

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
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Faith Formation Secretary: Sondra Skibbe
Faith Formation Program Assistant: Benita Bryson
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Director of RCIA: Donna Rayle
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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:

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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.

Take Another Step ... For Stewardship

The St. John Neumann 2005 Stewardship Renewal Effort will begin on the weekend of Nov. 12-13, coinciding with the Diocesan Stewardship Awareness Sunday.



Our parish community will have the opportunity to explore all of our active ministries after each Mass, in the Gathering Area.

A Christian Steward is "one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with all, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

... *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

Each of us is blessed in different ways. We are asked to take stock of our blessings, our talents, our monetary resources and see if what we are returning to the Lord is proportionate to what He has given to us.

"You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and with your mind ... You shall love your neighbor as yourself." — *Matthew 22: 34-40.*



Thanksgiving Food Drive

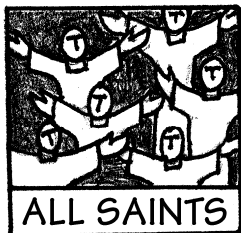
Join Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

St. John Neumann Parish is once again assisting our sister parish in Biscoe (in Montgomery County, east of Charlotte) at Thanksgiving.

Our annual food drive will begin this weekend and continue through Sunday, Nov. 20.

After Mass, please pick up a few food tags at the Thanksgiving display and return them on any of the weekends. Over the years, SJN has been very generous to the parish of Our Lady of the Americas, and we pray that your generosity will continue.

For information, or if you would like to help pack up the food at delivery, please call John or Marion CasaSanta, at (704) 545-8274.



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All Saints Day ... Holy Day Schedule

Tuesday is the Feast of All Saints, a holy day in the Catholic Church. You will have three opportunities to attend holy day Mass.

Monday: 7 p.m. Mass (vigil)

Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Masses

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday for the holy day. Regular office hours will be observed Monday and Wednesday through Friday.



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.

Holy Masses This Week



MONDAY	9:15 AM	+Alfredo Dugue (Maria, Johanna Alandette)
	7:00 PM	+Henryk Maksimiuk (Daughter Anna and family)
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	+John Neubauer (Tom & Carol Kiernan)
	7:00 PM	People of the Parish
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intention
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intention
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intention
SATURDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intention
	5:30 PM	+John Lescak (His wife)
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	+Adam Bedritzsky (Julia Bedritzsky)
	10:00 AM	+Alice Coleman (Larry & Janice Hopper)
	Noon	+All Souls Novena Intention
	6:00 PM	People of the Parish



IN OUR PRAYERS — Ronnie Alston, Joan Battista, Bob Betters, Chappie Chambers, Chandler Cook, Cathy Davison, Lori Demmery, Carlos Espina, John Flaherty, William Foust, Donna Gallagher, Raymond Gload, Carol Hale, Bette Keller, Joe Layden, Monica Lee.

Mary Ann Maher, Edwin Mocete, Josephine Nardone, Josh Nickerson, Jeff Noto, Margaret O'Daniel, Teri O'Hara, Mary Rapacik, Lenore Rickey, Sharon Roppo, Rita Sadler, Chantal Saxon, Bob Smith, Ann Solnick, Nicholas Van Czak, James Wiberly, Douglas William.

This Week's Readings

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14.

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a.

Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11.

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10.

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8.

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15.

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or
4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13.

A Peek at the Week!!



Today (October 30)

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes
10-11 a.m. — 3-Year-Old Co-Op (CI 8, 9)
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)
7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation classes (EW, CI 10, 11)
7-8:30 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

Monday (October 31)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool
10-11:30 a.m. — 50+ Club board meeting (Lib)
7 p.m.— Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints

Tuesday (November 1)

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meetings (CI 11, 12)
7 p.m.— Feast of All Saints Mass

Wednesday (November 2)

9 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)
7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)
7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

Thursday (November 3)

7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (EW, PH)

Friday (November 4)

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

Saturday (November 5)

10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. — SJN Players skit practice (Chu, PH)
5:30-7 p.m. — Rosary sale (GA)
6:45-9:45 p.m. — Junior Youth Social Group (PH)

Next Sunday (November 6)

7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Rosary 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)
1:30-3:30 p.m. — Women's Guild meeting (AH)
4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)
7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation classes (EW, CI 10, 11)
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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



You've Got Mail!!

Take a look at the large bulletin board in the Gathering Area, and read some letters written just for YOU.

Our Confirmation candidates would like you to know a little more about them and why they want to be confirmed here at SJN.

Every other week, a fresh batch of letters will be posted, so keep going back. If a particular letter speaks to your heart, send a reply via the Religious Ed office.

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.

Wednesday (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, and click "Registration"
- Contact the host parish.
- Contact the Diocese of Charlotte's Human Resource Dept., (704) 370-3338, or the diocesan Web site, www.charlottedioocese.org.



Help Children At Christmas

SJN is participating in Operation Christmas Child again this year. Shoeboxes and instructions are on the table in the Gathering Area.

This is your opportunity to reach out to children in poverty-stricken or war-torn countries for Christmas. You may return filled boxes to the same table, or to the Religious Education office, anytime before Dec. 14.



Altar Servers

Calling All Altar Servers

If you've received your First Communion sacrament, you can start helping Fr. Thom and Fr. Art with Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. John Neumann.

What a great way to participate, by sharing your time and talent with our church.

We will hold a mandatory meeting at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday (Nov. 6). Topics will include training, scheduling and commitments from both children and parents. In order to be placed on the schedule, you must be present.

A parent must attend this meeting with his/her child. For details, contact Scott Major, at (704) 516-6825.

Rumors, Rumors

There are lots of rumors going around about my leaving St. John Neumann.

It is true that in January, I will be leaving here for a new assignment in Massachusetts. I will be ministering in a parish in Lawrence, Mass. I will be living with another Friar in a house where Hispanic candidates also will be living.

This is something that I had suggested when I was in province administration, so I am looking forward to it. In the meantime, I am pleased to continue ministering to y'all.

Fr. Art

Children's Choir Practices Each Wednesday

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!

SJN Weekly Collections

	Actual	Budget
Oct. 22-23 weekend	\$ 12,892	\$ 14,658
Priests' Retirement	\$ 9,899	\$ 25,333

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.)

Special Collection This Weekend

"...whatsoever you do to the Least Among My Brethren, that you do unto me." — Matthew 25:40.

Since 1974, the Operation LAMB program in North Carolina has raised more than \$14 million to assist people with intellectual disabilities in the state. Over the past 25 years, the SJN Knights of Columbus Council has raised nearly \$400,000 toward this cause.

Some local beneficiaries of these funds include: Holy Angels, Special Olympics of Mecklenburg County, Autism Services of Mecklenburg County, Nevin Center, Life Span Services, United Cerebral Palsy NC, SJN Special Education program, and various exceptional children's programs in area schools.

Please consider joining this effort to live the Gospel message, by making a donation at next weekend's second collection. Thank you!

For information about the LAMB Foundation of NC, Inc., an IRS charitable 501(c)(3) organization (FIN 56-2139696) set up by the N.C. Knights of Columbus for the purpose of collecting and distributing these funds, contact John CasaSanta, at (704) 545-8274.



RECENT BAPTISMS

We congratulate the families of these children, who recently became members of our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Michael Edward Carter.
Natalie Nicole Fisher.
Allyson Ruth Focht.
Savannah Press.
Nicole E. Retelski.
Timothy Walker Retelski.
Ariam Abraham Yosief.

Diocesan News ...

ST. LUKE CRAFT BAZAAR — The fifth annual St. Luke Church Craft Bazaar will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 19 at the church, 13700 Lawyers Road, in Mint Hill. If interested in renting a table to sell your hand-made crafts, contact Debbie Foster, (704) 841-1372; or Patsy May, (704) 567-8625.

A BASKETBALL CLINIC, sponsored by the Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools, is set for 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Middle School, on Park Road in south Charlotte. The program is open to boys and girls in grades 3-7 and features Sean Kilmartin, a former NCAA Division I player and coach of the Charlotte Royals 13-under AAU team. Cost: \$25. Details: Lynn Seland, (704) 366-6699; Sean Kilmartin, (704) 341-2100 or rmssek@aol.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES will hold its fourth annual Vineyard of Hope fund raising event at 7 p.m. Friday 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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS are at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Belmont Abbey Basilica, featuring the Rosary, Confession and Mass. Details: Phil or Terri, at (704) 888-6050.

CHRISTIAN COFFEEHOUSE has another program from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Matthew Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway. The program features live music by Kathy & David with Redeemed, along with beverages (coffee, soft drinks, beer and wine), snacks and a candlelit room. Admission is by donation.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT — Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools will have a program at 7 p.m. Nov. 8 for families interested in enrolling their children in a MACS kindergarten program next year. The workshop will be at St. Gabriel Catholic School, Providence Road at Sharon Amity Road. Details: (704) 370-3273.

THEOLOGY ON TAP, a dynamic speaker series designed for young adults (21-40's), has programs at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8 and Nov. 15, at Pepperoni's Restaurant, 4267 Park Road, south Charlotte. The Nov. 8 program is "Catholicism in Our Daily Life," and the Nov. 15 program is "Embracing Other Faiths." There is no registration fee for the program. For details, contact Catrina, (704) 665-7374 or C_L_conway@hotmail.com; or Matt, (704) 578-1238 or mattz70@juno.com.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS is a grief workshop planned from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 13 at Carmel Baptist Church's Loft, 1145 Pineville-Matthews Road (N.C. 51). The program will provide tips on ways to cope with the loss of loved ones, while other people are celebrating during the holiday season. For details, call (704) 847-8575.

Parish News

THE WOMEN'S GUILD thanks all who supported the annual Bake Sale and Basket Raffle. The Guild was able to give Fr. Thom a check in the amount of \$1,245 for the Preservation Fund. Thank you for all your support.

ROSARY SALE — Mike and Sue Tinker would like to thank the Parish for all its support for the Tinkers' son, Brian, by giving back to the Church. The Tinkers make knotted twine Rosaries and will be selling them in the Gathering Area after each Mass on Nov. 5-6.

All the proceeds from this sale will go to the Church's charitable account, to help other needy parishioners. We have more than 400 Rosaries in 18 different colors, so please support our sale — so others in need can benefit from the support that the Tinkers received.

THE NEXT MEETING of the Women's Guild will be at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday in Austin Hall. Guest speaker will be lawyer Fred Benson, who will discuss wills, trusts and other pertinent topics. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

A PARISH CLEANUP DAY is planned next Saturday from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Bring your tools, work gloves, etc. and help get our Church in tip top shape for the upcoming holidays. For more information, call Kevin Smith at 704.281-7022 or email:ksmith29@carolina.rr.com.

FUN AND FITNESS AFTER 50 — Join the group for Chair Exercise, a program of gentle exercises that promotes joint flexibility and muscle strength. Enjoy music, stretch bands, streamers, line dancing and meeting new people — from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursdays. Details: call Laurel, (704) 455-7956.

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 ESPAÑOLES: El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes a las 7:30 p.m. en la biblioteca de la Iglesia. Todos son bienvenidos. Queremos orar en todos los 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.