

# 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  
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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E-mail Address: [sjncc@bellsouth.net](mailto:sjncc@bellsouth.net)  
Web site: [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org)

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Friday 4 p.m. 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)

## 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.

## ***SJN Submits Pastoral Plan; A Guide to Our Growth***

The parish of St. John Neumann has submitted its three-year Parish Pastoral Plan to the Diocese of Charlotte.

This plan addresses the parish history from its inception to where we are today; the demographics of the local area and the parish itself; the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council; the seven commissions and the ministries within those commissions; and the goals and objectives that have been established that we will strive to achieve over the next three years.



You may view the Parish Pastoral Plan at the St. John Neumann Web site, [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org).

## ***Make Your Plans: Family Bingo Night Next Saturday at St. John Neumann***

The annual Family Bingo Night will take place after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday. Come, join the fun!



**Hear Ye! Hear Ye!** Pizza, drinks and other goodies will be available for dinner. This event guarantees a lot of fun and even some prizes.

All proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Operation LAMB fund, to help special needs children of our church and community. Bring your friends! For information, call Karen or Mike Horeth, (704) 545-8100.

### ***GREAT NEWS!!!***

#### ***SJN COMMUNITY MAKES IT HAPPEN***

Thanks to the awesome generosity of the SJN parish community, we have achieved our goal and raised enough money to purchase the Eyegaze machinery to help parishioner Lenore Rickey.

As you might recall from an article in the parish bulletin two weeks ago, Lenore is in a Taylorsville nursing facility, immobilized by multiple sclerosis.

The Eyegaze will enable Lenore to use her eyes to turn on machinery (including lights) in her room. The computerized equipment is expensive (\$15,000), but the money was raised quickly. Eyegaze will be installed within weeks in Lenore's room.

For years, Lenore was an active leader in Religious Education and the Respect Life programs at SJN. Her willingness to battle the effects of multiple sclerosis have been an inspiration to all. We'll keep you updated.

### ***Fr. Thom Recovering; Others Filling In***

On Jan. 18, Fr. Thom underwent surgery for problems with his sinuses and related issues. Before the day of his surgery, Fr. Thom made arrangements for others to take on his responsibilities while he recovers.

We ask for your patience while Fr. Thom recovers — should you need assistance, and the response seems slower than usual. Those who are filling in for him will be working as quickly as they can.

We also ask that you pray for Fr. Thom and for his speedy recovery. Letters and words of support to Fr. Thom will probably be greatly appreciated.

*Holy Masses  
This Week*



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Hazel Ellison (Lee and Mary Kales)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Kenneth Raeker (John & Mary Fredenberg)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+William Moog (Noreen Milians)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Joe Layden (Margaret & Wally Mason)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+James Matys (John & Shea Barja)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	+Robert & Eleanor Bennett (The family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+George Ehlers (Scott & Sandy Major)
	10:00 AM	People of the Parish
	Noon	+Clete Mulheirn (Hemby Bridge Elementary School)
	6:00 PM	+William Klepeis (Dick & Diane Bishop)



**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Joan Battista, Helen Bell, Bob Betters, Cathy Davison, Lori Demmery, Linda Dolezan, Ryan Dolezan, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Gerry Grant, Robert Griffith, Shirley Hill, Wayne Hisgen, Dee Dee Irvine, Bette Keller, Frank Kocher, Monica Lee.

Mary McGonagle, Barbara Mullally, Josh Nickerson, Mark Nyantakyi, Teri O'Hara, Elissa Packard, Mary Pappas, Jeff Patton, Terry Peeters, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Kathy Rice, Lenore Rickey, Carol Savetski, Helen Servicky, Samantha Speer, Robert Tarr, James Wiberly, Douglas William, Marie Yoka.

***This Week's Readings***

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30.  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35.  
**Wednesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;  
 Mk 16:15-18.  
**Thursday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25.  
**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34.  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41.  
**Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35;  
 Mk 1:21-28.

A Peek at  
the Week!!



**Today (January 22)**

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Confirmation classes (EW, AH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Older Confirmation class (CR)

**Monday (January 23)**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 10 a.m.-noon — Bible Study (CR)

**Tuesday (January 24)**

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 (CI 11, 12)  
 7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu, GA, CR)  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (L)

**Wednesday (January 25)**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 5-7 p.m. — Open Arms fund raising dinner (PH)  
 6:45-8:15 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 meeting (CI 10)  
 7-8 p.m. — Evangelization Comm. Rosary (Chapel)  
 7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

**Thursday (January 26)**

10-11 a.m. — Exercise class (PH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH)

**Friday (January 27)**

9 a.m.-1 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)

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**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

**New Bulletin Deadline...  
Friday 4pm, one week  
before print date.**

All items must be submitted to the Parish Office for approval by Father Thom. Items can be emailed or dropped off. See the inside cover for contact info.

**LET'S PLAY BALL!**

## **Start Thinking Baseball!**

### **SJN Sign-Ups Approaching**

Spring baseball is right around the corner! T-Ball, Coach Pitch, Baseball and Softball.

Girls' softball will return to slow-pitch this year. Sign-ups will be Feb. 12 and 19 here at SJN. The ages: 5-16 (boys must be 5 by April 30; girls must have been 5 by Jan. 1).

Make new friends, learn new skills, enjoy the sport of baseball!  
Details: Dave Maher, (704) 442-1201.

**let's Eat Out!!!!****Fund Raising Dinner This Week**

It's time again for the Outback Steakhouse Fundraiser Dinner (no auction this time), to help Open Arms Preschool here at SJN.

Come join the fun from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. All dinners will be eat-in only! Dinner tickets are still just \$10 a person. Tickets are on sale through Open Arms Preschool only. Contact Nancy Charelli, at (704) 535-4197, ext. 234. Proceeds will benefit the continuing renovation of the OAP/SJN playgrounds.

**Open Arms Preschool****Taking Applications for 2's & 3's**

Give the gift of friendship, laughter play and learning at St. John Neumann Open Arms Weekday Preschool. Enriching spiritual, academic and social growth and development.

Limited openings are available for children in our 2- and 3-year-old classes. Children must have turned 2 or 3 years old on or before Oct. 16, 2005.

Classes meet from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A non-refundable \$60 registration fee is due with application.

For additional information and /or to register, please call Nancy, at (704) 536-6520, ext. 234; or (704) 882-1918.

**Piano Lessons held at SJN**

Are you or your child interested in learning to play the piano?

Robert Kennedy will be teaching at St. John on Thursday afternoons beginning at 3 p.m.

- 2nd Grade & up
- All levels (beginner to advanced)
- 30 minute lessons
- \$15 per lesson, plus materials

Contact Robert at 704.568.3358 to sign-up.

**LEND YOUR VOICE**

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.

**Where's Father Art???**

For those of you who might have missed the news, Fr. Art has been reassigned to a parish in Massachusetts.

If you want to write him, here is his new address:

Fr. Arthur D. Johnson, O.S.A.  
Our Mother of Consolation Friary  
300 Haverhill St.  
Lawrence, MA 01840-1264

**A Peek at the Week!!**

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**Saturday (January 28)**

9:45-10:30 a.m. — Rosary-Makers (CR)

6:30-9:30 p.m. — Family Bingo (PH)

**Next Sunday (January 29)**

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

Noon-6 p.m. — Cub Scouts activity (PH)

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**Monday Morning Bible Study Resumes**

*"Lord, teach us to pray." Luke 11:1*

How many times this past month has a friend, loved on, or even a stranger asked you to intercede for them in prayer? We are asked to pray for people, situations and various special needs of others.



Do you ever get discouraged and give up praying for someone because you don't see any visible results? Intercession is one of the most important ways that we share in the ministry of Jesus himself in this world.

Come join us on Mondays, as we discover what Scripture teaches us about praying for others, with an increased sense of God's presence and will. (Babysitting provided)

We will use "Intercession, A Guide to Effective Prayer," by Sr. Ann Shields, S.G.I. The cost is \$8.

Call Sandra, (704) 841-7562, to register and order a copy of the book. Or e-mail [sstclair2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ssclair2@carolina.rr.com).

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!



**Junior Youth Group**

Will Meet on FEBRUARY 11, 2006  
Which is the second Saturday in Feb.

This is a one time change. In March we will resume meeting on the first Saturday of every month.

**All Are Welcome at SJN**

Sue Rebich, a Special Needs professional and catechist, works with parents and children to incorporate persons with disabilities into Faith Formation programs best-suited to individual needs.

Please call Sue, at (704) 545-0242, or the Religious Ed office, (704) 535-4197, to inquire about how to register your child.

**Parish News** SPACE

**DERBY TAKES OFF!!** Come out next Sunday (Jan. 29) for the annual Pack 12 Space Derby. Bring your rocket, your family and be ready for some great fun.

It all starts at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, where you can register your rocket and enjoy the movie "Down and Derby," as the leaders finish final preparations for the big race. Details: John Silvestri, (704) 844-6720.

**THE SJN ROSARY MAKERS** will meet at 9:45 a.m. Saturday in the Council Room. For details, contact Joan Gillis at (704) 882-1144 or [jcgillisnc@peoplepc.com](mailto:jcgillisnc@peoplepc.com).

**COMING IN MARCH** — The Labyrinth Prayer Path and Family-Centered Lenten Soup-and-Salad programs. Volunteers will be needed. Call (704) 545-8916 for details.

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY** — Charlotte Right to Life is announcing its Hero for Life Scholarship Award. This award grants a \$2,000 educational scholarship to the winning applicant whose actions best champion the unborn and respect for life.

Applicants must be 14-18 years of age. For information, visit [www.charlottelife.org](http://www.charlottelife.org). Applications are due by Jan. 31, 2006. For info, e-mail Jason Beckert, at [stockwiz30@aol.com](mailto:stockwiz30@aol.com), or Debbie Capen, at [dmcapen@earthlink.net](mailto:dmcapen@earthlink.net).

**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.

**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).

SJN WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Actual	Budget
Jan. 14-15 weekend .....	\$ 13,720	\$ 14,658

**2005 Contribution Report Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please place in the offering basket or drop in the mail slot at the Parish Office.**

# Diocesan News ...

**A POLKA MASS**, the first ever in Charlotte, is planned for 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Ann Church. St. Ann is on Park Road at Hillside Drive. Call Jim Rebol, (704) 525-1832, for details.

**“CHILDREN AND GRIEF”** is the topic of a grief workshop scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Feb. 8 at St. Gabriel Church’s Ministry Center (Room C). The church is at the corner of Providence and Sharon Amity roads. Hospice & Palliative Care Charlotte Region will sponsor the program, which is designed to help people understand the ways children deal with deaths of friends and family.

**LAS VEGAS NIGHT** at St. Ann Parish will be from 6:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11. There’ll be gaming tables, food, music and the chance to win prizes. Cost is \$30 a person for entrance to the gaming room, food, one drink ticket, and 25 gaming chips. Reservations: call the St. Ann office, (704) 523-4641.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER** — Are you looking to put romance back into your relationship? Learn what other couples have learned. Treat you and your spouse to a romantic weekend. Call for details and upcoming weekends. Details: Tom and Emilie, (336) 274-4424, or [www.wwme-nc.info](http://www.wwme-nc.info).

**NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES** is a support program for grandparents and/or other relatives raising children age 5 or younger. The group is seeking volunteers to watch children during support group meetings for grandparents. Virtus training and background checks are required. Interested? 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 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. Matthew’s Knights of Columbus has opened their new Wedding and Reception Center, 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.