

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
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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:

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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.



Join Our 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 continues 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.

Giving Manger Returns; Another SJN Tradition

The Christmas season is approaching quickly, and it's almost time for the annual SJN Giving Manger. This year, we will provide gifts for the families of Catholic Social Services, and the people of Our Lady of the Americas (the Latino church in Montgomery County).

Father Sanchez of Our Lady of the Americas has made a special request to collect Wal-Mart gift cards for those in need at their parish this year.

They are in the process of moving into a new church and do not have room to store the gifts this season. Fr. Sanchez has assured us he will distribute these cards to the most needy and that next year, we will once again collect "seasonal" gifts.

The manger will be available, beginning next weekend. If you are interested in making the Christmas holiday brighter for others, please remove a gift tag from the Giving Manger. Then please fill the request as specified and return the unwrapped gift (with tag attached) no later than noon Sunday, Dec. 4.

If you purchase a gift card, please remember to include the amount — and place it in the collection basket or drop it off to the Parish Office, so the gift cards do not get lost.

Thank you for your continued support of this outreach project.



Share Sunday ... A Special Beneficiary

St. John Neumann will observe Share Sunday this 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.

You're Invited to a Saturday Night of Fun

PLEASE COME!!!

A Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner/ Game Night is planned after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 19.

Bring a large holiday favorite dish to share and a 2-liter soda. Turkey and gravy will be provided.



Bring the game of your choice. Questions? Call Kristi, (704) 442-1201.

Holy Masses This Week



MONDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intentions
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intentions
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intentions
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	+All Souls Novena Intentions
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	+Deceased members of 50+ Club (50+ Club of SJN)
SATURDAY	9:15 AM	+Olive Pereira (Her daughters)
	5:30 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	+Deceased members of Fioramonti & Lucci families (Christina Lucci & family)
	10:00 AM	+George Speck (John Speck)
	Noon	+Clete Mulheira (Edna Chilcott)
	6:00 PM	+Lawrence D. Coleman (Jean and Larry Coleman)



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, Gerry Grant, Carol Hale, Bette Keller, Joe Layden, Monica Lee.

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

This Week's Readings

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6.

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9; Lk 17:7-10.

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22.

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1; Lk 17:20-25.

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37.

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8.

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128; .
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30.

A Peek at the Week!!



Today (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)
7-8:45 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

Monday (November 7)

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool
7-9 p.m. — Boy Scout Troop 12 committee meeting (CR)

Tuesday (November 8)

6:30-7:30 p.m. — Evangelization Commission (Lib)
6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meeting (CI 11, 12)
7-8 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)
7-9 p.m. — Pastoral Parish Council meeting (AH)
7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

Wednesday (November 9)

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 (November 10)

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — K of C Ladies Auxiliary (PH)
7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (EW, PH)
7-8:30 p.m. — Saturday 5:30 Mass choir practice (CR)

Friday (November 11)

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



Thanks, SJN, for Supporting LAMB

Thanks go out to all parishioners donating to Operation LAMB during last weekend's second collection. The spirit of the Gospel message — do for the Least Among My Brethren — is alive in the hearts of SJN parishioners. Thank you and God bless you!

And About the Knights ...

The St. John Neumann Knights of Columbus volunteer their time and raise money to support a wide variety of programs and activities serving the Church, the community and those in need.

If you're interested in joining your fellow parishioners who are Knights, or if you want to learn more about the largest Catholic men's family organization dedicated to promoting the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, stop by the Knights of Columbus table in the Gathering Area after all Masses this weekend.

If you missed getting information this weekend and would like to join or get information on the Knights of Columbus, contact Dave Hudome, (704) 641-8821, or Mark Wahl, (704) 846-5287.

Take Another Step ... Think About Stewardship

The St. John Neumann 2005 Stewardship Renewal Effort will begin next weekend, 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.*



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 for activities and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. For details, 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)

A Peek at
the Week!!



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Saturday (November 12)

9:45-10:30 a.m. — Rosary Makers (CR)
6:30-7 p.m. — Stewardship Fair (GA)

Next Sunday (November 13)

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Stewardship Fair (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)
4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)
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Parish News



THE WOMEN'S GUILD will have its meeting at 1:30 p.m. today in Austin Hall. Guest speaker for the November meeting is lawyer Fred Benson, who will discuss wills, trusts and other pertinent topics. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

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 this weekend.

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.

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 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday (Nov. 10) in the Parish Hall. A Chic-Fil-A lunch will be served after the meeting. If interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary, call Alice Hallett, (704) 364-7441.

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 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.

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.

PLANNING A BAPTISM? Parents and expectant parents who wish to have their children baptized in the Catholic faith must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520, to register for the class and schedule the Baptism.

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.

Operation Christmas Child

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.

A second collection will be taken today for the Priests' Retirement Fund. SJN has been assessed \$25,333 for 2005. To date we have only received \$9,589. Please be as generous as your means allow. Any deficit will be paid from the Parish Operating Funds.

SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
Oct. 29-30 weekend	\$ 13,678	\$ 14,658
Operation LAMB.....	\$ 2,975	
Priests' Retirement	\$ 9,589	\$ 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.)

Diocesan News ...

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT — Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools will have a program at 7 p.m. Tuesday 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. Tuesday and again Nov. 15, at Pepperoni's Restaurant, 4267 Park Road, south Charlotte. Tuesday's program is "Catholicism in Our Daily Life." 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.

"DEATH OF A PARENT" is a bereavement workshop scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Gabriel Parish Ministry Center's Conference Room. The presenter is Janice Olive, of Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region. The program is for those who have lost a parent or are ministering to the bereaved.

MARRIED ROLE MODELS WANTED! Catholic Engaged Encounter will hold an informational session from 2-4 p.m. next Sunday (Nov. 13) for couples willing to work with the organization to help engaged couples. Details: Carl or Madeline, (704) 987-5029.

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS is a grief workshop planned from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. next Sunday (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.

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.

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.

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. For details, call (704) 341-3312.