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398 County Road 513
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Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

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

Reconciliation

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

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

About Our Parish

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Parish Registration

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

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

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

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

Sacraments of Initiation

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrament Celebrations

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

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

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

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Schedule

July 9 & 10

Saturday		5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	R. Ditzel	
Altar Server	Germino Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	D. Lance, J. Gardner,	
.....	J. Eacovalle, L. Eacovalle, M. McCall, L. Garcia	
Sunday		8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	J. Murray	
Altar Server	Mastro Family	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	C. Behrens, S. Janks, A. Sawczuk, B. Gates	
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:30 a.m.
	Baptism—Nonestied	
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz	
Lector	S. Carroll	
Altar Server	B. Zelesny	
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	E. Lacy, B. Martalus,	
.....	C. Carroll, R. Martalus, M. Wickel, D. Wickel	

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 5

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, July 6

9:30 a.m. Father's Day Intentions

Friday, July 8

7:00 a.m. Adolf & Margaret Mark

Saturday, July 9

5:30 p.m. Henry Melofchek req.
Connolly Family

Sunday, July 10

8:00 a.m. Vince King req.
Janks Family
10:30 a.m. Joseph Queckie req.
Cuczella Family

Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 3 — Yellow Brick Road

Monday, July 4 — St. Elizabeth of Portugal

**Independence Day—Office Closed
No Zumba**

Tuesday, July 5 — St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

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

Wednesday, July 6 — St. Mary Goretti

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, July 7 — St. Maelruain

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

Friday, July 8 — St. Odo of Urgev

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

Saturday, July 9 — St. Augustine Zhao Rong

Sunday, July 10 — Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pastor's Schedule

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July
Office Center Closed

Tuesday, July 5

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

Wednesday, July 6

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
12:30 p.m. Staff Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, July 7

2:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)

Friday, July 8

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Office Center)
11:00 a.m. Botany Lesson (Away)

Saturday, July 9

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

Sunday, July 10

10:30 a.m. Baptism (Church Center)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

Remember in Your Prayers

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

MY YOKE IS EASY



Jesus wants us to take up his burden as he takes up ours. "My yoke is easy and my burden light," he says. His burden, the cross, is a way of life. Our own burdens are better shared with the one who leads us to salvation. The Father has entrusted all to Jesus, his son, who leads us home. God invites us to his table, the Eucharist.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2001 M. Moran. Text, Philip J. Sandstrom, STD © 2001, OCP. All rights reserved.

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 June, 108 families gave \$4,279.00 to help meet that need.** Thanks to all who participate and help us to make that payment. The remainder of the funds to pay the mortgage come from Shop Rite/A&P Cash Cards and fundraisers.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, July 4

The Office Center will be closed on Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

AIR CONDITIONING/LAWN CARE COLLECTION

July 15 & 16

We all enjoy the cool air in church for the summer months – some more than others (some bring sweaters to church). The cost of electricity keeps the bills in the summer up. Also realize that as a commercial building we set the cost per kilowatt for the month or more by the highest demand rate during that period of time. Our electricity then costs more than residential rates.

So each summer we request additional help in meeting the costs of this luxury and also to help offset the cost of summer lawn care. We thank you for your generosity over the past years and anticipate your budgeted help when we have our AC Collection. Please use your boxed envelope or make sure to write AC on your check. You are also welcome to use your own envelope.

Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Conception Ruiz — Duncan Hopkins Sr. — Therese Kraft — Maureen Stout — Mildred Dunne — Rev. Msgr. George Brembos — Tom Stark, DDS**



Deceased: Tom Stark, DDS, former St. John's parishioner and friend of Andy Kozlowski. May he find peace and comfort in the embrace of the Lord and may his family find strength in the Lord and comfort and support from family and friends.

HELP WANTED – HELP NEEDED – HELP!

We now have hanging baskets in front of church thanks to **Mary Connolly** and **Barbara Pannone**. Now they need to be watered regularly. There is a wand at the Neumann Residence that can help reach them. They should be watered once a day. It would be enough to water them whenever you are around the church but that might not be enough. Can we have some volunteers?

There are weeds galore around the Gazebo. If we could get them out before the mulch comes that would be a great gift.

There are Easter flowers to be planted. Anybody?

There are Easter flags, flowers around the entrance and flowers in the baskets in Church. Somebody?

Thanks to **Mary Cangelosi** and **Barbara Gates** for changing colors in Church.

People have volunteered to help at the Residence but no one has emailed or called. I can't always remember when people volunteer on the run.

DR. ROSE FAY

Rose has been with us for the past several years directing our Catechetical program. It is during her hand at the helm that the title of her position has been changed by the diocese to PCL (Parish Catechetical Leader). So also has the duty and responsibilities of this ministry. Rose introduced Adult Formation especially during Lent and Advent. She has carried that concept to Family Faith Days. She sought out a new environment for the Confirmation Retreat. She was especially skilled at keeping in touch with the Catechists and families by email in preparation for class. She has been skilled at using the email for surveys and finding the pulse of families. She has just completed an evaluation of the site and days of Catechetical sharing. But a list of her accomplishments is not the only measure of ministry.

Rose came on the sea after a tumultuous scene of our Summer of Discontent. She was able to steady the boat and keep us on even keel. We appreciate that ministry. Even with her own health issues the first summer she was here she was able to keep our program going well and developing. She was easily approachable and responded with Christian kindness and compassion. She listened well and long to many people that only they know. Her ministry did not suffer even through the grief she lived with after the death of her husband.

We are truly appreciative of Rose's ministry. I am sorry that our financial situation could not afford her ministry. Even though our enrollment has declined they deserve the best coordination and ministry. We do not bid farewell because of any negative or critical performance. The presence of a feminine influence is vital to ministry. We thank her for her dedication and ministry and wish her well in the new direction that her life will take her. In Polish we say "Sto Lat." May you have a hundred years to your ministry and life.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

We are finding that some parishioners forget to ask us to remove a name from the sick list after the individual has recovered and is well, or perhaps they feel it is "bad luck" to remove the name. Therefore, we will leave names on the sick list for six months, and then the names will be removed. If you would like a name to remain on the sick list for another six months, please let us know and we will keep the name on the list. We will begin this process in September.

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Pastoral Council **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes** **Saturday, May 21, 2011**

Reflection:

- Discussion of possible scenarios of future of St. John Neumann's

Old and Continuing Items of Business:

- New Pastoral Council Member drive:
- June 12 will be induction of new members at 10:30 a.m. Mass. A coffee will follow.
- Attendance at Town Meeting was around 50 people. The small breakout sessions were both helpful and informative.
- Ann Germino and Greg Wilson are stepping forward as leaders of Social Ministry.

Pastor's Items of Business

- The Parish continues to look for a part time Pastoral Catechetical Leader
- Marian Kucharski is our new finance administrator

Minutes prepared by Pam Casserly

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YOGA AT ST. JOHN'S

There will be no yoga during the months of July and August. Classes will resume in September. **If you are interested, please email Ana Giametta at ana.giametta@gmail.com.**

VISIT THE SICK

As you may have noticed **Dana Wilson** has not been worshipping with us for awhile. I ask Greg to keep her at home because some children were getting spooked out and beginning to call her "the crazy lady." She is not crazy and is suffering from a frontal lobe syndrome. I did not want her to be known as such. She misses socializing with the community and thus would like visitors. If there are some people who could "visit the sick," you know that corporal work of mercy by which we will be recognized as Christ's disciples, please call and we can let you know what to do. Thank you for responding to someone who has been an active member of the parish, active in ministry, a member of "Partners in Ministry," Steven Ministry and adult formation.

PT 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.

ENVIRONMENT MINISTER

Since I am not able to run around and get flowers and other decorations for our Environment for weekend liturgies we are looking for a team of people to look after this call. If you can assist please email Fr. Bill. Don't tell him on the run. Running messages just keep running out of his mind.

We have also found that sometimes people neglect to let us know when military personnel have left the service and should be taken off the military list. Please notify us as military personnel leave the service so that we can update the list. Thank you.

RENEWING

We are renewing the Welcoming procedures and Baptismal preparation. Thanks to those who have responded. It is going well. The Welcoming Group includes **France Kennedy, Andy Kuhn, Regina DeSefano, Joanne Fabiano, and Brooke Osborne**. We are looking for another couple to serve on the Baptism Team.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Welcome to **Brandon Staten** and **Laura Sharpe**, the two members installed into the Pastoral Council last Sunday. They have replaced **Eileen Papon** and **Marilyn Wickel** to whom we say thank you for their years of service on the Pastoral Council. This was Marilyn's second term. They have been a great asset to the Council and we appreciate their service.

We also commissioned **Pam Casserly, Joanne Gardner, Steve Gemma, Bill Harrison, Donna Lance, Roger Malone, and Mike Mastro** for the 2011 – 2012 year. We thank them all for serving the parish on the Pastoral Council.

ADVERTISING

We are looking for advertising support for the bulletin, if you know anyone who may be interested in placing an ad, please call the office and leave the name and number and someone will get back to them with the information.

GARDEN NEEDS

I can't do any gardening at all anymore. I need some assistance in trimming and planting some annuals so that I have color at the residence. I also need someone to purchase hanging baskets for the front of the Church and some plantings there. **If you can assist email Fr. Bill jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org.**

NANO-INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

Imagine test tubes so small that 300 billion of them will fit in the area of the period at the end of this sentence. How about electric motors so small that 6000 of them can be made to fit on the head of a pin? These things exist today and many others in the area of nanotechnology. Researchers are experimenting with machines so small that they could enter a human body and do specific repairs on everything from clogged arteries to tissue repairs. Imagine a computer the size of a sugar cube that has the computing power of every Intel computer ever built, or Nano-generating photo cells a hundred times more efficient than today's silicon cell. Researchers are working on hundreds of such projects at this moment.

Several new companies are working on "downsized machines" that can build and manipulate smaller and smaller devices. In a very short time a "Nano Industrial Revolution" will take place that will dwarf the Industrial Revolution of the past. The prospects are exciting, but the challenges like bioengineering are great as well because the smaller the materials the more differently they react both in the environment and with living cells. For instance the aluminum foil that we wrap our food with when taken to certain Nano-size particles becomes explosive.

The Periodic Table has become three dimensional as the elements are charted in various Nano-sizes.

Just like the introduction of the products of the last Industrial Revolution this one will require serious intense study and monitoring not to mention regulation because there are always those individuals, companies and governments that will push past a moral boundary to rush some item to market or use it in such a way that adversely affects human life. If one doesn't think so, think back to our own government testing chemicals and radiation on its own citizens and military members early in the last century.

The time is now to begin to study and understand the latest discoveries and research in this area so that all of these new applications of the science can be applied with careful consideration of the effects on our environment and human life. Berkely, California in 2006 was the first and possibly the only governmental body to date that has introduced regulations regarding the use and hazardous control over Nano-engineered products. We all need to study and consider the effects of the use of this technology. The application of this technology could well become the greatest challenge to social justice in this century.

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**

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REMINDERS

Let Us Know – In order to minister to our community at large, we need your assistance in letting us know who may be in need of help. Often those who are in need are either too entwined in their situation to contact us directly or too proud to ask for help. You can be the "angel of mercy" who helps by simply making us aware of an individual or family in need. Call Earl or Rita at the Office Center, send us an email or use the "Samaritan Tip" form on the parish website – <http://www.ccsjn.org/> Emergency Shelter; Personal Crisis, Suicide Hotline; Abuse Reports; Support Groups; Animal Aid; Senior Assurance Calls; Locate a Food Pantry and more. Questions? See website <http://www.helplinehc.org/>

CALLERS WISHING TO REACH HELPLINE FOR ANY OF ITS SERVICES ARE NO LONGER ABLE TO REACH THE AGENCY BY DIALING 211. THEY NEED TO CALL 800-272-4360, 782-4357 OR 735-4357.

Haves 'n Needs

What to do with those unwanted but useful items?

Try putting them on our parish website in the "Haves 'n Needs" section. Email us a short description of the time and we'll post it for a month or so and see if someone out there is looking for your treasure.

Check out what is there once a month!

New Eyes for the Needy

Donate your old eyeglasses in the Narthex.

St. Jude's Ranch

Donate your Campbell Soup labels in the Narthex. See parish website for list of items.

Sponsor Child

Please remember Angel in your prayers, and drop your donation in the Jar at the Social Ministry Station. Don't forget to write!

Social Ministry

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS

We had **15 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$1,575.00** with **\$78.75** coming to St. John's. Stop after Mass on the weekends or come to the Office Center during the week. It costs you nothing and the Parish gains 5% on all gift cards. Thanks to the volunteers who are willing to stay a few minutes after Mass to sell these cards and all who use them to shop. Purchase of these cards go to help pay our monthly mortgage.



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 2nd 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.

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Monday, July 11, 10:00 a.m., Office Center



The next scheduled mission providing the noon meal to the SHIP's Galley Soup Kitchen in Somerville is scheduled for **Monday, July 11**. We will need hot casseroles, soup, tossed salad and fresh fruit. **To donate any of these items, please call Anne Germino at 908-343-1618.** All items must be at the Office Center by 10:00 a.m. that Monday, as scheduled. As you might imagine the

need continues to grow in this area. If you have thought about making a donation or getting involved but figured all the bases were covered, now would be a good time to assist in this monthly effort. **Thank you for your continued support of this Ministry.**

FOOD PANTRY

July 16 & 17

The weekend of July 16 & 17 is our Food Pantry weekend. Please give priority to the following items that are needed: **pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, cake or muffin mix, coffee, tea, canned or bagged nuts, and healthy snacks.** Monetary donations may be made at any time using envelopes available at the Social Ministry station and the Social Ministry drop-box in the narthex. Please mark your check or envelope "Food Pantry."

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVING TREE

Our Back to School Giving Tree will begin July 17 and run through August 21.

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN

There have been repeated messages in the bulletin regarding our Earth Garden asking for assistance. **Ann Germino** has once again forefronted this project, but unfortunately is working alone. This is a huge undertaking by one person, and we invite all to take a look at the size and scope of this project which is situated at the back of our property, (look for the fence and shed) and we're sure you'll agree. Helping hands are required by young and old alike. **If you can assist call Ann at 908-343-1618 or Greg Wilson at 908-338-7322.**

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.



Christian Formation (Catechesis)

“MATRIMONY: SACRAMENT OF ENDURING LOVE.”

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Focus: Jesus model of humility
“One of the outward signs of the Spirit dwelling in each of us is our openness to meekness and humility.”

Scripture: “You have hidden these things from the wise and the learned and have revealed them to little ones . . .
“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart . . .”

Matthew 11: 25-30

Reflection: Have you ever been embarrassed by the frankness of a child? How did you feel when somebody put you down? How have you related to a person with low self-esteem? What is the heaviest burden that you have carried?

Song: “God of Day and God of Darkness” #588

Story: God of the ocean

A little boy is busily building a sand castle at the edge of the ocean shore. Suddenly, a large wave rushes in and washes away most of the sand he has piled up. The indignant little boy runs into the ocean and begins pounding on the water, until another wave knocks him down. Picking himself up, the boy laughs and laughs at himself for trying to take on the ocean.

Our relationship with God is like the boy's encounter with the ocean. Putting ourselves in the center of our own universe is like trying to punch a wave: no matter how hard you strike, you can't do any damage. And yet the ocean is still around you, lifting you up and supporting you - if you let it. Imagine swimming in the ocean. If you swim with the current or ride the wave, the ocean carries you - but if you swim against the current, the ocean works against you. This is the dynamic of humility that today's readings all speak of: Humility is to realize that we are surrounded and held up by the ocean of God's compassion and grace, that we are not the source of the good in our lives: the good that we have, even the good that we do, is from God. The opposite of humility is not pride but ingratitude. Christ calls us not to deny our humanity but to put aside our attempts to be always right, always in control, always self-sufficient. We have been blessed by God through no merit of our own - and our only adequate response to such goodness is gratitude: understanding that every breath we take is a gift from a Creator whose love knows neither limit nor condition.

Connections, July 2011



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 3, 2011

Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33
Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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Religious Education Program

RELIGIOUS FORMATION REGISTRATION

The due date has passed and we only have a quarter of our families registered for children's religious formation classes. If you are one of the families who have not yet registered, 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 Dr. Fay or 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
HA 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
1st 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

Fourth of July Reflections

Memories of Celebrating Independence Day and Thoughts on It's Meaning

By Matthew Hines

So the Fourth of July is upon us again- and once more our thoughts turn to celebrations. Although to many of us it is an excuse to party, in the back of our minds we still remember what the day is all about.

Most of us know the story if we paid attention in History class: a band of brave men who didn't like how the King of England was treating them decided they wanted to have their own country and so they signed a document called the Declaration of Independence and our nation was born. Or something like that.

But kidding aside, it is a day we all take pride in. We celebrate in our own ways the liberties we have in this country. And sometimes we love this country and it's liberties like we do a relative: we love them yet take them for granted.

It is a day that is not about politics or our government, but about freedom and America and the flag. It is a day that even the most jaded of us are unashamedly American. It is a day when we wave and wear our team's colors of Red, White, and Blue. It is a day in which differences aside, we celebrate one thing together: that we are Americans.

I know that since I was kid I have always associated the Fourth of July with certain activities and foods. You know, perhaps a picnic would be in order or a barbecue. Certainly watermelon or fried chicken would be involved and definitely potato salad. And sometimes we would be invited out to a friend's house on the lake, and we would spend the entire afternoon swimming. Fireworks would then be planned as the grand finale to a fabulous day.

And often a thought would float through my mind as I eat the special food and swim and have fun- I think of the many sacrifices we make to keep our liberties vibrant. Each of us serves our country and makes our mark on liberty in our own ways, some of us choose to pay the ultimate sacrifice. Even in the little things we can serve our country: working our farms that feed the world, manufacturing the goods that the world wants, or it could be when we inform ourselves as citizens or defend our rights in our courts of law. Some of our fellow countrymen chose to serve in places such as the Argonne Forest, Iwo Jima, Vietnam, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Every day we choose to live our lives and serve we tell the story of freedom.

We have had well over 200 Fourth of Julys since our independence was declared. Yet the day never seems to grow old for us, for we know deep down we are celebrating something special. Yes, we may look forward to being with friends and family and plan a large fireworks display, but we also know that we are commemorating the deeds of 55 brave men, whose deeds that day changed not just America, but the world.

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” — Mt 11:28-30

Excerpted from the Lectionary for Year 02B3, 1995, 1972 CCC.

Sacrament Preparation

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 **Kathy 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.**

BAPTISM HOST 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 or email the office.

RESPECT LIFE

Anthropologist Margaret Mead wrote about the epochal significance of the Hippocratic Oath now set aside by many medical schools: "For the first time in our tradition there was a complete separation between killing and curing. One profession... was to be dedicated to life under all circumstances, regardless of rank, age or intellect." NRL News, 1/07.



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, sandrastamouraaron@yahoo.com.** We are in need of baskets, if you have any, please let us know...thanks!

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.

CHURCH – WHAT'S IN IT

Connecting is an essential part of the human experience. Since the earliest days of civilization humans found the advantages of coming together for building, defense and hunting. The advantages are obvious and historical.

Jesus knew this when he gathered around him a select group and taught them about God's loving plan and how to share in God's love. He taught how to connect with God, and other people. They connected in fun, in worship, learning, serving and sharing. From the days of Jesus ministry until now his Church and its followers are charged with continuing those processes of connection. A parish that offers only the opportunity to worship is deficient if one cannot connect to have fun, learn, serve and share. It is the difference between inward and outward focus and a parish needs to have both.

Many today say they "don't get anything out of going to church." It is part of the "what's in it for me" society that requires an immediate gratification of some sort. The truth is if we could see the spiritual benefit that we derived each time we attended Mass it would be near impossible to get near the building on Sunday morning. But we can't see it or measure it so there are plenty of seats available. If we don't attend we also deprive ourselves of ways of connecting in love by learning, serving and sharing. We also deprive others of the opportunity to help us when we are in need of help. We are disconnected.

Diocesan News

"CEO AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST"

Bishop Bootkoski has invited Legatus, the international organization of Catholic business leaders and spouses, to develop a local chapter in the Diocese of Metuchen. If you are, or were, a business owner, CEO, President, Managing Director, or Managing Partner, Legatus of Central NJ invites you and your spouse to dinner, featuring speaker and U.N. policy negotiator Austin Ruse, president of Catholic Family & Human Rights Institute, at the St. John Neumann Conference Center in Piscataway on Wednesday, June 29. **For more information, please contact Nicole Sutton, Legatus Assistant Region Director at (908) 227-0916, or legatuscnj@gmail.com**

Legatus, Latin for "ambassador," is the only organization in the world designed for top-ranking Catholic business leaders. This organization is the conduit connecting two powerful realities, the challenge of top-tier business leadership and a religious tradition second to none. Legatus provides its members the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and discover how Catholic truth and values can help them meet the ethical challenges faced on a daily basis. Spouses are full members, providing additional opportunities to enhance marriage and family life. Monthly meetings start with Mass, followed by socializing and fine dining - complemented by dynamic and informative presentations by expert regionally or nationally known speakers.

"The world needs genuine witnesses to Christian ethics, and the Church asks you to fulfill this role publicly and with perseverance." - Pope John Paul II in an address to Legatus members.

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 3, 2011 - 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God asks too much of us by asking us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, the yoke of stewardship is not heavy. Good stewards learn that by turning away from the materialism of the world, we can experience great joy in spending more time with God and sharing more of our gifts with others.

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 June 27, 2010

57 Weekly Donors	\$1,598.00
25 Monthly Donors	\$2,231.00
Loose Money	<u>\$73.00</u>
Total	\$3,902.00
21 Direct Deposit.....	\$1,004.00

Weekly Average for 6/10 ... \$4,687.00

For June 20, 2011

62 Weekly Donors	\$1,862.50
20 Monthly Donors	\$2,350.00
Loose Money	<u>\$67.50</u>
Total	\$4,280.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$988.7500

Weekly Average for 6/11 ... \$5,167.00

Weekly Averages

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES

Office Angels

Monday, 7/11	Angel Needed
Tuesday, 7/12	M. McCall
Wednesday, 7/13	Angel Needed
Thursday, 7/14	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

July 2 & 3

5:30 p.m.	E. McCabe
8:00 a.m.	P. Nanna
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

July 9 & 10

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	J. Klawunn
10:30 a.m.	F. Cook

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 7/3	L. Livoti
Week of 7/10	L. Feller

Church Center Cleaning

July 8	Team C
July 15	Team D

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 June, we collected \$136.25 in profits from the sale of Shop Rite, A&P and Kings cards to be sent to St. Mary's in Coeburn.**

Stewardship Opportunities

STEWARDSHIP

Time & Talent Opportunities

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

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

On-going Stewardship Opportunities:

Worship/Liturgy

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

Formation:

- Religious Ed Advisory Board
- Catechist

Pastoral/Organizational:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Property Management Committee

Connxions:

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

Stewardship:

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

Other ways I can help:

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

Name(s): _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

If you are new or visiting you can learn more about the parish by visiting our website www.ccsjn.org. You can email Father Bill jwmickiewicz@ccsjn.org if you have any particular questions. If you want us to contact you, email the parish or check off your request or information you want to communicate below.

- [] new in the area [] visitor [] planning to live in the area
- [] parishioner [] former parishioner [] been in the area awhile
- [] change of [] address [] email [] phone number [] marital status
- [] wish to join parish [] would like envelopes [] would like info on direct deposit contributing

- 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