

# 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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Bishop  
Most Rev. Edward T. Hughes, retired  
Bishop  
[www.dioemetuchen.org](http://www.dioemetuchen.org)

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## *Our Parish*

### *Parish Team*

Rev. J William Mickiewicz..... Pastor  
Thomas J. Gilheany .Retired Deacon  
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Pastoral Assistant, Connxions and  
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398 County Road 513  
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday .....8:00 a.m.  
Sunday .....10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513  
(Neumann Residence)

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

### **Reconciliation**

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

# About Our Parish

## The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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## Parish Registration

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

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

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

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

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## Sacraments of Initiation

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

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

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

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

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

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## Sacrament Celebrations

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

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

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

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

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Schedule

May 7 & 8

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>                 | <b>5:30 p.m.</b>  |
| Celebrant.....                  | Fr. Mickiewicz  |
| Lector .....                    | R. Ditzel   |
| Altar Server .....              | Germino Family  |
| Ministers of the Eucharist..... | E. McCabe, J. McCabe,<br>..... M. McCall, B. Gerristead, V. Olesiak, D. Torczon |
| <b>Sunday</b>                   | <b>8:00 a.m.</b>  |
| Celebrant.....                  | Fr. Mickiewicz  |
| Lector .....                    | C. Bitters  |
| Altar Server .....              | Needed  |
| Ministers of the Eucharist..... | K. Malley, B. Gates, A. Sawczuk   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                   | <b>10:30 a.m.</b>   |
| Celebrant.....                  | Fr. Mickiewicz  |
| Lector .....                    | G./N. Porto   |
| Altar Server .....              | Malone Family   |
| Ministers of the Eucharist..... | C. Carroll, M. Wickel,<br>.....D. Wickel, M. Milko, E. Lacy, C. Zelesny         |

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, May 3

7:00 p.m. Carol Brantner-Klacik req.  
Claudette Pilotti

### Wednesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Peter Chomko req. Pat  
Arat

### Friday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Leo Mickiewicz

### Saturday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Marian Zelinka req.  
Livoti Family

### Sunday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Angeline req.  
Phil & Maureen Stout  
10:30 a.m. Henry Drucker req.  
Veronica Drucker

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, May 1 — Yellow Brick Road/Computer Recycling Ends/Spring Giving Tree Starts

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

### Monday, May 2— St. Athanasius

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)  
7:30 p.m. Mass for Beatification of John Paul II (St. Francis  
Cathedral, Metuchen)

### Tuesday, May 3 — St. Philip and St. James

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
7:30 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting  
(Office Center)

### Wednesday, May 4 — Easter Weekday

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
4:00 p.m. First Eucharist Retreat (Church Center)  
6:00 p.m. Yoga (Church Center)

### Thursday, May 5 — Easter Weekday

7:30 p.m. Music Ministry (Church Center)

### Friday, May 6 — Easter Weekday

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

### Saturday, May 7 — Easter Weekday

11:00 a.m. First Eucharist (Church Center)

### Sunday, May 8 — Third Sunday of Easter

## Pastor's Schedule

### Sunday, May 1

11:30 a.m. Vitality Coffee (Church Center)

### Monday, May 2

7:30 p.m. Mass Honoring John Paul II (Cathedral)

### Tuesday, May 3

Bulletin  
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
7:30 p.m. Religious Education Advisory Board Meeting  
(Office Center)

### Wednesday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)  
4:00 p.m. First Eucharist Retreat (Church Center)

### Thursday, May 5

Therapy (Away)

### Friday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
1:30 p.m. Vicar & Dean Meeting (Diocese)

### Saturday, May 7

11:00 a.m. First Eucharist (Church Center)

### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

# Second Sunday of Easter — Year A

## Remember in Your Prayers

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

## WITNESS



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As of today, the newly baptized no longer wear their white robes; they join the rest of the community trying to be faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, to the common sharing, to the breaking of the bread in the Eucharist, and the prayers. It is not always so simple—but it has been the ideal since the beginnings of our faith. With the Lord Jesus' help, we must try to be among those who give witness to our beliefs in everyday life. Like Thomas, we proclaim: "My Lord and my God!"

Second Sunday of Easter, Year A. Illustration © 2001, M. Er-spamer, OSB. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All

## 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 April, 90 families gave \$3,492.00 to help meet that need.** Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment.

## WELCOME INTO FULL COMMUNION

We had the occasion this year to welcome two people into full communion. **Hunt Patterson** has been worshipping with us since 1992 with his wife Linda and two sons, Hunt and Colin. For Confirmation he took the name Edward.

**Brooke Osborne** has been worshipping with us since 2009. Her daughter Olivia was baptized here as will the new arrival that is due shortly. Her husband Ken is the father and husband. Her Confirmation name is Rae.

It is always so meaningful to have full communion and Confirmation at the Vigil. We are so pleased that they let us into their lives and choice to celebrate with us. We promise them our prayers and community love.

### 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**

**— Marie Caprio — Fr. Bert Valdes — Doris Brennan — Catherine**

**Gervasio — Harry Slocum — Fr. Robert Maternowski — Dr. Leo Droppleman**

**Deceased:** **Fr. Bert Valdes, Fr. Robert Maternowski and Dr. Leo Droppleman**, classmates of Fr. Bill; **Doris Brennan** and **Catherine Gervasio**, relatives of the Cangelosis; **Harry Slocum**, father of a coworker of Alan Janks. May they find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may their families find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

## THANKS

We are truly grateful to those who made our Triduum Celebrations acts of worship and the opportunity to Journey with Christ in his suffering death and resurrection. Our musical accompaniment, and the addition of the Bells at the 10:30 Mass filled the church with true prayer.

We appreciate the time and work that those who cleaned the church for our celebrations and those who decorated and replaced all the things we missed during Lent.

We are grateful also to those who prepared the worship aides so that we could enter more easily into the service.

And to **Joann Gardner** who went to the Cathedral for the holy oils.

## THE END OF AN ERA

The Sacristy Stitchers have quilted their last quilt to be raffled off at this year's Craft Show. The group has become such an intimate part of St. John's that it is hard to see it end. They have certainly made a name for themselves and have made quite a few quilts to show their dedication, creativity and community spirit. Their quilts have spoken a lot without uttering a word.

We want to thank all who have participated in this ministry. I will compile the names of those who have been a part of this long history. It all started with a quilt for our dedication Mass on January 5, 1991. I have been lucky to have them make me one. It reminds me each night and morning of all the people who quilted. Words can't express our deep gratitude.

## 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!

## 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.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to **Al DaCruz** for his repair work on the shredder and the vacuum cleaners.

## Pastoral Council Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 11, 2011

### Reflection:

- Discussion of Diocesan Summit on Multiple Parish Pastoring and Merging Parishes
- Multiple Models were explained at Summit

### Old and Continuing Items of Business:

- The next Town Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2011. The topic will be Parish finances.
- New Pastoral Council Member drive:
  - June 12 will be induction of new members at 10:30 a.m. Mass

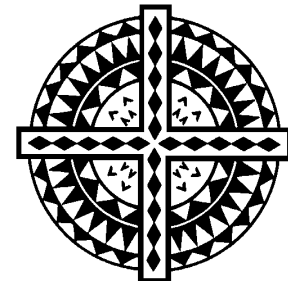
### Pastor's Items of Business

- The Parish is looking for a part time Pastoral Catechetical Leader
- **Marian Kucharski** is our new finance administrator

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly

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# Parish News

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

- Jn 20:26-27

## WELCOMING PROCEDURES

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 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.

## FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

We are currently surveying all the **families with children in next year's religious education program**. Please return your survey by May 1. If you have not received your survey by email, please contact Dr. Fay at [rosefay@ccsjn.org](mailto:rosefay@ccsjn.org)

## 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](mailto:ana.giametta@gmail.com).**

## 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](mailto:quiltingblockhead@gmail.com) or Maggie at [mhbaumann@earthlink.net](mailto:mhbaumann@earthlink.net)** The cost is \$5/class and proceeds will go to St. John's. Wear comfortable workout clothes, sneakers and be sure to bring a water bottle. To keep the exercise area safe and protect the wood floors, please consider wearing your street shoes to church and changing to sneakers before entering the church space.

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IS THERE

### *Catholics On the Ground in Japan*

No surprise at all: as international relief began to arrive in fractured Japan after the awful earthquake and tsunami, among the first were *Catholic* agencies. As I said, no surprise: religious communities provide the most massive private (non-governmental) relief and care in the world, and first among the world's communities of faith is the Catholic Church.

I know, Jesus, our founder, told us not to "blow a trumpet" when we give alms, an imperative we heed particularly during this Lenten season. So, I hope He forgives me for this violation!

But, I'm really not doing it as an act of pride, but as an act of gratitude for our wonderfully generous Catholic people who rise to the occasion whenever there's an international need, like the one now in Japan, and as a word of encouragement to those splendid Catholic relief agencies that so effectively bring our aid to those most in need.

Those grand folks involved in worldwide humanitarian efforts, and even government officials, tell me that the Catholic Church gets an A+ in effectively reaching out to the stricken. Why? For one, in most cases, the Church is *already there!* We don't have to parachute workers and caregivers into a racked country, because the faithful are in place. Parishes, schools, religious orders, shelters, clinics, orphanages, hospitals, soup kitchens — already up and running. These faithful Catholics know where the need is and hardly need directions to bring it to those hurting, because they live there.

That was true, for instance, in Haiti. *Catholic Relief Services* (CRS), already had 300 people working fulltime in Haiti when the vicious earthquake struck, and they had been there for six-decades! No wonder they're pros at getting food, medicine, shelter, service workers, and clean water to the distressed areas.

Even in a "non-Catholic" country like Japan, the Church is still already "on the ground," as our Catholic education, charity, and healthcare is worldwide, not just in countries where there is a large Catholic population. After all, as the old saying goes, we don't help people because *they're* Catholic, but because *we* are.

A second reason why the Church has such a golden track record on international relief is because people of faith have a good reputation for honesty, integrity, zeal, thrift, and hard work. Yes, I admit, there are ugly counter-examples to this, but, the exceptions prove the rule.

But, who choreographs all of this massive, worldwide relief effort by the Church? Well, in most cases, it is *locally* run and operated — which, by the way, is a third reason why the Church shines in this area, since we are hardly handcuffed by some big, distant bureaucracy — because a fundamental principle of Catholic social justice is that of *subsidiarity*, that the closer you are to the people on the ground, the more effective you usually are.

So, once again to use *CRS* as an example, they hardly rely on a big overstructure, but get the aid to bishops, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay pastoral leaders already in the rubble.

However, some coordination, however unobtrusive, is helpful. And that comes, as you might expect, from Rome, where the earthly pastor of the Church Universal, our Holy Father, the Pope, shows a deep, daily solicitude for the suffering of the world, and is in a strategic position to assist, given his constant meetings with bishops, religious superiors, world leaders, his own ambassadors in 190 countries of the world (called the *Nuncio*), and the faithful from the earth's troubled spots.

## 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.

### **Have 'n Needs**

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

Try putting them on our parish website in the "Have '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

## 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”

## 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!

### EASTER FLOWER INTENTIONS

Ambrosky Family  
Raymond Falvotico Jr.  
Ann Harrison  
Edward Lichtenstein  
Stan Sawczuk

The agency of the Holy See — the Holy Father’s government of the Church Universal — which offers some direction, guidance, and encouragement to worldwide almsgiving of the Successor of St. Peter is called *Cor Unum* (“One Heart”) beautifully referring to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose heart beats within His Church, especially with love and mercy for those suffering.

The President of this Pontifical Council *Cor Unum* is Cardinal Robert Sarah. One of the agencies with which he closely works in Rome is called *Caritas Internationalis* (“International Charity”), which is a federation of Catholic agencies throughout the world dedicated to relief.

Both *Cor Unum* and *Caritas Internationalis* are highly respected. Recently, the Holy See expressed a very laudable and understandable desire to intensify cooperation, and to strengthen the Catholic identity of *Caritas* as a visible, unambiguously Catholic worldwide relief work.

This seems natural, given Pope Benedict’s first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (“God is love”), which dramatically placed charity, along with teaching and the sacraments, as one of the Church’s three principal ministries.

Easter is a providential time to thank God for the heroic charity and generosity of the Church, and to affirm our conviction that our international relief is so effective precisely because it is inspired by Jesus, flows through and from His Church, and is as close to the Heart of Christ and His vicar on earth, the Pope, as possible.

Keep up the good work, *Cor Unum*, and *Caritas Internationalis*! **Archbishop Dolan**

## 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](mailto:eroberts@ccsjn.org)**

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## OPERATION RICE BOWL

*Alleluia!*



Christ has risen! Alleluia! Like Mary Magdalene, share Jesus’ life with all those around you by telling someone you know about the Good News of Jesus Christ. In addition, tell people about the work that Catholic Relief Services is doing on our behalf throughout the world, and invite them to become part of this work by contributing to Operation Rice Bowl. You can leave your rice bowl offerings or checks in the ORB donation box in the Narthex during the first weeks of Easter season. Thank you

for your participation this Lenten season!

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## “MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

**Focus:** Belief in the Risen Lord  
“Blessed are they who have not seen but still believe.”

**Scripture:** But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20: 19-31

**Reflection:** Share experiences of believing someone's word without seeing. Have you been disappointed? Have you been tricked? Whose word would you believe?

**Song:** “Lord of the Dance” #604

**Story:** Thomas’ Gospel

Maybe Thomas is right.

Thousands of innocent people are killed when an earthquake rocks Japan and a tsunami destroys whole cities and towns.

*Christ is risen? Show him to me.*

Thomas is no fool. He sees what families are going through in this economy and the inability (or unwillingness?) of politicians to deal with it.

*You've seen the Lord? Where?*

Thomas will show you struggling schools in the inner city, starving children in Sudan, dying beggars in India, and a landscape that is marred and bloodied by injustice, oppression and death.

*Stay in your locked room, Thomas says. It's not safe out there.*

*Take another look at that tomb.*

*The rock is still in its place, sealing Jesus in tight.*

*Last Sunday was just a beautiful dream.*

And we begin to re-think last Sunday: *You know, Thomas, you may be right . . .*

*But Easter opens our minds and hearts to see Jesus in our midst in the nailmarks of compassion and generosity, in the wounds endured for the sake of justice and peace by those who have embraced and been embraced in the love of the Risen One. We can understand Thomas' skepticism; the death and hopelessness around us can swallow us up in cynicism and despair. But the outrageous news of Easter calls us to see beyond our own fears, sorrows and anger and recognize the blessing we have received and the blessings we have to give. The Crucified Jesus walks in our midst in the poor, the sick, and the suffering; Christ invites us to see his hands and touch his wounded side in forgetting our own hurts to bring comfort and healing to others. With an openness of heart and a generosity of spirit, we can transform our own lives and the world around us in the possibilities of the Easter miracle.*

## **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 gathering.**

## **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!

Connections, May 2011

## MILITARY PERSONNEL

If you have someone in the military that you would like us to remember in our prayers, call the office or drop the name into the collection basket. Please remember the following in your prayers:

2nd Lieutenant, Baumann Katherine  
 Petty Officer Behr, Fred, U.S. Navy  
 2nd LT Behrmann, John, USMC  
 Lt. Col. Blewitt, Joseph, U.S. Air Force  
 Capt. Bohanan, Luke P., U.S. Army  
 Sgt. Brisson, Mark D., USMC  
 LCpl Bunce, Evan, USMC  
 IT2 Combel, Tracey, U.S. Navy  
 Lance Corp., Coe, Kevin, USMC  
 Lt. Colonel Campbell, Vincent, USMC  
 CPL Connaughton, Michael, USMC  
 AMN Connaughton, Christopher, U.S. Air Force  
 AMN Connaughton, Monica, U.S. Air Force  
 RP2 Ditzel, Joseph, U.S. Navy  
 Capt. Gutowski, Charles M., U.S. Army  
 2Lt. Gutowski, Jared, E., USMC  
 CW5, Ferguson, Michael, U.S. Army  
 Lt. Friedman, Lee E., U.S. Navy  
 Hafke, Michael, National Guard  
 CMDR Hopkins, John A., U.S. Navy  
 CPL Howard, Jeffrey, U.S. Army  
 GM3 Hurler, Shane  
 SSgt. Jirouschek, Thomas, U.S. Air Force  
 PFC Jones, Joshua, USMC  
 MC2 Juday, Gregory, U.S. Navy  
 Lt. JG Kellogg, Kenyon, U.S. Navy Pilot  
 CPL. Krause, James E., USMC  
 SFC Lamberton, Brian, U.S. Army  
 Capt. Larsen, Christopher M. U.S. Army  
 ET2 Linzmeyer, Travis, U.S. Navy  
 Chaplain (LT) Logan, Eddy, U.S. Navy  
 SGT Ludwig, Konrad, U.S. Army  
 Lt. Mallue, Edward Paul, Jr. U.S. Army  
 Maj. McVicker, Andrew, U.S. Air Force  
 HN Meyer, Pamela A, U.S. Navy  
 Novello, Chris, U.S. Army, Green Beret  
 Maj. Martin, John, USMC  
 ATI Mastro II, Michael R., U.S. Navy  
 Capt. Omstead, David, USA  
 Capt. Omstead, Barbara, USA  
 SPC Osburn, Jared, U.S. Army  
 Maj. Pidgeon, Paul, U.S. Army  
 PC2 Quinn, Lisa, U.S. Navy  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Rautenberg, Erik, Army National Guard  
 2nd Lt. Royal, Benjamin, USMC  
 2nd Lt. Sekula, Daniel R. Army National Guard  
 Commander Simila, Edward A. U.S. Navy  
 Lt. Slack, Terry, USMC  
 Staff Sgt. Sowa, Paul, USMC  
 Sgt. Vasquez, Armando, U.S. Army  
 SSGT Vigilante, William, U.S. Air Force  
 Captain Wade, Dominic, U.S. Army  
 Capt., Warkentin, William J., USMC  
 Airman Basic Wiedmann, Alex J., US Air Force

## HE'S READY TO CONNECT, ARE YOU



There are times when we hear of or experience some incredibly awful event that we ask, "Where was God?"

The day a mother in Newburg, New York drove her car with her children into the Hudson River a radio broadcaster asked, "So, where was this loving God?"

People of faith can explain that God was right there for both the mother and children. That He is always there ready to forgive and comfort humankind. He is not there to protect us from ourselves or each other. Because we have free will, God is the "guiderail" not the "guardrail." He will cover most of the distance between us and Him but we have to at least take a step or turn in His direction and acknowledge Him. It is preferable that we do it before our life or the life of a loved one is on the line and we are motivated by selfishness rather than love of God.

Turn and accept His extended hand. It's right there waiting!

## 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

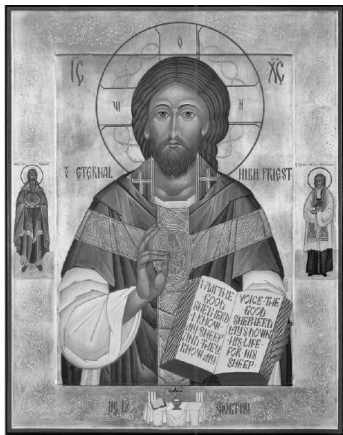
You are not alone in your experiences of dealing with a loved one who is on military deployment. Several families in St. John's community have lived with the emotional roller coaster and are here for you should you wish. **Contact Marian and Russ Ditzel (638-4640), Mary and Mike Mastro (537-6224), or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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 1, 2011

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
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## A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A PRIEST

### **DEUTERONOMY**



The Great Easter Fire has been “a dream come true.” I have always believed that if you had a sign it should be something that could be seen. You know “don’t give me a peck and call it a kiss.” Holy Saturday Fires have usually been little fires in a pot and often inside the Church. But that is minimalist. The first story of an Easter Fire that I can recall is the priest who uses a Bic lighter and calls it a fire. The Easter fire was suppose to be lighted with a flint. Originally you were suppose to use a flint and try to get a fire lighted. It was really a chore until someone said that a lighter used a flint so why not use a sure thing. That made matters

easier but a lighter to start a fire is one thing; a lighter alone is not a fire.

So when we had this marvelous pit out front of the church it was the ideal place for a real fire. Initially **Art Owens** and his Boy Scout troop were in charge. Over the years it has passed to **Roger Malone** and his son **Patrick** and any friends they could get to help with the great fire. I have never seen a fire greater than this for the Easter Vigil. When we first got the permit we didn’t realize that we had to notify the call station. As a result someone called in the fire and we had several fire trucks on the scene. We know all the rules now and so there is no display of fire-fighters.

I guess we are known for different things.

Some children still can’t understand why other churches don’t have crackers at communion. My mother always taught me that I should not eat in front of someone if you don’t have enough to share. It disturbed me when little children wanted some of what was being handed out at communion. I don’t believe in giving a blessing when a child comes up. It is not the time for a blessing and a blessing is a sorry substitute when you want something to eat. So I finally took the plunge and implemented my idea of having crackers for the children. The hardest decision was what kind of cracker to use. I thought about Ritz and Wheat thins but settled on the stone ground variety. They have become so well liked that kids want their parents to buy them. There are always children who want more after Mass. Even adults sneak a few after Mass or at other times when they have a pang of hunger.

It is also a way to tell when a child is ready for communion – when they can tell the difference between the host and the cracker. Once when some staff were helping me interview they were upset that the children did not know the difference. They said that the children said that one was round and the other square - which of course was true. I would always ask and what else is different. Inevitably they would say that one is blessed and the other is not. **Becky Germino** went to Catholic School and she said that the host was “consecrated” and the cracker was not. That Catholic School education comes on strong with more accurate words. But both are correct.

One of our other differences is our Baptismal Font. The second year that we were in our church we had three women to be baptized and one of them wanted full immersion. To buy a real font was prohibitive and so I went looking. I was looking at Jacuzzis but they didn’t seem to fit and besides they were expensive. I was at a

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## PONDERING PAUSES

### **Mine No More**

As a child soldier for the Cambodian Khmer Rouge, ten-year-old Aki Ra was taught to lay land mines. “I maybe planted 4,000 to 5,000 land mines in a [single] month.” Not aware of his exact age, estimating it to be around forty, Aki Ra now finds the mines he once planted, and many others, hoping to undo what he once did.

Raised by an army that taught him how to kill, he laid mines for three years for the Khmer Rouge and later for the Vietnamese army that overthrew his village. As reported by Ebonne Ruffins of CNN.com, “According to the Cambodian Mine Action and Victim Assistance Authority, an estimated 4 million to 6 million land mines were laid in Cambodia during three decades of conflict.”

Approximately 63,000 civilians and soldiers had suffered from land mines, with nearly 19,000 being killed. Aki Ra first cleared land mines with the United Nations, then on his own as he became an adept expert, finally receiving formal training and accreditation in the United Kingdom in 2005. In 2008 he formed a demining organization so people, especially in rural villages, could feel safe using the land to farm, or build houses and schools, instead of fearing the land as a potential weapon capable of blowing them and their animals to pieces.

“Now that I’m older,” he said in his acceptance of a CNN Hero Award. “I’ve learned a lot...Now I want to do good things. Even one land mine that we clear makes better peace, step by step.”

There are few times in life when one can actually “take back” the bad that’s been done by doing good instead. Peter could never deny his denial of Jesus and yet his subsequent good work brought numerous followers to

### **PONDERING PAUSES, CONT.**

Jesus. Just so, Aki Ra's good work will help bring about much good by changing lives of fear into lives of trust, bringing forth life from what was once dead.

Dr. Constance M. Popp

Garden Place on Route 22 and saw a feeding trough for cattle being used to hold gold fish. I asked where I could get one and made my way to Agway. We had the great luck to have **Jim Ambrosky** volunteer to make the frame for it. I thought we would use it for the Vigil and then put it away. But once we used it for Baptism it became an intimate part to our worship space much to the chagrin of brides who want to walk down a straight aisle at their wedding. I have had people ask if this was a Catholic Church. In fact someone asked me to announce that it was at a First Communion because her mother didn't believe her. I usually joke that we have parties on Saturday night after Mass.

I guess I like to either be different or into making something stand for what it really is. This makes the challenge in the Year of the Life of a Priest creative.

## *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](mailto:eroberts@ccsjn.org) !**

### **FIRST EUCHARIST**

We ask the faith community of St. John's to pray for the children receiving their First Holy Communion on May 7 at 11:00 a.m. A banner with their photos and names is on display in the Narthex. Please pray for them and their families as they continue to prepare during their First Eucharist Retreat 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 return by 6:15 p.m. for First Eucharist ceremony practice. All families are welcome to witness the First Communicants' renewal of their baptismal vows at 6:00 p.m.

### **CP III DAY OF REFLECTION**

CP III Day of Reflection is on Saturday, May 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Church center. All 2011 Confirmandi will be participating in this retreat on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and participating in the 5:30 p.m. Mass that follows. CP III parents involved in facilitating this retreat need to email their final plans to Dr. Fay as soon as possible.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM**

***Friday, June 10, 7:15 p.m., Church Center***



Infant baptism preparation is an outreach of support to new parents by the St. John's Baptism Team on behalf of our community. Following an initial pastoral visit at the parish office with either Deacon Earl or the Coordinator of the Baptism Preparation Team to start the process, parents attend one preparation session, which is offered quarterly. Baptism Host Couples from St. John's Baptism Team facilitate the program and assist on the day of

Baptism as well.

All St. John's Baptisms are celebrated at a regular weekend Mass, except in special circumstances. The Community is present to welcome the child into the church and to pledge their support to the new parents as they raise their child in the faith we share.

Parents are expected to be registered active members of The Community of St. John Neumann. At least one Godparent needs to be a practicing Catholic.

The next scheduled Baptism Prep Program is **Friday – June 10 at 7:15 p.m.** **The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – May 27.** For more information or to begin the process please call the parish office center at 832-2513 or use the online form from the parish website – [www.ccsjn.org](http://www.ccsjn.org).



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# Stewardship

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

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

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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)  
 Jesus offers us peace, not when we sit quietly in a pew, but when we allow Our Lord to send us out into the world to do His work. We will find great peace, when we turn away from the materialism of the world and instead care more deeply for those in need.

## 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 Easter (April 4), 2010**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 197 Easter Donors ..... | \$16,355.00       |
| 52 April 4 Donors.....  | <u>\$5,469.50</u> |
| Total .....             | \$16,355.00       |
| 20 Direct Deposit.....  | \$971.25          |

**Weekly Average for 4/10 ... \$5,732.00**

### **For Easter (April 24), 2011**

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 176 Easter Donors ..... | \$15,883.00     |
| 24 April 24 Donors..... | \$3,982.50      |
| Loose Money .....       | <u>\$380.00</u> |
| Total .....             | \$16,263.50     |
| 21 Direct Deposit.....  | \$983.75        |

**Weekly Average for 4/11 ... \$5,343.00**

### **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        |
| <b>Weekly Need .....</b> | <b>\$8,182.00</b> |



## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Monday, 5/2    | <b>Angel Needed</b> |
| Tuesday, 5/3   | L. Gerristead       |
| Wednesday, 5/4 | <b>Angel Needed</b> |
| Thursday, 5/5  | <b>Angel Needed</b> |

### **Grocery Cards**

April 30 & May 1

|            |           |
|------------|-----------|
| 5:30 p.m.  | D. Hingos |
| 8:00 a.m.  | S. Janks  |
| 10:30 a.m. | S. Gemma  |

May 7 & 8

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 5:30 p.m.  | E. McCabe    |
| 8:00 a.m.  | J. Klawunn   |
| 10:30 a.m. | R. DeStefano |

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Week of 5/1 | L. Feller    |
| Week of 5/8 | M. Cangelosi |

### **Church Center Cleaning**

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| May 6  | Team D |
| May 13 | Team E |

## 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 April we collected \$171.25.00 in profits from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

# Stewardship Opportunities

## STEWARDSHIP

### *Time & Talent Opportunities*

As Stewards, we share out time, talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the relationship we hold with Jesus in God.

We are a Stewardship Parish sharing time, talent and treasure as a way of life.

### On-going Stewardship Opportunities:

#### **Worship/Liturgy**

- Greeter/Hospitality
- Lector
- Altar Preparation
- Minister of the Eucharist
- Music Ministry
- Children's Liturgy of the Word

#### **Formation:**

- Religious Ed Advisory Board
- Catechist

#### **Pastoral/Organizational:**

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Property Management Committee

#### **Connxions:**

- Team Member
- Connxions Companion
- RCIA Team
- Baptism Preparation Team

#### **Stewardship:**

- Committee Member
- Fair Trade
- Shop Rite & A&P Card Sales

#### **Other ways I can help:**

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*Please complete the contact information and check appropriate volunteer section. Return by way of the collection basket—Social Ministry box—send or drop off at the Office Center—go to web site and fill out under forms.*

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](http://www.ccsjn.org). You can email Father Bill [jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org](mailto: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