

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Our Parish

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398 County Road 513
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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

Tuesday7:00 p.m.
Wednesday9:30 a.m.
Friday7:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

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

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

About Our Parish

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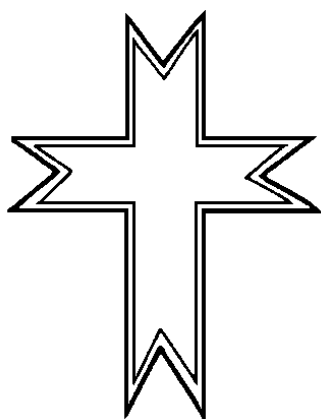
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Parish Registration

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

February 12 & 13

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	D. Waddleton
Altar Server	Germino Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	L. Eacovalle, J. Eacovalle, A. Germino, D. Simila, J. Simila
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector	G. Porto
Altar Server	Baker Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Kelemen, T. Klawunn
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	K. Skuza
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance, A. DeStefano, M. McCall, A. Giametta, B. Martalus

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 8

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 9

9:30 a.m. Sick of the Parish

Friday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Catherine Bohem & Family

Saturday, February 12

5:30 p.m. Emma Demerest req.
Josephine Handy

Sunday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline req.
Sterphone Family
10:30 a.m. Steven Rollens req.
Donna & Charles
Ostrander

Parish Calendar

Sunday, February 6 — Yellow Brick Road, Souper Bowl of Caring Weekend

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

Monday, February 7 — St. Tressan

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

Tuesday, February 8 — St. Jerome Emiliani

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

Wednesday, February 9 — St. Telio

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
6:30 p.m. Dinner Dance Set-Up (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, February 10 — St. Scholastica

6:30 p.m. Dinner Dance Set-Up (Church Center)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)

Friday, February 11 — Our Lady of Lourdes

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Dance (Church Center)

Saturday, February 12 — Bl. Jerry Kaszyna

9:30 a.m. Saturday Catechesis (Church Center)

Sunday, February 13 — Campaign for Human Development

9:00 a.m. K-6 Catechesis (Valley View)
11:30 a.m. Vitality Coffee (Church Center)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Catechesis (Church Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, February 7

Bulletin
12:00 p.m. Deanery Meeting (Flemington)

Tuesday, February 8

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, February 9

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, February 10

2:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
4:00 p.m. Princeton

Friday, February 11

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Dance (Church Center)

Sunday, February 13

11:30 a.m. Vitality Coffee (Church Center)
1:30 p.m. Paper Mill Playhouse

Fifth 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 Caffen	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 Opstead
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
Jacob Fakelmann	Paul Shubeck
Hannah Farrington	Sister Mary George
Akiea Finn	Marianna Sivori
Anthony Fiorillo	Jim Sklenar
Ann Flemming	Christopher Skuza
Ryan Flynn	Austen James Slinger
Helen Galligan	Carol Smarsh
Theresa Galvano	Colleen Smith
Frank Gargiulo	Jonathan Solis
Maria Gargiulo	Felicia Steward
Jayne Giese	William Stortz
Alice Giordano	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	

SALT AND LIGHT



Paul tells us that he came not with oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell what God had guaranteed. Paul also wrote that our faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God. He is not antiintellectual, but he puts “first things first.” Our salvation comes by God’s initiative of love through our crucified Messiah, Jesus. We are also told we are “salt” and “light” before all, meant to change the flavor of the world and show ourselves and others the way in Christ. How goes it with you?

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2001 K. Sullivan. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD

This Weekend

This week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6707.00 for that payment. **In January, 87 families gave \$3,184.00 to help meet that need.** Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment.

BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER EVERY MASS

On the Feast of St. Blaise candles that were blessed the day before are used to bless throats. After the Masses this weekend we will bless throats. “The custom comes from a time when the entire year was filled with blessings. As the year unfolded, the Church offered up the whole of creation to bless the Lord. Without these many blessings observed throughout the year, the blessing of throats loses an important perspective. We begin to regain this perspective by reinvigorating this blessing.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT/ CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next Weekend

Next weekend there will be two collections. The collection after the communion of the Mass will be for the Development of People and Catholic Home Missions. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development funds programs in communities across the United States where people living in poverty join together to identify problems, make decisions, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Please visit www.usccb.org/cchd to read more details of CCHD’s efforts to break the cycle of poverty in your community and across the country.

Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Robin Lehmann — Raymond Spino — Rev. Michael Scott — Irene Adams — Conchetta Mulhern — Vince King — Kathleen Smolinski**

Deceased: **Vince King**, friend of the Janks Family; **Kathleen Smolinski**, aunt of Kevin Dean and friend of Fr. Mickiewicz. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

CLAIM YOUR KITCHEN ITEMS

In the Narthex you will find a wide variety of items which were found in the kitchen following this year's fundraisers. Please claim your items. Any items not claimed within the next two weeks will be donated to the Top of the Barn.

THANKS

Thank you to **Barbara Pannone** for sponsoring the Dove chocolate tasting session last Sunday. Also to her parents, **Joe and Anne Sacco**, for welcoming the guests and collecting their entrance fee.

Thanks to **Wayne Infusino** who has been doing a never-ending but super job in keeping up with the snow. **Daniel** has been helping too.

The Griffins and Garcias did their annual excellent job in cleaning up the kitchen. Thanks.

The unseen watering crews who have kept up with the poinsettias deserve recognition.

Don't forget **Maggie Baumann** and **Bobbie Lee** for their piano and acting sessions before Christmas. They really tickled those keys.

RETIREMENT

Rita Price is retiring at the end of February. She has been struggling with some health issues and felt it was time to really enjoy life rather than going to work in pain some days. She wants to enjoy her many grandchildren.

Rita has been an intimate part of the Parish from the beginning. Her youngest daughter was Confirmed here and she has been an active part of our worshipping community from the beginning. Rita also organized and still is a part of the cleaning crew. We just celebrated our 20th anniversary of the blessing of the Church Center and she began the overseeing of the cleaning from that point on if not before the Church was blessed.

Rita started working as Parish secretary when we were still in the Parish House – 33 Main. She started in February 2001 and so has been with us for 10 years. She was part of the move from the Parish House to the Office Center. We are truly grateful for all that she has done for the Office and the parish. We thank her profusely.

We will be evaluating our staff positions and determining what our staff will look like for the coming year. As you know we have some financial challenges and so are not sure how the office staff will look. We ask your cooperation and be alert to our needs by volunteering in this interim period. Also continue to be patient with us as Earl, Maureen and I continue to deal with our health challenges. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thanks also to Rita and her pleasant and charming way on the phone. The first contact that people have with St. John's is the unknown voice that greets you on the phone. Rita has always given the inquirer or visitor the best possible first impression. What a blessing she has been!

ST. JOHN'S FAITH FORMATION BLOG

We encourage you to frequent the St John's Blog which can be accessed using its link on the homepage of our parish website: www.ccsjn.org. A new link labeled St. Matthias G.I.F.T. has been added to the St. John's Blog. This link, on the upper

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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.
 - 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 accessible 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

Parish News

Pastoral Council, Continued

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ZUMBA!

**No Zumba on Monday, February 14.
Classes will resume the following week.**



Here at St. John's: **Zumba Fitness!!** What is it?? Zumba is a Latin and international music-based dance workout. 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.

VITALITY COFFEE

Religious Formation will sponsor the next vitality coffee to be held next Sunday, February 13 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Plan to join the conversation and enjoy the good food and company.

right hand of the blog, takes you to the St. Matthias Parish website. Once there, choose the attachment: *GIFT Frequently Asked Questions*. These answers give you a description of this intergenerational catechesis program.

We remind you to comment on the blog. Please scroll 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 January 31, we had 6 comments posted on the blog. Almost half of our 75 families with children were at the parent meeting of January 9. We would like to hear the needs and concerns of all our families. 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.

LENTEN GROUPS

Is there anyone interested in small Lenten groups that we have had in the past? If so let Father Mickiewicz know. He is interested in preparing leaders to conduct a weekly gathering at church or in homes, at night or during the day. Email – jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org or call him at 908-832-2513.

BOY SCOUT WEEK

"Scouting is more than what we do – it's who we are – and what we will be," said Bob Mazzuca, chief scout executive, The Boy Scouts of America. "Scout Week is a wonderful way to celebrate our adventure and continue our journey by focusing on our oath, which teaches a dedication to duty, God, country, others and self; and our law, which describes how to live lives of honor by being trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." To all scouts and leaders we extend our prayers and gratitude.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The celebration of the World Day for Consecrated Life, which will be observed on February 2, is intended to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and, at the same time, is intended to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord.

There are not as many in ministry now but we have all been recipients of their dedicated life. Let us remember those who served us and those who continue this long tradition of service. Remember them in your prayers. **Evening prayer at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen, February 6, 4:00 p.m. All are welcome.**

Social Ministry

USCCB HOUSE LETTER

The following letter from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops was sent to the House of Representatives on January 18, 2011. It articulates the bishop's collective position on the continuing debate about health care in this country. Consider adding your voice to theirs as debate resumes.

Dear Representative:

As Congress prepares to resume debate on health care reform, we wish to make clear the position and priorities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on this vitally important issue.

Throughout the last Congress the Catholic bishops of the United States affirmed our strong support for universal access to health care. Basic health care for all is a moral imperative, not yet completely achieved. It has never been, and is not now, for the bishops to decide the best means to realize that essential goal. However, regardless of which means are chosen, they must fall within certain fundamental moral parameters, which the bishops have a duty to articulate strongly and clearly. We have urged and continue to urge that legislation on health care reform reflect the following three moral criteria:

- Ensure access to quality, affordable, life-giving health care for all;
- Retain longstanding requirements that effectively protect conscience rights and that prohibit use of federal funds for elective abortions or plans that include them; and
- Protect the access to health care that immigrants currently have and remove current barriers to access.

Rather than joining efforts to support or oppose the repeal of the recently enacted health care law, we will continue to devote our efforts to correcting serious moral problems in the current law, so health care reform can truly be life-affirming for all. In the 111th Congress, H.R. 5111 was introduced by Congressmen Pitts and Lipinski to ensure that the new health care law will maintain longstanding federal policies on abortion in the areas of federal funding and conscience rights. H.R. 6570 was also introduced by Congressman Fortenberry to ensure that all people -- Catholics and others alike -- maintain their current ability under federal law to provide and purchase health coverage that is consistent with their faith and values. We will strongly support laws like these in the new Congress and we will seek ways to ensure a more just health care system for immigrant families.

For nearly a century, the Catholic bishops of the United States have called for reform of our health care system so all may have access to care that recognizes and affirms their human dignity. As Pope Benedict recently stated, in the health care sector "it is important to establish a real distributive justice which, on the basis of objective needs, guarantees adequate care to all." Moreover, "if it is not to become inhuman, the world of health care cannot disregard the moral rules that must govern it" (Message to the Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers, November 15, 2010). We wholeheartedly commit ourselves to health care reform that achieves these worthy goals. We will advocate for addressing the current problems in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as well as others that may become apparent in the course of its implementation.

Sincerely,

Cardinal Daniel DiNardo T Bishop Stephen E. Blaire T Archbishop Jose H. Gomez

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

**Monday, February 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, February 14**. If you are interested in how to assist in this ministry, please call Anne Germino at 908-343-1618. If you have volunteered to prepare food items they must be at the Office Center by 10:00 a.m. that Monday, as scheduled. **Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.**

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

LITTLE BROOK NURSING HOME VISIT

**Thursday, February 17, 10:00 a.m.,
Little Brook N. H.**



Our next monthly visit to Little Brook Nursing Home will take place on **Thursday, February 17 from 10:00**

a.m. until noon. Please consider joining us and spending some time with the residents – *many sit with the patience of Job waiting for a visit.* Children are always welcome!! **If you would like to provide a snack or if you would like more information, please call Nancy DuBeau at 832-7548.**

Fundraising

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **12 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$1,375.00** with **\$68.75** coming to St. John's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop.

2010 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Christ for One Another

The 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal continues. We need your support to achieve our overall goal of \$7 million. Your participation is critical if we are to continue to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people we serve throughout the four counties of the Diocese of Metuchen. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. **To date, our parish has received \$31,301.25 in pledges/gifts to the 2010 Bishop's Annual Appeal from 128 families toward our goal of \$37,400.00. 83.7% to goal. Thank you!**



VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE

Friday, February 11 from 7-10:30.

This event benefits our youth summer Catholic Heart Workcamp trip. The evening will include family-style Italian dinner, dessert buffet and live music from the GB's! Seating will again be available in the Narthex.

\$25 per person \$175 table for 8 \$225 table for 10

Contact **Jim Murray** for reservations **832-5273** or jmurray@eclipse.net

THE AUCTION IS COMING

The Auction is coming...Saturday, June 4, 2011. We need a chairperson (or co-chairs) to host this critical fund-raiser. Please speak to someone on the fundraising committee as soon as possible

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Marlene Milko mmilko@us.ibm.com

The TRICKY TRAY has been moved to October, 2011. Co-chairs are already in place!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6, 2011

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: Gn 1:20---2:4a/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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Christian Formation (Catechesis)

"MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE."

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: Being salt and light
"Jesus urges his disciples to be like salt and light to help those around them."

Scripture: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?
"You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."
Matthew 5: 13-16

Reflection: What is your experience of eating saltless or tasteless food? Have you had to walk in total darkness? Share your experiences. Likewise have you experienced food with too much salt? What about walking

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in too much light? What are your experiences in eating well-seasoned food? How about walking in sufficient lighting? Does this help you understand today's readings?

Song: "You Are the Light" #545

Story: GenC

When Rachel was 14, she was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. During her long recovery from very delicate brain surgery, Rachel passed the time making beaded jewelry. Encouraged by family and friends who loved her work, Rachel began to sell her collection of bracelets, necklaces and earrings at fairs and craft shows. To date, Rachel's jewelry has raised over \$10,000 for cancer research.

A group of high school rock bands held a battle-of-the-bands, raising over \$20,000 for Children's Hospital. What made the event so special was the fact that many of the young musicians have had personal experiences with chronic illness, from childhood surgeries for cancer to life-long treatment for cystic fibrosis. The bands saw the concert as a way of saying thanks for the care and support they received.

Kids facing cancer can get their questions answered from kids who have been there. Teens and preteen cancer survivors have put together their own videos about their treatments and hospital experiences, interviewing doctors and nurses, and showing the research being done to discover cures and develop more effective treatments for childhood diseases. The "KidVids" are big hits among new patients. The young video-makers know what these kids are going through and answer their questions with honesty and encouragement.

Rachel's jewelry, the battle of the bands and the KidsVids project are all part of a program called Generation Cures - or GenC. GenC is a kid-led, parent-enabled program at Children's Hospital in Boston, empowering kids who have been treated at the hospital to give back. The idea is give kids the opportunity to be involved in the work of combating childhood diseases. Through GenC, the kids themselves become caregivers for other kids and take on the diseases that almost killed them by raising money to fund research.

The kids who are part of GenC have become "salt" for other children and their families experiencing the same trauma they experienced and "light" for young patients overwhelmed by their pain and fear. When Jesus tells us that we are to be "salt for the earth," he calls us to bring his compassion and hope into our homes, workplaces, schools and communities; our simplest acts of charity can be a "light" for our world and unmistakable evidence of the presence of God among us. In whatever circumstances, in whatever ways we are able, may we realize our baptismal call to be "salt" for the earth - to make God's presence and grace realities in our own time and place. May we be "light" for the world, illuminating the dark, desolate corners of society with hope and peace.

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: February 12, 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.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

This Weekend

Thank you for contributing to the Souper Bowl of Caring this weekend. We will be delivering the soup cans and donations to Elijah's Promise Soup Kitchen in New Brunswick. Teens and volunteer adult drivers/chaperones who wish to serve the hungry can volunteer for Friday, February 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. or Saturday, March 12 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. by using the Stewardship Opportunities page in this bulletin or email Jo Ann Jarvis at jjarvis@ccsjn.org.

LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY

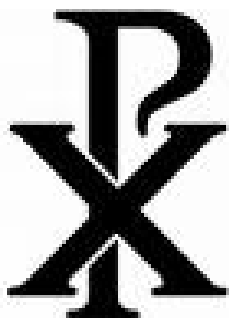
Plan to join an adult Bible study on the "The Life Giving Power of the Cross". This six week Bible study will start the week of March 6 and explore how to share in Christ's victory of the cross. A time and day for this bible study will be determined by the participants. **If interested please email Dr. Fay at rosefay@ccsjn.org.**

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

RECONNECT



We can find ourselves connecting with God in many ways. We can pray a formal prayer or think a conversation with Him. He talks to us not only with his written word (Scripture) but also through nature, other people, our own intuitions, art, books, and music. He actually employs all of creation in an effort to reach His "free-willed" creation.

One disconnect can lead to others. We often disconnect from family and later from God because He reminds and encourages us to reconnect. The opposite is also true as well. We disconnect from God, often just drifting away, and continue to drift and eventually drift away from family and friends, because we are withdrawing into ourselves and our own world. Self-absorbed one can stay really focused on the most important subject in the world – ourselves.

Often pride and self-centeredness are the greatest challenges we face as humans and as Christians. They encourage us to sin resulting in a disconnect from God and family. Lines of communication need to remain open both with God and family if we want to stay connected. Mass, Eucharist, prayer and living one's faith maintain God's connection. Acting out of love with those around us, participating in family, church and community events help keep us remain connected to those around us. As long as you live it is never too late to reconnect.

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

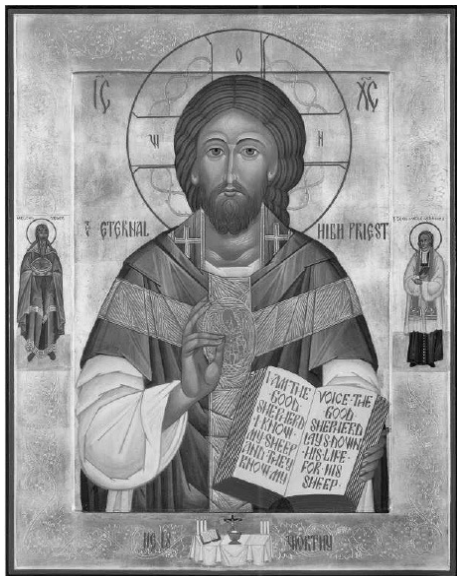
Please support all parish ministries as a spiritual partner by remembering us each day in your prayers using your own prayers or the Bible. Pray that the Holy Spirit will be with all of us who are actively involved in our community ministries.

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.**

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

NUMBERS



(I'm back after a respite to continue with my articles on my life as a priest. The last article in the bulletin online is a repeat of the week before so I am not sure where I stopped.)

During my time at Rutgers the Diocese sponsored three workshops during Lent on ministry to minorities. Each week we had a presenter on one of the ministries – Ministry to Seniors – Ministry to the Divorced and Widowed – Ministry to Sexual Minorities. The last topic was addressed by a Franciscan priest from New York who worked with prostitutes. The other presenter talked about working with homosexuals. We were offered

the opportunity to study further on any one of these ministries. I chose to work with the ministry to sexual minorities.

Father Charlie Weiser headed this group. We met several times to discuss and learn about this ministry. We went to a gathering of homosexuals at the Unitarian Church in Princeton. We then finally decided to form a chapter of "Dignity" which was a Catholic group that was organized in the States for this purpose. We also learned that there was a group for the Episcopal Church called "Integrity."

We met outside of Princeton at the motherhouse of a group of nuns. I don't remember how it was started, how word got out about the meetings or what we discussed. At first there were several priests but eventually there were three of us and then in the later years it was only me who attended all the meetings. I met quite a few great people both men and women. Some were in long term relationships, others came with hesitation, just to find out what this was about and others came to pick up a date. We did a variety of activities, welcoming speakers, discussing church doctrine, personal difficulties and eventually writing a Newsletter.

I still have friends from those days. One couple recently took me out to dinner for my birthday. They are together 31 years. They informed me that they recently went through a ceremony in order to get one of them on the others medical insurance plan. They went through the ceremony for that purpose. I was really happy for them.

I remembered that when I was involved I threw a party for a couple who celebrated their 25th anniversary. No one was doing anything about it and so I had a party. It was a great occasion especially since this was a rare occasion. It gave dignity to their experiences.

I learned later on that Bishop George Ahr supported this ministry because a friend of his told him how difficult it was to be gay in the church. Bishop Reiss, his successor, also supported the ministry. That is until the Church ordered us not to have anything to do with "Dignity" because they didn't advocate celibacy in relationships. The church is not against homosexuality as long as there is no sex. The group still exists but they are very small and they don't have the benefit of priests and the ability to celebrate Mass together. The diocese has a different group that meets at

PONDERING PAUSES

THE WAY OF FASTING [preparing for LENT]

Together with prayer, fasting is a critical form of ascetic discipline in the spiritual life. Physical practices of abstinence assist in breaking forceful habits that accrue within and harden the heart over years and even over generations. However, like the phenomenon of monasticism, the aim of fasting is not to denigrate or destroy the body, which is always respected as "a temple of God" (1 Cor. 3:16). Rather, it is to refine the whole person, to render the faculties more subtle and sensitive to the outside world as well as to "the inner kingdom."

Fasting is another way of rejecting the split between heaven and earth. It is a way of rejecting the split between heaven and earth. It is a way of recognizing the catastrophic results when reality is bifurcated by false spirituality. The early ascetics deeply valued fasting. So, too, do contemporary monastics. Indeed, even lay Orthodox Christians endeavor to meet the requirements of fasting, by abstaining from dairy and meat products almost half of the entire year. Perhaps this in itself is an unconscious effort to reconcile one half of the year with the other, secular time with the sacred time of eternity.

The whole notion of fasting or abstinence has lost its significance, or at least its positive connotation, over the centuries. Nowadays, it is used in a negative sense to imply the opposite of a healthy diet or balanced engagement with the world. Those who fast are eccentric or extreme in their protest against the world. Yet the early Christian and monastic interpretation of the word could not be more different. In the early Church, fasting signified not allowing worldly values or self-centeredness to distract us from what

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Adult Formation

PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.

is most essential in our relationship with God, with others, and with the world.

Fasting implies a sense of freedom. Fasting is a way of not wanting, of wanting less, and of recognizing the wants of others. By abstaining from certain foods, we are not punishing ourselves but instead able to reserve proper value for all foods. Moreover, fasting implies alertness. By paying close attention to what we do, to the intake of food and the quantity of our possessions, we better appreciate the reality of suffering and the value of sharing. Fasting involves the process of absorbing pain and transforming it into renewed hope. It ultimately implies focusing on what really matters, prioritizing what one values and acquiring an attitude of responsiveness and responsibility. [to be continued]

From ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, pp. 81-82

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 !

Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield now. I'm not sure how it is run and if many go. They may in all likelihood follow the guidelines of "Courage" that endorses celibacy. There use to be a group in Lambertville but I am not sure if it still exists.

Ministry takes you to places that you would never think of going. Wherever there are people in need that is where Jesus would go. We find him in many objectionable places. I was totally unaware of this lifestyle and found it a great revelation. I believe that the ministry was very beneficial and I was still helping during the initial part of the AIDS crisis.

We were now the diocese of Metuchen. I got involved in going to workshops and conferences on how to minister during this tragedy. It was really hard. I remember being asked to have the funeral of a man who died of AIDS. I didn't know the man but I knew a friend of his. The friend's concern was that when the priest came to anoint him he wore winter gloves. He didn't want him saying the funeral. Those first days of the crisis were really a challenge. I read a lot, went to plays, and listened. We all needed education on the matter.

I believe I grew in many ways through this ministerial experience and learned a lot from the men and women who shared their lives, questions and experiences. You never know where a day in the Life of a Priest will take you.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Saturday, February 26, 3:30 p.m., Church Center

The next First Eucharist class meets on Saturday, February 26 at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in the Church Center.

BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

Friday, March 4, 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 – March 4 at 7:15 pm. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – February 18.** 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.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless." Isaiah 58:7

"No matter how busy we are or how tight our budget might be, we are called to have compassion for those who are less fortunate than us. We hear these instructions in both the Old and New Testament. In fact, Jesus tells us that we will be judged by how well we reach out to those who were hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, grieving or in need of our compassion in any way."

Have you ever had the experience of eating in front of someone who is hungry? I remember eating an ice cream cone in Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina. A lady was begging while carrying a small child. The child wanted the ice cream and the lady wanted money. I had been instructed not to give money but I could not eat the ice cream with the child crying for some. So I gave her the ice cream cone. The mother was very disturbed.

I could not eat in front of someone without sharing. Likewise I was brought up with my mother telling me that if I didn't have enough to share with another I should not eat in front of them. It used to bother me when a child was brought up to communion and could not have any when we all were receiving communion. I didn't think that was what the Eucharist was about. So I had the bright idea of supplying crackers for those who had not yet received their first holy communion.

This sense of sharing is not only about those who are hungry and do not understand. It is about stewardship. Good stewards are always sharing. Their mindset and behavior incorporates this in what they think, do or explain. It is always better to share even if it is only a small portion that we have and is not enough for one of us. Put on the mind of Jesus. Share and shelter!

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 2/7	J. Santoro
Tuesday, 2/8	M. McCall
Wednesday, 2/9	Angel Needed
Thursday, 2/10	B. Pannone

Grocery Cards

February 5 & 6	
5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	R. McShane
February 12 & 13	
5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	Help Needed
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 2/6	M. Buniva
Week of 2/13	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

February 11	Team B
February 18	Team C

Bulletin Transporters

February 11	B. Lee
February 18	A. Giametta

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For January 30, 2010

80 Weekly Donors	\$2,339.00
28 Monthly Donors	\$2,819.00
Loose Money	<u>\$63.00</u>
Total	\$,214.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$843.75

For January 29, 2011

60 Weekly Donors	\$1,882.00
27 Monthly Donors	\$3,855.00
Loose Money	<u>\$93.00</u>
Total	\$4,830.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00

Weekly Averages

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
January.....	\$5,668.00

Weekly Need \$8,182.00

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: _____

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

If you are new or visiting you can learn more about the parish by visiting our website www.ccsjn.org. You can email Father Bill jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org if you have any particular questions. If you want us to contact you, email the parish or check off your request or information you want to communicate below.

- [] new in the area [] visitor [] planning to live in the area
- [] parishioner [] former parishioner [] been in the area awhile
- [] change of [] address [] email [] phone number [] marital status
- [] wish to join parish [] would like envelopes [] would like info on direct deposit contributing

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

- 5:30—7:30 p.m. (Friday, February 25)
- 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)

Volunteer Adult Drivers/Chaperones

- 5:30—7:30 p.m. (Friday, February 25)
- 3:00—5:00 p.m. (Saturday, March 12)

Valentine's Dinner Dance

- SET-UP: Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30p.m.
- SET-UP: Thursday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.
- SERVING: Friday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- DISHWASHING: Friday, February 11 at 7:30p.m.
- CLEAN UP: Saturday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Mardi Gras— March 5

- SET-UP: 4:00—5:30p.m.
- Supervise an activity for children— 6:30 p.m.
- CLEAN UP: 8:30 p.m.