

# The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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## *A Christian Community of the Catholic Tradition*

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### *Our Parish*

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Pastoral Assistant, Connxions and  
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#### *Worshipping at:*

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.

## Mission Statement

### **Catholic Community of St. John Neumann**

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

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

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

# About Our Parish

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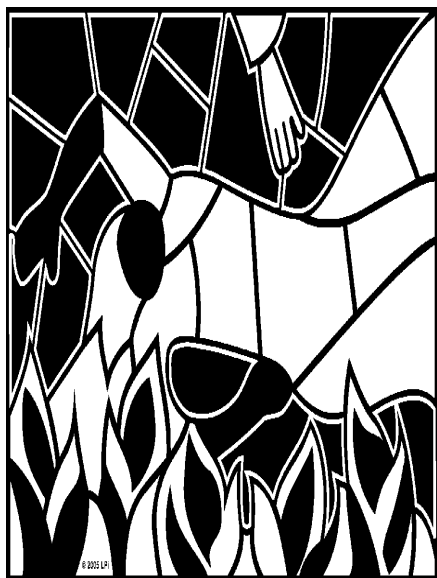
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## Parish Registration

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

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

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

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

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## Sacraments of Initiation

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

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

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

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

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

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## Sacrament Celebrations

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

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

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

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

# This Week at Saint John's

## Mass Schedule

July 30 & 31

### Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz  
 Lector ..... D. Geerinck  
 Altar Server ..... Geerinck/Torczon Family  
 Ministers of the Eucharist.....M. McCall, M. MacKenzie,  
 ..... D. Kelemen, D. Torczon, L. Eacovalle, J. Gardner

### Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz  
 Lector .....D. Waddleton  
 Altar Server ..... Stanski Family  
 Ministers of the Eucharist.....J. Klawunn, T. Klawunn, B. Gates, C. Behrens

### Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Celebrant.....Fr. Mickiewicz  
 Lector ..... G./N. Porto  
 Altar Server ..... Malone Family  
 Ministers of the Eucharist..... L. Gerristead, B. Gerristead,  
 ..... E. Lacy, C. Carroll, M. Milko, R. Pojedinec

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, July 26

7:00 p.m. Ann Marotta req. Fred & Barbara Pfeufer

### Wednesday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Robert Bachelder req. Linda Ostapovich

### Friday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Catherine Bohem & Family

### Saturday, July 30

5:30 p.m. Catherine & Edward Ostapczuk req. Kathy Cohen

### Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. Catherine Travis req. Marion & Russ Ditzel  
 10:30 a.m. Alice Giordano req. Califon Rite Aid Staff

## Parish Calendar

### Sunday, July 24 — Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Monday, July 25 — St. James

6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)  
 7:00 p.m. Fund Raising Meeting (Office Center)  
 7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy Committee Meeting (Office Center)

### Tuesday, July 26 — St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
 7:30 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Office Center)

### Wednesday, July 27 — Bl. Anne Cartier

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
 7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Office Center)

### Thursday, July 28 — St. Camellianus

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

### Friday, July 29 — St. Martha

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

### Saturday, July 30 — St. Peter Chrysologus

### Sunday, July 31 — Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:30 a.m. Visiting Deacon (Church Center)

## Pastor's Schedule

### Monday, July 25

1:40 p.m. Appointment (Away)  
 7:00 p.m. Fundraising Meeting (Office Center)  
 7:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word Committee Meeting (Office Center)

### Tuesday, July 26

Bulletin  
 3:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)  
 7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
 7:30 p.m. Connxions Meeting (Neumann Residence)

### Wednesday, July 27

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)  
 7:00 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (Office Center)

### Thursday, July 28

11:00 a.m. Appointment (Away)

### Friday, July 29

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

### Saturday, July 30

10:30 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

## Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Frank Kostecki
Joe Angeline	Spencer Kydd
Pat Arat	Michael Lamotte
Antonia Baasten	Harry Larson
Kate Bachman	John Lauler
Richard Baker	Kevin Leahy
John Ballard	Holly Lear
Peter Barbieri	Jewel LeVine
Alice Beardsmore	Michele Makos
Carol Becker	Taylor Maleski
Maria Beckman	Melissa Martinez
Mary Anna Bennett	Silas Mastro
Darlene Brown	Tom Martin
Eugene Brzezienski	Judy Martino
Shirley Bumen	Marie Mazzoni
James Burns	John McCabe
John Burns	Susan McKHugh
Eileen Caffen	Patrick McKenna
Kathleen Campbell	Brett Melworn
Angie Caponetti	Tyler Messenger
Barbara Carbonneau	George Meyer
Joseph Carpentiere	George Milke
Jose Castro	Betsey Miller
Lou Citarelli	Michael Milto
Riley Clark	Nina Montouri
Lorraine Cochran	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	Antonia Schulz
Msgr. Endebrock	Chris Seltzer
Jacob Fakelmann	Abe Shalaby
Hannah Farrington	Paul Shubeck
Akiea Finn	Sister Mary George
Anthony Fiorillo	Marianna Sivori
Ann Flemming	Jim Sklenar
Ryan Flynn	Austen James Slinger
Helen Galligan	Carol Smarsh
Theresa Galvano	Colleen Smith
Frank Gargiulo	Jonathan Solis
Maria Gargiulo	Felicia Steward
Jayne Giese	William Stortz
Jerry Goski	Timothy Struble
Sophia Goski	Evelyn Sulenski
Robert Govett	Mary Sulenski
Rose Gradone	Julie Suplee
Angela Grieco	Tracey Sutch
Christina Grillo	Margaret Sweeney
Dorothy Gross	John Toolan
Josephine Handy	Brian Travis
Colleen Hendzrak	Rose Uricchio
Tyler Hodulik	Robert Villani
Anita Horan	Dayelle Watts
Mary Ann Hughes	Harvey Whille
Richard Hughes	John William
Brittney Ianiro	Gloria Wood
Jeannine Imperiale	Elizabeth Wodrich
Nona Janks	Lynn Yondolino
Diana Janowski	John J. Zelesny
Bob Jenkinson	Joey Zieba
John Kaemmerer	Michael Zocchi
Rosemary Kimbal	
Mary Kirchner	

## TREASURES



Today's parables highlight the kingdom of heaven as the only thing worth possessing and open for us the choice to take it or not. It is open to everyone, and we must follow Jesus or we will not make it. Like Solomon, we need discerning judgment of what is good and evil. God will grant this gift if we ask for it so that we may follow the way of the Lord. God's entire store-room holds treasures to help us. Do you seek and use them?

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## VISITING DEACON

*Sunday, July 31, 10:30 a.m.*

I was approached recently after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday by a visiting deacon, Deacon George Coleman from St. Joseph's parish in Bound Brook. He was inquiring about a Lenten Mission. He asked if he could come one Sunday and give the homily so that we could look him over. I welcomed him. He will be with us next Sunday, July 31 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please come and welcome him to St. John's.

## SUMMER HAS ARRIVED

If you are traveling and looking for Mass in the place you are, go on-line to [www.masstimes.org/](http://www.masstimes.org/).

Remember that just like you must pay your bills while you are on vacation so do we. Please remember to contribute to the church you are visiting as you pay for your room but also remember St. John's as you keep up the payments on your mortgage. Thank you for keeping us running.

## Remembered at Mass



We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: — **Rev. Msgr. George Brembos — Tom Stark, DDS — Agnes Banhart — Clara Linville — Tina Percoraro — Gloria Brisson — Mary Drucker — Jerry Lanza**

**Deceased:** **Mary Drucker**, mother of Veronica Drucker, **Jerry Lanza**, former parishioner. 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.



## NEED

I thank the people who have stayed after Mass to help me unvest. People have also helped with closing, turning off lights and locking up. Last Sunday I was left after all that was done and I realized I also need help in getting the money out of the lock box and getting the baskets to my car. If you don't have any place to get to immediately I would appreciate your assistance on any given Sunday. Thanks.

## DEACON EARL ROBERTS

I am sure that most church-going parishioners know that Earl had a serious operation in the fall and as he was working to get blood pressure and other bodily functions synchronized he had a stroke on Good Friday. The stroke has left him with eye problems and so he has not been able to drive. His mind and spirit are very much alive but his mobility is impaired. He has had to take permanent disability from his job here at St. John's. Earl was in charge of Connxions and Social Ministry.

This does not directly affect his role as Deacon. He still remains a deacon at St. John's and he feels that sometime in August he could resume some of that ministry which he studied and longed for so long in his life. We anticipate any part of this ministry that he will be able to continue in.

Earl came to us seven years ago when we were looking for a Director of Religious Education and then a Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization. Earl applied for the DRE position. We had not yet advertised for the Evangelization position. When I interviewed Earl I learned that he really wanted to become a deacon. They did not have any classes in the Diocese of Harrisburg at the time. I said I would sponsor him if he was interested. Earl said that he would travel from and to Harrisburg every day. I didn't think that was sane but if his desire to become a deacon was so great that he would make this trek I felt he must truly have a vocation.

Earl's intention was to move to this area. He didn't make it too close. He could only afford a house in the Poconos to where he moved and commutes almost an hour and a half in traffic. He has been making this journey each day and several days a month to the deaconate program that brought him home late at night. As you remember Earl was ordained a deacon last June.

Earl was attracted to St. John's because of our involvement in Social Ministry. Earl has given the lion share of his ministry to this love of his life. He has been faithful to this ministry that we hold dear to our hearts here at St. John's. He has spent a great deal of time on the presentation of St. John's on DVD. This grew out of his work on our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He is skilled along technical lines and has been our resource for many technical changes and problems. He has been a great asset to the parish. He has set up power point capabilities as well as programs on the computer. We owe him a debt of gratitude for what he has done over the years.

Earl has directed the Baptism program and the registration for new parishioners. He has reached out to many individuals and guided them through with advice and physical assistance. He has reconstructed computers and assisted people who did not have one.

We want to recognize Earl's service as an employee of St. John's but also let him know that he has not finished with his diaconal ministry. We anticipate his return. We also take this opportunity to thank him for his service at St. John's Office and serving on the Office Staff.

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## Pastoral Council

### **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Saturday, June 20, 2011**

After completing two informational sessions, the Pastoral Council welcomed new members **Brandon Staten** and **Laura Sharp** to their first official meeting.

#### Reorganization

A discernment discussion took place on the various roles and responsibilities of the pastoral council members.

- **Roger Malone** will serve as Chair with **Steve Gemma** as Vice Chair
- **Donna Lance** Corresponding/Recording Secretary with **Joann Gardner** as Vice Secretary

The Committee/Ministry Liaisons are as follows:

- Religious Education – **Steve Gemma**
- Stewardship – **Donna Lance**
- Finance – **Mike Mastro**
- Fund Raising – **Joann Gardner**
- Social Ministry – **Pam Casserly**
- Property Management – **Brandon Staten**
- Connxions – **Laura Sharp**

The Pastoral Council Subcommittee Assignments are as follows:

- 5 Year Plan/Covenant Update – **Roger Malone /Steve Gemma**
- Pastoral Council Archives – **Pam Casserly/Steve Gemma/Laura Sharp**
- Communications – Town Meetings/Vitality Coffee – **Joann Gardner/Mike Mastro**
- New Pastoral Council Membership – **Donna Lance/Laura Sharp**
- Ad Hoc Website – **Brandon Staten/Bill Harrison/Pam Casserly**

#### Reflection

- A brainstorming session will take place at our next meeting to determine our 2011/12 annual goal.

- An initial discussion – June 2012 – What could the future look like?

## Pastor's Items of Business

- **Father Bill** will be attending a meeting with the Deanery on June 24, 2011
- The Parish continues to look for a part time Pastoral Catechetical Leader.
- The Silent Auction/Dinner Dance was both a fun/successful fund-raising event.
- The 2011/12 Church Calendar was distributed.

**Next Meeting: Monday July 18, 2011  
7:00 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by Donna Lance

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## **PT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR**

The new title of this ministry is Pastoral Catechetical Leader (PCL). Some time ago in PONDERING 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.

## **GROUNDHOGS NUMBER MORE THAN PARISHIONERS**

If we took a census I am sure the groundhogs would number more than the people at St. John's or else it seems that way. At lunch one day we watched the little rascals try to scale the fence of the Project Earth Garden. The older ones were too heavy. They gradually nibbled their way towards the fence as if we would miss their meanderings. I could take it no longer. I got up and yelled. The young ones looked surprised.

Many people have volunteered to get rid of them or at least do something about their fertility. (By the way the Canada geese have left the premises. I hope that they do not return like demons in the scriptures.) But all we get is talk and promises. I leave next year but the groundhogs will stay and continue to take over. They are in competition with the rabbits and deer and you know how fast they multiply. I have baptized and confirmed them but unlike Catholic they have not left.

If you like rabbit stew, why not set some traps. Groundhogs can be eaten too. We have several recipes. So whatever the means please do something before you can't get into church or it all falls down because they have mined under the floor. Please help. Like the Christian search for a mate states on TV maybe you have to act with what God has given you - the chance to take the first step.

## *Fundraising*

### **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

The Tricky Tray will be held on Friday, October 14, 2011. Please mark your calendars and SAVE THE DATE!! **If you have any questions or want to help please contact Marybeth Harrison, maryb1212@hotmail.com or Sandra Aaron, sandrastamuraaron@yahoo.com.** We are in need of baskets, if you have any, please let us know...thanks!

### **GAS CARD RAFFLE**

Coming soon to a mailbox near you...Gas prices got you down? Soon you will be receiving an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for a GRAND PRIZE of a \$500 gas card!! Second prize-\$250 gas card and third prize-\$100 gas card. The winning tickets will be announced at this year's Tricky Tray on Friday, October 14. You gotta be "in it" to "win it" Good Luck.

### **SAVE THE DATE---ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING**

*(Registration is now open)*

Date--Saturday, September 24----Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. ----Full lunch around 2:00 p.m.

Location--Minebrook Golf Course--Hackettstown, NJ (at the bottom of Schooley's Mountain)

Cost---\$125 per golfer

Hole Sponsors---\$125 per hole

Contact Person---Bob Martalus----908--439-3732-----

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Checks can be sent to: Bob Martalus---15 Cold Springs Road---Califon, NJ. 07830 or drop off at the Church office.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT



*WARNING: The study, practice, and spirituality of Catholic social justice teachings may be hazardous to your hard-heartedness, complacency, skepticism, indifference, and hubris. Proceed at your own risk!*  
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**9. "Invest in root stock."** Grow some of your own food. Plant fruit and nut trees, berry bushes, and other perennial food crops. Preserve heirloom varieties of plants and animals. Buy food from local growers or processors. Encourage schools and churches to start gardens. Don't buy any meats, eggs, or poultry that originate in Confined Animal Feeding Operations, buy meats from farmers who treat their free-ranging flocks and herds humanely and naturally. Cook meals from basic ingredients; don't buy junk food, make your own snacks and beverages or buy locally grown and made foods and drinks from neighborhood stores, bakeries, or brewers. Eat with the season, don't buy fresh produce in the winter unless it was grown in your area. Learn home food processing skills and depend less on international commercial food corporations. Stop buying and eating fish from the sea.

**10. You are not your wardrobe.** Clothing is one of the easiest necessities to find in thrift stores and flea markets. If you must have new clothes, make them yourself or have a local tailor or seamstress make them for you, or at least only buy clothes with union or cooperative labels. Minimize your purchases of clothes that require dry cleaning; air and sun dry your clothes after they're washed instead of using a clothes dryer. Don't buy clothing that has been produced in sweatshops.

**11. "Gather your community."** Connect with your local neighbors and friends. Be a good neighbor. Help your neighbors and friends and work with them to make your community more sustainable and resilient. Be active with civil society organizations or informal associations that are working for good causes and goals. If you vote, do so intelligently and with thought about the consequences. If you have no community, find one or create one.

**12. "Be alert and aware."** Know what's going on. Search out "side-stream" media for news and useful information. Tell others what is happening in your area and be generous in sharing knowledge and skills. Ignore government and corporation propaganda. Don't buy the lie that "what you do doesn't matter." Kill your television, or at least grievously wound it. Beware of and resist media messages that encourage gluttony, waste, and instant gratification, which are often the source of the excuses you make to yourself that keep you from doing what you need to do. Procrastination is deadly.

**13. "Don't let the perfect become the enemy of the good."** Do what you can, with what you have, where you are. Select small, easy projects at first ("pick the low hanging fruit") and as you get better at those, adopt bigger and more challenging goals. If you can't do the best, it's OK to be simply better, or at least good, even "fair to middling." Be willing to start small, or it is likely you will never start at all. But beware of procrastination. Learn many things. Practice many skills. Teach others. Be ready to adapt to major changes that may come your way. To avoid fools, take steps.

**14. "Think globally, act locally."** When the going gets rough, nobody gets thrown to the wolves. This is a basic principle of a civilization of life and love; we ignore it to our peril. Our first concern is naturally for those who are closest to us, but that can't be the extent of our involvement. Our families, friends, and neighbor-

## 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!

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# Social Ministry

## SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **20 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,675.00** with **\$133.75** going to St. Mary's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop. Purchase of these cards go to help pay our monthly mortgage.



## PROJECT EARTH GARDEN

Peach blossoms are now peaches. Easter lilies are full of blossoms and blooms and as of this week the plants and seeds are finally in the ground. Thank you to: **Ed D'Armiento** for coming several times to rototill; **Wayne Infusino** for watering and tilling; **Andy Kozlowski** for clearing and weeding out the last flower bed; and **Claire and Scott Jarvis** for their help with maintenance. Call **Anne Germino 908-343-1618** to volunteer. Come out and take a look.



hoods are impacted directly by world events. Our response to the globalization of greed and gluttony, and to the rise of violence in this world, is the globalization of solidarity, which must manifest itself in practical actions, not just rhetorical flourishes. An injury to one indeed is an injury to all: we must make injustice visible and protect the poor and the powerless. The more solidarity and cooperation that is present in a society, the more resilient, just, and sustainable it is.

15. **"Remember the time of hunger in the day of plenty."** Watch out for dangers that may be ahead, and act in advance to mitigate the impact of such events. The time to build the cellar is before the tornado hits.

16. **Support political & voluntary initiatives that promote sustainability and resilience**, such as public transportation, energy efficiency, renewable energy resources, small farms, decentralized economics, balanced government budgets, & local markets.

17. **"Love life as it is."** Be present to each moment as you go through time and place. Be open to the wonder of grace that abounds, and be wary of the demons which prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Do everything with a heart of generosity and gratitude and with joy and celebration. Pray without ceasing.

Deacon Earl Roberts

## NORTH HUNTERDON FOOD BANK

Recently, we re-established our relationship with **North Hunterdon Community Food Bank**. This entity serves about 60 clients in our immediate area providing food and groceries once a month. The food bank purchases the items from **NORWESCAP** utilizing funds provided in an annual grant from **Wakefern Foods** also known as **Shop-Rite Stores**. The foods are purchased at a deep discount price and delivered monthly by NORWESCAP to the First Aid Squad building on Hill Road where about 15 volunteers distribute the food to the clients who go there to pick it up. This is a credible and worthwhile organization that deserves our support, so **Elizabeth Lacy** recently emptied out the surplus of goods in our own food pantry and delivered it to the First Aid Squad building on June 9. This also helped us in that the rising temps in our 2<sup>nd</sup> floor food pantry would have left much of the food inedible. We owe much thanks to Elizabeth for braving the heat and the multiple trips on the stairs for doing this.

## BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

Our annual Back to School Giving Tree is in full bloom in the Narthex. Please pick a tag from the tree, sign the log and return your donation in the envelope provided (it protects the magnetic strip), no later than August 21. You can leave your donations in the Social Ministry Drop Box in the Narthex or at the Parish Office Center during the week.

This year we are requesting gift certificates from: Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Penney's or Payless Shoes. These gift certificates will be distributed via Catholic Charities in Phillipsburg and Social Services in Flemington as well as going to eight local families.

If you cannot get out to purchase a gift certificate or you wish to make a donation by cash or check, please take an envelope from the Social Ministry stand, enclose your donation and tag, and drop it in the Social Ministry Drop Box. (That's the wooden box to the right of the Social Ministry Station. *Please memo your check "back to school"*.)

# Christian Formation (Catechesis)

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Focus:** The kingdom of God is a treasure  
"For you have revealed to the little ones the mysteries of the kingdom."

**Scripture:** "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field . . . a merchant searching for fine pearls . . . a net thrown into the sea . . ."  
Matthew 13: 44-52

**Reflection:** What is it that you treasure most? Does your experience of treasure involve something of cost? If you could choose three things that you could take to a desert island what would they be?

**Song:** "Earthen Vessels" #522

**Story:** The ten dollar yard

A twelve-year old was employed by an elderly woman to cut her lawn. Asked what he would charge, the boy said that other kids in the neighborhood were paid \$10 to mow lawns of similar size. "Out of the question!" the old woman snapped. "No one could possibly manicure a yard well enough to warrant such wages!"

So it was with fear and trepidation, after working all day, that he asked for five dollars. Reluctantly, she paid him. Each subsequent week, the boy repeated his duties - and each week he timidly requested his pay, never more than five dollars for several hours work.

One day he began to wonder: *Could I accomplish the ten-dollar yard? Could I cut this lawn well enough to get a full ten dollars from her?* So, with new determination, the boy spent the rest of the summer mastering his craft. Each week he carefully scrutinized his work, developing new skills to improve his performance, all in search of the ten-dollar yard. All his efforts culminated on the last day of summer when he implemented his detailed and exhaustive strategy to achieve the perfectly maintained lawn.

Finished, he rang the doorbell. When he heard the woman's familiar words, "How much do I owe you?" he simply responded, "Ten dollars."

The old woman silently granted the young man's request, but not before they shared a glance that spoke volumes. Receiving the ten-dollar bill, the boy-turned-young-man knew that he would not be returning the following summer. Through the glimmer in her faint smile and the near tear in her aging eyes, he knew that next year she would conscript yet another young able body in hopes of shaping another capable mind to meet the challenge of the ten-dollar yard.

[Author unknown. Adapted from a version cited by W. Mark Tew in "An Educator's Story," The Chronicle of Higher Education, November 26, 2010.]

*Often the Gospel "treasure" and "pearl" exist within ourselves, challenging us to work our way through others' expectations and demands, life's disappointments and distractions, to find the values of God: love, justice, reconciliation, peace. The determination of the boy to achieve the ten-dollar lawn becomes more than a matter of money, but to discover within himself the standards of excellence and the commitment to hard work in order to fulfill and achieve. It is an experience of God's grace - the resources to grow, to believe, to realize the Gospel "treasure" and "pearl" in our own lives.*  
Connections, July 2011

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/  
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46  
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt  
13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-  
53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-  
37/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt  
14:13-21

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## **Religious Education Program**

### RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

The due date has passed, so if you have not registered for children's religious formation classes, please do so ASAP. We need to be able to plan and order materials for September. You may mail your registration or drop your registration in the collection basket with the envelope marked "Religious Education Registration" or bring the registration to the office center and place it in the front mailboxes labeled Rel. Ed. Admin. Assistant. If the office center is locked, place your registration in the Religious Ed. drop off mailbox in the Seton Room. Don't let financial difficulties keep you from registering. Tuition can be paid over time or be waived. Just attach a note with your circumstances to the registration form.

## 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. As military personnel leave the Service, please notify us so that we can remove them from the list. 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  
HM Bullis, Christopher, US Navy  
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  
Scardino, David, U.S. Navy  
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

# Adult Formation

## PONDERING PAUSES

### *A TWO EDGED SWORD*

It is a plain fact that as soon as respect for the human person – and for all human persons in community – is abandoned as the supreme principle and purpose of our economy, then other negative consequences will follow rapidly. If people are reduced to the status of consumers, then the ability to manipulate people and influence their consumption become all important. What then arises is an insatiable expression of cupidity, which inevitably leads to the “haves” to increase what they possess by contrast with the “have-nots.” This may be expressed in the realm of wealth, by means of political or military power, and even through the power to shape ideas or generally to influence the whole world.

That is why economic and social development must always be tempered and underpinned by moral and social values. Whatever happens in the world, we ought to strive to preserve fundamental cultural values that pertain to humanity without, of course, establishing unnecessary barriers to useful economic progress. At the same time, we also ought to be aware that a globalization of talent is only morally justified when accompanied by a global distribution of the benefits that flow from it. Globalization is thus proving to be a two-edged sword. It provides a new vision for some and a new threat for others. It is a vision that can be inspiring both in its conception and in its realization. At the same time, however, it presents a frightening spectacle, especially when the dynamic of globalization is so powerful that it exceeds our ability to restrain it through the capacity of our moral conscience, as well as our social norms, regulatory rules, and mechanisms. What is impressive, for example, is the almost automatic globalization of information. Yet at the same time, the potentiality for intentional information is increasingly alarming. Again, the globalization of knowledge is impressive together with the participation of many people in its fruits of that knowledge, whether it refers to the macrocosm or the innermost depths of the microcosm. At the same time, there is good reason to feel frightened by the growing threat posed by the possible misuse of this accumulated knowledge.

Numerous other challenges and changes, as well as dangers and dilemmas, are rising up before us. The achievements of international cooperation in the sectors of commerce, telecommunications, and finance in general, with which the phenomenon of globalization is so closely linked, are in many ways wonderful. What, however, is the true gain for humanity as a whole if the economy, in succumbing to the sickness of elephantiasis, devours the other areas of human life and culture, such as art, music, philosophy, or contemplation? What is the true benefit for humanity if a stifling global economy causes its creative powers to wither and enfeebles the fundamental principles of coexistence and survival, such as justice, peace, and solidarity among individuals and peoples? What have we gained as a world if we lose the sense of integrity and respect for the human person, the unshakable bedrock of all existence and coexistence? “For what will profit [us] to gain the whole world and forfeit [our] life?” (Mark 8:36)

from ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY, by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, pp 159-161.



# Sacrament Preparation

## CONFIRMATION

*Sunday, October 9, 12:15 p.m.*

*Celebrant: Very Rev. J. William Mickiewicz, EP*

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

With the hiring of a part time Religious Education Coordinator (Pastoral Catechetical Leader) we will need a person to coordinate the Confirmation Program. If you feel inclined please email Fr. Bill so you talk through the needs. Thanks to **Cathy Gagen** who will coordinate the Reconciliation/Eucharist preparation.

## CONFIRMATION 2011

A banner display of our 2011 Confirmandi is in the Narthex of the Church Center. Please keep these young people and their families in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate Confirmation this coming October. They are: **Juliana Benson, Philip D'Armiento, Timothy Ferraro, Joshua Geerinck, Cole Herudek, Jesse Herudek, Erin Hollyfield, Brianna Koshinski, Nicole Kozak, Caroline Mahoney, Ryan McDonald, Jason Niemiec, Douglas Olcese, Alexander Sherman, Sean Szymczak, Caroline Upwood, Natasha Vincenzi and Margaret Vitale.**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM

*Friday, September 9, 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 – September 9 at 7:15 p.m. The deadline for signing up to attend this program is Friday – August 26. 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).**

# Community News

## OLDWICK COMMUNITY PLAYERS SECOND ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMER ACTING WORKSHOP PRESENTS

*The Quest for Quasi—How Little Red Got Her Hunch Back*

Friday & Saturday, July 29 and 30, 7:00 p.m., High Bridge United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 40 Church Street, High Bridge, NJ.

Admission is free; Good will donations accepted. Home-baked goods and refreshments.

## RESPECT LIFE

The Chapter 4 Knights of Columbus and the Office of Respect for Life of the Diocese of Metuchen would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all those parishes and individuals who have supported the "Ultrasound for Life Fundraising Initiative."

Ultrasound equipment is extremely valuable because reports indicate that up to 90% of women considering an abortion choose to have their baby after seeing their baby on ultrasound. This equipment can be life-saving! In fact, the experience of witnessing an ultrasound image is often life-changing, not only for mothers, but for fathers as well. After a woman chooses life for her child, Pregnancy Care Centers are able to direct her to medical care and resources available such as food, clothing, housing and any other needs.

To date, your generosity has helped to procure new, state-of-the-art ultrasound machines for two local Pregnancy Care Centers. Efforts will continue to help fund this life-affirming equipment for other qualified Pregnancy Care Centers within our diocese. Thank you for your continued support of Life!



## 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.**

## **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.

## **SAVE THE DATE— DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE**

***Saturday, November 19***

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, Bishop Bootkoski will lead a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the diocese's thirtieth anniversary. Details about the cost of the pilgrimage and how to register will appear in the bulletin in coming weeks.

## **WHAT IF?**

Recently a young man who had not been to church for some time asked: What if there was a group that connected likeminded people, with the intention of empowering all, in every aspect of a "You and Me World"? What if this group believed that by giving freely of ourselves and our resources, we open the flow of abundance into our lives? How about if by embracing relationships through social networking, we have the opportunity to generate worldwide connections and friendships, in turn creating a synergy of people changing the world one gift at a time?

The earth has an abundance of everything needed to satisfy everyone, and no one should be found wanting, he said. We believe that our intent affects our reward; that if we intend to give we will receive, but if we intend only to receive and give for that purpose, we will be left wanting. We believe that everyone's faith, religion or belief system has wisdom to contribute to everyone. We believe that by sharing these beliefs, we can change the world for the better and create a world that works for everyone.

He was excited and promoting this newly discovered group called "Connecting Us All – A Worldwide Giving Network" based in Colorado. The response from the older gentlemen he was talking to was "Well, that is one of the reasons that I come to church every week. What you are describing is what almost every religion in the world would seek to accomplish."

## ***Diocesan News***

### **NATIONAL NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK**

***July 24-30, 2011***

***God's Love — Our love, Our Family Discover Natural Family Planning***

#### **Married couples:**

You can enhance your marital romance and build a better marriage! It is never too late to experience the joy natural family planning methods can bring to your relationship. Both spouses are taught to understand the nature of fertility and work with it, either to plan a pregnancy or avoid a pregnancy...NFP becomes a shared commitment!

#### **Engaged couples:**

If you are interested in beginning your life together as husband and wife by loving one another naturally it is never too early to learn about natural family planning. What are the benefits of using NFP?

- Low cost—No harmful side effects
- Effective for achieving, spacing or limiting pregnancy
- Can be used throughout a woman's reproductive life
- Marriage enrichment and mutual understanding
- Appreciation for the value of children
- Fosters respect for and acceptance of the total person
- Morally acceptable

#### **Where can I learn how to use NFP?**

Call the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen (732-562-1990 ext. 1624) or email [family.life@diometuchen.org](mailto:family.life@diometuchen.org) for more information or to register for classes at a location nearest your home.

# Stewardship

## SHARING GOD'S GIFTS



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

**324 families; 33 Time & Talent Responses, 25 Treasure Responses; 5 Youth Responses**

## JULY 24, 2011 - 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purposes." - Romans 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. However, when we wholeheartedly place our trust in God we will never be disappointed.

## GRAB A BAG FOR PANTRY DONATIONS

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

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

### **Office Angels**

Monday, 8/1	<b>Angel Needed</b>
Tuesday, 8/2	A. Sawczuk
Wednesday, 8/3	<b>Angel Needed</b>
Thursday, 8/4	B. Pannone

### **Grocery Cards**

July 23 & 24

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

July 30 & 31

5:30 p.m.	D. Zigmantanis
8:00 a.m.	V. Santoro
10:30 a.m.	K. Cohen

### **Church Center Plant Watering**

Week of 7/24	C. Fortenbacher
Week of 7/31	T. Menzie

### **Church Center Cleaning**

July 29	Team A
August 5	Team B

# Stewardship - Treasure

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### **For July 11, 2010**

64 Weekly Donors .....	\$1,928.00
25 Monthly Donors .....	\$1,920.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$32.00</u>
Total .....	\$3,880.00
21 Direct Deposit.....	\$1,004.00

### **For July 10, 2011**

64 Weekly Donors .....	\$1,835.00
24 Monthly Donors .....	\$3,303.00
Loose Money .....	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total .....	\$5,218.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$968.75

### **Weekly Averages**

June.....	\$5,167.00
May.....	\$5,241.00
April.....	\$5,343.00
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

**Weekly Need .....\$8,182.00**

## SPONSORING ST. MARY'S PARISH

In March 2009, we began sending profits from cash card sales on the third weekend of each month to St. Mary's parish in Coeburn, Virginia. If you don't use these cash cards but want to contribute to St. Mary's you may leave a donation in the basket provided in the Narthex. **In July, we collected \$133.75 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

- Tricky Tray — October 14
  - Kitchen Chairperson
  - Solicitor
  - Ticket Sellers
  - Runners
- 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