

Saint John Neumann Catholic Church

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The welcoming community of St. John Neumann encourages and enables parishioners to use their gifts in service to others as Jesus has taught us.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor: Rev. Thomas J. Meehan, OSA
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Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. John Parrish
Director of Faith Formation: Connie Milligan
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Finance Council Chairperson: Joe Fiato
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Fri. 9am—Noon, 1pm—4pm

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 9am—3pm

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday 4pm of previous week.

All bulletin items must be approved by the Pastor.

MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil: Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 7:30am, 10am, 12 Noon, 6pm

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 7pm; Holy Day: 9:15am, 7pm

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. 9:15am (Rosary following)
Sat. 9:15am

CONFESSIONS

Sat. 4pm-5pm and by appointment (Call Parish Office)

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

10am - 6pm

CO-OP BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

Sunday during 10am Mass
(for ages infant to 2 years of age)

BAPTISMS: Parents and expectant parents who wish to have their children baptized in the Catholic faith must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. This class is held at SJN on a monthly basis. Please call the Parish Office to register for the class and schedule the Baptism.

WEDDINGS: Couples planning to be married should call the Parish Office and schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to your planned wedding date.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Please pick up a registration form in the Gathering Area or stop by the Parish Office to register.

HOSPITALIZED & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: It is very important that you contact the Parish Office to receive Anointing of the Sick or Communion. Otherwise, we might not know of your need.

Don't Miss Our 1st Diocesan Eucharistic Congress

Please mark your calendars for a major event coming later this week. It's the first Eucharistic Congress for the Diocese of Charlotte, and we're all invited.

The event takes place Friday and Saturday at the Charlotte Convention Center. There are events for people of all ages.

Here are some of the highlights:

*** The Friday evening guest speaker is James Caviezel, the actor who portrayed Jesus in Mel Gibson's movie, "The Passion of the Christ."

Caviezel, who is Catholic, will speak about how the Eucharist sustains his faith, helps him to turn from sin, and draws him to want to be a saint.

The program also will include a concert of sacred music.

*** Bishop Peter Jugis will speak at the conclusion of the Saturday morning Eucharistic Holy Hour.

*** Bishop Emeritus William Curlin, who retired as Charlotte's bishop in 2002, will deliver the homily during the Eucharistic Holy Hour and the Benediction on Saturday morning.

*** Main speakers Saturday include Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM, who was appointed 25 years ago by Pope John Paul II as Preacher to the Papal Household. He still holds that post, preaching a weekly sermon in Advent and Lent to the pope, cardinals, bishops and prelates of the Roman Curia.

*** Teen speakers Saturday include Fr. Francis Mary Stone, host of the popular "Life on the Rock" program on EWTN; and Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a Maryland priest who incorporates break-dancing and karate into his speeches.

*** Ken Doran will speak at the Children's programs. He is known nationally for his popular programs with children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The Eucharistic Congress is open to all!!!



Camp C.A.R.E. Walk Wants YOU!!!!

Camp C.A.R.E. (Cancer Ain't Really the End) has set a date for its annual Walkathon in memory of P.J. St. Martin, so mark your calendar now:

***10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24
at the Butler High School track***

Join the youth of the Confirmation program here at SJN, as we raise money in support of this wonderful organization. The proceeds will be used to fund a week-long summer camp for children with cancer who are being treated in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

Every participant will receive a water bottle for use during the walk, and will get lunch afterwards.

**** Collect \$50 or more in donations and receive a T-shirt.**

Look for information in the Gathering Area or call Donna Tarney, (704) 563-0628.

Holy Masses This Week



MONDAY	9:15 AM	+Patti Stack (The Stack family)
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	Robert Heisler and Holly Renee Sucic (Maryellen Heisler)
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	+Michael Conley (Mary Yetta Hausle)
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	+Tom Frye (Mary Yetta Hausle)
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	+Ligia Martinez (Maria, Johanna Alandette)
SATURDAY	9:15 AM	+Edward Kania (Mary Kania)
	5:30 PM	+John Lescak (His wife)
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	+Jozef Malynczak (Wife Krystyna and daughter Victoria)
	10:00 AM	+Ann Mayhall (Alan and Carole Miller)
	Noon	People of the Parish
	6:00 PM	+Bill Hausle (Mary Yetta and family)

PLEASE PRAY *for*:

IN OUR PRAYERS — Joe Bean, Bob Betters, Chap-pie Chambers, Chandler Cook, Lori Demmery, Carlos Espina, Anthony Ferrera, John Flaherty, William Foust, Donna Gallagher, Carol Hale, Mary Hess, Greg Hinson, Bette Keller.

Mary Ann Maher, Josephine Nardone, Josh Nickerson, Jeff Noto, Teri O'Hara, Remo Pellin, Mary Rapacik, Lenore Rickey, Nicky Roppo, Rita Sadler, Edwin Serwin, Mike Shropshire, June Stevens, Scarlet Vaden, Nicholas Van Czak, Saba Yosief, James Wiberly.

This Week's Readings

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 8:16-18.

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21.

Wednesday: Ezr 4:1-7, 11-3; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13.

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Lk 9:7-9.

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22.

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Lk 9:43b-45.

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32.

A Peek at the week!!



Today (September 18)

8:30 a.m.-noon — Faith Formation classes

10-11 a.m. — 3-Year-Old Co-Op (PH)

4:45-6:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes

5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

7-8:30 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

7-8:15 p.m. — Parents' Confirmation meeting (Chu)

Monday (September 19)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool

7-9 p.m. — Boy Scout Troop 12 committee meeting (CR)

Tuesday (September 20)

6:30-7:30 p.m. — Evangelization Commission (Lib)

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meeting (CI 11, 12)

7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

Wednesday (September 21)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool

6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir practice (CR)

7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

Thursday (September 22)

No events scheduled

Friday (September 23)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Girl Scout Troops 1112 and 1850 meetings (AH)

7-11 p.m. — Bingo (PH)

Saturday (September 24)

No Events Scheduled

Next Sunday (September 25)

8:30 a.m.-noon — Faith Formation classes

10-11 a.m. — 3-Year-Old Co-Op (PH)

4:45-6:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes

5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

7-8:30 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

EVENT SITE ABBREVIATIONS

AH — Austin Hall (house next to the church)

Chu — Church

CI — Classroom

CR — Council Room

GA — Gathering Area

Lib — Library

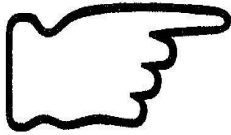
MH — Mini-Hall (in Classroom wing)

PH — Parish Hall



Attention, Parents: Required Workshop for Confirmation

A *required* workshop for PARENTS of Confirmation students will be held *during class time* from 7-8:15 p.m. tonight (Sept. 18), in the Church.



Topics covered will be: an overview of the program; requirements of the SJN Confirmation process; the calendar and commitments; etc. There will be an opportunity to meet your student's Confirmation teachers.

At least one parent per student *must* attend. Questions? Call Donna Tarney, (704) 535-4197.

Can You Identify the Book That These Reviews Describe?

Two books that I believe all Catholics should have are the Holy Bible and this.

Reading this book will deepen your understanding of the relationship between the Church and Scriptures, and the "why's" behind the "what's" of how we practice our faith.

It is a must-have book for all Catholic families, in order to better understand and fully embrace the Faith.

It's the faith that we practice, profess, and love. How can you not like it?

"A sure and certain standard for the teaching of the faith." — Pope John Paul II

Join us from 10 a.m.-noon Monday mornings, as we learn to apply the truths of our Faith to our daily lives, by studying and reflecting on a summary of "The Catechism of the Catholic Church." The program began last week, but there's still plenty of time to join.

Babysitting is provided.

We will use "The Catechism Handbook" and accompanying workbook by Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, C.M. The cost is \$5. You also will need "The Catechism of the Catholic Church" and a Catholic Bible, available at bookstores.

Call Sandra, (704) 841-7562, to register and reserve a copy of the handbook and workbook. Or you can e-mail [sstclair2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ssclair2@carolina.rr.com).

SJN Youth Group Is Under Way

The Youth Group of St. John Neumann has started its meetings on Sunday nights — at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

All rising ninth to 12th-graders are invited to attend.

Come check out all the great things planned for you by our Teen Board. See Matt Tarney, Rebecca Reiher, Alexis Fisher, Tim Wagner or Leanne Wahl for details. Come on — we need you to make this our best year ever!



Take A Chance On Our Youth

SOON there will be an opportunity for you to show your support for the youth of SJN and win some valuable \$\$\$\$ for yourself!

Deacon John will be conducting a fundraiser, for the purposes of giving the youth of our parish opportunities they might not be able to afford.

By donating \$20, you will receive 20 chances to win. The prizes: \$40 (20 winners), \$20 (20 winners), \$10 (20 winners), and \$100 (1 winner). Only 200 chances will be available; you are NOT limiting to winning only one time.

Watch the bulletin for details.

OTHER RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN —

Classes for SJN Religious Education begin this weekend. Class placements were mailed earlier this month.

CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY — The Southern Region of the Diocese of Charlotte will conduct an enrichment day for those who teach or assist in our programs and Bible Studies. The program is at 9 a.m. Oct. 1 (a Saturday) at St. Matthew Church near Ballantyne.

A number of workshops will be offered, including Hispanic workshops. All are welcome. The cost is \$10, which includes Mass (celebrated by Bishop Jugis), a keynote address by Dr. Carol Eipers, workshops, refreshments and lunch.

SJN Religious Education will sponsor current SJN teachers. Call (704) 535-4197 if you plan to attend.



***Spiritual Adoption':
Special Event Coming to SJN***

The members of our St. John Neumann parish family will have the opportunity on Oct. 1 and 2 to "spiritually adopt" a newly conceived child and the child's parents. This is part of the annual Respect Life Sunday observance.

Almost 4,500 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. It is these babies and their parents that you are being asked to "adopt."

You will be asked to pray for your spiritually adopted unborn child and for all unborn children and their parents. Monthly posters describing your baby's development will be displayed on a table in front of the Knights of Columbus bulletin board in the Gathering Area.

There are millions of unborn babies and their parents desperately in need of your prayers. Won't you please "spiritually adopt" one child and share the love for life that God has given you?

Life Chain Sunday

The annual Life Chain will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, in front of the church.

Please join the Respect Life Committee in a silent prayerful vigil. For any who wish to display signs, they will be provided — or you may make and bring your own.

Pro-Life wristbands will be available after Mass on Oct. 1 and 2, at a table in the Gathering Area. Donation: \$2, to cover cost.

***We Need Your Help
For Our Sunday Choirs!***

Adult Choir rehearsals — for the 10 a.m. and noon Sunday Masses — take place on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. and you're invited to join.

If you love music, come and be a part of the choir fellowship. No auditions are required! For information or questions, please contact Lance, at (704) 382-8623.

If you play an instrument and would like to play during Mass, please let us know. We want you to share your talent with others.

***Your Help Is Needed
With Our Children's Liturgy***

Attention: Teens and Adults Needed.

Leaders and assistants are needed to teach the Children's Liturgy at 12 noon just two Sundays a month ... during Mass.

Share the Gospel with loving children, in grades K-4. These children are eager to hear God's word and use it in their lives. Training and materials are provided.

Call Joan Edwards, (704) 531-0166, or e-mail her at joanedwards@earthlink.net.



Children's Choir News

Calling all Children's Choir members!

Choir rehearsal is at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening and each Wednesday. We will meet in the Council Room for our hour-long rehearsal.

Please note that the starting time has changed from 6:30 to 6 p.m. See you there — and bring your friends. It's open to children in grades 2 through 5. You do NOT have to be pre-registered to attend!

*Thanks for the Help!
We All Had a Great Time!*

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, thanks to all who contributed to a great parish picnic on Aug. 28!

The weather was beautiful, the watermelon sweet, and everyone seemed to have an awesome time! All in all, it was a great way to wrap up the summer.

It is impossible to pull off an affair of this scale without a lot of help. We would like to acknowledge and thank the following folks for volunteering their time, ideas and labor:

Fr. Thom; Jeff Adams; Mary Beall; Earl Bell; Benita Bryson; Lance Burnette; Richard & Sheila Burroughs; Nancy & Phil Chiarelli and the Open Arms Preschool staff; Marian CasaSanta; Kaitlyn Curran; Ann & Jim Henderson; Mark Hudome; Mary Hudome; Brian Kerr; Steve Lyttle; Sandy Major; Patti Matys; Marsha McIver; Dan & Dianne O'Sullivan; Donna Rayle; J.C. Reiher; Rebecca Reiher; Cathy Schoen; Bob & Sandra St. Clair; Christina Stevens; Mike & Sue Tinker; Eric, Trish, Tim and Eric Wagner; Mark & Regina Wahl.

*Thanks,
John & Lori Kane*

Parish News

IT'S BOWLING TIME! The season has begun for the St. John Neumann Adult Bowling League. This is a mixed adult league that bowls every other Sunday for 18 weeks, with bowling at 6:45 p.m. at Carolina Lanes in Matthews. The next bowling night is next Sunday (Sept. 25).

You're welcome to join the group this evening. Questions? Call Christi, (704) 545-2002.

A LECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP will be held after the noon Mass on Sunday, Oct. 2. All lectors should make plans to attend. We will cover the changes implemented during the spring.

A makeup session is planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. For questions of information, contact Lance Burnette, at (704) 382-8623.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN'S RAIN TEAM has been helping individuals with HIV/AIDS for many years. **Won't you join us?** The CareTeam at SJN needs a few more members to keep this ministry going. If you would like to know more about what is involved, contact Debbie Kidd at the Regional AIDS Information Network (RAIN), (704) 372-7246, ext. 111, or at d.kidd@carolinarain.org.

DO YOU HAVE special health, financial, emotional or spiritual concerns? Why not come and pray with the Prayer Group on Tuesday nights, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Library?

PARA NUESTROS FELIGRESES ESPANOLES ...
El grupo de oracion se junta cada Martes a las 7:30 p.m. en la biblioteca de las iglesia I Todos son bienvenidos, queremos orar en todas las idiomas!

RCIA — If you or someone you know wants to inquire about Catholicism, please come to the Church Library at 7 p.m. on any first or third Wednesday of the month. Or you can call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916. The next meeting is this Wednesday.

THE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION'S next monthly Peace and Justice Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

EN ESPANOL ... El Santo Rosario con nosotros cada mes en el ultimo miercoles del mes en la Capilla a las 7 p.m.

PLANNING A BAPTISM?

Parents and expectant parents who wish to have their children baptized in the Catholic faith must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. This class is held at St. John Neumann Church on a monthly basis. Please call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520.

Diocesan News ...

MOMS IN TOUCH is an international organization of praying moms, meeting weekly to pray for the needs of their children's schools. The Mecklenburg-area coordinator is Maria Foster, (704) 366-3332. She can give you the contact person for the various local school groups.

WOULD YOU LIKE to put the romance back into your marriage? Would you like to feel like you did when you first were married? Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend and get that feeling back. A Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for Oct. 7-9 in Winston-Salem. Call Tom and Emilie Sandin, (336) 274-4424, to register or for information.

SENIORS' RETREATS — The annual Fall Day of Reflection for Seniors will be held on two dates and at two sites. The first, from 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Oct. 13, will be at St. Mark Church in Huntersville. Registration deadline is Oct. 6. The presenter will be Msgr. Anthony Marcaccio, and Bishop Jugis will say the closing Mass.

The second is from 9:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 20 at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, with Fr. Ed Sheridan as the presenter and saying the closing Mass. The registration deadline is Oct. 11. For registration information, contact Sandra Breakfield, (704) 370-3220, or Sherrill Beason, (704) 370-3228.

Open Arms Preschool Taking Applications for 2's

St. John Neumann's Open Arms Preschool, dedicated to enriching the spiritual, academic and social growth and development of children, has limited openings for children in the 2-year-old weekday preschool class.

Children must have turned 2 *on or before* Oct. 16, 2005. Classes meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the school year.

A non-refundable \$60 registration fee is due with applications.

For details or to register, call Nancy, at (704) 536-6520, ext. 234; or (704) 882-1918.

... And Thanks for Your Support!!

Open Arms Preschool
Extends a warm thank-you
For the
Support, donations and kind comments
From the many folks
Who enjoyed a cool ice cream drink
or bottle of water at the
Parish Picnic, as well as after the Masses.

We raised \$100, which will be used as we continue to create an imaginative, interactive play space on the tennis court.