

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition

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Our Parish

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

The Catholic Community
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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 9 & 10

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector	J. Murray
Altar Server	Olesiak Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	J. Simila, J. Eacovalle, L. Eacovalle, V. Olesiak, M. MacKenzie
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	C. McVicker
Altar Server	Mastro Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	A. Sawczuk, S. Janks, J. Klawunn, T. Klawunn
Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector	S. Gemma
Altar Server	DeStefano Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	A. DeStefano, D. Torczon, K. Gemma, A. Giametta, D. Lance, M. Milko

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Sick of the Parish

Wednesday, April 6

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Friday, April 8

7:00 a.m. George Raudenbush req.
Bridgette Como

Saturday, April 9

5:30 p.m. Joan Collins req.
Josephine Handy

Sunday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline req.
Fay Family
10:30 a.m. Gertrude Kaemmerer req.
Perkalis Family

Parish Calendar

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

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

Monday, April 4 — St. Isidore

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council Discernment (Office Center)

Tuesday, April 5 — St. Vincent Ferrer

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

Wednesday, April 6 — St. Paul Tinh Baole

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

Thursday, April 7 — St. John Baptist de la Salle

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 8 — St. Agabus— No Meat

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Office Center Closed
12:00 p.m. Staff to Diocesan Parish Summit (Away)
5:00 p.m. Cleaning (Church Center)
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Church Center)

Saturday, April 9 — Bl. Ramon Vicente Vargas Gonzalez

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

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)

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, April 3

2:00 p.m. NYC

Monday, April 4

Bulletin

Tuesday, April 5

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

Wednesday, April 6

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

Thursday, April 7

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

Friday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Meeting (Manville)

Saturday, April 9

9:00 a.m. Parish Summit (Manville)

Sunday, April 10

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

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

OPEN OUR EYES



Today Jesse's son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God's Son. God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes through baptism to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship, and then to follow the Lord Jesus, his Son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. Do we dare follow where Jesus leads us? Do you?

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YELLOW BRICK ROAD

This Weekend

This week is the monthly Yellow Brick Road of our Mortgage collection. We need \$6707.00 for that payment. **In March, 119 families contributed \$4,472.00 toward this collection.** Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment.

EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

Next Weekend

The basket will be passed after the communion of the Mass next 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.

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today is traditionally called "LAETARE SUNDAY," a name derived from the first words of the proper entrance song "Rejoice Jerusalem." It is the midpoint of Lent and rose colored vestments and altar decorations are used. Rejoice! Easter is almost here.

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**



Deceased: **Ruth Morales**, mother of Joe Morale. May she find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may her family find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

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.

LENT

PILGRIMS OF THE HEART

Lenten Prayer with Sr. Joyce Rupp, OSM

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

These books for daily devotions during Lent are available in the Narthex. Please leave a donation to cover their cost. There is also key tags to carry during Lent to remind you of the theme: PILGRIMS OF THE HEART. The banner, to keep us focused, invites us to remember that —You are my friends.

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

BIBLE STUDY

We are also offering a Bible Study with Dr. Rose Fay. Contact her at rosefay@ccsjn.org 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.

MOVING FORWARD

A Showcase of Talent & Fashion

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, Good News Home for Women will present Moving Forward – A Showcase of Talent and Fashion – Featuring fashions by The House of

Social Ministry

Geri. The Gallery will be open between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the show will start at 5:15 pm sharp. Admission will be \$25/adult and \$12 per child 12 and under. Place – Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church, Center Court, 45 Church Street, Liberty Corner, NJ 07938

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

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 begin this week. 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.

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.

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!

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.**

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **17 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,275.00** with **\$113.75** 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.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. It was once again a great success.

The Entertainment: **Mike Griffin** – Music; **John Ferns** - Irish Step Dancing; **Steve Carroll** - Comedian

The Chef and other Cooks and Kitchen Help: **Jim & Dawn Simila, Fran Barbone, Mo & Kevin Bilicki, Pete & Mary Cangelosi, Cathy Bennett, Tony DiPasquale**
Irish Soda Bread Bakers: **Ellen Vigilanti, Donna Wellbrock, Kelly Galligan, Sharon Janks, Cathy Bennett, Connie Dillon, McKenna Dillon**

Set Up: **Wayne Infusino, Bill Upwood, Caroline Upwood, Cathleen Upwood, Dawn Simila, Connie Dillon, McKenna Dillon, Sharon Janks**

Servers and Bussers: **Dawn Simila, Nicole Simila, Tom Bennett, Donna Wellbrock, Annette & Paul Tagliareni, France Kennedy, James Kennedy, Alan & Sharon Janks, Mary Kozlowski, Claire Jarvis, Tim Ferraro, Brianna Koshinski, Conor Ferns, John Brezina**

Dedicated Pots/Pans and Dishwashers: **Joe Hulsemann, Jim Murray**

A special thanks to **Colillo Shop-Rite** in Clinton, they have always been so generous with their donations to us for so many events and once again for this one. Also thanks to **Mark D'avella** who helped set up the purchase of the produce with the **A & P** for us and to the A & P for donating the bread for the croutons. Thanks to **Fran Barbone** for donating the salad dressing, **Jim and Dawn Simila** for donating the cakes and **Ellen Vigilanti** for the soda bread pans.

And we want to thank everyone who stayed and helped with the clean up. We don't have a list of all the names and if we have forgotten someone, please know that your help was greatly appreciated. These events couldn't happen without the help of all these people. And our fund raisers are very important to us. So, THANK YOU ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As God Sees Us

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognizes the blind man as one who has been made in God's image and likeness. Jesus demonstrated God's goodness to all by healing the blind man. By giving to Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, we support health programs in Honduras and around the world, which continue the healing work of Jesus and demonstrate God's love for all of our human family. 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.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Focus: Eyes Open to Jesus
“Jesus heals our spiritual blindness.”

Scripture: The healing of the man born blind: "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." John 9: 1-41

Reflection: What has been your experience of not seeing something even though you have sight? What is your experience of darkness? Have you had an experience of insight — of spiritual awakening?

Song: “Christ Be Our Light” #542

Story: The tunnel

Once there was a man named Zenkai. Zenkai was the son of a respected teacher in Japan. Zenkai became the secretary to a royal official in the city of Edo. But Zenkai fell in love with the official's wife and their affair was discovered. In the confrontation, Zenkai killed the official and fled with the woman.

To survive, Zenkai and the woman became thieves. The woman was so greedy that Zenkai finally left her in disgust. Realizing the evil he had done, Zenkai turned to a life of prayer as a wandering beggar.

To atone for his sins, Zenkai resolved to devote whatever days he had left to accomplishing some great work. Zenkai knew of a dangerous road over a cliff that had caused devastating injury and death to many travelers. Zenkai resolved to cut a tunnel through the mountain there.

For thirty years, Zenkai worked. He would beg for food during the day and dig his tunnel at night. After three decades, Zenkai's tunnel was a half-mile long.

Two years before the work was completed, the son of the official Zenkai had slain found the old man. A skilled swordsman, the son had come to kill Zenkai in revenge.

"I will give you my life willingly," said Zenkai. "Only let me finish my work. On the day the tunnel is completed, you may kill me."

So the son awaited the day. Several months passed as Zenkai kept digging his tunnel. The son grew tired of doing nothing but wait, so he began to help in the digging. After he had worked with Zenkai for more than a year, the son came to admire Zenkai's resolve and strong will, as well as his humility.

At last, the tunnel was completed and people could use it and travel safely.

"My work is done," Zenkai said to the son. "You may kill me."

But with tears in his eyes, the son said, "How can I slay my teacher?"

[From *One Hundred Zen Stories.*]

In today's Gospel, Jesus cures a man born blind - but the greater miracle is opening the eyes of those around him to "see" the presence of God in their midst. In the Zen story, the eyes of Zenkai are opened both to the evil he has done and the possibilities for forgiveness and atonement within him; the son of the slain official is able to see beyond revenge to embrace the lessons he has learned from the old tunnel digger. The Christ of Lent opens our eyes, enabling us to see beyond labels and stereotypes, self-interest and old scores, to recognize the love of God present to us in everything that is good. With a vision of faith, we can shatter the darkness of injustice and hatred and re-create our world in the light of justice and compassion.

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: , April 9 and May 21.** We gather for prayer at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. there is time to socialize and continue conversations. **You are welcome to just drop in and join us for coffee and discussion of the scriptures from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. or come for all of this catechetical gathering.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

A six week adult Bible study group will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the office center starting March 8. Come join us as we explore "The Life Giving Power of the Cross". **Please contact Dr. Fay at rose-fay@ccsjn.org 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.**



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
 CDR 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

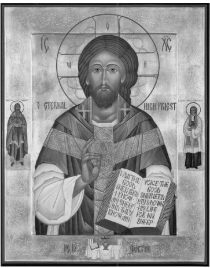
You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or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

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2011

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
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A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

DEUTERONOMY



When I drove my family up to see the surrounding area of the new parish I noticed a FOR SALE sign on the old farm house and land that was to become the home of St. John Neumann Catholic Community. I thought that his would make a great place for a parish complex. It would be a long time for this to come to fruition, almost 10 years. At the time I did not know that the diocese owned the property on the corner of Route 512 and 513.

We were too late for the purchase of the house but the land was not a part of that sale. The property had been subdivided and five houses on five acres each was planned on those other 25 acres.

The purchase of land was not our first priority but I always kept this vision of that land in my mind. I just felt it would be a great site for a parish. Our first acquisition was a place to call home where we could have offices and a residence for a pastor. That opportunity came in 1985. Prior to this we had no visible presence except for the property on the corner of 512 and 513 and a sign that announced the Mass schedule and the Services of the two Protestant communities who had given us shelter for the offering of weekend Masses – the Califon Methodist Church and the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church.

I always felt that the corner property was too busy a place to have a church. Some disagreed with me, feeling that high visibility was an asset. When I learned what the value of this property was I was even more convinced that we could sell this and have money to build a church. I did have another crazy idea. I felt if we erected an office building on this property we could occupy the bottom floor and rent out the upper floors to pay the mortgage. I didn't know how we could build a church otherwise. We were a small parish and did not have a great income. In fact when I first came over in 1985 we didn't have enough funds to pay my salary for two months.

Max Spann was a parishioner of St. Ann's and he was on the Pastoral Council. I spoke to him about my plans and he and Bill DeCoster drove me around. I was looking for property with a barn and farm house that we could convert into a temporary church until we could afford a structure. It was in this process that I was visiting Kathleen McConnell, who had recently been in the hospital. She told me that the property I spied in 1982 was going up for taxes. I contacted Max and he did the leg work and discovered that the original planners of the five houses on that property had gone bankrupt after building the McConnell residence. They couldn't build a bridge to go over the Little Brook on the front of the property. Max contacted the partner who now owned the property. He lived in California. We offered him \$75,000.00 for the 25 acres and that became history.

At this time I also saw a For Sale sign at 33 Main St. It had no number at this stage of the game. It was the Victorian House across from the Califon Lumber Yard. Cathy McVicker made inquires and took us through the process of buying the house. The diocese loaned us the \$140,000.00 for the house and the \$75,000.00 for the property. August of 1985 we were land and property rich and nothing in the bank to pay for it except a wing and a prayer. I was unknowingly wise or just young and stupid enough to dream. Of course if it was the latter I don't think the diocese would have given us the money. It proved to be a wise investment. I also had to

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PONDERING PAUSES

Seeing What God Sees

"Not as man sees does God see. Because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." One who also looks into the heart is the person named CNN's "Hero of the Year," Anuradha Koirala, who operates Maiti Nepal, a group home that rescues girls who have been sold into sex trafficking. "Maiti" roughly translates to "Mother's Home" and this is what Koirala has provided for 12,000 Nepali women since 1993.

One girl, Geeta, was only nine when she began to wear makeup and was forced to have sex with as many as sixty men per day. Tricked by a relative into believing that her daughter would work at a clothing company in Nepal, Geeta's mother let her go. Sold instead into a brothel in India, Geeta's sex slavery lasted for five years, until her rescue at age fourteen, when she was taken to Maiti Nepal.

Anuradha Koirala, now 61, survived her own abusive relationship, and transformed the abuse into a mission to heal others. She believes the personal beatings endured led to three miscarriages, but those losses inspired her to find others who were lost and offer them shelter.

Maiti Nepal gives legal defense and rehabilitation to victims of sex trafficking. "When the girl first comes. . . we never ask them a question. We let them play, dance, walk, talk to a friend. They are afraid at first, but eventually they will talk to us on their own."

As reported by Ebonne Ruffins, the group also takes abandoned children and domestic violence survivors. Koirala is called "the elder sister" because of how she treats each girl. In her own words, at the CNN award

PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.

ceremony televised on Thanksgiving night, Koirala said, "You have to take each child as your daughter."

Geeta believes Koirala is her hero, saying, "She gave me my faith back." Because Koirala sees the dignity of an individual human life and treats it with respect, she sees as God sees.

Dr. Constance M. Popp – CONNECT!
Uniting Word & World, p.6

convince two priests from the Development committee, Father Gene Prus and Father Steve Congdon to respect my observations. You remember Father Congdon, my classmate, who acted on the bishop's behalf to find out what was going on in Califon in January 1983. In August 1985 I moved from St. Ann's over to Califon and thus began a visible sign of our presence. We had a house, property and a full time pastor. I had gone to the bishop and told him I did not want to be pastor of two parishes. For months I had been saying to myself that "I could not do two parishes." One day that expression changed to "I do not want to do two parishes" and the psychological mode in my mind went from thinking to acting. There is a quantum leap from "can't" to "do not want." This was a big decision. I had to admit that "I did not want to" in order to act. When I went to the bishop he asked me where I wanted to go. Since I had been sent to establish St. John's I felt this was the way to go. This was a very difficult time in my life and of course turned out to be a moment of growth. Of course there are many of these times in the Year of a Priest.

Sacrament Preparation

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 !

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.

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.

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.



Stewardship

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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

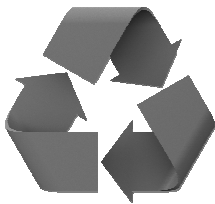
319 families; 30 Time & Talent Responses, 24 Treasure Responses; 5 Youth Responses



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY)

In the Gospel, Jesus refers to Himself as the "light of the world." While Jesus cured the blind man of physical blindness, the Pharisees remained blind to Jesus' message. In both readings, light is contrasted with darkness. Darkness represents evil, while the light symbolizes virtue and salvation. Faithful stewards strive to live in Christ's light in order to draw closer in discipleship with Jesus.

GRAB A BAG FOR PANTRY DONATIONS



One of the easiest ways for us to reduce our environmental footprint is to replace the use of plastic bags with reusable bags. We would like to help you make this transition! Instead of using plastic bags to make your pantry donations use one of the reusable bags we are providing. Reusable bags are available in the basket next to the pantry donation basket. Feel free to donate a bag to the collection. Grab a bag and bring in a

pantry donation.

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For March 28, 2010

85 Weekly Donors	\$2,190.50
32 Monthly Donors	\$4,580.00
Loose Money	<u>\$105.00</u>
Total	\$6,875.50.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$955.00

For March 27, 2011

75 Weekly Donors	\$2,205.00
30 Monthly Donors	\$3,000.00
Loose Money	<u>\$55.00</u>
Total	\$5,260.00
20 Direct Deposit.....	\$971.00
30 Japan Relief	\$1,686.00

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
March	\$5,616.00
Weekly Need	\$8,182.00

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 4/4	J. Santoro
Tuesday, 4/5	L. Gerristead
Wednesday, 4/6	Angel Needed
Thursday, 4/7	P. Anderson

Grocery Cards

April 2 & 3

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

April 9 & 10

5:30 p.m.	D. Zigmantanis
8:00 a.m.	Help Needed
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 4/3	T. Menzie
Week of 4/10	B. Lee

Church Center Cleaning

April 8	Team E
April 15	Team A

Bulletin Transporters

April 8	C. Carroll
April 15	L. Livoti

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: _____

LENTEN PROGRAM/BIBLE STUDY

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

I'd like to attend on:

Day(s): _____

Time(s): _____

I am willing to be:

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

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