

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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398 County Road 513  
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Saturday Vigil Mass .....5:30 p.m.  
 Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
 Sunday .....10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513  
 (Neumann Residence)

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

#### *Reconciliation*

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

## 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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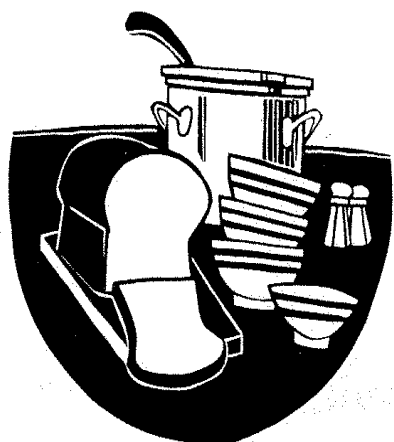
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## Parish Registration

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.

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## 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.

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## Sacrament Celebrations

**First Reconciliation:** First Reconciliation is celebrated in Advent of the second grade. Parent participation and regular worship is required.

**Matrimony:** Couples wishing to be married at St. John's are required to make arrangements one year in advance. Four sessions with the Pastor and Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Parish registration and active worship are required.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office so someone may visit and bring the sacraments.

**Holy Orders:** If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990 ext. 1700 or by email at [vocations@diometuchen.org](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org) or visit [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations).

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Schedule

April 2 & 3

<b>Saturday</b>		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector .....	M. Harrison	
Altar Server .....	Vincenzi Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	E. McCabe, J. McCabe,	
.....	B. Garcia, L. Garcia, J. Gardner, M. McCall	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector .....	C. Bitters	
Altar Server .....	Dorothy Waddleton	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Minick, B. Gates, D. Sima, J. Sima	
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<i>Children's Liturgy of the Word</i>		
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Deacon.....	E. Roberts	
Lector .....	D. Geerinck	
Altar Server .....	Geerinck/Torczon Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Martalus, M. Wickel,	
.....	D. Wickel, D. Torczon, B. Martalus	

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish

### Wednesday, March 30

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

### Friday, April 2

7:00 a.m. Tina Doran req. Jim & JoAnn Murray

### Saturday, April 3

5:30 p.m. Special Intention

### Sunday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Gertrude Kaemmerer req. CCSJN

10:30 a.m. Dorothy Melovitz req. Veronica Drucker

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, March 27 — Third Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday, March 28 — St. Buntram

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

### Tuesday, March 29 — Ss. Gundleus & Gwladys

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

### Wednesday, March 30 — St. Antoine Daveluy

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
6:15 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)  
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Inquiry—If Needed (Office Center)

### Thursday, March 31 — St. Agilulf

7:00 p.m. Quilting (Office Center)  
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)  
7:30 p.m. Lenten Group (Neumann Residence)

### Friday, April 1 — St. Valery— No Meat

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

### Saturday, April 2 — St. Francis of Paola

12:00 p.m. Shrine Trip Leaves (Church Center)  
5:00 p.m. Shrine Trip Returns (Church Center)

### Sunday, April 3 — Fourth Sunday of Lent/Yellow Brick Road/Computer Recycling Begins

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

## Pastor's Schedule

### Sunday, March 27

2:00 p.m. Temple (PA)

### Monday, March 28

Bulletin  
1:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)  
7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center)

### Tuesday, March 29

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

### Wednesday, March 30

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)

### Thursday, March 31

11:00 a.m. Appointment (Away)  
3:45 p.m. Appointment (Away)  
7:30 p.m. Lenten Group (Neumann Residence)

### Friday, April 1

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

### Saturday, April 2

9:30 a.m. Confirmation (IC Somerville)

### Sunday, April 3

2:30 p.m. NYC

# Third Sunday of Lent — Year A

## Remember in Your Prayers

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

## LIVING WATERS



Today and the next two RCIA Sundays include the scrutinies. We, as individuals and as a Church, look closely at ourselves to see how we are following the Lord. How thirsty are we for the living waters offered by Jesus? Does each of us realize that the Lord is the way, the truth, and the life? Do we, do you, witness to his place in your life? Our faith is based on this witness, and on that of our ancestors who have been touched and nourished by the risen Lord. We sponsor and encourage each other in our faith. Lord, help us!

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## JAPAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Catholic Relief Services is working with Caritas International and others to find pathways to bring aid to the many thousands stricken by the earthquake and tsunami that devastated northern Japan.

"The people of Japan who have suffered this tragedy are our brothers and sisters," Sean Callahan, vice president of overseas operations said. "Though it is too early to know the exact details of how we will help, we know that it is our mission to aid them in this time of need. As our mission is to serve the world's most poor and vulnerable people, CRS does not normally have a program in Japan. But, just as we did after the Kobe Earthquake in 1995, we will find appropriate partners for the expression of generosity by Catholics in the United States and others of goodwill." "CRS has determined there was minimal damage from the tsunami in countries where we have programs - such as the Philippines and Indonesia," said Callahan. "Our focus now is on the people of Japan."

Caritas Japan has indicated that for now it will not be involved in immediate relief work, a huge operation run by the Japanese Army, but will focus on long-term recovery. In a statement, Caritas Japan noted that the damage is not only physical but also psychological. "We will accompany people who lost their beloved, who lost everything and may stay at temporary shelter, and who have no one to rely on," the statement said.

The collection after the communion of the Mass this weekend will be for CRS's earthquake relief in Japan.

### Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **James Steele — Christopher Skuza — Jaclyn Ussia — Deacon Joseph E. O'Keefe — Dorothy Hurley — Deacon Arthur J. Wise — Raul Gomez — Elsie Slater — Jenny Stout**



**Deceased:** **Elsie Slater**, aunt of Roger and Marie Malone; **Jenny Stout**, mother of Phil Stout and Debbie Hunt. 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.

## 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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Center, starting Friday, March 11

**FRIDAYS of Lent are days of abstinence – NO MEAT –  
USE THE RICE BOWLS**

## Parish News

### PASTORAL COUNCIL GENERAL INFORMATION MEETING

Would you like to learn more about being a member of the Pastoral Council? As an important step in this process we welcome you to attend an inquiry meeting where you can meet with two current Pastoral Council members to learn more about the council and to have your questions answered. This meeting will give a brief background of Saint John's Pastoral Council, introduce the Shared Wisdom Model, as well as to share our accomplishments and current agenda. In addition, the parish website contains answers to frequently asked questions about Pastoral Council Membership.

The meeting will be held on **Monday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish office. A second meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish office, if needed.

Thank you for your interest in this important ministry. **Please RSVP to Donna Lance at [scottie439@hotmail.com](mailto:scottie439@hotmail.com) or 908-975-3228.**

### OFFICE PERSONNEL NEEDED

With the retirement of Rita we are in need of help at the front desk. We are looking for some part time help until we can evaluate this position and see what we can do without. In the meantime we could use some volunteer assistance. If you can help out speak to Sharon at the Office.

### 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](http://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](mailto:rosefay@ccsjn.org). Please indicate if I have your permission to publish your comments on the parish blog.

As of March 22, we have 10 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

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## Pastoral Council

### **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, February 26, 2011**

#### **Committee Meeting:**

- **Andy Kozlowski** came from the Property Management committee to give an update on various projects and ongoing maintenance activity for the parish buildings and property.
- **Earl Roberts** will be attending the March meeting to talk 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:
  - Pastoral Council invites parishioners interested in joining Pastoral Council to attend our next regular meeting on Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. in the Drexel Room of the Parish Office.
  - Vitality Coffee on March 13 (10:30 a.m. Mass) 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.
- A letter from the Bishop was included in the February 27 week-

### Pastoral Council, Continued

end bulletin. More information on this topic can be found in the February issue of the Catholic Spirit.

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly

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### ZUMBA!

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

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](mailto:quiltingblockhead@gmail.com) or Maggie at [mhbaumann@earthlink.net](mailto: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.



## Parish News

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.

### LENT

#### PILGRIMS OF THE HEART

Lenten Prayer with Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM

In this helpful booklet of daily Lenten reflections collected from the works of popular 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.

These books for daily devotions during 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.

Jesus Christ greets you as you enter the worship space inviting you to be friends with him. Let us look on Lent as a pilgrimage to Easter. We travel the desert, a waste land and look for ways of making the land arid, habitable, blooming with Easter water and flowers. Let us Journey together.

### BIBLE STUDY

We are also offering a Bible Study with Dr. Rose Fay. Contact her at [rosefay@ccsjn.org](mailto:rosefay@ccsjn.org) or 832-2162 to find out more information or to join. The Group is meeting on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Office Kitchen. "The Life Giving Power of the Cross" is the title. All are welcome.

### LENTEN DIALOGUE

A Lenten Program - OPEN YOUR HEARTS is being offered on Thursday evenings at the Neumann Residence Chapel, 390 Rt. 513, (next to the Hickory Run Medical Practice) at 7:30 pm. Come once or every Thursday. There is nothing to prepare. Books are supplied for the dialogue. Last week 6 people joined Fr. Bill for this dialogue. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## Fundraising

### SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **21 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,900.00** with **\$145.00** 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.

# Social Ministry

## HIOC

The Hunterdon Interfaith Outreach Council has officially been recognized as a 501C3 charitable organization. The new organization is a group of clergy and faith community representatives committed to filling in the poverty service gaps for Hunterdon County people in need. The organization will be both a funding resource, giving collectively where it's needed in cooperation with social service advisors, and a clearinghouse for information, referring individuals and faith communities to projects and programs helping to alleviate poverty in Hunterdon County.

HIOC will allow all denominations to pool resources and network to assist those in need who otherwise would have no recourse. More on HIOC in the weeks to come as our parish hopes to become an active participant in this group.

## MOVING FORWARD

### ***A Showcase of Talent & Fashion***

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, Good News Home for Women will present Moving Forward – A Showcase of Talent and Fashion – Featuring fashions by The House of Geri. The Gallery will be open between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the show will start at 5:15 pm sharp. Admission will be \$25/adult and \$12 per child 12 and under. Place – Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, Center Court, 45 Church Street, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

Proceeds benefit the Good News Home for Women a Christian residential alcohol and drug treatment facility serving women of all backgrounds, regardless of their ability to pay. **For Tickets or Sponsorship information call: 908-806-7913, extension 26 or email [robin@goodnewshome.net](mailto:robin@goodnewshome.net) or visit [www.goodnewshome.org](http://www.goodnewshome.org).**

## 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](mailto:jparadis@hcrhs.k12.nj.us) or 908-256-1213.**

## COMPUTER RECYCLING

Our annual computer recycling program will begin April 3. We specifically are looking to repurpose “not so old” units for those who cannot afford a computer. So, depending on make, model and condition some are updated and given to those in need and others are recycled. If you have recently replaced your computer and don't know what to do with the old one, please consider dropping it off at the Carriage House during the month of April. (All hard drives are wiped regardless of whether the machine is rebuilt or recycled.) Windows P4 or Mac G4 or newer. **Question call Earl at 908-832-2513 or email [eroberts@ccsjn.org](mailto:eroberts@ccsjn.org)**

## 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**

*What to do with those unwanted but useful items?*

Try putting them on our parish website in the “Haves ‘n Needs” section. Email us a short description of the time and we'll post it for a month or so and see if someone out there is looking for your treasure.

Check out what is there once a month!

### **New Eyes for the Needy**

Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

### **St. Jude's Ranch**

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

### **Sponsor Child**

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

# Social Ministry

## 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: [rvhfh@rvhabitat.org](mailto:rvhfh@rvhabitat.org).**

## YOGA AT ST. JOHN'S

We have begun 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](mailto:ana.giametta@gmail.com).**

## EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Our Easter Food – Pick, Pack and Deliver will take place later this month. Over the next few weeks please look for bargains on hams frozen, fresh or canned. They can be left in the appropriate freezer or refrigerator in the Carriage House. We can also use cake mixes, icing, pasta, pasta sauce, grated cheese, cereal, pudding, canned fruit, bagged candy, cookies or nuts, coffee, tea and hot chocolate.

The Pick is scheduled for Thursday – April 14 at 6:00 p.m. Pack is scheduled for Friday – April 15 at 7:00 p.m. and Deliver will begin on Saturday – April 16 at 8:00 a.m. If you wish to volunteer you can use the signup in the Narthex, on the sheet included with this bulletin or signup on the parish website: [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org) ( go to "Forms & Responses").

If you cannot help with the Pick, Pack and Deliver please consider making a monetary donation by dropping your cash or check into the Social Ministry Drop Box in the Narthex next to the Social Ministry Station. Donations marked "St. John's Food Pantry" will be used to purchase the necessary fresh food items as well as anything that we might come up short on to complete the Easter meals.

## 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!"

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## "MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE."

### *Third Sunday of Lent*

**Focus:** Water of Life

"We drink from Jesus' life-giving water."

**Scripture:** Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well:

"The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

"You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband."

Many of the Samaritans in that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified: "He told me everything I have done."

John 4: 5-42

**Reflection:** What satisfies your thirst? What takes away your dryness when you don't need water? What are your experiences of women breaking taboos? How do you feel about women in the church governance?

**Song:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" #480

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

**Story:** 'Everything I have done...'

Their daughter sees today because of a cornea transplant. Their joy is tempered by the realization that the cornea belonged to another nine-year old killed in an auto accident. The deceased child's family finds some peace in knowing that a part of their daughter will live on - and the recipient family is transformed by what they have received. Not only a physical piece but the deceased child's generosity and selflessness live on, as well, in the recipient's family's new dedication to advocacy work on behalf of organ donation.

He opened the letter from the college's financial aid office informing him of the scholarship award. Friends of "Mrs. G" had set up the scholarship and designated it for a student studying to be a math teacher like their beloved teacher and friend. The scholarship letter included a biography of Mrs. G written by one her former students who had helped set up the fund at the college. The incoming freshman realized what a remarkable teacher she was - this woman named for his scholarship award - and resolved to become the same kind of dedicated and generous teacher she was for her students.

They could not stop talking about it. They had spent the day at the Habitat for Humanity site, sponsored by a local church. It didn't matter that they knew nothing about carpentry; there was plenty to do and skilled craftsmen there to teach them. That evening in the dorm, they talked about the terrific people they had met - including the single mom and her two little girls who will live in the house. The next Saturday, two of their buddies joined them on the site to help frame the house - and came back to the dorm as happily exhausted as their friends were the week before.

*For the evangelist John, today's Gospel is not just about a sinful woman reconciled to God by Jesus but a woman who is so transformed by the encounter that she becomes a witness of his reconciling presence in the midst of her people. We have all experienced such grace, such generosity, such compassion that changes our perspective and approach to life - we embrace the goodness that has embraced us; we become vehicles of the compassion and grace that has blessed our lives. All of us who have encountered Jesus are called to the work of reconciliation (rather than judgment), to reach out and bring forth from one another the good each of us possesses as a son and daughter of God.*

*Connections, March 2011*

## **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

### ***The Lord Shows Us Another Way***

When the Israelites thought they were out of options in the desert and pleaded to God for help, God answered their prayers. Your support of Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl provides options to workers in Senegal and throughout the world. With CRS' support, workers can access small loans to establish businesses so that they can provide for their families. Everyone has the right to work! Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for additional information and weekly videos. To participate in ORB take home a Rice bowl from the basket in the Narthex.

## **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: , 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@ccsjn.org](mailto:rose-fay@ccsjn.org) or 832-2162 if baby-sitting is needed.**

## **GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER**

You may still order Gertrude Hawk Easter candy and participate in this year's Religious Education fundraiser on-line at [www.gertrudehawk.com](http://www.gertrudehawk.com). Our group # is 119849. Online orders may still be ordered up until April 15 and will be shipped to your home. **Any questions call Jo Ann Jarvis at 832-2162. Thanks for your kind 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  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard  
2nd Lt. Royal, Benjamin, USMC  
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

## AS A COMMUNITY WE CONNECT

### *The Third Miracle*



We come together as a community to pray, worship and work in service for others. One of these instances occurred with Michael Flanigan, a six-year-old boy from West Philadelphia, after undergoing months of treatment for osteomyelitis (a bone infection) was found in July of 1963 to have Ewing's Sarcoma, a usually lethal form of bone cancer. Doctors gave Michael six months to live. The cancer, virtually incurable when it spreads beyond the initial diseased area, had spread from the youth's right tibia to his jaw and lungs. When doctors notified Michael's parents that their son had virtually no chance of recovering from the disease, Mr. and Mrs. John Flanigan decided to take Michael to the Bishop Neumann Shrine at St. Peter's Church, 5th St. and Girard Ave. After several visits to the Shrine, Michael began to make a dramatic recovery. No signs of cancer were found in this jaw and lungs by October, 1963. By Christmas, 1963, when Michael was supposed to be dead or close to death, all signs of Ewing's Sarcoma had vanished. In December, 1975, after a final examination of Michael's medical records, the Medical Board of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints declared that Michael Flanigan's cure was "scientifically and medically unexplainable," and attributed it to the intercession of Bishop Neumann. It was this miracle which paved the way toward sainthood for the Philadelphia Bishop.

On May 15, 16, 17 2011 there will be a Forty Hours Devotion at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church of St. Peter's and the Shrine of St. John Neumann 1019 North 5<sup>th</sup> St., Philadelphia, Pa. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 a.m. till 7:00 p.m. that Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. Richard Boever, an expert on St. John Neumann, will preach at the Forty Hours Devotion. **For more information call 215-627-3080 or email [sjnooffice@comcast.net](mailto:sjnooffice@comcast.net).**

## 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?

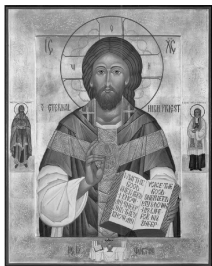
If you or someone that you know is returning to the Church after a long absence, please call Earl Roberts at 832-2262. Let us welcome you/them back and provide a copy of a "Handbook for Today's Catholic" to help you grow in your faith.

## 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

### *DEUTERONOMY*



In the beginning of 1983, with the arrival of a full time pastor for Annunciation, Bloomsbury, I turned my attention to Califon. The pastors of the surrounding parishes were not too cooperative. One pastor said he only had 28 families in the confines of St. John's and they wanted to remain in that parish. Another parish was reluctant to say if they had any families that lived in the new borders of St. John's. One pastor told the people that if they went to St. John's and the parish failed he would not

accept them back. There was great reluctance in receiving cooperation from the surrounding parishes.

To add to the difficulty many of the Catholics in the new parish territory were going to Our Lady of the Mountain. This parish was in the Paterson diocese and they had recently asked for volunteers to start a new parish in Long Valley. St. Luke's was established a month or two before Bishop McCarrick established St. John's. Of course part of his plan was to keep the people in the north part of Hunterdon County in the boundaries of the new diocese. Many people in this area had therefore already committed to starting St. Luke's.

My first action was to meet with the people in this area and begin to have listening sessions. I am not sure how I got the names of the Catholics in this area but I did. I think they sought me out. I invited people to bring their neighbors together at their home and I would come and listen to their dreams, hopes and expectations. Of course there were many complaints as well. This kept me busy because at the same time I was having "listening sessions" at St. Ann's.

I also began to look for a place to offer Mass. I first approached the Lebanon Township Board of Education. I got the runaround. I was looking at Valley View School. They never said "no" but they never said "yes." First there wouldn't be enough chairs. I said we would buy them. (Don't ask me where I would get the money?) They we needed a Black Seal person for the boiler. I said I would hire one. I then directed my attention to Old Turnpike School. I was informed not to even try. So I did not. As we were doing this run around and I was reporting my lack of progress, Judy Santoro, a trustee at the Califon Methodist Church and wife of Vince, a Catholic, asked her pastor, Rev. Roy Kramer, if they could help us out. I petitioned the congregation for the use of their church and their Board replied in the affirmative. With a place available I set up the first Mass there for the weekend of May 21 and 22, 1983, the Feast of Pentecost. We were on the move. Sometime later, Jim Ball, the mayor of Califon, scolded me for not coming to him. That was an oversight on my part but I didn't know the mayor was Catholic and would be a part of St. John's. So we had a Saturday evening Mass and one early Sunday morning Mass. In the Fall of 1983 we started a later Sunday Mass at the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church.

We continued having "listen sessions" but there was a summer slow process of registration. Everyone was tentative and did not want to commit. What were we going to do about Religious Education? Since we did not have many people it was hard to tell. How could you supply teachers if there weren't many people to populate the parish. I finally announced that we would have sacramental preparation even if I had to do it myself. By September people began to respond. Judy Wade enlisted Jane Varcadipane to coordinate the program. We started out in homes

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## PONDERING PAUSES

### *As boomers turn 65, opportunity knocks*

We knew this day would come. The U.S. baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) have begun to reach retirement age. Those born in January, 1946, are the first to turn 65.

### *Fulfilled in Your Hearing*

*The New York Times* marked the occasion with the snarky headline: "Boomers Hit New Self-Absorption Milestone: Age 65." But nowhere in the article was any consideration of the impact of this milestone on the faith life of boomers or their parishes. Religiosity tends to grow as people age, and this generation has been no exception to this trend. On the other hand, baby boomers have demonstrated less commitment to religion than their predecessors, the "Silent Generation" or the "G.I. Generation." Still, the boomers are likely entering the most religiously active stage of their lives, and for those who are Catholic, we can expect greater parish involvement — if we reach out to them. Seniors are the backbone of many parishes, and the demographic projections for our area suggest that phenomenon to only grow larger as baby boomers age. For the Diocese of Metuchen as a whole, the senior population (65+) is expected to grow from about 185,000 in 2010 to about 271,000 in 2020. That's 46 percent growth in 10 years! We don't know the precise number of Catholics in that group of seniors, but we can expect them to roughly approximate the 55-65 year old population of the diocese, which is said to be about 42 percent Catholic. The projected growth varies by county. Middlesex County is expected to see a 39 percent increase in the senior population, Somerset: 53 percent, Hunterdon: 70 percent, and Warren: 53 percent. Two causes intersect and amplify one another here — the aging of the baby boomers and the growth of 55+ communities in the four counties of our diocese. Further study would be needed to under-

stand the precise role of each cause in producing specific effects, say, the 70 percent growth in the senior population of Hunterdon County. Like the increasing racial/ethnic diversity of our diocese, the growth in the senior population presents a reality that can be ignored (at our peril) or embraced, understood, and responded to. Judy Psota, executive director of the Department of Pastoral Life, sees the growth of our senior population as an opportunity for ministry. "Because longevity in the last 100 years has increased by almost 30 years, seniors are able to continue to live vital and vibrant lives," she said. "New attitudes and aspirations have developed. They have more time and consequently are eager to take advantage of opportunities for spiritual, social and cultural development." Seniors may have more free time, Psota explained, but they also have unique needs, including an experience of loss — more so than at any other time in their lives — loss of health, loss of a sense that they are contributing, the death of friends and spouses and loss of a sense of control over their lives. How the parish helps them respond to those losses can be very significant.

Parishes can be places where those needs are acknowledged and responded to, and where seniors respond to others' needs, but where to start? Psota suggested that senior ministry could begin with convening seniors for social reasons, then asking what they need to grow in their spiritual life and meet the challenges of senior living.

"Many parishes already have senior organizations," she said. "We can build upon these groups by providing a ministry that is personal, practical, and relevant, one that encourages ongoing spiritual growth."

Such an approach would acknowledge the reality that baby boomers share much in common with previous generations, but they have always reinvented whatever life stage they are in. An adventure awaits us all.

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and in a few weeks got permission to use Califon Public School.

Our first gathering in a social capacity was our first annual picnic. We met at Art and Linda Owens's home and planned the day at the Califon Park. I think that we had almost a 100% attendance of about 26 families. We moved slowly but surely. It is difficult to start without much support and opposition from the surrounding pastors. Starting a parish is a challenge but not as hard as starting a new religion. Catholics are essentially easy to work with once they get over their fears or guilt. No one told me that the Day in the Life of a Priest would be like this.

## Sacrament Preparation

### FIRST EUCHARIST

The next First Eucharist class will meet on **Saturday, April 16 at 2:30 p.m.** in the Church Center. Please note the change in time.

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN SHRINE TRIP

All confirmandi will be visiting the St. John Neumann Shrine in Philadelphia on Saturday, **April 2**. We will be leaving from the Church parking lot at 11:45 a.m. and returning at approximately 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 p.m.** **The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – May 27.** For more information or to begin the process please call the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2011

Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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# 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**

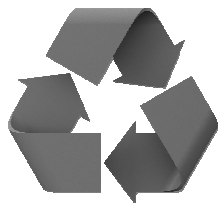
## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*“Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’” – John 4:7*

How often through our lives does Jesus ask us to give Him a drink? Remember that Jesus lives in every person who is physically hungry and thirsty and also in all those who thirst for compassion, love or care.

How often do people ask you for a drink? How do you respond in stewardship?

## 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 March 21, 2010

67 Weekly Donors .....	1,863.00
39 Monthly Donors .....	\$3,705.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$27.00</u>
Total .....	\$5,595.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$955.00
<b>52 CRS.....</b>	<b>\$778.00</b>

### For March 20, 2011

68 Weekly Donors .....	\$1,822.00
29 Monthly Donors .....	\$3,350.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$82.00</u>
Total .....	\$5,254.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
<b>54 CRS.....</b>	<b>\$1,207</b>

### Weekly Averages

February .....	\$5,133.00
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
<b>Weekly Need .....</b>	<b>\$8,182.00</b>

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### Office Angels

Monday, 3/27	<b>Angel Needed</b>
Tuesday, 3/28	<b>Angel Needed</b>
Wednesday, 3/29	<b>Angel Needed</b>
Thursday, 3/30	<b>Angel Needed</b>

### Grocery Cards

March 26 & 27

5:30 p.m.	C. Crescenti
8:00 a.m.	S. Pojedinec
10:30 a.m.	R. DeStefano

April 2 & 3

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m.	V. Hoffart

### Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 3/27	C. Fortenbacher
Week of 4/3	T. Menzie

### Church Center Cleaning

April 1	Team D
April 8	Team E

### Bulletin Transporters

April 1	A. Tagliareni
April 8	C. Carroll

## SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

In March 2009, we began sending profits from cash card sales on the third weekend of each month to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. If you don't use these cash cards but want to contribute to St. Mary's you may leave a donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. **Last weekend, we collected \$145.00 in profits from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

# 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:**

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*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

- Easter Food Distribution
  - Pick (Thursday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.)
  - Pack (Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.)
  - Deliver (Saturday, April 16, 8:00 a.m.)

- Grocery Card Sales
- Companions Ministry
- Connxions Ministry
- Greeter
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass
  - 8:00 a.m. Mass
  - 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Vitality Coffee Help
- Office Angel