

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, retired
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Our Parish

Parish Team

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398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

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

Reconciliation

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

About Our Parish

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Parish Registration

Anyone living within the parish boundaries who would like to become a member of our Catholic Community or who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith should call or email the church office. We will meet with you at your convenience where you will learn about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Those joining the parish are encouraged to celebrate their welcome and registration at a weekend Mass.

Please notify the parish office of any change in phone number, address, email address or when leaving the parish.

Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of sacraments and certification as a sponsor.

Regular Sunday worship indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. An assurance of family practice and raising children in the faith they seek is necessary for the sacraments of initiation and certification of sponsorship.

Sacraments of Initiation

Baptism: Baptism is celebrated at any weekend Mass. The preparation process begins during pregnancy and includes an initial pastoral visit with the Pastoral Assistant for Connxions and attendance at one Baptism Preparation Session, which is offered quarterly. Please call the parish office to register. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation. No baptisms are celebrated during Lent.

First Eucharist: First Eucharist is celebrated in May, following two years of preparation. Family participation and regular worship are an integral component.

Confirmation: Confirmation is celebrated in the fall, following three years of preparation. Active participation and weekly worship are an integral component.

Adult Confirmation: The formation process is held in the parish, followed by a parish celebration of Adult Confirmation.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended gradual formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults, or baptized Christians who wish to enter the Catholic Church or for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Interested persons may begin the process at any time, please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament Celebrations

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

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

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

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Schedule

April 16 & 17

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector.....	M. Wickel
Altar Server.....	Olesiak Family
Gift Bearers.....	Brezina Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	V. Olesiak, J. Eacovalle, L. Eacovalle, D. Kelemen, B. Garcia, L. Garcia
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector.....	A. Piechowski
Altar Server.....	Needed
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	M. McCall, R. Pojedinec, S. Pojedinec
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector.....	S. Carroll
Altar Server.....	Malone Family
Gift Bearers.....	Cucchiara Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Zelesny, C. Zelesny, C. Carroll, E. Lacy, B. Gerristead, L. Gerristead

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 p.m. Elsie Slater req. Roger & Marie Malone

Wednesday, April 13

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, April 15

7:00 a.m. Georgette Esyske req. Bridgette Como

Saturday, April 16

5:30 p.m. Brian Grare req. Connolly Family

Sunday, April 17

8:00 a.m. Patricia Crisafi req. Mike & Mary Mastro
10:30 a.m. Mary Ann Kelly req. Roger & Marie Malone

Parish Calendar

Sunday, April 10 — Fifth Sunday of Lent/Easter Flower Intentions

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

Monday, April 11 — St. Stanislaus

10:00 a.m. SHIP (Office Center)
6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Office Center)

Tuesday, April 12 — Bl. Andrew of Montereale

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

Wednesday, April 13 — St. Martin I

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Community Reconciliation (Church Center)
8:30 p.m. Individual Confessions (Church Center)

Thursday, April 14 — St. Lambert of Lyons

10:00 a.m. Nursing Home Visit (Little Brook N.H.)
6:00 p.m. Food Pick (Church Center)
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 15 — St. Bernard of Tiron — 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)
7:30 p.m. Food Pack (Church Center)

Saturday, April 16 — Bl. Jose Dionisio Luis Padilla Gomez

8:00 a.m. Food Delivery (Church Center)
2:30 p.m. First Eucharist Session 6 (Church Center)
5:30 p.m. Procession & Blessing of Palms (Carriage House)

Sunday, April 17 — Palm/Passion Sunday of Lent/Food Pantry Weekend/Easter Flower Order Pick Up/Retirement of Diocesan Clergy

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

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, April 10

12:00 p.m. Meeting (Casola's)

Monday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Lunch (Out)
Bulletin
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting (Office Center)

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
1:30 p.m. Diocesan Personnel Board
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)
7:30 p.m. Community Reconciliation (Church Center)
8:30 p.m. Individual Confessions (Church Center)

Thursday, April 14

3:00 p.m. Therapy (Away)
7:30 p.m. Lenten Group (Neumann Residence)

Friday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 16

10:00 a.m. Appointment (Office Center)

Fifth Sunday of Lent — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Mary Kirchner
Joe Angeline	Frank Kostecki
Pat Arat	Spencer Kydd
Antonia Baasten	Michael Lamotte
Kate Bachman	Harry Larson
Richard Baker	John Lauler
John Ballard	Kevin Leahy
Peter Barbieri	Holly Lear
Agnes Barhart	Jewel LeVine
Alice Beardsmore	Michele Makos
Carol Becker	Taylor Maleski
Maria Beckman	Melissa Martinez
Mary Anna Bennett	Lily Anna Mastro
Darlene Brown	Silas Mastro
Eugene Brzezienski	Tom Martin
Shirley Bumen	Judy Martino
James Burns	Marie Mazzoni
John Burns	Susan McHugh
Eileen Caffin	Patrick McKenna
Angie Caponetti	Brett Melworn
Barbara Carbonneau	Tyler Messinger
Joseph Carpentiere	George Meyer
Jose Castro	George Milke
Lou Citarelli	Betsey Miller
Riley Clark	Michael Milto
Lorraine Cochrane	Nina Montouri
Kathleen Cohen	Erica Morgan
Peggy Colaneri	Robert Olivetti
Gerard Cook	Gloria Omstead
Valerie Cordero	Floyd Opdyke
Kristine Orvos Cresti	Daisy Ort
Natalia Cresti	Bill O'Toole
Dalton Cummins	Nilsa Perez-Parsons
Joseph D'Achino	John Pfeufer
Sr. Ann Damian	Steve Plume
Percival Davids	Brian Plushanski
Maria Elena Dawson	John & Nicole Ramsden
Virginia DeCasino	Albert Rayburn
Peter Demchur	Tom Regan
Dorothy Deo	Ed Reinagel
Nick DeVincenzo	Alissa Marie Ricciardi
Anthony DeVito	Pat Roach
Ann Dodwell	Julie Ruby
Betty Doyle	John Sawczuk
Paul DuPre	Maria Sawczuk
Courtney Ellis	Ed Scharf
Msgr. Endebrock	Chris Seltzer
Jacob Fakelmann	Abe Shalaby
Hannah Farrington	Paul Shubeck
Akiea Finn	Sister Mary George
Anthony Fiorillo	Marianna Sivori
Ann Flemming	Jim Sklenar
Ryan Flynn	Christopher Skuza
Helen Galligan	Austen James Slinger
Theresa Galvano	Carol Smarsh
Frank Gargiulo	Colleen Smith
Maria Gargiulo	Jonathan Solis
Jayne Giese	Felicia Steward
Jerry Goski	William Stortz
Sophia Goski	Timothy Struble
Robert Govett	Evelyn Sulenski
Rose Gradone	Mary Sulenski
Angela Grieco	Julie Suplee
Christina Grillo	Tracey Sutch
Dorothy Gross	Margaret Sweeney
Josephine Handy	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
	Michael Zocchi

DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?



This day Jesus weeps for his dead friend, Lazarus. He asks Martha, "If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live. Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" After Martha's "yes," Jesus raised Lazarus, and we are witnesses. Paul adds: "If the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies." Resurrection is the key to our witness and our faith in Jesus.

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A. Illustration © 2010 M. Erspamer, OSB. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.

EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

This Weekend

The basket will be passed after the communion of the Mass this weekend for Easter Flower Intentions. Please use the boxed envelope or one from the Narthex. Please remember to clearly write the name of the one to be remembered.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

Next Weekend

Let's not forget to be generous to the Annual Diocesan Collection for the benefit of the Retired Priests of our Diocese which will take place next weekend (April 16-17) at all Masses. This collection is not to be confused with the collection taken up in December of each year for retired religious, that is, religious orders of nuns, brothers and priests. This collection will benefit all 30 of our retired priests who have ministered in our diocesan parishes, and it will benefit our active diocesan priests when they retire. May your generosity to this collection reflect your gratitude and love for them and their priestly ministry over the years.

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

Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Jaclyn Ussia — Deacon Joseph E. O'Keefe — Dorothy Hurley — Deacon Arthur J. Wise — Raul Gomez — Elsie Slater — Jenny Stout — Ruth Morales — Bill Armstrong — Jack Wilson**



Deceased: **Bill Armstrong**, father of Maura Vitale; **Jack Wilson**, relative of Vince Santoro. 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

COMINGS AND GOINGS

We welcome **Marion Kucharski** to our parish staff. She is our new person in the Finance Office. Marion has been active in the parish especially when her children were in Religious Education. She has remained faithful even after her daughter Alison and her son Kevin were confirmed. Her son, Kevin was a lector before he went off to college to Scranton University. She is being well trained by **Maureen Stout** who is retiring.

Maureen has been with us almost nine years. She has been wonderful. I love her. She keeps me on the straight and narrow and anticipating things especially salaries. She has those checks ready to sign the Friday before they were due. She is thus also loved by the parish staff. She has great talent with the figures. She is dedicated and faithful. We always had the results of fundraising events, especially the Auction, before everyone had cleared out of the Church Center. She has a keen eye, an active mind, especially for figures, and a strong spirit with a challenging attitude. And even though she has a straight-laced approach to matters of finance she always has a ministerial approach. These made her a vital component of our staff and the reason I love her. We will miss you.

Thank you Maureen.

Welcome Marion.

WELCOMING PROCEDURES

At the present moment our registering and welcoming people into the parish needs to be revised. Part of the difficulty is the people desiring to join the parish. They don't return emails, phone calls or sometimes don't even go to Mass. Many are just registering to have their child baptized and often we don't see them again.

We need to study this phenomenon, evaluate what we have done in the past and see if we can make an impact on these people that still have some affinity to the church.

This is not a new challenge but it is more prominent today. It seems that the further we get from an immigrant faith the farther we are from being a part of a church.

I am looking for some people to sit down with me and ponder this challenge.

We dropped the Discovery Sunday because there were not enough people to gather for this purpose. That program worked well and we may be able to draw from its inspiration.

If you have an interest in this area and a leaning to share in this ministry please let Father Bill know, by phone or email jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org You can come and just brainstorm even if you don't want to be part of the ministry.

BIBLE STUDY

We are also offering a Bible Study with Dr. Rose Fay. Contact her at 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

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Pastoral Council **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes** **Monday, March 21, 2011**

Committee Meeting

- Earl Roberts came from the Social Ministry and Connxions Committees to give an update on the various ongoing activities and accomplishments, as well as future plans of these committees.

Old and Continuing Items of Business

- All committee chairs have provided input for the 2013-2015 Five Year Plan/Covenant Update. Our council's goal to have the Covenant Update and 5 Year Plan completed by the April Pastoral Council Meeting.
- New Pastoral Council Member drive:
 - Two parishioners joined the Pastoral Council's meeting on Monday, March 21 to learn more about the workings of the Council.
 - A vitality Coffee was hosted on March 13 (10:30Mass) by the 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
- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011. The topic will be Parish finances.
- 2011-2012 Dates were set for future Pastoral Council Meetings.
- Members of the Pastoral Council will be attending the Diocese of Metuchen Multiple Parish Pastoring and Merged Parish Summit at Christ the King Parish School, Manville on April 8 and/or April 9.

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Pastoral Council, Continued

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. Father Bill discussed various options for consideration and encouraged Parishioners to visit the Saint John's Faith Formation Blog to post their needs and concerns on this important topic.
- A Parish staff update was also provided by Father Bill.

Minutes prepared by Donna Lance

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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 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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.

Parish News

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.

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

As of 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 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.

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.

SPRING GIVING TREE

Our Spring Giving Tree will begin next week. In addition to the local families on our list, we will be assisting Elijah's Promise, Great Expectations, and the Safe in Hunterdon (formally the Woman's Crisis Center).

Social Ministry

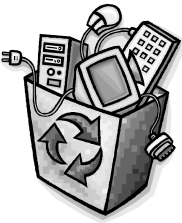
GENNESARET RETREAT

May 20 – 22

The next Gennesaret Retreat for the seriously ill will be held on May 20, 21, and 22 at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center in Kearny, New Jersey. The retreat will begin at 1:30 p.m. Friday and end with a closing Prayer Service at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. There is no cost for the ill attendees. **For more information please contact: Peggy Walsh at 908-654-5575 or Marie Merritt 732-440-4194**

In support of those who attend, anyone including children can write a short note of encouragement for a retreatant. Simply address your note to "Dear Friend" and send it in an envelope to 11Anton Place, Aberdeen NJ 07747.

COMPUTER RECYCLING



Our annual computer recycling program will run through May 1. 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

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 7:30 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 (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!"

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 to 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!

Fundraising

ANNUAL AUCTION — SAVE THE DATES — JUNE 3 & 4, 1950

Whoops, not 1950, but it will seem so! The highlight of our annual, fantastic auction event weekend will be the TURN BACK THE CLOCK 50's ROCK dinner dance. We will also have a live and silent auction, our grand 50/50, the Fab 5 raffle, and our wine/beer/cheese tasting. On the eve of the event, keeping in 50's theme, come to our first OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT. Stay tuned into this space for more info as we get closer.

Help Wanted - The committee is looking for someone to help pick up certificates from merchants who will have committed to donations. This is a pick up position, not a solicitation position.

RESPECT LIFE

"Even as our ability to manipulate biological life in the laboratory continues to grow, the principle of life itself remains elusive and beyond our grasp. Living beings, with all their structure and complexity, should never cease to impress us and inspire us with a certain awe, so that even in our bated eagerness to harness their powers, we might avoid reducing life itself to a mere commodity or raw material for our biotechnical prowess to conquer." Father T. Pacholczyk, Ph.D. of the National Bioethics Center in Philadelphia.



SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **23 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$3,275.00** with **\$163.75** 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.

THANK YOU

To **Barbara Pannone** and her friend who ran the Dove chocolate tasting and sale. They were able to give us \$230.00 towards our fundraising activities.

EASTER FLOWERS

Orders Due April 9/10

A nice plant to grace your home then plant in your garden and/or one for the hostess of your Easter meal (even if that is you) would make a lovely gift. An order form for something perfect should have arrived at your home. Please place your order and payment in the collection basket by April 9/10 or drop it off at the parish office during the week. Your order will be ready for pick-up after masses the weekend of April 16/17. Plants will be available for sale at an additional cost that weekend. Remember: deer don't eat daffodils!

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

OPERATION RICE BOWL

I Will Put My Spirit In You That You May Have Life

The scriptures this weekend are rich with the theme that God brings the dead to life. God has made us all to share life with Him, and so all humans have rights and responsibilities to the basic goods of the earth. In Kenya and elsewhere, Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl helps people receive the basic right of an education. Visit orb.crs.org for additional information and weekly videos. To participate in ORB take home a Rice Bowl from the basket in the Narthex.

"MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE."

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Focus: Christ's Power Displayed
"We stand in awe as Jesus raises Lazarus from death."

Scripture: Jesus told Martha: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live; and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."
Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face wrapped in a cloth. "Untie him and let him go."
John 11: 1-45

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

Reflection: Have you ever had the experience of knowing someone who was near death and got better? Can you identify with Martha and Mary at the loss of their brother? Has your delay ever made you miss some one dear to you?

Song: "Out of Darkness" #104

Story: The eternal hope of the gardener

His life was a never-ending winter of depression. His heart had been broken too many times; his last few dreams finally died in defeat and disappointment. He would leave his house only to go teach his classes or see his doctor, but his real life was lived under a blanket in his dark bedroom.

Then, one day, he was drawn to his empty yard and felt the urge to dig. He turned over spade after spade of dirt until he had cleared a small plot. He planted a few seeds and managed to find the energy to water and fertilize and weed. Soon he picked his first small basket of tomatoes and beans. He now had reason to get out of bed. He was a gardener.

That was a few years ago. As he looks back, he wonders what he could have done if only he had gotten up out of bed and put on his shoes: He could have built a boat. He could have written a book. He could have planted a garden.

Now, each winter, as the snows rage, he spends hours at his kitchen table planning the next year's garden. On a large piece of paper he marks the rows: carrots here, potatoes there, beans in that section, tomato plants and corn on the edges. Maybe something different - kale or spinach? Would this be the year he would attempt a watermelon vine? He eagerly looks forward to the new seed catalog each year; he devours gardening books and is constantly checking out horticultural websites looking for new ways to make next season's garden greener and more productive.

While the world around him is entombed in winter, he lives in the never-disappointing hope of spring, looking forward to digging in his garden and gathering the bounty of the harvest.

[Suggested by "The Garden" by Richard Jones, **Spirituality & Health**, March-April 2011.]

All of us have experienced some extended spiritual "winter" when we have felt trapped by the feeling that nothing matters much, when we are entombed by disappointment, hurt and grief - or we are so absorbed in work or others' expectations that distract us from being the kind of spouse, parent, child or friend we want to be. The Christ who calls Lazarus from his tomb calls us out of the tombs we dig for ourselves in order to walk in the light of hope and possibility. He calls us to live life to the fullest, to bring the love of God into our cold, winter world. Jesus calls not only to Lazarus but to all of us: Come out! Go free! Unbind yourselves from the wrappings of death! Live life to the fullest - the life given to you by a loving God. May we hear that same call to life in our darkest and coldest winters, enabling us to drop the bindings of disappointment and anger and embrace the never failing hope of the gardener and the good earth.

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: 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 or 832-2162 if baby-sitting is needed.**

GERTRUDE HAWK FUNDRAISER

All those who ordered Gertrude Hawk Easter candy to be shipped to the Church can pickup their order on the weekend of **April 9 and 10**. Thank – you for your support. So far this Religious Education fundraiser is far below usual. You can still help by ordering online at www.gertrudehawk.com. Make sure you enter our **group # 119849** or we will not get credit for your order. Online orders may be placed until **April 15** and will be shipped to your home. **Any questions call Jo Ann Jarvis at 832-2162.**

Connections, April 2011



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. 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



Have you ever tried to move a heavy object by yourself? It's amazing how much faster and easier it is when you have help. When it comes to sports we wouldn't get much enjoyment out of life if we didn't have a group to compete in. Weddings couldn't happen without two people. We couldn't even play "Marco /Polo" without a second person. Living a solo existence can be difficult and lonely. That's why most of us need to connect with each other.

It is the same with any church or parish. While we connect to God we also need to connect with each other, so that as a community we can accomplish great things for each other in accordance with His plan.

Invite someone to Mass this Lent, and help them make a connection in the parish as well as with God.

CATHOLIC INQUIRY

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

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

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

YOUR PRAYERS

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

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

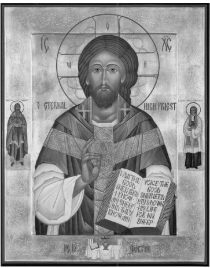
You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 10, 2011

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14---27:66 or 27:11-54
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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

DEUTERONOMY



At first the people of St. Ann's had trouble with me, not only being a new priest on the block, but a man with a beard, long hair and strange ideas. I had come from a homogenous community. College life operates around a school year. Most people in the community are experiencing the same emotions and challenges of growing up, studying, questioning and celebrating life. They are all young, although there are no little children and they are young at heart. Most of them are open and willing

to listen to things that they have not heard of before. This doesn't mean they are not stuck on certain things.

I remember one Thanksgiving we were going to have a pre-Thanksgiving dinner at Tabor House, the place where I lived and from which I conducted the ministry. The girls were planning on getting up early and coming to the House before classes. I told them my mother had a way of cooking a turkey from Jack Ellery on the WCTC radio. It was cooking with a combination of heats. They would not buy it. They called home and stayed true to their mother's instructions. They got up early. Parents would be surprised at their sticking to family values in so many other things, but dropping others.

It was an easy place to minister. Even though, one Sunday after a homily, a girl raised her hand and asked if she could say something. She repeated my homily in "religious" language. I had used psychological language to get across the Biblical message. She was from one of the fundamentalist groups on campus who believed in literal translation and understanding of the scriptures. They came to Mass, I think, to convert me or see why I was drawing so many students. I found them delightful. They had such a passion for the scripture.

One Catholic girl who came regularly the first year and part of the second year disappeared all of a sudden to join one of the fundamental groups. I didn't see her until senior year when she appeared to tell me how much of the Mass was from scripture. "Let us proclaim the mystery of faith," is right from the Bible she said. She had to find out on her own. I often wonder how her life turned out. She was of Eastern European ancestry and came from Manville, a very ethnic community.

On campus I could say things that I could not say in the parish. Of course some people were aghast at what I said and how I said it. I remember one of the first community reconciliations that I had at St. Ann's. I was playing "Memories" from Cats. I overheard someone say, "What is he doing now?" It was an adjustment to have Mass with small children, elderly people and critical spectators. Ministry on campus had been both a liberating and humanizing ministry. I don't think that I realized how the people of St. Ann's had to adjust to me. They were patient and let me grow and deal with the ministry of a parish again.

Before the First Reconciliation Service at the parish, someone told me about a service she was at and how good it was. I liked her idea and so I wrote a service. I had learned that one of the girls in the parish played at being a clown. I enlisted her help. We had a theme of rainbows. Rainbow was her clown name. We had our service round this theme, building on Noah's rainbow. The direction was about God's love not his punishment. After each child came out of the confessional she would meet them, give them a ribbon, and lead them up to the front where they placed it on a wind sock banner. We had lively music, loving people, joyful partici-

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PONDERING PAUSES

Religion Does Its Worst

*By Roger Cohen, NY Times
Op/Ed Columnist*

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LONDON — So Terry Jones, the Florida pastor who organized a Koran burning on March 20, wanted "to stir the pot." Mission accomplished. Perhaps he'd care to explain himself to the family of Joakim Dungel, a 33-year-old Swede slaughtered at the U.N. mission in Mazar-i-Sharif by Afghans whipped into frenzy through Jones's folly.

On reflection, no, there's nothing Jones can explain to Dungel's family, or the other U.N. staffers murdered. Jones is not in the explanation business. He's a zealot. How else to describe a Christian who interprets his faith not as grounded in love and compassion but as a mission to incite hatred toward Islam?

There's no discussion with a bigot like this: You can't be argued out of something you haven't been argued into in the first place.

Jones is not alone in this Islamophobic campaign in the United States, which is what is most disturbing. But before I get to that, let's talk about the murderous Afghan mob and its enablers.

Hamid Karzai, the Afghan president, was one such enabler. He was a fool to allude to Jones's stunt, performed before a few dozen acolytes. Why elevate this vile little deed and so foster mayhem?

Karzai is a man who will stop at nothing to disguise his weakness. His benefactors and underwriters — the West — are those he must scorn to survive.

The foolishness did not stop with Karzai: The imams of Mazar chose to use Friday prayers to stir up the crowd. As for the killing itself — whether by infil-

PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.

trated Taliban insurgents or not — it was a heinous crime against innocent people and should be denounced throughout the Islamic world, in mosques and beyond. I'm still waiting. Staffan de Mistura, the top U.N. envoy in Afghanistan, did not honor the dead by failing to denounce the perpetrators of the crime in a statement. He was right to call Jones's Koran burning "insane and totally despicable;" he should have used the same words about the slaughter of his men. Not to do so was craven, a glaring omission. All this madness began at the Dove World Outreach Center in Florida, home to Jones's mini-church. As my colleague Lizette Alvarez chronicled, an unrepentant Jones believes Islam and the Koran only serve "violence, death and terrorism." That's as dumb as equating Christianity with Psalm 137 that says the "little ones" of the enemy should be dashed against stones.

To be continued next week

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 !

pation. I think that everyone loved it and of course wished it had been that way for them. One lady told me later, at a St. Patrick's day celebration, how much she liked the service but shouldn't we have a little bit of fear in the sacrament? She may have been right because the children don't go to Mass anymore though they had their children baptized.

The challenges, the creativity, the heart aches when you are a part of people's lives for over 25 years makes the years in a priest's life an uphill journey. I will always be grateful for the opportunity to minister on campus. It was a great growing and enlightening experience.

Sacrament Preparation

SEDER MEAL

Thursday, April 21, 6:00 p.m., Church Center

The Confirmation class of 2011 will be celebrating a Seder Meal on Holy Thursday, April 21 in the Church Center at 6:00 p.m. All confirmandi are expected to attend. After sharing the Seder Meal, the families of these Confirmandi are invited to join them at 8:00 p.m. to celebrate Holy Thursday Liturgy.

LIVING STATIONS

Friday, April 22, 1:00 p.m., Church Center

Continuing St. John tradition, our Confirmandi will be bringing the Stations of the Cross to life as we pray the Living Stations on Good Friday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. All Confirmandi participating in the Living Stations need to arrive at 12:00 noon in the Church Center.

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.

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 – \[www.ccsjn.org\]\(http://www.ccsjn.org\).](#)

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 OF LENT

In his Gospel, St. John tells of Lazarus dying and Jesus raising him from the dead. This miracle foretells Jesus' own resurrection. Through the centuries, the Church has unwaveringly embraced the sanctity and preservation of human life. As Christian stewards, we know life is a gift from God and uphold the Church's teachings on its sanctity against the "culture of death" of modern society that tolerates the destruction of life at all stages, from embryonic stem cells to euthanasia.

I think this reflection is a stretch for this week's reflection on Stewardship. The stewardship of life is indeed a part of the resurrection of Lazarus but I am not sure the above is what was meant in the writing of the Gospels. Rather Jesus is "The resurrection and the life." The giving and sharing of life, the raising of people in great need just to survive is this not a more reflective part of this reading. Not that this reflection isn't true but not really in keeping with the gospel.

Jesus shared life, his life. How do we share that life and bring people to life?

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.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 4/11	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 4/12	M. McCall
Wednesday, 4/13	S. Griffin
Thursday, 4/14	B. Pannone

Grocery Cards

April 9 & 10	
5:30 p.m.	D. Zigmantanis
8:00 a.m.	Help Needed
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane
April 16 & 17	
5:30 p.m.	D. Royal
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	Help Needed

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 4/10	B. Lee
Week of 4/17	M. Buniva

Church Center Cleaning

April 15	Team A
April 22	Team B

Bulletin Transporters

April 15	L. Livoti
April 22	B. Lee

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For April 4, 2010 (Easter)

52 Weekly Donors	\$5,469.50
Total	\$5,469.50
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$955.00
Weekly Average for 3/10 ...	\$5,616.00

For April 3, 2011

74 Weekly Donors	\$2,220.00
26 Monthly Donors	\$3,650.00
Loose Money	\$70.00
Total	\$5,940.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
Weekly Average for 3/11 ...	\$5,963.00

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
Weekly Need	\$8,182.00

SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

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

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

- Easter Food Distribution**
 - Pick (Thursday, April 14, 6:00 p.m.)
 - Pack (Friday, April 15, 7:30 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**