

The Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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Worshipping at:

398 County Road 513
(Church Center)

Saturday Vigil Mass5:30 p.m.
Sunday8:00 a.m.
Sunday10:30 a.m.

390 County Road 513
(Neumann Residence)

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

Reconciliation

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

Mission Statement

Catholic Community of St. John Neumann

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

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

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

About Our Parish

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Parish Registration

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

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

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

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

Sacraments of Initiation

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

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

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

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

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

Sacrament Celebrations

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

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

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

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

This Week at Saint John's

Mass Schedule

August 13 & 14

Saturday	5:30 p.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Deacon.....	E. Roberts
Lector.....	S. Sawczuk
Altar Server.....	F. Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	J. Gardner, D. Kelemen, B. Garcia, L. Garcia, B. Gerristead
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector.....	D. Waddleton
Altar Server.....	D. Waddleton
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	K. Malley, B. Gates, J. Sima, D. Sima
Sunday	Children's Liturgy of the Word
	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant.....	Fr. Mickiewicz
Lector.....	K. Skuza
Altar Server.....	DeStefano Family
Ministers of the Eucharist.....	R. Martalus, B. Martalus, A. DeStefano, A. Giametta, R. Pojedinec, S. Pojedinec

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 9

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Sick of the Parish

Friday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Intentions of John & Pat
Anderson (50th Wedding
Anniversary)

Saturday, August 13

5:30 p.m. Betty Ciangio req. Marian
& Russ Ditzel

Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Thomas Nowatkowski
req. Durham Family
10:30 a.m. Olga Charkut req.
Vincenzi Family

Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 7 — Yellow Brick Road

8:00 a.m. Welcome (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. Discovering St. John's (Church Center)

Monday, August 8 — St. Dominic

10:00 a.m. SHIP (Office Center)
6:00 p.m. Zumba (Church Center)

Tuesday, August 9 — St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

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

Wednesday, August 10 — St. Lawrence

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

Thursday, August 11 — St. Clare

7:00 p.m. Discovering St. John's
7:30 p.m. Music Ministry/Bells (Church Center)

Friday, August 12 — St. Jane Frances de Chantal

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

Saturday, August 13 — Ss. Pontian & Hippolytus

Sunday, August 14 — Food Pantry Weekend

10:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Church Center)
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Planning Meeting (Office
Center)

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Welcome (Church Center)
12:00 p.m. Discovering St. John's (Church Center)

Monday, August 8

Bulletin

Tuesday, August 9

10:45 a.m. Appointment (Away)
7:00 p.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (Office Center)

Wednesday, August 10

9:30 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
10:00 a.m. Appointment (Neumann Residence)
7:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Office Center)

Thursday, August 11

12:00 p.m. Appointment (Away)
7:00 p.m. Discovering St. John's

Friday, August 12

7:00 a.m. Mass (Neumann Residence)
2:00 p.m. Deanery Get-Together (OLL)

Saturday, August 13

10:30 a.m. Appointment (Office Center)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

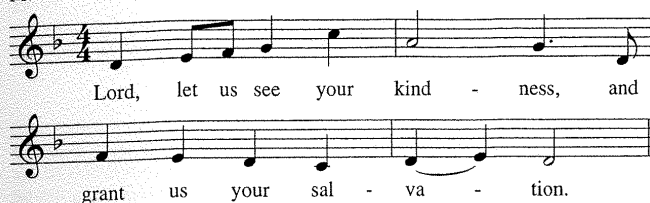
Remember in Your Prayers

Ms. Ally	Spencer Kydd
Joe Angeline	Michael Lamotte
Pat Arat	Harry Larson
Antonia Baasten	John Lauler
Kate Bachman	Kevin Leahy
Richard Baker	Holly Lear
John Ballard	Jewel LeVine
Peter Barbieri	Michele Makos
Alice Beardsmore	Taylor Maleski
Carol Becker	Melissa Martinez
Maria Beckman	Silas Mastro
Mary Anna Bennett	Tom Martin
Darlene Brown	Judy Martino
Eugene Brzezienski	Marie Mazzoni
Shirley Bumen	John McCabe
James Burns	Susan McHugh
John Burns	Patrick McKenna
Eileen Caffin	Brett Melworn
Kathleen Campbell	Tyler Messinger
Angie Caponetti	George Meyer
Barbara Carbonneau	George Milke
Joseph Carpentiere	Betsy Miller
Jose Castro	Michael Milto
Lou Citarelli	Nina Montouri
Riley Clark	Erica Morgan
Lorraine Cochrane	Robert Olivetti
Kathleen Cohen	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. Endebruck	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 Ianitto	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	
Frank Kostecki	

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 85

Michel Guimont



SUSTAIN OUR FAITH



We meet the Lord in the strangest places. Elijah spent the night listening to the wind, feeling the earthquake, and surrounded with fire, but the Lord was not in any of these. He came in a gentle breeze. We would like great events for meeting our God, but most often he stirs our hearts and minds very gently. If we listen, we encounter the Lord. Like Peter, we walk toward the Lord. The Lord says, "Come!" We respond: "Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, and sustain our faith!"

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A. Illustration © 2001 M. Erspamer, OSB. 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 \$6,707.00 for that payment. **In July, 97 families gave \$4,221.58 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. Please support these endeavors, especially the cash cards if you cannot contribute to this collection.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Monday, August 15 — Mass 9:30 a.m., Neumann Residence

The feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven is next Monday, August 15. Because it falls on a Monday it is not a holyday of obligation. It still is a holyday of opportunity and Mass will be celebrated on Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. at the Neumann Residence Chapel at 390 Rt. 513, next to the Hickory Run Medical Practice. Come join Father for Mass so that he is not alone.

Remembered at Mass

We stand together in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. The following will be remembered in the Eucharistic Prayer: **Clara Linville — Tina Percoraro — Gloria Brisson — Mary Drucker — Jerry Lanza — Peggy Colaneri — Most Rev. Pietro Sambì — Tecla Miele**



Deceased: **Peggy Colaneri**, cousin of Al Sterphone; **Most Rev. Pietro Sambì**, Apostolic Nuncio of the Diocese of Metuchen; **Tecla Miele**, mother-in-law of Anna Maria Miele. 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.

SUMMER HAS ARRIVED

If you are traveling and looking for Mass in the place you are, go on-line to 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.

WELCOME

Sunday, July 24, we welcomed a new family into the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann. We welcomed **Sue Fitzgerald** and **Brian Kelleher** at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, and then joined the folk group with whom they have already been participating! Sue sings and Brian plays guitar. We welcome them to the parish, and we commend them for their stewardship!

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.

CHURCH REPAIR

In a week or two, work should be begun on the southeast side of the church or the back of the church. Because of the constant exposure of the sun and rain it has shown signs of wear over the past 20 years. The boards have separated, the nails have popped and there is danger of leaks. The cedar siding will be removed and new better grade of siding will be installed. Watch for the face lift.

(Courtesy of the Property Management Committee)

THANKS

The Finance Council wishes to thank **Mike Meade** for his service on the Council. Traveling will keep him occupied. We appreciate the time and talent that he shared with the Budget Committee. He had a keen eye and mind in summarizing the bottom line of the monthly report and keeping us aware if we were on budget.

CIRCLE YOUR CALENDARS

September 16 – 17 – Book Sale and Tag Sale

September 24 – Annual Golf Outing

October 2 – Parish Picnic

October 9 - Confirmation

October 14 – Tricky Tray

November 5 – Craft Show



Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday, July 18, 2011

Opening/Closing Prayer — Roger Malone

Present — Fr. Bill, Pam Casserly, Joann Gardner, Steve Gemma, Bill Harrison, Donna Lance, Roger Malone, Mike Mastro, Laura Sharpe, Brandon Staten

Brainstorming for the Future

The Pastoral Council members participated in a thoughtful, creative, brainstorming session which generated a spontaneous list of ideas to establish our annual goal for 2011-2012. All ideas were welcomed. After reflective prayer, the Council determined that all members will review, prioritize, and using a model of shared responsibility, reach a mutually agreed upon goal at our next meeting.

Committee Meetings

Committee Liaisons have been assigned and an initial meeting schedule has been created.

Old and Continuing Items of Business

- 5 Year Plan/Covenant - Updates are complete with Finance and Social Ministry pending. Bill Harrison will reformat the 5 Year Plan to be readable and user friendly, and to be available at our August Meeting.
- Pastoral Council Archives – New Pastoral Council Members Orientation documents will be gathered and completed
- Communications – Town Meetings/Vitality Coffee – Our next town meeting date set for Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- Pastoral Council Member Picnic – Sunday, August 21 at 12:00 (following 10:30 Mass)

New Business

Father Bill presented these statistics from CARA (Center for Applied Re-

search at Georgetown)
A recent CARA survey of American Catholic Adults found that:

- 56 percent of Catholics are registered parishioners
- 33 percent of Catholics attend Mass in any given week.
- 24 percent of Catholics attend Mass every week or more often.

Pastor's Items of Business

- The Parish continues to look for a part time Pastoral Catechetical Leader.
- A September meeting is scheduled with the Deanery to discuss future parish plans.
- An updated 2011/12 Church Calendar was distributed.
- The Property Management Committee's completed master plan will be distributed in August.

Next Meeting: Monday August 15, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Prayer: Mike Mastro

Minutes prepared by Donna Lance

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Fundraising

TRICKY TRAY NEED

An extraordinary opportunity for service has opened on the horizons. The Tricky Tray wants to entice people with great cuisine or ordinary fare, whatever they wish, to eat at the Tricky Tray. The kitchen is calling your name. We have many braves but need a chief to SMOKE out directions. If you can serve in this capacity on Friday evening, October 14, please call the office. The benefits are great, however no pay but grace.

2011 BOOK SALE

Donations are now being accepted for St. John's annual book sale. The book and tag sales will be held Friday and Saturday, September 16 & 17 this year. If you have any books, DVDs, or CDs in good condition they can be dropped off outside the Carriage House. Please, no magazines, or text books.

TAG SALE

Tag Sale Coming Soon! Have unwanted furniture you would like to donate now? **Contact Marian Ditzel at: mgsulenski@yahoo.com or Sandra Aaron at: sandrastamouraaron@yahoo.com**

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 — 908-310-7237 or Sandra Aaron, sandrastamouraaron@yahoo.com — 908-507-2378.** 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---bob_martalus@dalecarnegie.com

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

Social Ministry

HOW DO WE REACT TO NEED?

It was mid-afternoon and the day had already produced a new record temperature for the July day with a heat index over 112 degrees. Rippling heat reflected off the parking lot of the supermarket so that without a breeze it punched everyone as they exited on the covered walkway. Outside and to the right of the doorway stood a young woman holding a small box and wearing a sign remindful of the maid's sign from "Murder by Death". "My name is Maria – I'm from Mexico - lost my job and my apartment. I don't speak English. This sign was written for me by a friend." Alongside her stood a young boy about 8 years old who looked like he had been at his post as long as he could.

Inside the store, at the customer service counter, a woman stood loudly demanding to see the manager. She intermittently complained about the woman standing outside the door, the fact that she was begging and had no business making a young child stand out in the heat.

A parishioner and two others who had witnessed the drama upon entering the store completed their shopping and were exiting the store as the manager stood trying to shoo Maria and her child away. As he was trying to tell the woman in English the store's policy; without saying a word, they took out some bills, stepped between the manager and the woman and put the bills in Maria's small box. The manager after seeing this turned and returned to the store.

There are many days each of us are presented with an opportunity to act to assist someone directly. How do we react? Do we ignore, complain, look with suspicion or act out of Christian Charity?
Deacon Earl Roberts

SHIP'S GALLEY SOUP KITCHEN

Monday, August 8, 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, August 8**. 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.**

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".*

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!

LITURGICAL BITS AND PIECES

Memorial Acclamations

The acclamation after the consecration is the second of the three eucharistic acclamations. There are three forms for this expression of faith in the *Roman Missal, Third Edition*. All express a major element of our faith. Christ has accomplished our salvation in the past by his dying on the cross. He is the risen Lord of glory and remains present to us. He will come again in glory at the end of time. In our worship together, the past, present, and future meld in the one sacramental action of Christ.

SHOP RITE & A&P CARDS



We had **19 families** purchase Shop-Rite, Kings and A&P gift cards last weekend, for a total of **\$2,525.00** with **\$126.25** 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.

PROJECT EARTH GARDEN



The harvesting has begun! In the first seven days we picked more than 35 pounds of cucumbers and several pounds of green beans. Please join us in the harvest and come for a Garden Tour on August 20-21 after Mass. Call **Anne Germino 908-343-1618** for information or to volunteer.

Diocesan News

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

- Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?
- Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?
- Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?
- Have you thought about separation or divorce?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

.....RETRouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Family Life Office/Diocese of Metuchen, N.J.

Retrouvaille consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend is September 16 – 18, 2010. All inquiries are confidential.

For further information please call the Family Life Office (days) 732 562-1990 x1624 or Tom & Pat McTague (732) 583-4468.

“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 these upcoming dinners featuring national speakers. Please also check out our website (www.Legatus.org) for membership requirements and more information about Legatus.

August 24, 2011: Msgr. Stuart Swetland, “The Theology of Work.”

Please contact Nicole Sutton at (908) 227-0916 or LegatusCNJ@gmail.com for time, location and more information about either of these events.

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.

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.

Christian Formation (Catechesis)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Focus: The Lord has been made present to us in our lives and circumstances.

“Let us recognize the Lord in times of great turmoil as well as in times of tranquility.”

Scripture: When Peter saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Matthew 14: 22-33

Reflection: Share a time when you felt you had been abandoned by a friend or relative. What was that experience like? Share a time when some one has lifted you out of loss or depression.

Song: “You Are Near” #454

Story: Learning to swim

It was the six-year-old's first swimming lesson. His dad held him up as he got the rhythm of the stroke - hands gliding through the water and legs kicking to propel him forward. Dad waded along side of him, holding him up. Then slowly, imperceptibly, Dad lowered his arms and let his son float. The six-year-old was swimming on his own.

He was doing well - until he looked over and saw that Dad was no longer holding him up. He panicked - and sank like a rock. Dad instantly pulled his son up out of the water and held him close until he coughed up the water. The little boy was shaken - but he trusted his dad to be there. Now, Dad said, he had to trust himself to do it.

So father and son tried it again. When the novice swimmer got a good, even stroke going, his father slowly pulled away - and this time the boy continued on his own. He was swimming. And he knew it and he understood.

From now on, the six-year-old would always feel safe and secure in the water.

What happens to the young swimmer, what happens to Peter in today's Gospel, happens to all of us at one time or another: We panic. We don't trust ourselves to know what the right thing is and our ability to do it. God reaches out and catches us, but we're not ready to risk giving up control and taking God's hand. Today's Gospel challenges us to trust our understanding of discipleship and our heart's God-centered compass to live our baptisms as disciples. Christ, in turn, promises to make his presence known to us, to hold us up and support us as we make our way through life's most turbulent waters.

Connections, August 2011

PASTORAL CATECHETICAL LEADER (PCL)

We are receiving a fair amount of responses to the PCL ministry and will soon begin interviews. The planning of the religious education year proceeds as usual with **JoAnn Jarvis** at the helm. We have received about 65% of registrations.

Please register so that we can make arrangements for the coming year. This year promises to be exciting as we change the locale of our gatherings. Numbers will also determine the time of the first Mass so please register. We are beginning a new era in our Catechetical Program.

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
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

POVERTY AND WEALTH

In this respect, I would invite everyone, both rich and poor, to cooperate for the improvement of the standard of living of all people. After all, this, too, is ultimately in the best interest of the “haves,” perhaps more so than any one-sided increase of the economic worth. Human welfare is affected not simply by the amount of wealth created in the world but by how it is distributed. Yet never before in human history has the inequality between rich and poor on a global scale been so acutely felt. The global economy has allowed the international elite to enjoy new heights of wealth, while the fate of the poorest has visibly worsened. Thus, technology and global communications have enabled the richest and most successful members of the human race to accumulate new privileges, while large segments of society and areas of the earth – especially in Africa and Asia – have been ravaged by disease, anarchic violence, and environmental destruction. The effects of inequality – in the areas of basic health care and education – by improving health care and providing appropriate education – would ultimately stabilize the entire planet’s population and environment. Therefore, even from a “selfish” perspective, all of us should become involved in and support the reduction of world debt – for instance, by cutting consumption patterns and reducing energy waste, by developing sustainable patterns of life in cities, and by addressing social injustice within our communities.

While the picture appears gloomy, the reality should not be presented as pessimistic. In reality, never before in history has there also been such a widespread interest in and concern for the eradication of poverty and the future of our planet. This is precisely where globalization carries the potential for a positive impact and change within society and our world. For while it may be true that the gap between rich and poor has never seemed greater, the very fact that such inequality is now palpably obvious, thanks to the images and information that flow so freely around the world, gives humankind a new priority and renewed responsibility. Above all, our attention should instead be directed toward improving the situation of the poor in our world and the poorer nations of our planet. Of course, there is still much to be desired, but in truth there is also much that can realistically be done. No longer is poverty a matter of fate or inevitability. In our age, poverty does not have to be the “lot” of the poor; it is being positively addressed, and it can indeed be resolved through purposeful and compassionate action.

The logic is simple, though not simplistic. Much wealth in the hands of the few in the short term deepens the relative poverty of the many. Yet poverty for the many is ultimately far worse in the long term for the rich than it is for the poor, both from a spiritual perspective and from a secular perspective. The stress that arises from sustaining and developing one’s excessive belongings as well as from the consequent imbalance wrought upon the poor reminds me of another ancient Greek proverb: “The protection of goods is much harder than their acquisition.” How, then, do we break the vicious cycle?

from ENCOUNTERING THE MYSTERY, by His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, pp 164-165.

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 can 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.

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.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2011

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21---19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

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RESPECT LIFE

Critical Life Issues Conference

On Saturday, October 29, the Diocese of Metuchen will be sponsoring the "2011 Critical Life Issues Conference." The conference will address many of the critical life issues which face us today and topics include: Pop Culture and the Pain of Abortion, Healing a Pornographic Culture, Creative Courage in Building a Culture of Life, and Generation Y — The Pro-Life Generation. The conference will feature dynamic and inspirational speakers from across the country and will also feature exhibits.

It will be held at the St. John Neumann Conference Center, Piscataway from 8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Registration is \$25.00. This fee includes lunch and handouts.

To register, please call 732-562-1990 ext 1629 or 1543. Seating is limited.



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.*

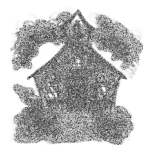
RETURNING TO THE CHURCH?

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.

SCHOOL OPENINGS



Immaculate Conception School, 314 Old Allerton Road, Annandale, has a limited number of openings in the following grades: preschool 4-year-old class, Kindergarten, grades 3,6,7. If interested, please call the parish school at 735-6334. Office will reopen on Monday, August 8.

GUTENBERG VS. GOOGLE PEOPLE

Parenting in an age of Facebook, Twitter, IM and MySpace is no easy matter. As technology advances faster than our humanity, not to mention our ability to communicate or connect between demographic groups, it is nice to know that there are individuals and places that one can find support and assistance when it comes to faith matters. One such place is Peggy Kendall's website and blog at www.peggykendall.com.

Dr. Kendall has written three books, two on teenage use of communication technology, and her most recent book examining how technology impacts our faith. She has a PhD in Communications Studies from University of Minnesota, MA in Education from St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN; MA in Counseling Psychology from St. Mary's, Minneapolis, MN and a BA in Speech-Communication from Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.

Anyone who would like to examine the changes and interactions that technological developments are bringing about, especially between the young and early adapters and everyone else should check out her website.

Community News

GOING TO RUTGERS IN NEW BRUNSWICK?

The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

12:00 p.m.	Busch Student Center, Rm. 120ABC
8:00 p.m.	St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset Street (CAC)
9:00 p.m.	Cook Campus Center, G.H. Cook Room
10:00 p.m.	Livingston Student Center, Rm. 202 ABC

Daily Mass (Monday—Friday)

12:15 p.m.	The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)
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Opening Activities:

Wednesday, August 31, 6:00 p.m., Welcoming BBQ, Livingston
Thursday, September 1, NCC at RU; Tailgate 5:30 p.m.
Friday, September 2, Card Sharks & Big Gamers, 8:00 p.m., Catholic Center
Monday, September 5, Beach Trip, 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 6, First Spirit Night: Topic—"I Will Survive" — learn how to make it at Rutgers!
Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m., Welcoming BBC, C/D

Check us out at the Involvement Fair on August 30. Visit us online at www.catholic-center.rutgers.edu.

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



AUGUST 7, 2011 - 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"After the fire, there was a small whispering sound." - 1 Kings 19:12

Remember that God's stewardship call to us is only a quiet whisper in our hearts. If you can't hear that quiet whisper, maybe it is time to turn down some of the worldly noise and demands so that you can spend more quiet time with God.

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, 8/15	J. Santoro
Tuesday, 8/16	Angel Needed
Wednesday, 8/17	L. Gerristead
Thursday, 8/18	Angel Needed

Grocery Cards

August 6 & 7

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

August 13 & 14

5:30 p.m.	J. Eacovalle
8:00 a.m.	V. Hoffart
10:30 a.m.	J. Varcadipane

Church Center Plant Watering

Week of 8/7	B. Lee
Week of 8/14	M. Buniva

Church Center Cleaning

August 12	Team C
August 19	Team D

Stewardship - Treasure

FINANCIAL UPDATE

For August 1, 2010

53 Weekly Donors	\$1,603.00
27 Monthly Donors	\$2,870.00
Loose Money	<u>\$42.00</u>
Total	\$4,515.00
21 Direct Deposit.....	\$1,004.00

Weekly Average for 7/10 ... \$5,573.00

For July 31, 2011

59 Weekly Donors	\$1,773.00
22 Monthly Donors	\$2,625.00
Loose Money	<u>\$77.00</u>
Total	\$4,475.00
19 Direct Deposit.....	\$968.75

Weekly Average for 7/11 ... \$5,015.00

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:

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

- 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

Church Name: Saint John Neumann

Church City: Califon, NJ

Account Number: 04-1058

Routing Code: B

Run Number 5

Phone Number: 908.832.2513

Contact: Kristin Gemma