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# 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  
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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.

## Women's Bake Sale Coming to SJN Parish

The Women's Guild annual Bake Sale and Basket Raffle is next weekend after each Mass. Please stop by the Gathering Area and see all the delicious baked goods to buy — and support our church.

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

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 go toward the Church Preservation Fund. The gift basket drawing will be next Sunday (Oct. 16).

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

**A reminder ...** Baked goods can be dropped off in the church Gathering Area, starting at 2 p.m. next Saturday. If you are interested in baking goodies for the sale, call Mary, (704) 545-0420, or Diane, (704) 536-7809.



## Evangelization Commission Seeking Your Help



**ESL Classes:** The Evangelization Commission's ESL (English as a Second Language) classes are under way. It is **never** too late to volunteer in assisting us with this outreach ministry.

If you speak English, enjoy teaching and being with new friends, you are qualified. Classes are at 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (704) 545-8916 if you are interested in volunteering.

**Upcoming Program for Intergenerational Learning (Families growing in faith together):** We are in need of volunteers for two meeting times, to present an Advent and Christmas teaching program, Dec. 7 and 14.

A covered dish supper starts at 6:30 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. with group prayer. Families will break out to age-appropriate classrooms and will conclude at 8:30 p.m.

An opportunity to sign up as a volunteer will be available after Masses next weekend, or you can call (704) 545-8916.

### Needed:

Babysitters (infants through 2-year-olds)

Teacher, ages 3-4

Teacher, grades K-2

Teacher, grades 3-5

Teacher, grades 6-8

Teacher, grades 9-12

Teacher, adults

(Assistants also are needed for each age group)



## Thank You, Thank You!!!

**Thank-You #1:** The Respect Life Committee thanks all the participants in last weekend's Life Chain, and also all the parishioners who are spiritually adopting an unborn baby.

Pledge papers can be placed either in the collection basket or in the basket on the Respect Life table. Extra prayer cards are available there, too.

**Thank-You #2:** Open Arms Preschool extends a warm thank-you to Irene Kilzer and the SJN Junior Youth Group for scrubbing and washing the outdoor play equipment.

Thank you ALL for sharing your time and energy.

## Scouts Popcorn Sale

St. John Neumann's Cub Scout Pack 12 will be selling Trails End Popcorn again this year, after all Masses this weekend.

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.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>OSA Intention</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Leonard Dacy</i> ( <i>Jane Schwasnick</i> )
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Intentions of John Wilger</i> ( <i>John Wilger</i> )
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Commemoration of the</i> <i>Deceased Benefactors</i> <i>of the OSA</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Harold and Agnes Loggins</i> <i>and family</i> ( <i>Loggins family</i> )
<b>SATURDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Harold and Agnes Loggins</i> <i>and family</i> ( <i>Loggins family</i> )
	5:30 PM	<i>Rhykerd family intentions</i> ( <i>Family</i> )
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+ <i>Marcos Lucci</i> ( <i>Wife and daughters</i> )
	10:00 AM	+ <i>Henry Waldsworth</i> ( <i>Nancy Aldsworth</i> )
	Noon	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	6:00 PM	+ <i>Claudia Fandel</i> ( <i>Knights of Columbus</i> <i>Council 7343</i> )



**PLEASE PRAY for:**

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

Mary Ann Maher, Josephine Nardone, Josh Nickerson, Jeff Noto, Teri O'Hara, Remo Pellin, Mary Rapacik, 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** — Joe Bean.  
Donald Douglas Jones.

### This Week's Readings

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32.

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41.

**Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9;  
Lk 11:42-46.

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54.

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7.

**Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;  
Lk 12:8-12.

**Sunday:** Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;  
Mt 22:15-21.

## A Peek at the week!!



### Today (October 9)

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes

10-11 a.m. — 3 & 4 year-old co-op (CI 8, 9)

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)

7-8:45 p.m. — Confirmation classes

### Monday (October 10)

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

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

### Tuesday (October 11)

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

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meeting

7-8:30 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)

7-9 p.m. — Parish Council meeting (AH)

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

### Wednesday (October 12)

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

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 50+ Club luncheon (PH)

4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes

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

6:45-8:15 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 mtg. (CI 10)

7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

### Thursday (October 13)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — K of C Ladies Auxiliary (PH)

7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH, EW)

7-8:30 p.m. — Saturday 5:30 Mass choir practice (CR)

### Friday (October 14)

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

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

7-11 p.m. — Bingo (PH)

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### EVENT SITE ABBREVIATIONS

**AH** — Austin Hall (house next to the church)

**Chu** — Church

**CI** — Classroom

**CR** — Council Room

**EW** — Education Wing

**GA** — Gathering Area

**Lib** — Library

**MH** — Mini-Hall (in Classroom wing)

**PH** — Parish Hall



## 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. next 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.

## Camp C.A.R.E. Walk A Huge Success

Thank you to everyone who came out on Sept. 24 and walked, to raise money for Camp C.A.R.E. (Cancer Ain't Really the End).

Forty young people from the Confirmation classes at SJN gave their time in support of this cause. The music was great, the lunch was tasty, and everyone enjoyed the beautiful weather.

The walk raised OVER \$15,000, and every penny will be spent on children being treated for cancer in our area.

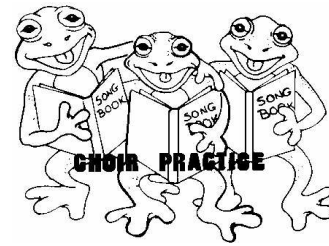
## Other Religious Ed News

**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.



## 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.

## 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!

A Peek at  
the week!!



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### Saturday (October 15)

2-7 p.m. — Women's Guild bake sale (GA)  
6:30-7:30 p.m. — Respect Life meeting (CR)

### Next Sunday (October 16)

All Day — Women's Guild bake sale (GA)  
8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
10-11 a.m. — 3 & 4 year-old co-op (CI 8, 9)  
1-2:30 p.m. — Meeting for parents of 2nd-graders (PH)  
4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)  
7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation parents meeting (PH)  
7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation classes  
7-8:30 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

## Tee It Up for Good Cause ... SJN Basketball

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).

## Annual Combined Collection Coming Next Weekend

The International-National Combined Collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend.

This is a combination of several collections which were taken individually in years past — the Catholic Relief Ser-



VICES Collection; Collection for the Holy Land; Collection for the Works of the Holy Father; Catholic University of America Collection; and the Catholic Communications Campaign.

Your contribution to the good work of these organizations will give you an opportunity to participate in the mission of the Church locally, nationally and internationally. Please take time to read the brochure mailed to you last week. Envelopes for this special collection are in the monthly enveloped packet.

# Parish News

**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.

**THE K OF C LADIES AUXILIARY** will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Parish Hall. A pot-luck lunch will be served after the meeting. Anyone interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary is welcome to attend the meeting.

**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.

**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](mailto:d.kidd@carolinarain.org).

**DINNER GROUPS?** Would you like to meet new people from SJN, in a small-group setting (four couples per group). Groups will meet monthly on a rotating basis at one another's homes for dinner.

Responsibility for cooking is shared by all. Adult singles also are welcome and encouraged to join. Details: Kristi, (704) 442-1201.

# Diocesan News

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY** takes place at 3 p.m. today (Sunday) at St. Patrick Cathedral. The event includes a procession of the Fatima statue, Benediction and a Eucharistic Procession. This is also National Children's Day, to honor the Blessed Mother. Please bring a flower for your child to place before the Fatima statue.

**THE THIRD ANNUAL RED MASS** for the Diocese of Charlotte will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick Cathedral, by Bishop Peter Jugis. The Red Mass is an annual event, celebrated to coincide with the start of the Supreme Court's judicial calendar. It is designed to provide all members of the legal community with the opportunity to reflect on the God-given responsibilities connected with their professions.

An informal dinner will follow Mass at Frankie's Italian Grille, 800 East Morehead Street. If you plan to attend the dinner, contact Matthew Hoefling, at (704) 343-2054, or [matt.hoefling@hmw.com](mailto:matt.hoefling@hmw.com).

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### SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
Oct. 1-2 weekend .....	\$ 14,124	\$ 14,658

Priests' retirement  
second collection ..... \$ 8,724

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.)*

# Diocesan News ...

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**A MASS IN SPANISH** is celebrated every Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m., at St. Gabriel Church. It's at the corner of Sharon Amity and Providence roads, in southeast Charlotte.

**THE U.S. ARMY BAND AND SOLDIERS CHORUS** from Washington will appear in concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 18 at Charlotte Catholic High. There is no admission charge, but tickets are required. For tickets, indicate the number of tickets requested and send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Army Field Band Concert, 9013 Raintree Lane, Charlotte, NC 28277, or e-mail stanmichjr@aol.com with the information.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES** will hold its fourth annual Vineyard of Hope fund raising event at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark. "Wines Around the World" is the title of the program, which includes food, wine, live music, and an auction — at a cost of \$40 a person or \$75 a couple. Details: (704) 370-3232.

**GOING TO ROME** — Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Monroe is organizing a trip to Rome — a chance to see the Eternal 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 upscale look, with a backyard patio available for wedding ceremonies. The facility can handle up to 200 people. For details, call (704) 341-3312.

**RIGHT TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP** — Teens, ages 14 to 18, who are pro-life are invited to apply for a "Hero for Life" Scholarship, offered by Charlotte Area Right to Life. This award is for \$2,000. For details, check [www.charlottelife.org](http://www.charlottelife.org).