

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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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.

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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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—Sacred Triduum

April 21, 22, 23, 24

Holy Thursday	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector.....	J. Murray
Altar Server.....	Malone Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	B. Gates, M. MacKenzie,
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Good Friday	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lectors	Needed
Minister of the Eucharist.....	Needed
Saturday Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lectors	A. Sawczuk, M. Wickel
Altar Server	F. Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	J. Simila,
	J. Gardner, B. Garcia, L. Garcia, B. Gerristead
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	C. McVicker
Altar Server	Stanski Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	C. Behrens, D. Wickel, S. Janks, K. Malley
Easter Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	A. DeStefano
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	K. Gemma, C. Zelesny,
	B. Zelesny, D. Torczon, A. Giametta

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Thursday, April 21

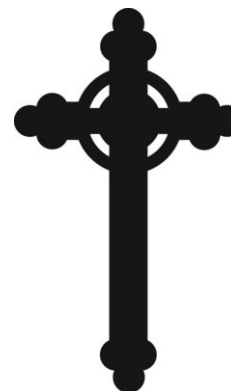
8:00 p.m. Anna & Joseph Kalafut
req. Ron & Shirley
Pojedinec

Saturday, April 23

5:30 p.m. Randy Baysinger req.
Garcia Family

Sunday, April 24

8:00 a.m. Margaret Reilly Walsh
req. David Family
10:30 a.m. Olga Charkut req.
Griffin Family



Parish Calendar

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

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

Monday, April 18 — Monday of Holy Week

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)
7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

Tuesday, April 19 — Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Property Management Committee Meeting
(Office Center)

Wednesday, April 20 — Wednesday of Holy Week

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross Practice (Office
Center)

Thursday, April 21 — Holy Thursday/Holy Land Collection

4:30 p.m. Seder Meal Set Up (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Seder Meal (Church Center)
No Music Ministry
8:00 p.m. Mass (Church Center)
9:00 p.m. Keeping Vigil (Office Center)

Friday, April 22 — Good Friday/Holy Land Collection — No Meat & Fast

No Mass
1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (Church Grounds)
2:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Church Center)

Saturday, April 23 — Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. Flower Placement (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, April 24 — Easter Sunday/Mother's Day Intentions

Palm Sunday of The Lord's Passion — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Mary Kirchner
Joe Angelino	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	Betsy 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'Achiano	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	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
Josephine Handy	John Toolan
Colleen Hendzrak	Rose Uricchio
Tyler Hodulik	Robert Villani
Anita Horan	Dayelle Watts
Richard Hughes	Harvey Whille
Brittney Ianitto	John William
Jeannine Imperiale	Gloria Wood
Nona Janks	Elizabeth Wodrich
Diana Janowski	Lynn Yondolino
Bob Jenkinson	John J. Zelesny
John Kaemmerer	Joey Zieba
Rosemary Kimbal	Michael Zocchi

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION



The *Sacramentary* offers three forms for the entrance rites today: a procession, a solemn entrance, and a simple entrance. This rite is not a stage play and the liturgy is not a reenactment; rather, it is the Church, here and now, journeying with the Messiah into the holy city. Today we rejoice in the Son of David as we prepare ourselves to follow him to the cross. The assembly needs to walk; its members need to feel in their bodies the path they are taking. Approaching the cross is not something we can sit and watch someone else do! "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

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ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

This 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 this 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.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Living Stations of the Cross will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Good Friday on the grounds of the Church Center.

TRIDUUM FAST

Lent ends on Wednesday. The Holy Triduum includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. There is a fast and abstinence suggested from after Mass on Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil. That is no meat and no eating between meals for those who are from 18 to 59.

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

Remember to return your rice bowl

Remembered at Mass

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

The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Deacon Arthur J. Wise — Raul Gomez — Elsie Slater — Jenny Stout — Ruth Morales — Bill Armstrong — Jack Wilson — David Willean**



Deceased: **David Willean**, father of Laura Mullen. May he find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may his family find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

Parish News

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

May 16, 6:00 p.m., Church Center

We are inviting all parishioners to attend a Town Hall Meeting on May 16 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Center. A light repast will be served. Please plan on coming for an important update of our Parish Finances. See you there!

ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are in the Narthex. Please remember to pick yours up after Mass. There are also forms available if you would like to start using automated giving through your bank. If you are currently using automated giving, it needs to be renewed. You will receive a form in the mail. Please renew by signing the form and sending it back.

SPRING CLEANUP

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m., Church Center

Our annual spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Please call the office or sign up sheets in the Narthex if you can help. Many hands make light work.

PART TIME RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

The new title of this ministry is Pastoral Catechetical Leader (PCL). Some time ago in PONERING PAUSES I wrote that we had to terminate the full time PCL, Rose Fay, because of financial difficulties and replace her with someone part time. This will also entail getting some people to coordinate the Eucharist and Confirmation programs. If you are interested or know of someone interested please have them contact Father Mickiewicz. We have begun our search.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

If you call the Office and hear a different voice it might be one of our office volunteers – **Mary Fakelmann, Pat Anderson, and Joann Jarvis**. We are truly grateful for their assistance as we make this transition. If there are any others that can help out please call Sharon. We as always are also looking for Office Angels for evenings. Thank you for praying over it and considering this opportunity for ministry.

PLACEMENT OF FLOWERS

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m., Church Center

We will set up the worship space for Easter on Saturday, April 23 at 10:00 am. We will change the accoutrements and place the flowers. If you can assist please let Father know.

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

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Pastor's Schedule

Monday, April 18

Bulletin
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
6:00 p.m. Chrism Dinner (Cathedral)
7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass (Cathedral)

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Property Management (Office Center)

Wednesday, April 20

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)

Thursday, April 21

6:00 p.m. Seder (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)

Friday, April 22

1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (Church Grounds)
8:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Church Center)

Saturday, April 23

10:00 a.m. Placement of Easter Flowers (Church Center)
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Church Center)

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, wear your street shoes and change into sneakers before entering the church space.

**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 have a 50's menu [but with millennium flare]. Tickets are on sale in the Narthex after Mass.

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. [Note that our Tricky Tray is not gone or forgotten - instead that fund raiser is now slated for October 14.]

Fab Five Raffle prizes have been determined:

- Apple iPad 64gb
- Panasonic 32" LCD TV
- Microsoft Xbox 360 Kinect Bundle
- Panasonic Lumix Digital Camera
- Amazon Kindle w/Free 3g/Wi-Fi and Case

Stay tuned into this space for more info as we get closer. Also watch this space for our 50's guessing game - and listen closely to Fr. Bill's homily - perhaps he will try to weave the answers in! Our first item:



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. **If you can help with this position or help in any other way, please contact Karen Porto at KPORTO@aol.com (908-832-9820) or Judy Ross at ciao2@mindspring.com (908-439-3010).** We're also looking for some highlight items for the public portion of the auction. Ideas?? Donation of vacation time share, frequent flyer points, limo/van into NY or to a wine tour/tasting? Something unique? Eye catching? Karen/Judy would like your input.

Parish News

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.

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.**

FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

We are currently surveying all the **families with children in next year's religious education program**. Please return your survey as soon as possible. If you have not received your survey by email or mail, please contact the Office of Catechesis at 908-832-2162.

CAREGIVER NEEDED

Mendham Area for disabled woman. 24 hour overnight shifts, for info, please call Judy Wade @ 908-832-7840 or 973-543-6914.

YOGA AT ST. JOHN'S

We will continue offering gentle Yoga in the Loft on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **If you are interested, please email Ana Giametta at ana.giametta@gmail.com.**

OBAMA HEALTH CARE LAW

It has been more than three months since the U.S. House of Representatives voted 245 to 189 to repeal the Obama health care law. Since the Senate Democratic Leader, Sen. Harry Reid, is resisting any attempt to pass a repeal bill in the Senate and President Obama has vowed to veto any repeal the likelihood of Obamacare being with us for the foreseeable future is high. As bills and discussions occur it is amazing that many still don't know what the health care law provides for, even now. According to ongoing implementation of this law and analysis by the National Right to Life Committee here are a few notable items about a law that every American should be aware of:

- The bill contains multiple provisions authorizing federal subsidies for abortion and additional provisions on which future abortion-expanding regulatory mandates may be based.
- The department of Health and Human Services is empowered to impose so-called "quality and efficiency" measures on health care providers, based on recommendations by the Independent Payment Advisory Board, which is directed to force private health care spending below the rate of medical inflation. In many cases the treatment that a doctor and patient deem needed or advisable to save that patient's life or preserve or improve the patient's health but which runs afoul of the imposed standards will be denied, even if the patient wants to pay for it.
- The law empowers HHS to prevent older Americans from making up with their own funds for the \$555 billion the law cuts from Medicare by refusing to permit senior citizens the choice of private-fee-for-service plans whose premiums are sufficient to provide unrationed care but which HHS, in its unlimited discretion, disallows. The law could thus lead to elimination of the only way that seniors will have to escape rationing – by limiting their right to spend their own money to save their own lives.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has outlined areas of this law that need to be fixed along with some proposed bills to be considered in doing so. Concerned citizens can view these online at the USCCB website <http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/national/Hill-Notes-for-Health-care-February-2011-final.pdf>

NEW EYES

The following is a letter we recently received from New Eyes for the Needy in response to our most recent donation of 422 pairs of eyeglasses.

"Thank you for your support of New Eyes for the Needy's programs to improve the vision of poor children and adults in the United States and around the world. For 77 years, New Eyes has been committed to giving clear sight to those most in need by providing a basic pair of eyeglasses...

Donated used eyeglasses are tested and sorted by some of our 250 adult and student volunteers for distribution by large charitable organizations and small medical missions in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Africa, Asia and Central Europe. To date, New Eyes has helped 6.5 million people in 56 countries to see clearly.

We are grateful for your partnership in our work to bring clear sight to those most in need in our own country and overseas. Sincerely, Clelia Biamontgi, Phd, President New Eyes"

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

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. **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!”

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN

Plans are well underway for this year's garden. We have many seeds started including peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and broccoli. We also have many needs:

Immediate needs-The bulbs from last Easter are up and close to blooming! The hyacinths, daffodils, tulips and lilies in the border beds need to be weeded. We have one volunteer to help with tilling the beds. If there is anyone else who has a tiller and would be interested in giving a few hours during the last week of April it would make the work go faster.

First Planting-The first vegetable seedlings and seeds will be put in during the first two weeks of May. On Saturday, May 7 we will have a full day of planting. Please let us know if you can help that day or anytime during those two weeks.

Ongoing needs-Weeders. Waterers. If you are not into vegetables but love flowers we are looking for someone to help with planting the Dahlia tubers in mid to late May and/or to help manage the flowers, both annuals and perennials in the border beds of the garden.

Flower arrangements--help us bring the beauty of the garden into our worship space.

To volunteer to help with the garden, please call Anne Germino at 908-343-1618. We are looking forward to another wonderful year in the garden. Please join us!

SPRING GIVING TREE

Our Spring Giving Tree is blooming in the narthex. This year we are assisting The Center for Great Expectation, Elijah's Promise, Safe In Hunterdon (formally The Women's Crisis Center) and several local families. Please take a tag, sign it out and return the item on the tag to the Narthex or Seton Room with the tag affixed by Sunday, May 29. There is no need to wrap any item, however, gift cards should be placed in an envelope to protect the magnetic strip. Your contribution will make a difference in someone's life!

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 11 Anton 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**

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Your Attitude Must Be Christ

We hear in sacred scripture this weekend how Christ redeemed us not by a one-time small gift, but by becoming one of us and giving His whole self even unto death on a Cross. Through our support of Operation Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services gives more than short term assistance to poor countries; it establishes long term, person-focused, sustainable programs that provide better opportunities for each individual, and it remains in communities to help these efforts succeed. Visit orb.crs.org for additional information and a weekly video. You can leave your rice bowl offerings or checks in the ORB donation box in the Narthex during the first weeks of Easter season.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE”

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Focus: The Story of God’s Love
“We walk with Jesus through his passion and resurrection.”

Scripture: Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.”
Matthew 26: 14 - 27: 66

Reflection: What love experiences remind you of God’s love? What have you given up for someone you love? How have you been transformed by love?

Song: “What Wondrous Love” #427

Story: The long night of Gethsemane

During World War II, a young Danish sailor named Kim Malthe-Bruun was a member of a resistance group. He was arrested by the Gestapo, tortured and finally shot to death at the age of 21. During the four months of his imprisonment, he turned again and again to the figure of Jesus, trying to understand his own life in the light of Jesus' life and teachings.

Malthe-Bruun knew he would be put to death by the Gestapo. He had already been tortured, and this led him to identify with the crucified Jesus. But more and more he came to identify with Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In a letter dated March 3, 1945, he wrote:

" . . . though I'm unafraid, though I do not yield ground, my heart beats faster every time someone stops before my door . . . It dawned upon me that I now have a new understanding of the figure of Jesus. The time of waiting, that is the ordeal. I will warrant that the suffering endured in having a few nails driven through one's hands, in being crucified, is something purely mechanical . . . But the waiting in the garden - that hour drips red with blood."

[From *Suffering* by Dorothy Soelle.]

Of the four Gospel narratives, Matthew writes the most poignant account of Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane. Alone and abandoned, Jesus knows that he is doomed - and he is terrified. But he understands that he must embrace the cross if God's Easter vision is to be realized. In the terrible wait for Judas to complete his part, Jesus accepts the cross. Gethsemane is the climactic moment of our Lenten journeys, as well. We have all spent our own gruesome and interminable nights in Gethsemane, worrying for loved ones, waiting for the lab results, coping with loss and estrangement, trying to figure out what to do in the wake of a job loss or financial catastrophe. During these past 40 days, we have traveled with Jesus to this moment of decision and acceptance: to shake off our own doubts and inadequacies to take on the crosses that God places on our shoulders, to open our broken hearts and traumatized spirits to let our own passion stories unfold in God's own good time. Gethsemane calls us to trust: to trust in the constant providence of God's compassion, to trust in the ultimate victory of love and justice over sin and evil, to trust in God's grace enabling us to transform our crosses into vehicles of resurrection.

Connections, April 2011

SATURDAY ADULT CATECHESIS OPEN TO ALL

One of the results of our Town Meeting is to invite all adults to share in the Saturday Morning Catechesis gathering that meets once a month. You are cordially invited to drop in any month to join our adult faith sharing on the Sunday scripture readings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following **Saturdays: 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.**

RESPECT LIFE

Pope Benedict began the Advent journey in 2010 with a prayer for life and a defense of the human embryo, noting that science itself had demonstrated the truth: “It is not a question of a collection of biological material, but of a new individual of the human species. This is how Jesus was in Mary’s womb; this is how we each were in our mother’s wombs.” *The Southern Cross*, 12/10.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **19 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,375.00** with **\$118.75** 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. Profits from this weekend’s sales will go to St. Mary’s.

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

MAKING TIME TO CONNECT



Recently a family made a startling discovery. They were planning a trip to visit in-laws and decided to take some sandwiches along to eat on the way. Traveling by car and seeing a sign along the road for a local state park they decided to pull off and eat their lunch. During the time they had stopped some conversation amongst the family developed into an important information exchanged that somehow never happened in the preceding weeks.

The trip to the in-laws was exciting for the parents and boring for the kids. The two children did comment that they wouldn't mind taking a ride to a park again soon. When we give some thought to it, we can usually manage to develop a method that keeps us on schedule yet provides an oasis of peaceful and meaningful conversation. Such moments are absolutely necessary for connecting between family members.

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.

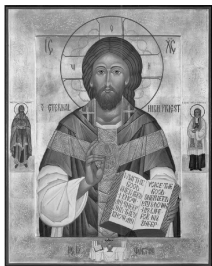
READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2011

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14---27:66 or 27:11-54
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1- 15
 Friday: Is 52:13---53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1---19:42
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1---2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15---15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32---4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

DEUTERONOMY



We started to offer Mass at the Califon Methodist Church on Saturday evenings and Sunday morning before the Protestant Service. Saturday Mass had to be at 5:30 p.m. because the Franciscans came out of New York to assist and they loved to dine on Saturday evening at a restaurant in Hampton. They had to be back at St. Ann's in time for our weekly outing. When summer came we had to alter the Sunday morning time because the Methodist changed their service in the summer. It

was a hot summer. The Methodist church windows did not open up. We brought in fans to help out.

The numbers were very small at first. I sang "a cappella" until **Jack Horan** approached me and said that he could help with the "a cappella" singing. He is still singing but now with accompaniment. I think that it was sometime soon after we started that a young woman came up to me and asked if we would like some accompaniment. Of course the answer was, "Sure thing." Ever since then **Jaki Fesq** has been an intimate part of the Music Ministry. Sad to say she will soon be leaving us for the Carolinas. It will be the end of an era.

The question on everyone's mind was, "What about religious education?" I had heard of a program that was being started in California that put the religious education program into the summer months. We did not have many parishioners and so were caught in a Catch 22. How can you set up classes with no teachers or even students for the class? So I finally announced that I would prepare students for Communion and Confirmation. More families began to join and soon we had enough children and people who would teach. **Judy Wade** convinced **Jane Vardipane** into coordinating a program that we started in the homes. Once people were assured of a program they began to register in the parish. We started with small classes in the Fall with one class per grade. We had 12 in our First Communion class and 18 (both 7th and 8th grade) in Confirmation which was celebrated by Bishop McCarrick on Mother's Day. **Lyle and Bonnie Garcia** had the Confirmation class in their home and **Carol Crescenti** taught the 2nd graders at home and then at Valley View school.

The parents did not want to hear anything of a summer program and so we went with the traditional model. Of course the summer program has resurfaced again as several parishes have opted for this model. We did have a summer school in 1984 at St. Ann's parish. It was our first combined activity. But people did not like traveling over the mountain that lay between Rt. 513 and 31. With less and less priests the diocese is now looking at clustering parishes with one pastor and urging combined activities.

People were not readily joining St. John's because they weren't sure what would become of it. Without a resident pastor as a sign that this was authentic, people were shy at committing. Enough did so that we could manage and get the parish off the ground. We had to do advertising in the *Hunterdon Democrat* and bumper stickers to get our face on the scene. I suggested one which would read "Follow me to St. John's" since we eventually were worshipping at Califon Methodist Church and the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church. People did not like this idea because it would put women into jeopardy. We erected a sign at the corner of Routes 513 and 512 which at that time was church property. I think that we also

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PONDERING PAUSES

Religion Does Its Worst

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

Published: April 4, 2011

Continued from last week...

But such incendiary views about a world religion now find wide expression in the United States where "stealth jihad" has become a recurrent Republican theme.

Several Republicans, including former House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Representative Peter King, have found it politically opportune to target "creeping Shariah in the United States" at a time when the middle name of the president is Hussein. (A Newsweek poll last year found that 52 percent of Republicans agreed with the statement that "Barack Obama sympathizes with the goals of Islamic fundamentalists who want to impose Islamic law around the world.")

I spent time last year with Paul Blair, a pastor in small-town Oklahoma, a state where Islamophobia is rampant. He told me Muslims were "not here to coexist but to take over." He told me there are only two possibilities in Islam — "the house of Islam or the house of war."

That sort of message is going out in a lot of U.S. churches. It's dangerous. Already, Muslims are victims in 14 percent of religious discrimination cases when they make up 1 percent of the population.

In Europe, too, rightist politicians peddle divisive anti-Muslim bigotry, with some success.

Muslims have work to do. They should have the courage to denounce unequivocally the Mazar murder. Jihadists have too often deformed a great religion with insufficient rebuke. From Egypt to Pakistan, it must be understood that Islam cannot at once be a political force and above criti-

PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.

cism. Once you enter the democratic political arena on a religious platform, your beliefs are no longer a private matter but up for legitimate attack. Pakistan's violence-inducing blasphemy laws are an affront to this principle.

Jones, by contrast, lives in a nation where the law defends even his folly. I'm a free-speech absolutist and so I support that. But he must examine his conscience: How is it consistent with religious faith to stir hatred and killing? And how can the Islamophobes, spreading poison, justify their grotesque caricature of Islam in the thinly veiled pursuit of political gain?

This column is full of anger, I know. It has no heroes. I'm full of disgust, writing after a weekend when religious violence returned to Northern Ireland with the murder of a 25-year-old Catholic policeman, Ronan Kerr, by dissident republican terrorists. Religion has much to answer for, in Gainesville and Mazar and Omagh.

I see why lots of people turn to religion — fear of death, ordering principle in a mysterious universe, refuge from pain, even revelation. But surely it's meaningless without mercy and forgiveness, and surely its very antithesis must be hatred and murder. At least that's how it appears to a nonbeliever.

BAPTISM HOSTS NEEDED

St. John's needs the assistance of an individual or couple willing to join our Baptism Ministry team.

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.

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 !

had posters around. We continued having Listening Sessions and relied a lot on word of mouth. Gradually we became a visible force.

It wasn't always fun traveling over the mountain each week, setting up the church, and enlisting ministers for Mass. One day I forgot the wine. There was no time to go back to Hampton and so I went to the local liquor store, then the only one in Califon. I eventually bought two suitcases and fit all the needs for Mass securely in each. It became a lot easier. We still have those suitcases and had them set up at the time of our 25th anniversary. We even had banners made. **Kathy Daly** and **Lucille Zmuda** were the creators and sewers of those banners. Kathy made one of St. John Neumann, modeled after a stain glass window in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Whitehouse Station that we used at diocesan gatherings.

Writing this down makes it sound so simple but it was a lot of hard work trying to serve two communities. We will soon be coming upon this era again as the number of priests decline. "What goes around comes around." It is all a part of the changing face of the Year in the Life of a Priest.

Sacrament Preparation

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our First Eucharist children will be preparing for their celebration of First Eucharist on May 7 at 11:00 a.m. with a retreat. The First Eucharist Retreat is on Wednesday, May 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Center. All children should bring their banners and a snack. Parents need to arrive by 6:15p.m. for First Eucharist ceremony instruction. All families are welcome to witness the First Communicants' renewal of their baptismal vows at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

"Your attitude must be Christ's: though he was in the form of God he did not deem equality with God something to be grasped." - Philippians 2:5-6

The attitude of Adam was envy -- wanting to be "like God." The attitude of Christ is humility -- wanting to be of service to others. Service to others is the way of the steward.

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 April 11, 2010

77 Weekly Donors	\$2,306.00
18 Monthly Donors	\$1,925.00
Loose Money	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total	\$4,341.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.24

For April 10, 2011

84 Weekly Donors	\$2,389.00
31 Monthly Donors	\$3,670.50
Loose Money	<u>\$53.00</u>
Total	\$6,112.50
21 Direct Deposit.....	\$983.75

Weekly Averages

March	\$5,963.00
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

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.**

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 4/18	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 4/19	Angel Needed
Wednesday, 4/20	D. Zigmantanis
Thursday, 4/21	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

April 16 & 17	
5:30 p.m.	D. Royal
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	Help Needed
April 23 & 24	
5:30 p.m.	G. Best
8:00 a.m.	K. Dabrowski
10:30 a.m.	R. McShane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 4/17	M. Buniva
Week of 4/24	C. Fortenbacker

Church Center Cleaning

April 22	Team B
April 29	Team C

Bulletin Transporters

April 22	B. Lee
April 29	P. Dattler

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. **Profits from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards this weekend will 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

- 50's Weekend Help (plenty of opportunities)
- 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

CHRISM MASS

**Monday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.,
St. Francis Cathedral**

On Monday, April 18, Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Chrism Mass with the priests of the diocese. At this Mass, the bishop will bless the Holy Oils, which each parish received for the rites of anointing. Saint Ambrose (340-397) began this custom — which we now call the Chrism Mass — in his cathedral in Milan. These Holy Oils, which are used to sanctify the Faithful, have been channels of holiness for centuries. The **Oil of Catechumens** is used to anoint the chest of infants and hands of adults before their Baptism; the **Oil of the Sick** is used on the forehead and hands of the infirm in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick; and the **Sacred Chrism** is used to anoint the head of the newly baptized, the foreheads of confirmandi, the hands of a priest at his ordination, the head of a bishop at his ordination, and the altar and walls of new churches. At the Mass, all priests make a **Renewal of Commitment to Priestly Service**, recommitting themselves to their ministry to God and his People; the bishop and all the priests then ask the people for a pledge of their prayerful support. All are strongly encouraged to join in the ancient, grace-filled Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen at 7:30 p.m.

MASS CELEBRATING THE BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II

On May 1, Pope Benedict XVI will beatify Pope John Paul II, who established the Diocese of Metuchen in November 1981. On Monday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen, Bishop Bootkoski will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate Pope John Paul II's beatification. All in the Diocese are invited.



"Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us."

Gerard Manly Hopkins, S.J.

*"The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly **after** death, but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the resurrection."*

Philip Brooks

My dear friends,

Both Hopkins and Brooks capture the essence of this Easter season of faith. The Eastern Orthodox greeting, "Jesus Christ is risen-He is risen indeed, alleluia" also brings to reality the Easter resurrection. Easter is for the now not some time in the future. "Let him Easter in us." As St. Augustine says, "We are Easter people and alleluia is our song."

We have longed for Easter and spring during the long winter of this year. We have traveled on Lenten pilgrimage as "Pilgrims of the Heart." Hopefully we have come to realize that "We are Christ's friends." It has been a long pilgrimage. Now it is time to "Let him Easter in us."

Jesus Eastering was a going forth from the tomb to touch all those he loved and lead them to the fullness of life. As I write this we are contemplating the tomb of the Japanese earthquake and radiation disaster. The people of Japan and those united with them throughout the world look for Eastering. Many reached out as Jesus did to lead a path through this troubled turmoil. Can we find Easter joy amidst so much destruction? Can we find a way to have Jesus Easter in us now as he did in the past?

Join your community during this Holy Week of remembering and seek ways to make Easter happen right here, right now. Come to the services that make historical events present in our midst. May they have the power to transform us. Travel together and come to know the risen Christ.

May you also experience this new life in your family celebrations and be renewed in mind and heart. May you find the Lord in your midst and be Easter to others.

Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

In the Risen Christ,

Father Bill

2011 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 13 - 7:30 p.m. Community Reconciliation (Church Center)
8:30 p.m. Confessions (Church Center)

Saturday, April 16 - 5:30 p.m. **Blessing of Palms**
(Collection for Retired Priests)
Procession (Carriage House)
Mass (Church Center)

Sunday, April 17 - **Passion/Palm Sunday**-Blessing & Distribution of Palms at all
Masses (Church Center)
8:00 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m. Mass

Monday, April 18 - 7:30 p.m. Chrism Mass (Cathedral-Metuchen)
Tuesday, April 19 - 7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)
Wednesday, April 20 - 9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence Chapel)

SACRED TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 21 - **Holy Thursday**
8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper (Church Center)
— *Holy Land Collection*
9:30 p.m. -12:00 a.m. **"Keeping Watch"** (Seton Room)
— *Fast & Abstain until after Easter Vigil*

Friday, April 22 - **Good Friday** Passion and Death of the Lord
1:00 p.m. Living Stations of the Cross (Church Grounds)
8:00 p.m. Service (Church Center) - *Holy Land Collection*

Saturday, April 23 - **Holy Saturday**
NO 5:30 p.m. MASS
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil and Mass - (Church Center)
--End Fast--

Sunday, April 24 - **Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Mass (Church Center)
10:30 a.m. Mass (Church Center)