

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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Our Parish

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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

March 5 & 6

Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	M. Wickel	
Altar Server	Germino Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance, R. Martalus, B. Martalus, C. Behrens	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Deacon.....	E. Roberts	
Lector	C. Bitters	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	K. Malley, A. Giametta	
Sunday		10:30 a.m.
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	A. DeStefano	
Altar Server	Olesiak Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	V. Olesiak, L. Gerristead, B. Gerristead, E. Lacy, M. MacKenzie	

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 1

7:00 p.m. Olga Charkut req.
Vincenzi Family

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Sick of the Parish

Friday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Harold & Margaret Dill

Saturday, March 5

5:30 p.m. Jack Larson req.
Garcia Family

Sunday, March 6

8:00 a.m. Sofia Bautista req. John &
Pat Anderson
10:30 a.m. Stephen Rollens req.
Jeanette & Tim Boehm

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 27 — Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Collection/Snow Removal & Heat Collection

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)
9:00 a.m. First Eucharist Parent Meeting II (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Monday, February 28 — Bl. Jose Tous Y Soler

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

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
6:15 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, March 3 — St. Katharine Drexel

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

Friday, March 4 — St. Casimir

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:15 p.m. Baptism Preparation (Office Center)

Saturday, March 5

6:30 p.m. Mardi Gras (Church Center)

Sunday, March 6 — Yellow Brick Road

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

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, February 28

10:30 a.m. Appointment (Away)
12:00 p.m. Deanery Meeting (Milford)
7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center)

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, March 3

11:00 a.m. Appointment (Away)
1:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)

Friday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:15 p.m. Baptism Preparation Program (Office Center)

Saturday, March 5

9:00 a.m. Right to Life Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:30 p.m. Burning of Ashes—Mardi Gras (Church Center)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Michael Lamotte
Joe Angeline	Harry Larson
Pat Arat	John Lauler
Antonia Baasten	Kevin Leahy
Kate Bachman	Holly Lear
Richard Baker	Jewel LeVine
John Ballard	Michele Makos
Peter Barbieri	Taylor Maleski
Agnes Barhart	Lily Anna Mastro
Alice Beardsmore	Silas Mastro
Carol Becker	Tom Martin
Maria Beckman	Judy Martino
Mary Anna Bennett	Marie Mazzoni
Eugene Brzezienski	Susan McHugh
Shirley Bumen	Patrick McKenna
James Burns	Brett Melworn
John Burns	Tyler Messinger
Eileen Caffin	George Meyer
Angie Caponetti	George Milke
Barbara Carbonneau	Betsey Miller
Joseph Carpentiere	Michael Milto
Jose Castro	Nina Montouri
Lou Citarelli	Erica Morgan
Riley Clark	Robert Olivetti
Lorraine Cochrane	Gloria Omstead
Peggy Colaneri	Floyd Opdyke
Gerard Cook	Daisy Ort
Valerie Cordero	Bill O'Toole
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Natalia Cresti	John Pfeufer
Dalton Cummins	Steve Plume
Joseph D'Achino	Brian Plushanski
Sr. Ann Damian	John & Nicole Ramsden
Percival Davids	Albert Rayburn
Maria Elena Dawson	Tom Regan
Virginia DeCasino	Ed Reinagel
Peter Demchur	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
Dorothy Deo	Pat Roach
Nick DeVincenzo	Julie Ruby
Anthony DeVito	John Sawczuk
Ann Dodwell	Maria Sawczuk
Betty Doyle	Ed Scharf
Paul DuPre	Chris Seltzer
Courtney Ellis	Abe Shalaby
Msgr. Endebruck	Paul Shubeck
Jacob Fakelmann	Sister Mary George
Hannah Farrington	Marianna Sivori
Akiea Finn	Jim Sklenar
Anthony Fiorillo	Christopher Skuza
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
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	Joan Thompson
Dorothy Gross	John Toolan
Colleen Hendzrak	Rose Uricchio
Tyler Hodulik	Robert Villani
Anita Horan	Dayelle Watts
Richard Hughes	Harvey Whille
Brittney Ianitto	John William
Jeannine Imperiale	Gloria Wood
Nona Janks	Elizabeth Wodrich
Diana Janowski	Lynn Yondolino
Bob Jenkinson	John J. Zelesny
John Kaemmerer	Joey Zieba
Rosemary Kimbal	Michael Zocchi
Mary Kirchner	
Frank Kostecki	
Spencer Kydd	



SEEK GOD FIRST

“Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these will be given you besides” (Matthew 6:33). That’s a promise we can count on! This rarely heard Gospel doesn’t simply encourage us to seek God’s kingdom, but to seek it first—before all things. It’s reminiscent of giving first fruits—not leftovers—to the Lord. God asks for our first and best—just as he has given his first and best: Christ his Son. Let us then cast aside every fear and worry, resting in the providential care of our loving Father, who never forgets our needs.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2010 M. Er-spamer, OSB. Text, Wade Wisler © 2010 OCP. All rights reserved.

SNOW REMOVAL AND HEAT

This Weekend

There will be two collections this weekend. The collection after the communion of the Mass will be for snow removal and heat over these hard winter months. Do what you can to help us cover this cost this winter.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Next Weekend

Next week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6707.00 for that payment. Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment.

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6

7:00 a.m. – Mass and Ashes (Neumann Residence Chapel – 390 RT. 513)

4:30 p.m. – Service and Ashes (Church Center)

7:00 p.m. – Mass and Ashes (Church Center)

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT

The Catholic Spirit will be available after Masses next weekend, March 5-6. Upcoming features and stories include:

- Bishop’s Letter on Lent
- Lenten program reaches out to lapsed Catholics
- Lenten Instructions
- Diocesan Youth Day Supplement

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Vince King — Kathleen Smolinski — Carol Klacik — Michael Knierim — Helen Cange — Bob Lansing — Alice Giordano — Henrietta Klawunn — Harry Stewart Sr. — August F. Jehle — James Steele**

Deceased: **James Steele.** 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.

MARDI GRAS

Come and join our parish community on **Saturday, March 5** as we celebrate Mardi Gras St. John's style! Our celebration will start after the 5:30 p.m. Mass with the burning of palms to ashes which will be used on Ash Wednesday. **Bring your palms to Church for burning. There will be a basket in the Narthex.** Bring your favorite finger food to share and enjoy the refreshments, desserts, entertainment and activities for the young and young at heart. Admission is a free will offering to **the Haitian Catholic Relief Services Fund**. In the past year, much has been done to help the Haitian earthquake victims, but there are still many homeless families, living in very poor conditions. Please see the Stewardship Opportunities page of this bulletin for ways you can become a Mardi Gras volunteer and help these Haitian families.

ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION BLOG

We encourage you to frequent the St John's Blog which can be accessed using the link on the homepage of our parish website: www.ccsjn.org. You can read the comments of other parishioners by scrolling all the way down to the bottom of the blog where you will see the word **comment** in small print. Click on the word comment and read what others have said. Under the words "Leave your comment" you will find a text box in which you can type your opinion or comment on another's idea. After you finish typing, choose an identity as prompted and then click on the orange bar labeled "publish your comment". If you find this difficult, read the comments and email your thoughts to Dr. Fay at rosefay@ccsjn.org. Please indicate if I have your permission to publish your comments on the parish blog.

As of February 14, we have 7 comments posted on the blog. Half of our presently registered families with children who will be in the program next year were at the parent meeting of January 9. We would like to hear the needs and concerns of all parishioners: our high school teens, young adults and adults as well as families with preschool and elementary school age children. Even if you were at the meeting, there was not enough time to listen to everyone, **so please take the time now to post a comment.** We will use your opinions to put a relevant survey together.

YOGA AT ST. JOHN'S

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

LENT

Lent will soon be upon us. That is often good news because spring can't be far behind. Ash Wednesday is late this year because Easter is the latest it can be.

The booklets I have chosen for this Lent are available in the Narthex. Please leave a donation to cover their cost. There is also key tags to carry during Lent to remind you of the theme: **PILGRIMS OF THE HEART**. The banner, to keep us focused, invites us to remember that "You are my friends."

Pilgrims of the Heart

Lenten Prayer with Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM

In this helpful booklet of daily Lenten reflections collected from the works of popu-

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Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday, January 24, 2011

Committee Meeting:

- **Marybeth Harrison, Susan Kuhn, and Fran Barbone** attended and gave information on the Fundraising committee and how they align with the 5 year plan.
- February's meeting will have Property Management.
- March's meeting will have **Earl Roberts** talking about Social Ministry and Connxions.

Old and Continuing Items of Business:

- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011. The topic will be Parish finances.
- New Pastoral Council Member drive:
 - February 20 weekend: Pastoral Council will verbally invite interested parishioners to join us at open Pastoral Council meetings on Saturday, February 26 or Monday, March 21.
 - **The meeting on Saturday, February 26 is an open meeting.** Anyone interested in learning more about the Pastoral Council is invited to attend.
 - Vitality Coffee on March 13 hosted by Pastoral Council
 - March 28 and 30 will be inquiry sessions for interested members.
 - April 4 and 6 will be discernment for prospective members
 - June 12 will be induction of new members

Pastor's Items of Business

- A Religious Education Blog is ac-

Parish News

Pastoral Council, Continued

cessible on the Parish website. Its purpose is to open dialogue within the parish about future religious education programs at St. John Neumann's.

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly

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ZUMBA!

Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Church Center



Here at St. John's:
**Z u m b a F i t -
n e s s !!** What is
it?? Zumba is a Latin
and international mu-
sic-based dance work-

out. Dance experience is not required; all you need is the desire to move and have fun! So come join us on Monday evenings at the church center, beginning January 10 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and work off those Christmas cookies!

If you have questions, please contact Arminda at quiltingblockhead@gmail.com or Maggie at mhbaumann@earthlink.net The cost is \$5/class and proceeds will go to St. John's. Wear comfortable workout clothes, sneakers and be sure to bring a water bottle. To keep the exercise area safe and protect the wood floors, please consider wearing your street shoes to church and changing to sneakers before entering the church space.

lar spiritual author Sr. Joyce Rupp, you are invited to make a spiritual pilgrimage on which, through prayer and attention to God's presence, you will be transformed into a more devoted follower of Christ. Take this handy, compact booklet with you in your pocket, purse, briefcase or car and use these prayerful reflections, together with a daily Scripture quote related to her theme and a prayer starter to let you speak to Christ your companion on the journey.

We are also offering a Bible Study with Dr. Rose Fay. Contact her at rose-fay@ccsjn.org or 832-2162 to find out more information or to join.

We are also offering to form and direct a Lenten Program called OPEN OUR HEARTS by Sister Donna Ciangio, O.P. and Fr. Tom Iwanowski to meet at times convenient for you. Email Father at jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org or call 832-2513.

Let us journey together in pilgrimage to the Easter Mysteries!

LENTEEN PROGRAM

This is the proposed Lenten Program for people who are interested. If you want to lead, form or join a group please inform Fr. Mickiewicz with a time that is convenient for you. We will then pick a day or days that are good for people. One of the possibilities could be after the 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Masses. Breakfast or brunch could be arranged, here at the parish or in your homes.

Sr. Donna, O.P. was the presenter at one of our Parish/Town Meetings. She is the co-author of the book., "Open Our Hearts."

Open Our Hearts: A Small Group Guide for an Active Lent (Cycle A) is the perfect weekly Lenten resource for small faith-sharing groups.

Following last year's sellout printing of this Lectionary-based program, pastoral experts Sr. Donna Ciangio, O.P., and Fr. Tom Iwanowski are back for Lent 2011. They artfully connect Cycle A readings to the spiritual and doctrinal wellsprings of the Catholic Church and to everyday life. Daily scripture reflections and suggested action steps enhance weekly small-group materials.

This Lectionary-based, small-group booklet contains everything needed for a successful parish-based Lenten program, including soup recipes for groups that want to begin or end each session with a simple meal. The booklet provides a basic introduction, guidelines for small-group faith sharing, and daily scripture reflections to keep parishioners engaged throughout each week.

- Built on the Gospel: Meeting outlines provide the Sunday Gospel readings, thought-provoking commentary, conversation questions, prayer, activities, and suggestions for Christian living.
- Focused on Mission: The conviction and commitment of the authors' work on behalf of the Kingdom of God comes through in every aspect of this timely project, which is both challenging and empowering.



Social Ministry

IHN FUND RAISER

Jane Paradiso, IHN Board Member and Advisor to the Dream Dinner Student Committee wrote to us to remind us that for the second year in a row, a group of Hunterdon Central Regional High School student volunteers are planning to raise money and awareness for the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon County. This agency is responsible for housing and supporting homeless children and their families. The "Dream Dinner" will take place **Thursday, March 31** at Hunterdon Central High School Commons from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The plan is to provide a pasta dinner for all who wish to support IHN and learn about the lack of affordable housing in the community. Adults - \$10 | Children 5-12 \$5 | Children 4 and under Free **For tickets or more information contact Jane at jparadis@hcrhs.k12.nj.us or 908-256-1213.**

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

In 2011, Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on two affordable, single-family homes in Lambertville, Hunterdon County. These homes, approximately 1500 square feet, will have three bedrooms and one and a half baths. In addition, they need to select a family for the ninth home in the Dutch Lane, Bridgewater project. That home is approximately 1100 square feet and will have three bedrooms and one bath.

The selection process for homeownership is beginning now. Applicant families must be in the low-income range, 30-50% of median income, with a minimum income of \$30,000. In addition, the family must be able to repay the no-interest mortgage provided by Habitat, be willing to contribute their own sweat equity and have a need for housing. Applicants must currently, and for the prior twelve months, live or work in Somerset, Hunterdon or one of the adjacent counties i.e. Middlesex, Mercer, Morris, Union, and Warren Counties in New Jersey and Bucks County in Pennsylvania. All applicants must attend one of our orientation sessions as the first step in the selection process. **If you or someone you know wishes to apply, have them contact RVHFH 908-704-0016 or email: rvfhf@rvhabitat.org.**

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers in our area. Serve homebound senior neighbors a hot noontime meal. The commitment to drive is only **once** a month. It will take only an hour or two once a month to get that good feeling of giving and making a difference. **Call the Meals on Wheels office at 908-284-0735 to offer your time or for more information.** Help Meals on Wheels help others. – "Many Thanks!" Meals on Wheels in Hunterdon County delivered 65,000 meals to 450 homebound people in 2009 and the need increases annually.

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

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

The next scheduled mission providing the noon meal to the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville is scheduled for **Monday, March 14.** We have enough food and volunteers for this month but there's always next month. If you are interested, please call Anne Germino at 908-343-1618. All items must be at the Office Center by 10:00 a.m. that Monday, as scheduled. **Thank you for your continued support of this 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.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves 'n Needs

Parish member? List either your Haves or your Needs on the parish website: www.ccsjn.org

New Eyes for the Needy

Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude's Ranch

Donate your Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child

Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don't forget to write!

RESPECT LIFE

Ultrasound Initiative — COLLEC- TION TO BE HELD THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 26/27

Bishop Bootkowski has asked all parishes in the Diocese of Metuchen to support the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative to place new, modern Ultrasound machines in area Women's Health Centers. There is no doubt that Ultrasound machines help to reduce the number of abortions.

THE BENEFITS OF ULTRASOUND

1. The latest 3D and 4D technologies provide conclusive proof that there is a baby involved.
- 2) Recent surveys have revealed that 90% of abortion-minded women who view an ultrasound image of their baby, even in the earliest stages of pregnancy, choose to deliver their baby instead of having an abortion.

Members of the Knights of Columbus and/or other volunteers will be collecting donations after all Masses on the weekend of February 26/27. Checks should be made out to "K of C Council #10627", reference "Ultrasound Initiative."

The need is great. Each machine costs between \$30,000 and \$50,000. In our Diocese the goal is to purchase three of these machines for placement in Women's Health Centers in our area.

Please be as generous as your means allow. The Knights of Columbus will provide a 75% match for all donations.



Fundraising

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE THANKS

I apologize. I have done it again. I lost track of all who came and helped with our Valentine Dinner Dance. You know who you are and how much your efforts were truly appreciated! I was very concerned that there would not be enough help for Friday evening, so I sent out a desperate plea. I was overwhelmed with the amount of responses I received – it was like the cavalry coming over the hill in an old movie! We had a phenomenal crew of people who assisted in making this a tremendous success for the Catholic Heart Workcamp youth ministry. The Wednesday night team had the church transformed in no time, only rivaled by the Saturday morning squad who had things back in order before religious education began. **Bonnie and Lyle Garcia** created a delicious meal expertly executed by **Jim Simila, Fran Barbone**, and a tireless kitchen crew. **Mike Griffin** and the GB's had the place rockin' and rollin'. **Jim Murray** was the front man and the made our "re-gifting" silent auction a success. "Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." This is what we do through our work at Catholic Heart Workcamp and you are now a part of that ripple of hope. Thank you ~ Mary Connolly

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **22 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,425.00** with **\$121.25** going to St. Mary's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop.



Christian Formation (Catechesis)

ELIJAH'S PROMISE SOUP KITCHEN

Thank you for contributing to the Souper Bowl of Caring. We collected \$467 and 167 cans of soup! We will be delivering soup cans to Elijah's Promise and serving the hungry on Saturday, March 12 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Teens or adults interested in volunteering for this service trip should use the Stewardship Opportunities page of this bulletin or email Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

You are invited to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl which starts on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Rice Bowl packets will be available in the Narthex the weekend before Ash Wednesday and will be distributed at all catechetical gatherings on the first weekend of Lent.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: Trust in God
“Jesus invites his disciples to have complete trust in God for all their needs.”

Scripture: “No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon . . .

“Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they . . . ?

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.”

Matthew 6: 24-34

Reflection: Do you feel that God cares for you? How do you deal with disappointments in life? What causes the most worry for you now? How do you deal with these worries?

Song: “Though the Mountains May Fall” #447

Story: Off the treadmill

While today’s Gospel speaks of the birds of the sky and the flowers of the field, we might consider for a moment the lowly hamster.

The hamster spends its days in its little cage day in and day out. Sometimes it turns a little plastic wheel; other times it gnaws on whatever is available. Whatever the hamster needs “falls from the sky” into its happy little cage. It’s a good life: Be cute, keep moving, and all things will be given you, little rodent.

Our vision of the good life isn’t much different: Keep moving, make a lot of money; be cute, look good, stay young and healthy; stay within your cage.

But there is a problem: In the pursuit of the good life, we become hamsters in a never-ending wheel of motion, moving at a pace that gets more and more difficult to sustain. We have to have what our neighbors have; we have to beat them at all costs; we have to make them wish they were us. But our life on the treadmill is anything but the real thing: the blessed life, rich in joy, rich in peace, rich in the things of God.

Time to get off the hamster’s treadmill and embrace the hope of the birds of the sky and the flowers of the field.

[Suggested by “Off the treadmill” by Kenneth H. Carter Jr., *The Christian Century*, July 24, 2007.]

We willingly sacrifice our hope, our enthusiasm, our spirit in order to keep our plastic treadmills spinning; we fear whatever change and complexity threatens the safety of our little cages. Jesus warns us that too often we become the servants of our fears rather than the masters of our lives: the threat of disaster always manages to push aside the possibility for goodness, joy, justice and reconciliation. Jesus tells his disciples that we have nothing to fear before God who has proven his love for us unreservedly. Christ calls us to embrace a vision of hope that is the opposite of fear - hope that trumps our uncertainty of the unknown with the certainty of God’s love, hope that the Good Fridays of our lives will be transformed into Easter fulfillment.

Connections, February 2011

SATURDAY ADULT CATECHESIS OPEN TO ALL

One of the results of our Town Meeting is to invite all adults to share in the Saturday Morning Catechesis gathering that meets once a month. You are cordially invited to drop in any month to join our adult faith sharing on the Sunday scripture readings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following **Saturdays: March 12, April 9 and May 21.** We gather for prayer at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. there is time to socialize and continue conversations. **You are welcome to just drop in and join us for coffee and discussion of the scriptures from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or come for all of this catechetical gathering.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A six week adult Bible study group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Office Center starting March 8. Come join us as we explore “The Life Giving Power of the Cross.” **Please contact Dr. Fay at rose-fay@ccsin.org or 832-2162 if you wish to participate or babysitting is needed.**

GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER

Our annual Religious Formation fundraiser is underway. If you would like to support the programs for our youth, please pick up a catalog in the Narthex. For your convenience, you may order two ways: 1) by completing the form in the center of the catalog, or 2) on-line at www.gertrudehawk.com. Our group # is 119849 and a step-by-step guide for on-line ordering is attached to the catalog. All orders delivered to St. John’s are due by March 13. Please return order forms through Religious Formation or drop them off at the Office Center. **Any questions call Jo Ann Jarvis at 832-2162.** Thank you for your support!

MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. Please remember the following in your prayers:

2nd Lieutenant, Baumann Katherine
 Petty Officer Behr, Fred, U.S. Navy
 2nd LT Behrmann, John, USMC
 Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force
 Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army
 Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC
 LCpl Bunce, Evan, USMC
 IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy
 Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC
 Lt. Colonel Campbell, Vincent, USMC
 CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC
 AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force
 AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force
 RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy
 Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army
 2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC
 CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army
 Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy
 Hafke, Michael, National Guard
 CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy
 CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army
 GM3 Hurler, Shane
 SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force
 PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC
 MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy
 Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot
 CPL. Krause, James E., USMC
 SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army
 Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army
 ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy
 Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy
 SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army
 Lt. Mallue, Edward Paul, Jr. U.S. Army
 Maj. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force
 HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy
 Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret
 Maj. Martin, John, USMC
 ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy
 Capt. Omstead, David, USA
 Capt. Omstead, Barbara, USA
 SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army
 Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army
 PC2 Quinn, Lisa, U.S. Navy
 1st Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard
 2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard
 Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy
 Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC
 Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC
 Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army
 SSGT Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force
 Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army
 Capt., Warkentin, William J., USMC
 Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., US Air Force

DEVELOPING CONNECTIONS



Scientists have found that protein molecules help neurons make the right connections establishing synapse which pass along neurotransmitter signals in the body as it develops.

When it comes to passing along our faith, God's grace works much the same enabling us to make the right connections and pass along His teaching to others. Prayer and the reception of the sacraments are two of the best ways to seek that grace. With it, we are less likely to make a poor choice about who we associate with, and how we are received by others. As we begin our day we should always include a petition for this assistance.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

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

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call Earl Roberts at 832-2262. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in your faith.

YOUR PRAYERS

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

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

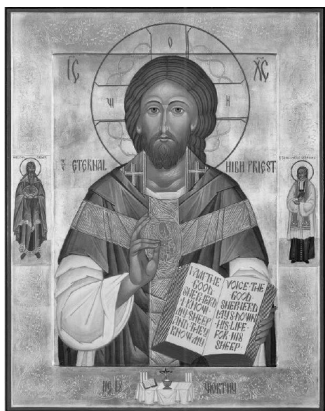
You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Sunday: Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34
 Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12c-20/Mk 11:27-33
 Next Sunday: Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32/Rom 3:21-25, 28/Mt 7:21-27
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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

NUMBERS



The summer before I was transferred out of campus ministry I took a five week course on Creation Centered Spirituality at the Dominican College in San Rafael, California. Father Matthew Fox led the course work. I had long been a proponent of creation centered spirituality even before I knew it had a name. There was a book that someone had given me years before which I had not read because I thought it was something else. It was called *The Magical Mystical Bear*. When I finally read it, eureka, what I developed in my mind and believed had a name. It was legitimate not just something I created

in my mind. Then when I found out about this course I knew I had to go.

It was a great experience and affirmed my thought processes. The whole idea was that there was an “original blessing” before there was “original sin.” You needed the positive as well as the negative. It was built on the fourfold path or way – Via Positiva (Positive way) – Via Negativa (Negative way) – Via Creativa (Creative way) and – Via Transformativa (Transformative way). Seems simple but it is like one of those quantum leaps – a simple leap that is ever so profound. I felt that I had struck pay dirt.

Most of spirituality in the West is from the head. Meditation when I was in the seminary was all about a thought process. We were supposed to use three traditional steps in meditating. Spirituality was a negative way of proceeding. Creation spirituality from Original Blessings urged the use of the right and left sides of the brain. After the positive and negative observations you formed a creative method to transform things. I found great support in these five weeks as well as challenges. I was disillusioned by a few incidents but I knew I was on the right track and I forged forward. It reminded me of my work with Father Charles Curran and his team. The third year of that course work on understanding as a basis of counseling learning was suppose to be advanced but turned out to be the same as the second year. Father Curran was dying and so the team was distracted. But when I went to complain all I got was the method being used on me and I didn't feel at all understood. They didn't get it. But with this as well as the work in California I was not deterred to forge ahead.

Besides five weeks in California was a treasure. They have stayed with me and served me well even though Father Fox was censured and left the Dominicans and the church to become an Episcopal priest. He got carried away in my opinion but I felt that I lost a mentor. I didn't always agree in his transformative ways. I carry things out in a different way.

I feel that this summer away was truly beneficial to the changes in my life and ministry. Creation Centered Spirituality made that year in the Life of a Priest a great consolation and help for what I was to encounter.

PONDERING PAUSES

STATE OF THE PARISH

When I became a pastor and had to deal with finances I vowed that I would never preach about money. I felt and said that I would run a parish on what the parishioners gave me. If they gave enough to do ministry, try new ministries and pay decent wages that is what I would do.

And so here at St. John's we started out small. The diocese gave us a loan to buy the original Parish House (33 Main) [\$140,000.00] and the purchase of the land where we are now situated [\$75,000.00]. They also gave us \$25,000.00 as a gift which we did not have to repay. They also gave the 12 acres on the corner of 512 and 513. This was in August 1985 when I moved over to St. John's full time. We didn't have enough money to pay my first two months as pastor but we proceeded on.

We hired a part time secretary and did the bulletin in house. Many times I ran down to the Clinton Stationery Store on a Saturday morning running off the bulletin because ours had shut down. We gradually grew. We hired a part time bookkeeper who also did some of the secretarial work. We then hired a part time director of religious education. Eventually we hired a secretary for religious education. As we grew and raised our income we were able to hire a Administrative Assistant, a pastoral assistant for Evangelization and made the secretary full time as well as hiring a full time director of Religious Education. This was a process over several years. There was no need for medical insurance because all the women were covered by their husband's medical insurance. The salaries were not great but each year we raised the salaries as the people's donations allowed. Finally people needed medical insurance and so now we have four staff members on medical insurance.

During this time we have also built a church center, office building, and purchased a residence. We have sold the original Parish House and the property that the diocese gave us on the corner of Route 512 and 513, where the Rite Aid now stands. It was this money that also enabled us to do all the building along with a major building campaign and other campaigns along the way (“Dreams Can Come True” –



PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.

"Campaign of Commitment" – "Bridging Our Forward Journey" – and "Paving the Yellow Brick Road" [which will end with the paying of the mortgage in the Spring of 2013]). We have come a long way with the hard work and generosity of many people both in and out of the community.

We have done a marvelous job along the way and have built a great parish. We can no longer keep up the pace that we have established. Costs have gone up and contributions have recently declined by about \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 a year. There are a few theories to explain this but we face the reality of cutting back. We have done several cut backs in ordinary expenses and put off some improvements and now it comes to the cutting back in staff. We have to return to downsizing what we were able to do over the years.

Since the numbers in religious education have declined and are at the number when we had a part time director we will be looking for a part time instead of a full time director. This will be Dr. Rose Fay's last year as full time Pastoral Assistant for Formation. Rose needs full time work and medical insurance because she is responsible for her whole family. Rose has done a great job and still continues to do same. We just cannot afford paying a full time position. To give some real figures to this dilemma we would need \$500.00 from each student in the program to keep her on.

That is above and beyond what people now give to the support of the parish which now covers her salary. Tuition covers only the rental of the school, janitorial services, books and supplies and equipment. The Director and secretary positions are covered by collections and fundraisers.

Rita Price is also retiring because of health reasons and just the need to retire. Before we fill her position we will have to evaluate the staff and their jobs as a whole. We started this a year ago but because of various reasons this is has been delayed. We will be looking for more volunteers so that we can keep up the ministry and service that we have come to expect at St. John's. We ask you to be patient and helpful in this process.

We are truly grateful for all that people have done to keep St. John's a vibrant parish. We hope and pray that we still will be able to share in quality ministry as we transition to this new financial challenge.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST

The next First Eucharist class meets on Saturday, March 12 at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, June 10, 7:15 p.m., Church Center



Infant baptism preparation is an outreach of support to new parents by the St. John's Baptism Team on behalf of our community. Following an initial pastoral visit at the parish office with either Deacon Earl or the Coordinator of the Baptism Preparation Team to start the process, parents attend one preparation session, which is offered quarterly. Baptism Host Couples from St. John's Baptism Team facilitate the program and assist on the day of Baptism as well.

All St. John's Baptisms are celebrated at a regular weekend Mass, except in special circumstances. The Community is present to welcome the child into the church and to pledge their support to the new parents as they raise their child in the faith we share. Parents are expected to be registered active members of The Community of St. John Neumann. At least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic. The next scheduled Baptism Prep Program is **Friday – June 10 at 7:15 pm. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – May 27.** For more information or to begin the process please call Rita at the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – www.ccsjn.org.

BAPTISM HOSTS NEEDED

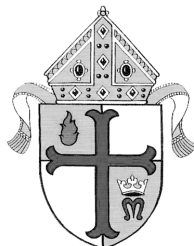
St. John's needs the assistance of an individual or couple willing to join our Baptism Ministry team. As a team member you assist in helping to equip parents attending St. John's Baptism Program with the basic theology and symbols of the Sacrament. In addition, each individual or team couple assists in a welcoming manner as host at an assigned infant's Baptism.

To serve in this ministry you need only be a practicing member of the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann with a desire to help parents and godparents understand the Sacrament, the responsibilities it carries and the joy associated with it. Based on need, the program is currently offered quarterly.

If God's grace is urging you to volunteer to work in this ministry please call Earl Roberts at 832-2513 or email > eroberts@ccsjn.org !

2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Christ for One Another



The Catholic Center at Rutgers University provides for the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral needs of the Catholic community on campus. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps to support this ministry which plays a vital role in forming the next generation for Church leadership. **To date, our parish has received \$32,186.25 in pledges/gifts to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal from 136 families toward our goal of \$37,400.00. 86.1% to goal. Thank you!**

Stewardship

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



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

319 families; 30 Time & Talent Responses, 24 Treasure Responses; 5 Youth Responses

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself." Matthew 6:34

Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters. In many ways, worry is the other master in our lives. We worry about our job, our home, our family and our health. We worry about our future plans, our dreams and our goals. We worry about measuring up, meeting expectations and keeping up with the neighbors. Today, God gives us a very soothing message. Do not let worry rule your life. Put God first and He will take care of everything else.

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 February 21, 2010

86 Weekly Donors	\$2,259.50
31 Monthly Donors	\$4,240.00
Loose Money	<u>\$47.00</u>
Total	\$6,546.50
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$955.00
12 Catholic Spirit	\$143.00

For February 20, 2011

67 Weekly Donors	\$2,092.00
24 Monthly Donors	\$2,705.00
Loose Money	<u>\$67.00</u>
Total	\$4,864.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
10 Catholic Spirit	\$220.06

Weekly Averages

January.....	\$4,916.00
December.....	\$5,575.00
November.....	\$5,727.19
October.....	\$5,795.00
September.....	\$5,608.00
August.....	\$5,315.00
July.....	\$6,544.00
June.....	\$4,687.00
May.....	\$5,296.00
April.....	\$5,732.00
March.....	\$5,616.00
February.....	\$6,165.00
Weekly Need	\$8,182.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 2/28	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 3/1	L. Gerristead
Wednesday, 3/2	Angel Needed
Thursday, 3/3	P. Anderson

Grocery Cards

February 26 & 27	
5:30 p.m.	D. Royal
8:00 a.m.	K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m.	V. Hoffart
March 5 & 6	
5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	P. Nanna
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 2/27	M. Cangelosi
Week of 3/6	L. Livoti

Church Center Cleaning

March 4	Team E
March 11	Team A

Bulletin Transporters

March 4	P. Nanna
March 11	L. Patterson

SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

Baby it's cold outside

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

Stewardship Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP

Time & Talent Opportunities

As Stewards, we share out time, talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the relationship we hold with Jesus in God.

We are a Stewardship Parish sharing time, talent and treasure as a way of life.

On-going Stewardship Opportunities:

Worship/Liturgy

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist
- Music Ministry
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

Formation:

- Religious Ed Advisory Board
- Catechist

Pastoral/Organizational:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Property Management Committee

Connxions:

- Team Member
- Connxions Companion
- RCIA Team
- Baptism Preparation Team

Stewardship:

- Committee Member
- Fair Trade
- Shop Rite & A&P Card Sales

Other ways I can help:

Please complete the contact information and check appropriate volunteer section. Return by way of the collection basket—Social Ministry box—send or drop off at the Office Center—go to web site and fill out under forms.

Name(s): _____
Day Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____
Email: _____

LENTEN PROGRAM/BIBLE STUDY

If you are interested in participating in our Lenten Program, please fill out the contact information above and complete the following information:

I'd like to attend on:

Day(s): _____

Time(s): _____

I am willing to be:

- A leader
- A host

- I am interested in the Lenten Bible Study offered by Dr. Fay

Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen, New Brunswick Serve Clients (Teens, must be at least 12 years old)

- 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)

Volunteer Adult Drivers/Chaperones

- 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)

Mardi Gras— March 5

- SET-UP: 3:00—5:00p.m.
- Supervise an activity for children— 6:30 p.m.
- CLEAN UP: 9:00 p.m.

- Grocery Card Sales**
- Companions Ministry**
- Connxions Ministry**
- Greeter**

- 5:30 p.m. Mass
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:30 a.m. Mass