

# 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  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Arthur D. Johnson, OSA  
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. John Parrish  
Director of Faith Formation: Connie Milligan  
Faith Formation Secretary: Sondra Skibbe  
Faith Formation Program Assistant: Benita Bryson  
Confirmation Coordinator: Donna Tarney  
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704.545.8916  
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704.545.0242  
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Open Arms Preschool Director: Nancy Chiarelli  
Business Manager: Earl Bell  
Scheduling Coordinator: Benita Bryson  
Parish Secretary: Mary Beall  
Pastoral Council Chairperson: Eric Wagner  
Finance Council Chairperson: Joe Fiato  
Bereavement Ministry Director: Vacant

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Fri. 9am—Noon, 1pm—4pm

## FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 9am—3pm

## PHONE NUMBERS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

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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.

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

The members of our St. John Neumann parish family will have the opportunity next Saturday and Sunday 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. next 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 next weekend, at a table in the Gathering Area.  
Donation: \$2, to cover cost.

### **Children's Choir Resumes Weekly Practices**

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!

### ***Sunday Adult 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.

### **Basketball**



### ***It's Time to Register For Youth Basketball***

Signups for the St. John Neumann Youth Basketball program will be today (Sunday) and next Sunday, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Church's Gathering Area.

Registration fee is \$100 for all players (second grade and up), and \$50 for participants in the popular Lil' Dribblers program for beginners.

Contact Ted Sardinia, (704-573-9023) or Joe Menzer, (704-572-7253) for information.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>In thanksgiving for all benefits (Rosa Maria Rosero)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Intentions of Virginia Tomlin (Ann Andrichuk)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>OSA Intention (Feast of Augustinian Japanese Martyrs)</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>+Emma Stoll (The Stoll family)</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>+Conleth Pereira (Dymphna Pereira)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>+Nelly Rengifo (Maria, Johanna Alandette)</i>
	5:30 PM	<i>+Gussie Nazzaro (A friend, Irene Janiga)</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	<i>+Dom Diorio (Greg and Carmel)</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>+Mark Kellams (His mother)</i>
	Noon	<i>+Anthony and Blasé Pesce (Julia Bedritzsky)</i>
	6:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>

 **PLEASE PRAY** *for* :

**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Joe Bean, Bob Betters, Chappie Chambers, Chandler Cook, Lori Demmery, Carlos Espina, Anthony Ferrera, John Flaherty, William Foust, Donna Gallagher, Carol Hale, Bette Keller.

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

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** — Mary Hess, grandmother of Christie Silvestri.

### *This Week's Readings*

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Lk 9:46-50.  
**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56.  
**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62.  
**Thursday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51.  
**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16.  
**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24.  
**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43.

## A Peek at the week!!



### Today (September 25)

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 10-11 a.m. — 3-Year-Old Co-Op (PH)  
 4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

### Monday (September 26)

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

### Tuesday (September 27)

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meeting (CI 11,12)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Sunday Masses Choir Rehearsal (Chu)  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

### Wednesday (September 28)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir practice (CR)  
 7-8 p.m. — Evangelization Commission Rosary (Chapel)  
 7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

### Thursday (September 29)

7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH, CI)

### Friday (September 30)

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 (October 1)

6:45-9:45 p.m. — Junior Youth Group social (PH)

### Next Sunday (October 2)

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 10-11 a.m. — 3-Year-Old Co-Op (PH)  
 1-2:30 p.m. — Women's Guild meeting (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

**To schedule Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520.



## ***Protecting God's Children — Workshops Scheduled***

"Protecting God's Children" is a workshop concerning the prevention of child sexual abuse.

The workshop is required by the Diocese of Charlotte for ALL volunteers and church employees who work with those who are vulnerable — children, teens, the handicapped, infirmed, etc. For those who missed the recent workshop at St. John Neumann, you may attend at another location. Those available in the Charlotte area are:

**Wednesday (Sept. 28)** — St. Mark Church, Stumptown Road, Huntersville; 7-10 p.m.

**Nov. 2** — St. Luke Church, Lawyers Road, Mint Hill; 6:30-9:30 p.m.

**Jan. 21** — St. Mark Church; 9 a.m.-noon.

You can register in any of three ways:

- Go online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), and click "Registration"
- Contact the host parish.
- Contact the Diocese of Charlotte's Human Resource Dept., (704) 370-3338, or the diocesan Website, [www.charlottediocese.org](http://www.charlottediocese.org).

### ***Reconciliation/First Eucharist Required Parents' Meeting***

There is a required meeting for PARENTS of students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This meeting is required by the Diocese of Charlotte and St. John Neumann Church.

The meeting will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, in the Parish Hall. Cathy Gilligan, an expert on sacraments and canon law, will present the theological update, and Connie will cover the Second-Grade calendar, requirements, expectations, etc.

### ***3& 4-Year-Old Co-Op Program Details***

Religious Education classes for children ages 3 and 4 (by Oct. 16, 2005) will be the "Co-Op" style for the coming school year.

Parents will rotate teaching responsibilities. There will be support, materials, and instructions for the parents — to make this an EASY, fun thing to do with your children.

Classes will meet on Sundays during the 10 a.m. Mass. The Co-Op follows the same schedule as the Religious Education schedule.

Cost is \$30 a child. To register, contact Ann Henderson, at (704) 573-4767 or at [jhenderson61@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jhenderson61@carolina.rr.com), or get a registration form at the Religious Education office.

### **OTHER RELIGIOUS ED NEWS**

**TIME CHANGED FOR 11 A.M. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSIONS** — The time for the 11 a.m. Religious Education sessions has been changed to 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Sundays.

The adjustment was made because the 10 a.m. Mass frequently is longer than an hour; thus, many students are in class for as little as 30 minutes. Hopefully, the extra 15 minutes will allow the full hour required for class time. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

**WEDNESDAYS WITH DEACON JOHN** — Would you like to grow in your faith and get to know fellow parishioners? Join Deacon John's group for study and discussion about varied topics, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoons in Austin Hall.

Baby sitting is available in the Nursery, in the Parish Hall.

**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. Saturday (Oct. 1) at St. Matthew Church.

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.

## **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.

## *Women's Bake Sale Coming to SJN Parish*

The Women's Guild annual Bake Sale and Basket Raffle is coming! The Bake Sale will be held on the week-end of Oct. 15-16, after each Mass.

As in the past, there will be several adult wine baskets, as well as several children's fun baskets to be raffled off.

Raffle tickets will be available after each Mass — for \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets for the wine baskets; and 50 cents each for the children's baskets. All proceeds will go toward the Church Preservation Fund.

For information, contact any of these members: Mary, (704) 545-0420; Diane, (704) 536-7809; or Jo, (704) 545-1621.

### **SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Sept. 10-11 weekend ..	\$ 13,857	\$ 14,658
Sept. 17-18 weekend ..	\$ 13,072	\$ 14,658
<b>Hurricane Katrina relief collection:</b>		
(Sept. 10-11) .....	\$ 18,438	
(Sept. 17-18) .....	\$ 1,010	

The budget represents the amount needed to meet SJN's financial obligations. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

*Thank you for using your Offertory envelope and clearly writing the donation amount in the appropriate space. Thanks also for not combining different types of donations in the same check (i.e., Offertory, Mass intentions, flower offerings, etc.)*

# 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 tonight (Sunday).

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 next 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.

**WOULD YOU LIKE** the Prayer Group to pray over you? Come join us on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9 p.m. in the Library.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to Sarah Retelski and Clayton Collins, who recently were married.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** — The Evangelization Commission is in need of volunteers to help in a family-centered program setting. The commission will need teachers and assistants for all age groups. Interested? Call Donna Rayle, (704) 545-8916.

**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.

**THE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION'S** next monthly Peace and Justice Rosary will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, 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.

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD** would like to thank the ladies of the parish who attended the Welcome Tea. We hope to see you at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will be from 1:30-3:30 p.m. next Sunday (Oct. 2) in the Parish Hall. We will be working on baskets for the bake sale. Please remember to bring two bottles of wine for the baskets. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

# Diocesan News ...

**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.

**THE 2ND ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY** is coming soon. This semi-annual event is planned for 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, at St. Patrick Cathedral, 1621 Dilworth Road East. The event will include the Rosary, a Eucharistic procession, and Benediction. It takes place in union with the National Children's Day to honor Our Lady.

**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.

**NEW PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN** — Catholic Social Services, in partnership with Smart Start of Mecklenburg County, is introducing New Horizons for Children and Families. This program supports grandparents and kinship families, parenting children ages 5 and younger. If you know of someone who might be interested in this program, call Colleen Cranford, (704) 370-3248.

**GOING TO ROME** — Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Monroe is organizing a trip to Rome — a chance to see the Ternal City and visit the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica, where Pope John Paul II recently was laid to rest. This exciting trip will combine education, fun and worship. The parish's pastor, Fr. Jim Cassidy, will lead the trip, which takes place April 18-26, 2006. For information, call Gina or Veronica, (704) 289-2773.

**NEW RECEPTION CENTER** — St. Matthews Knights of Columbus will open their new Wedding and Reception Center next Sunday, at 9009 Bryant Farms Road, in the Ballantyne area of south Charlotte. The facility has an up-scale look, with a backyard patio available for wedding ceremonies. The facility can handle up to 200 people. For details, call (704) 341-3312.

## ***Mecklenburg Catholic Schools Schedule Open Houses***

Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools invites you to attend the Admission Open House programs for the 2006-2007 school year. Our Catholic schools' principals, teachers, staff and students look forward to welcoming all families who might be interested in learning what MACS offers in Faith, Tradition and Academic Excellence.

Open houses for **all elementary schools** are:

**1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9**

**9 a.m.-noon Tuesday, Oct. 11**

Schools are:

St. Matthew Catholic Elementary (TK-5), Ballantyne Commons Parkway at Rea Road.

St. Ann Catholic Elementary (TK-5), Hillside Avenue at Park Road.

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary (K-5), Dilworth area.

St. Gabriel Catholic Elementary (K-5), Sharon Amity at Providence roads.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Elementary (PK-5), Shamrock Drive.

St. Mark Catholic Elementary and Middle (K-5 and 6-8): Stumptown Road, Huntersville.

**Open house for Holy Trinity Catholic Middle, on Park Road, is 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23; and 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.**

**Open house for Charlotte Catholic High, on Matthews-Pineville Road, is at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23.**

**Questions: call (704) 370-3273.**