Bernard's, Bridgewater)

### Saturday, November 12

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)

# Thirty-Second 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 Messinger
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. Endebrock	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	

## KEEP YOUR LAMPS



The Bridegroom comes; go and meet him. The Lord Jesus himself comes to greet us. It is the wedding feast of the Lamb. We are the bridesmaids, but also the bride. We are wise if we are always ready to meet our Lord and Savior, and foolish if we are not present and listening when he calls us. Be wise, listen to God's wisdom, and be ready when the trumpet of God sounds and the voice of the archangel announces the coming of the Lord! Are you wise or foolish?

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## YELLOW BRICK ROAD

### *This Weekend*

This week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6,707.00 for that payment. Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment. **In October we received \$4,818.00 for this collection from 106 families.** 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.

## PASTOR AWAY

The Annual Priests Convocation for the Diocese is this week. Father will be away from Tuesday until Thursday afternoon. There will not be any Mass on Tuesday or Wednesday. There will be Mass on Friday morning at 7:00 a.m.

### Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer:  
**Lily Hodge — Helena Ferguson — Marty Hegarty — Rev. Msgr. Donald Endebrock — Rev. Arthur Anderson — Joseph Tagliareni**  
**— Jewel LeVine — Deacon Robert McGreevy**

**Deceased:** **Deacon Robert McGreevy**, retired deacon of the diocese. May he find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may his family find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.



## STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

*“There is a season for everything, a time for every occupation under heaven”  
Ecclesiastes 3*

If you didn't already receive your Stewardship Packet in the mail you will soon do so. It contains our Financial Report for 2010 – 2011 and the budget for 2011 – 2012 compliments of the **Finance Council, Marion Kucharski, Jim Murray, Sharon Janks and France Kennedy**. Thanks also to **Liz Livoti and Linda Gerriesteid** for getting it ready for the post office. Sharon now has to take it all the way to Chester - one of the side effects of Facebook, Twitter, etc. The Post Office is cutting back because mail use has been cut back.

Our young people who have been involved with Catholic Heart Work Camp will share their experiences of stewardship this weekend. There are opportunities in the packet to follow their example and share your time – talent – treasure with the parish community and your local civic community.

This is my last Stewardship Weekend and I want to thank the Stewardship Committee and all who have made presentations throughout the years to make this aspect of Stewardship known. A special thanks goes to **Anthony DeStefano** who has been chair of this committee from the beginning over 15 years ago. Thanks also to **Elizabeth Lacy** and **Sharon Lohrmann** who have accompanied him. Welcome to **Chris Bitters** who will be joining the committee.

SHARE – TIME – TALENT – TREASURE

## MEMORIALIZE OUR NEW WORSHIP HYMNALS

We are ordering hymnals with the new Mass texts and the Three Cycle Readings. “Gather Comprehensive” They will be permanent books and so will last for several years (unless Rome changes something else). So if you would like to memorialize a book we would like to offer you this opportunity to help us defray the cost of these books. Since we will not have to order worship aids any more they will be paid for in the amount it costs our current “Breaking Bread” in three years. That will help our budget and the environment.

The name plate will be placed in the front of the book. The suggested donation is \$25.00. Place your donation in an envelope and write the name or names that you want memorialized.

## DAVID HAAS CONCERT AT ST. BERNARDS

*Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m., St. Bernard's, Rt. 22, Bridgewater*

David Haas is the composer of many songs that we sing at St. John's. He will be giving a concert on Friday evening. There is not a cost. It should be a great evening of song and maybe even learning some of the new Mass translations that we will be singing - maybe even a little levity about the whole situation. It should be a good evening. If someone is going from here the pastor would appreciate a ride.

## 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.**

## 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.

# Parish News

- 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*



Nothing says “hope” like youthful faces. The Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry works collaboratively with parishes to offer a variety of faith experiences that empower young people to live as Disciples of Christ. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps to support this important pastoral ministry. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today.

**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!**

## **THANK YOU COFFEE FOR QUILTERS**

*This Sunday, after 10:30 a.m. Mass, Church Center*



Please join us on this Sunday, 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.

## **THE END OF AN ERA**

The Sacristy Stitchers have quilted their last quilt which was raffled off at this year’s Craft Show. The group has become such an intimate part of St. John’s that it is hard to see it end. They have certainly made a name for themselves and have made quite a few quilts to show their dedication, creativity and community spirit. Their quilts have spoken a lot without uttering a word.

We want to thank all who have participated in this ministry. I will compile the names of those who have been a part of this long history. It all started with a quilt for our dedication Mass on January 5, 1991. I have been lucky to have them make me one. It reminds me each night and morning of all the people who quilted. Words can’t express our deep gratitude.

## **SACRISTY STITCHERS OVER THE YEARS**

Bernadette Andrejco, Christine Arndt, Arminda Barbone, Mary Cangelosi, Annette Danziger, Pam Dean, Joan Eacovalle, Celeste Fleming, Ann Freiss, Cathy Gagan, Bonnie Garcia, Joann Gardner, Barbara Gates, Susan Griffin, Judy Hingos, Florence Keating, France Kennedy, Kathy Kovacs, Suzanne Kozakowski, Lisa Lawless, Liz Livoti, Pat Lynch, Regina McShane, MaryLynn Meissner, AnnaMaria Miele, Dee Palmer, Therese Shick, Debbie Snopek, Mary Beth Staiano, Janice Stensland, Melissa Walker, Elvera Waskeiwicz, Paula Weller, Jane Willmot, Emily Woznica, Chris Zelesny.

## **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.

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6, 2011**

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

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# Diocesan News

## 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/](http://www.diometuchen.org/deptsministries/catechesis/)**

## DIOCESAN JOB OPPORTUNITY

### *Staff Accountant*

Presently, we have an immediate, full time opening available for a Staff Accountant who will assist in the daily operations of the finance department and provide management with financial information by researching and analyzing accounts.

#### Primary Job Responsibilities

Prepares daily, weekly and monthly recurring journal entries; analyzes information and options by developing spreadsheet reports; verifying information; prepares consolidated internal and external financial statements by gathering and analyzing information from the general ledger system and from departments; maintains and balances an automated consolidation system by inputting data; scheduling required jobs; verifying data; prepares and analyze all balance sheet reconciliations. prepares payments by accruing expenses; assigning account numbers; requesting disbursements; reconciling accounts; maintains regular and detailed interaction with A/P, A/R, Payroll and Data Processing for analytical and process support; protects organization's value by keeping information confidential.

Reports to: Accounting Manager

Professional Abilities: Solid analytical, problem solving and customer service skills; possess knowledge and experience in A/R billings, cash receipts and collection activities; experience with general ledger account reconciliations and analysis; solid PC skills, including accounting software applications, Outlook, Word and Excel; be a team player, and an ability to maintain confidential information in a discreet and professional manner.

Education/Experience: BA in Accounting; 1 to 3 years experience; or an equivalent mix of education and experience.

Compensation includes a competitive base salary and a comprehensive benefits program.

Resumes should be e-mailed to: [HR@diometuchen.org](mailto:HR@diometuchen.org)

\*\* Please note that due to the anticipated high volume of responses, only those candidates who we are interested in interviewing will be contacted. No phone calls please.

## DIocese of Metuchen 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PIL- GRIMAGE

*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](http://www.diometuchen.org) for more information.

## 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](mailto:educationdinner12@diometuchen.org) or visit the website at [www.diometuchen.org/development](http://www.diometuchen.org/development).

## 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.

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## NEW TRANSLATION

The major translations will be for the priest. Get ready for a lot of mistakes. Some of the more difficult for the congregation will be the Proclamation of Faith.

From *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts (Second Edition)* By Paul Turner, LTP, p.2

### AN ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

The priest announces "the mystery of faith." You are accustomed to hearing him say, "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith." But this is more than what appears in Latin. The words are similar in structure to those you hear in other parts of the Mass: "The Word of the Lord." "The Gospel of the Lord." "The Body of Christ." "The Blood of Christ." They are simple, faith-filled statements that prompt a response. Furthermore, the priest is in the midst of a lengthy prayer, his words are all being directed to God the Father. In the previous translation, when he says, "Let us," he suddenly shifts his focus and addresses you. Then he turns his attention back to the Father. By omitting the words, "Let us," the new translation should help the priest keep centered on his role.

Besides, "Let us" implies that the priest will also be making the acclamation, which the previous translation has encouraged him to do. But the acclamation is yours to make. The priest is not supposed to join you in it, any more than he should make the response to "The Body of Christ." He has made an announcement, and you make an acclamation.

*(How will you know which acclamation to use? This will be a challenge – my comment).* Afterward, he starts up his prayer to the Father again, and he begins with the theme you just acclimated, the memorial of the death and Resurrection of Christ.

Even though the priest has been inviting you to "proclaim" the mystery of faith, your response is more acclamation than proclamation. An acclamation is addressed to someone; a proclamation is made about someone. According to Saint Paul (see I Corinthians 11:26), our eating and drinking express our faith – they proclaim the death of the Lord. Our actions proclaim our faith about Christ, but our words acclaim Christ, who is present under the forms of bread and wine.

In the previous translation we had four acclamations from which to choose. These were based on three different ones in the original Latin. The same three Latin acclamations are still in the Missal; so we will now have just three matching English acclamations. They will resemble the ones we know well, but their deeper meaning is being revealed. *(We really know the one to be dropped better than the others – "Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again." In fact in some churches that is the only one used. We have alternated with the second and third but seldom have we sung the fourth one.)*

**PREPARED  
IN MIND  
AND BODY**



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# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*“Do This in Memory of Me”*

**Focus:** Preparing for Christ  
“We wait for Christ’s return—alert and ready”

**Scripture:** “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom . . . ”

Matthew 25: 1-13

**Reflection:** What is your experience of preparing for guests who will be visiting? Have you ever been caught unawares by visitors? Have you ever been away when guests came that you had invited? What are your feelings?

**Song:** “Shepherd Me, O God” #482

**Story:** Price fluctuations and brake pads

A guy brings his car into a garage. Something is wrong, he tells the mechanic. It's not driving as it should.

The mechanic pops the hood and then checks under the chassis. “Yeh, I see the problem.”

“So how much will it cost?” the anxious owner asks.

The mechanic says, “Today, \$200. Tomorrow, \$2,000.”

The bewildered customer is furious until the mechanic explains, “You need to have your brakes relined immediately, and that's \$200. And, friend, your brakes are about to go anytime now. So when you bring your car back - probably tomorrow - after they fail and you hit something because you couldn't stop, it's going to cost at least two grand to repair the damage to your front end.”

*We live our lives under the illusion that there will be always be time “later” to do the things we want and should do; we work ourselves to exhaustion and isolation, foolishly thinking that someday we will have “enough”; we are so overwhelmed with what is in front of us that we don't look deeper (“under the hood”) to consider what we want, in our hearts, to make of our lives. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the things of this life are temporary, that life can abruptly change forever and end in an instant. Time is a gift that God gives us through which we might come to discover God and the things of God. The parable of the ten virgins calls us to see our lives as preciously short and fragile, a time to seek now the justice and compassion of God for ourselves and for those we love.*

Connections, November 2011

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“The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

— Mt 25:10b-12

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 C.C.D.

## 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](mailto:dking@ccsjn.org).

Deacon Dennis

### VETERANS DAY PRAYER

*We give thanks -  
for those who served, and now are gone, in the “war to end all wars” a century ago.*

*Their service, and the eleventh hour truce that passed for peace, forever hallowed this day*

*in the eleventh month of the year.*

*As generation after generation was called again to give of themselves as those veterans did, whose comrades lay in fields where poppies bloom,*

*so now must we whom they protect, honor the fallen and remember the living who served so well at their nation's call. We salute them, the living and the dead, for their selfless service, protecting loved ones back home, even as they fight in distant lands to protect freedom's light.*

*May our veterans know the peace that they desire.*

# 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](mailto: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.

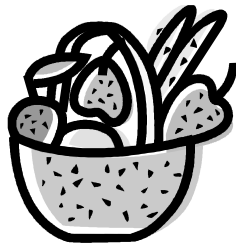
### **Sponsor Child**

Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree will begin next weekend.

## 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/packaged/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.

## 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](mailto:Pvpreschool4nc16@aol.com) 908-439-3913.

# Adult Formation

## PONDERING PAUSES

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

As we were preparing the above goal for the year and then the Parish/Town Meeting I thought I ought to research what was available for a parish and pastor in transition. I went to amazon.com and discovered several books in the Protestant tradition on the topic but not anything in the Catholic tradition. I said something to Donna Lance the night of the Parish/Town Meeting and she said that she had come across a chapter in a book on Appreciative Inquiry for Catholics. I also emailed Jeff Korgen at the diocese who spoke here last Fall at our Parish/Town Meeting. He said that he would send me an article in CHURCH by Peg Garvey-Mitchell and suggested I talk to her. She emailed me about “World Café methodology” as a method of dialoguing. It was a method and not anything on the topic. She of course could do this methodology - And so there you have it folks.

I will continue my search but the Protestant approach that interviews and chooses a pastor is not directly helpful for us. I can see some chapters that may be helpful I will search through them. We may have to create our own. As I was in dialogue with Bill Harrison preparing for the last Parish/Town Meeting I said something about the psychological needs that we will have. We thought that might make a good topic for the Spring Parish/Town Meeting. I contacted Pat Kelly to see if she would be available in the Spring and she is. We have to set a date and then do some work on the topic.

One of the books that I ordered is entitled SAYING GOODBYE A Time of Growth for Congregations and Pastors. I like the subtitle. It puts the occasion in a positive light – “growth.”

Growth is always difficult. Do you remember the pains you got at night especially in your legs? I remember when it first happened. I asked my mother what it was and she said “growing pains.” How did she know that it wasn’t polio or some other dread disease back in the 40’s? Those pains came frequently. I know that they are not growth pains when I get them now. Maybe they are transition pains – side effects from the medicine – a blood clot or phlebitis! There were also the pains of changing from a boy into a man or a girl into a woman – hormonal changes. We have them later in life as well, yes men have them too but not has problematic unless you are taking meds for prostate problems.

How do we grow? How do we take the natural occurrences and use them for good instead of ill? How do you deal with the empty nest syndrome or going off to college? One of the worse scenarios of the latter is when they turn your room into a sewing room or move to a new house and you have no room. What are the advantages to growth?

We see things differently. Instead of the blossom we see the tomatoes, we enjoy the fruit of our labors. In the Spring of 2013 our mortgage will be finished. We will have to then repair and look to what is next but the Plant Management committee has already worked on a revised Master Plan and are up on what maintenance projects will be needed. There is a marked change in the parish already that is challenging and demands thought and vision. The Pastoral Council has already begun that process of preparation.



## 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## **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.**

# Sacrament Preparation

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASS RESCHEDULED**

*Class, Saturday, November 12,  
November 19, 3:30 p.m., Church Center*

The First Reconciliation class that was originally scheduled for October 29 will be held on Saturday, November 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church Center.

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

## **FIRST RECONCILIATION CELEBRATION**

*Saturday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. Church Center*

Our First Holy Communion children will be celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, December 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Center. A reception for the children and their families will follow this celebration.

# Fundraising

## **A WANDERING BIBLE GOES HOME**

During the set up for this year's Book Sale someone pointed out to us that they were dropping off a particularly old bible that they had for awhile but wanted to pass on to someone else. The bible was printed in 1847 and had the original owner's name and the date of 1852 inside the front cover. It seemed a shame to sell this bible for our flat hardcover price of \$2 or worse recycle it but it was not a version of the bible in use today so it was not usable at St. John's. Being a copy of the most printed book did not make this particular bible valuable on the general used book market either. This bible had a section for the entry of family marriages, deaths, and births. Luckily it did have entries in for marriages between parties by pastors of the "South Congregational Church of Middletown" in the 1800's. To make a short story even shorter, a search on Google of "South Congregational Church of Middletown" finds one in Middletown, Connecticut. An email to that church verified that this bible did belong to one of their past parishioners and they would love to have it to display in their narthex. When asked if they checked that the pastors listed in the bible were indeed past pastors they said that was easy to verify because they have a display board in their narthex listing all their pastors since the creation of the congregation in 1747. One of those boards should be on our to-do list here at St. John's.

The bible was recently picked up from us by a former parishioner of the South Congregational Church who now lives in Bound Brook, NJ but has sisters who are still parishioners in Middletown so it is on its way home. Their parish was kind enough to donate \$50 to our book sale. This year we also returned a VHS class of 2003 graduate's diploma after it got put in the wrong box during a move and ended up in our book tent. If you chair the book sale next year you may have similar adventures.



# 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*

## NOVEMBER 6, 2011 - 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"...but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." - Matthew 25:4*

We might think that the wise virgins are selfish for not sharing their oil. Yet, the wise were the ones who brought all they had for the Lord. They did not keep anything back, like the foolish virgins who only brought the least that they could. Reflecting on these virgins we must ask ourselves if we are bringing God all that we can or are we holding things back from God, expecting others to cover for 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 31, 2010

91 Weekly Donors .....	\$3,108.00
3 Monthly Donors .....	\$1,275.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$52.00</u>
Total .....	\$4,485.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00

### For October 30, 2011

9 Weekly Donors .....	\$320.00
6 Monthly Donors .....	\$2,710.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$40.00</u>
Total .....	\$3,070.00
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**

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

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

### Grocery Cards

November 5 & 6

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

November 12 & 13

5:30 p.m.	D. Hingos
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 11/6	C. Fortenbacker
Week of 11/13	C. Fortenbacker

### Church Center Cleaning

November 11	Team A
November 18	Team B

## SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

In March 2009, we began sending profits from cash card sales on the third weekend of each month to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. If you don't use these cash cards but want to contribute to St. Mary's you may leave a donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. **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.

## **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