

# 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  
Director of RCIA: Donna Rayle  
704.545.8916  
Youth Minister & Music Associate: Marsha McIver  
Special Needs Ministry: Sue Rebich  
704.545.0242  
Director of Music and Liturgy: R. Lance Burnette  
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:

Parish Office: 704.536.6520  
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Faith Formation Office: 704.535.4197  
E-mail Address: sjncc@bellsouth.net  
Web site: www.4sjnc.org

## 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.

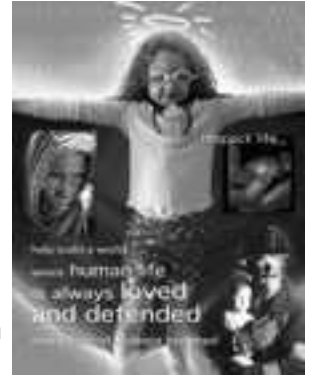
## ***'Spiritual Adoption': Special Event Coming to SJN***

The members of our St. John Neumann parish family have the opportunity this weekend 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. today (Sunday), in front of the church.

Please join the Respect Life Committee in a silent prayerful vigil. For any who wish to display signs, there will be provided — or you may make and bring your own. Pro-Life wristbands are available after Mass this weekend, at a table in the Gathering Area. Donation: \$2.

### ***A Prayer for the Unborn***

*Jesus, Mary, Joseph,  
I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life  
of the unborn child that  
I have spiritually adopted  
and who is in danger of being aborted.*

### ***Share Sunday ... A Special Beneficiary***

St. John Neumann will observe Share Sunday next weekend, but there will be a change this month and next month.

The contributions from Share Sunday for the next few months will go to the victims of Hurricane Katrina who are currently living in our community at the McAlpine Terrace-Glen Cove Apartments.

Please be as generous as your means allow.

We are seeking peanut butter, canned soups, canned vegetables, toothpaste, paper towels, canned meats, tuna fish, cereal, soap, detergents, canned fruit, bathroom tissue, spaghetti, tomato sauce, dry beans and powdered and canned milk.

Thanks for your wonderful support.

### ***A Special Request To Help Katrina's Victims***

Catholic Social Services in Charlotte has been asked to join forces with national Catholic officials in a program called "A Place Called Home."

This is an effort to find homes and provide help for evacuees from Hurricane Katrina who will be relocated to the Charlotte area.

We are being asked to provide furnished housing and utilities for at least three months; meet the families at the airport or bus station; orient them to the community; provide food and vouchers, and clothing; take them to the Department of Social Services for food stamps and Medicaid; and help register their children in school.

Catholic Social Services believes that churches throughout the area can rally to accomplish this significant feat.

If you can help, contact Barbara Grisinger of Catholic Social Services, at (704) 370-3219 or (704) 370-6155, or at [bbgrisinger@charlottediocese.org](mailto:bbgrisinger@charlottediocese.org).

St. John Neumann Catholic Church - FY 2004-2005  
 Condensed Income Statement  
 07/01/04 thru 06/30/05

	Actual YTD	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>		
General Parish Revenue		
Offertory	\$ 754,472	\$ 740,000
DSA Rebates	-	1,000
Donations- General	996	5,000
Donations-Preservation (4)	42,739	5,000
Donations - Restricted	1,500	-
Faith Formation Fees	19,425	15,000
Open Arms Preschool Fees	51,555	48,735
Rental Income	8,250	9,000
Investment Income	1,534	1,000
	<u>880,471</u>	<u>824,735</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 880,471	\$ 824,735
<b>Expenses</b>		
General Parish Expenditures		
Diocesan Assessments	\$ 177,443	\$ 175,847
General Operations (1,3)	391,469	399,287
Faith Formation	173,851	174,626
Open Arms Preschool	57,148	48,735
Rectory	27,537	24,100
Net Custodial Remittances(2)	7,463	-
Interest	4,694	4,800
	<u>839,605</u>	<u>827,395</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 839,605	\$ 827,395
<b>Income Over/(Under) Expenses</b>	<u><u>\$ 40,866</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,660)</u></u>

- 1) General Operations included \$38,715 of charitable giving for this fiscal year. The annual budget includes \$39,588 for charitable giving.
- 2) Custodial remittances are the net of what has been received and remitted for special collections, i.e. - Home Missions, Holy Land, Priests Benefits.
- 3) Included are repairs and improvements to the facilities both from storm damage and those improvements done with preservation fund monies.
- 4) Preservation- donations earmarked for specific facility projects, i.e.-carpet, sound system, Parish Hall renovations.

Fr. Thom, Fr. Art and the Finance Council would like to thank each of you who have stepped up your contributions in helping our Parish to remain financially sound. Please contact a member of the Finance Council with any questions on this Condensed Income Statement or the Condensed Balance Sheet.

Lou Burke, Joe Fiato, Joanne Klein, Christie Silvestri, Mark Wahl

**St. John Neumann Catholic Church**  
**Condensed Balance Sheet as of 06/30/05**

<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		\$ 139,936
Operating Cash	\$ 20,809	
Charity and Endowment Funds	\$ 7,684	
Diocesan Savings Account	\$ 111,443	
<b>Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		<u>\$ 2,703,822</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>\$ 2,843,758</u>
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<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>		
Current Liabilities		\$ 6,772
Austin Hall Mortgage		<u>73,021</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>\$ 79,793</u>
Accumulated Assets		\$ 2,763,965
<b>Total Liabilities and Accumulated Assets</b>		<u>\$ 2,843,758</u>

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

Signups for the St. John Neumann Youth Basketball program will be today (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.

***Golf Tournament Approaching***

The annual fund raising golf tournament for the SJN Youth Basketball program will be Saturday, Oct. 29, at Charles T. Myers Golf Course.

Registration is \$75 and includes range balls, 18 holes of golf in a Captain's Choice format, cart, goodie bag, dinner afterward, and a chance at some fabulous prizes.

Players over the age of 60 are \$65, and juniors (under the age of 16) are \$50. Call or e-mail Joe Menzer now, to reserve your foursome. Contact Joe at (704) 573-7253, or [j\\_menzer@bellsouth.net](mailto:j_menzer@bellsouth.net).

***Special Collection This Weekend***

Please be as generous as possible this weekend, during the rescheduled Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection.

This collection originally was scheduled for early September but was postponed so the diocese could conduct the special collection for the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Our parish has received an assessment of \$25,333 for the priests' retirement and benefit plans. This amount is slightly less than two times the regular weekend offertory. Our parish is required to pay this amount, regardless of how much is donated in the collection.

***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.

Childcare will be available.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Evelyn Kuhn (Alan family)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Marion Payler (50+ Club)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Ellen and Otis Bowen (William Bowen)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Virginia Bowen (William Bowen)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Leonard J. Dacey (Jane Schwasnick)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:15 AM	Lonnie Tomlin Jr. (Wife and children)
	5:30 PM	People of the Parish
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+Virginia Bowen (William Bowen)
	10:00 AM	Elliott Bowyer (Family)
	Noon	+Neshith B. Kurkoski (Madeline, Walter Lesko)
	6:00 PM	+Tony Cesaro (Howard and Patricia Silinski and family)



**PLEASE PRAY** *for:*

**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Joe Bean, Bob Betters, Chap-  
pie Chambers, Chandler Cook, Lori Demmery, Robert  
Dopman, Carlos Espina, John Flaherty, William Foust,  
Donna Gallagher, Carol Hale, Bette Keller, Joe Layden.

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

**PRAY FOR DECEASED** — Anthony Ferrera.  
Nicholas Roppo.

### This Week's Readings

**Monday:** Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; (Ps) Jon 2:2-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37.

**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42.

**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4.

**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13.

**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16; Lk 11:15-26.

**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28.

**Sunday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;  
Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10.

## A Peek at the week!!



### Today (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 p.m. — Lector Training Workshop (Chu)  
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 (AH)

### Monday (October 3)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
10-11:30 a.m. — 50+ Club board meeting (Lib)

### Tuesday (October 4)

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

### Wednesday (October 5)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
4:30-5:30 p.m. — 2nd-graders' parents' meeting (PH)  
6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir practice (CR)  
7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)  
7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

### Thursday (October 6)

7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH)

### Friday (October 7)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
6:30-8:30 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 and 1112 meet-  
ings (AH)  
7-11 p.m. — Bingo (PH)

### Saturday (October 8)

6:30-7:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 program (GA)

### Next Sunday (October 9)

8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 program (GA)  
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)  
7-8:45 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

## **Cub Scouts Plan Annual Popcorn Sale**

St. John Neumann's Cub Scout Pack 12 will be selling Trails End Popcorn again this year, after all Masses next weekend (Oct. 8-9).

Please stop by and support our 1st-5th grade Cub Scouts. You can contact Christie Silvestri, regarding our Popcorn Campaign, at (704) 844-6720, or you can visit the Pack Web site at <http://pack12.msdnplanet.com>, for more information about activities.

Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Parish News**

**A LECTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP** will be held after the noon Mass today (Sunday). 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.

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD** will meet today (Sunday) in the Parish Hall, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The Guild will be working on baskets for the upcoming bake sale. Please remember to bring two bottles of wine for the baskets. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

**AS A MINISTRY** to the hearing-impaired, Vanessa Pappas will sign the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. John Neumann Church on Oct. 30. For more information, call the church office, (704) 536-6520.

**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 ESPANOLAS ...**  
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.

**FREE BABYSITTING** is available at the 10 a.m. Sunday Mass. It's for children 3 and younger. All you need do is take a turn babysitting, every four to six weeks. Details: Moya, (704) 321-2786; or drop by the Babysitting Room in the Parish Hall before Mass.

## *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 weekend 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.

**Help, Please!** Get out your cookbooks — we need volunteer bakers.

Baked goods for the Bake Sale can be dropped off at the Church Gathering Area after 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16. If you can help with the baking or need other information, contact Mary, (704) 545-0420, or Diane (704) 536-7809.

### **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. next 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.

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