

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
Fax: 704.536.3147
Faith Formation Office: 704.535.4197
E-mail Address: sjncc@bellsouth.net
Web site: 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.

Your Parish Needs Your Help!!



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord ... To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 7)

The Holy Spirit has blessed us all with different gifts and talents. SJN has many opportunities for you to utilize your gifts and talents. We are looking for people to come forward to fill positions on our Parish Pastoral Council and to head our Service and Education (Word) Commissions.

You can use your gift of leadership experience to help set the direction for our Parish, support our ministries and volunteers, and provide parish representation to our Pastor.

If you feel you have the talents and the calling to serve SJN in this way and would like to learn more about these opportunities, please contact Fr. Thom, Patty Matys (704-847-4676) or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Members are listed on the SJN Web site, at www.4sjnc.org.

Parish Pastoral Council Information Night

WHAT IS THE SJN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL?

Your Parish Pastoral Council is hosting an INFORMATION NIGHT for parishioners to learn more about the responsibilities of this Council and what it is we do.

Please join us on Thursday, February 16 from 7:30 - 8:15 PM in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please contact Patti Matys (704) 847-4676.

START THINKING BASEBALL! SJN SIGN-UPS APPROACHING

Sign-ups for spring baseball are right around the corner! Come join the fun, make new friends, learn new skills, and enjoy the sport of baseball!

Baseball, softball and T-ball — ages 5-16 (boys must be 5 by Jan. 1, 2006; girls must be 5 by April 30, 2006). Girls' softball returns to slow-pitch this year.



Sign up in the Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. and noon Masses on Feb. 19 and 26. Questions? Call Dave Maher, (704) 442-1201.

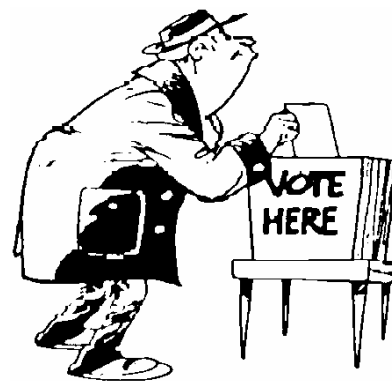
PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is providing an opportunity for all parishioners of High School age and older to let us know what's working, what's not working, and what needs improving to make our church better and to grow spiritually.

The PPC has put together a simple, four-page, confidential survey for you to complete. You may pick up a paper copy of the survey from the table in the Gathering Area, complete it, and put it in the return box located in the Gathering Area. Or, if you prefer, you may go on-line to the SJN website, www.4sjnc.org, and click on the link to the survey site and complete the survey there.

The survey will be open for two weeks. The information will be used by the PPC to prioritize the needs and desires of the parish.

Thank you for your cooperation in this effort.



Holy Masses This Week



MONDAY	9:15 AM	<i>Rhykerd family intentions (The family)</i>
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Lois Clorite (Knights of Columbus Council 7343)</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Richard Knopf Jr. (Knights of Columbus Council 7343)</i>
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Kenneth Raeker (Mary Yetta Hausle)</i>
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	<i>The Kelleher family (Ann Solnick)</i>
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	<i>+Theodore St. Pierre (Ann St. Pierre)</i>
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	<i>+Ron Bates Sr. (Rita Bates)</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>+Jim Matys (Bill & Connie Milligan)</i>
	Noon	<i>+Clete Mulheim (Orinko family)</i>
	6:00 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>



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

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, Chantal Saxon, Helen Servicky, Ann Solnick, Samantha Speer, Robert Tarr, James Wiberly, Douglas William, Marie Yoka.

This Week's Readings

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56.

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13.

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23.

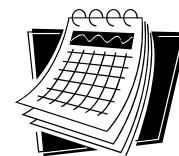
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30.

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37.

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10.

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45.

A Peek at the week!!



Today (February 5)

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
1-4 p.m. — Women's Guild meeting (AH)
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

Monday (February 6)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool
10 a.m.-noon — Bible Study (CR)
7-8 p.m. — Line dancing class (Beginner) (PH)
7-9 p.m. — Boy Scout Troop 12 committee meeting (CR)

Tuesday (February 7)

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

Wednesday (February 8)

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool
11 a.m.-1 p.m. — 50+ Club luncheon (PH)
6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir practice (CR)
6:45-8:15 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 meeting (CI 10)
7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)
7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

Thursday (February 9)

10-11 a.m. — Exercise class (PH)
11 a.m.-1 p.m. — K of C Auxiliary (PH)
7-8:15 p.m. — Youth Engaging Scripture program (AH)
7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (CI)
7-8:30 p.m. — Sat. 5:30 Choir Rehearsal (CR)
7-9 p.m. — Rosary-making class (PH)

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MH — Mini-Hall (in Classroom wing)

PH — Parish Hall

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 Tuesday and 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.



First Reconciliation for SJN Students

First Reconciliation for SJN second-graders and RCIC students will be at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Children and parents should arrive at 10 a.m. *Teachers arrive at 9:45 a.m.* Children should go to the assigned classroom (assignments will be posted in the Gathering Area). Parents should go to the church and sit in the last pews, toward the back of the church.

Parents should stay at SJN until their children have completed Reconciliation.

Required Meeting for 2nd-Graders' Parents

The Diocese of Charlotte and St. John Neumann Parish *require* parents of children preparing for First Communion to attend a theological update.

Several times will be offered for the Update and important information. Parents may attend during their children's class time or at any of the other times offered.

The programs will be offered:

Next Sunday (Feb. 12):

8:30-9:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
4:45-5:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15:

4:30-5:30 p.m.

OTHER RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS — Thank you to our parish family for your prayers and support for our son, Patrick Milligan, while he was serving our country in Iraq for a year. Patrick arrived in the USA on Jan. 15 to join his wife and baby at Fort Stewart, Ga. We praise God for his safe return and for each of you.

May God bless you ... **Connie and Bill Milligan**

SJN WELCOMES ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN — St. John Neumann Religious Education welcomes all children and teens into our programs.

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, for registration information.

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.

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.

A Peek at the Week!!



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Friday (February 10)

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

Saturday (February 11)

9:45 a.m.-noon — Second-Grade Reconciliation (Chu, GA, CI, CR)
6:45-9:45 p.m. — Junior Youth Group Social (PH)

Next Sunday (February 12)

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes
8:30-9:30 a.m. — Second-graders' parents' meeting (PH)
11 a.m.-noon — Second-graders' parents' meeting (PH)
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)
7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation classes (EW, AH)

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We Had A Big Time Last Saturday !!

Family Bingo last Saturday night was a huge success!

The Parish Hall was packed full of families playing Bingo, while enjoying pizza, drinks and desserts! Many thanks to all those on the Family Life Commission and with the Knights of Columbus for making this event possible.

Over \$660 was raised and goes directly to the special kids in our community, through the Knights of Columbus LAMB (Least Among My Brethren) program. Many of these dollars benefit our Special Ed program here at St. John Neumann Parish.

Special thanks to all the sponsors who donated gifts: Car-raba's, Outback Steakhouse, Coca-Cola, Wendy's, Chick-Fil-A, McDonalds, Cici's Pizza, Domino's, Brueggers, Mint Condition, and Schlotzsky's.

DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL: 'TOUCHED BY CHRIST'

By now you should have received a letter from Bishop Jugis, asking for your generous support of the Diocesan Support Appeal. Please give prayerful consideration to how you will respond, by filling out your pledge card and mailing it this week.

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

SHARE SUNDAY

St. John Neumann will observe Share Sunday next week-end. 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.

Parish News

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, in Austin Hall. All interested parishioners are invited.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday. A pizza lunch will be served after the meeting. If anyone is interested in joining the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Alice Hallett, at (704) 364-7441, or Claire Schmitz, at (704) 882-5474.

ROSARY-MAKING CLASS — For those of you who expressed interest in learning how to make the twine Rosaries we recently sold, there will be a "how-to" class from 7-9 p.m. Thursday.

This will take place in the Parish Hall. There is no cost, and all supplies will be provided. Details: Mike or Sue Tinker, (704) 573-9695.

COMPANION WANTED — An 84-year-old French Catholic grandmother seeks a live-in companion at Calloway Forest (3 bedroom/2 bath). SJN is 1 mile from Calloway Forest. The companion will help pay for utilities. Details: James Sirico, (704) 821-7121 (leave a message).

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.

WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED of teachers and assistants for the ESL classes, sponsored by the Evangelization Commission. Come by the Parish Hall any Thursday before 7 p.m. The next class is this Thursday.

BEGINNING LINE DANCING this Monday, Feb. 6 from 7-8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Call Laurel at 704.455.7956 for more information.

SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
Jan. 28-29 weekend	\$ 14,072	\$ 14,658

Thank you for supporting our Parish programs.

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 ...

“CHILDREN AND GRIEF” is the topic of a grief workshop scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday 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. 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.

YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINICS — The Holy Trinity Athletic Association and the Charlotte Royals Basketball program will hold clinics for boys and girls, grades 3-7, on Feb. 20 at Holy Trinity Middle School, on Park Road in south Charlotte. Clinics are from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a cost of \$25. Discounts are offered for teams or multiple family members. The clinic is directed by Sean Kilmartin, a former NCAA Division I coach and professional player in Europe. Details: Lynn Selland, (704) 366-6699, or contact Sean Kilmartin at rmssek@aol.com.

YOUNG WOMEN (high school age and up) are invited to attend a 24-hour Vocational Discernment Retreat, sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. These programs will be Feb. 25-26 and May 6-7. If you or someone you know might be interested, contact Sister Joseph Andrew at sjab@sistersofmary.org or call (734) 994-7437. Information also is available at www.sistersofmary.org.

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.wvme-nc.info.

PAID NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED — St. Stephen United Methodist Church has two positions open for Sunday morning nursery workers. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have experience working with children 4 years or younger. Pay is \$10 an hour. Details: Daniel Nelson, (704) 364-1824.

SECRETARY NEEDED — The Catholic Diocese’s Office of Development has an opening for a part-time secretary (21 hours a week). Candidates must be high school graduates who are computer-literate with Microsoft Office programs. Knowledge of Raiser’s Edge (by Blackbaud) is helpful but not required. Responsibilities include data entry, database management, fielding phone calls, and other office tasks. Submit resume by March 1 to Barbara Gaddy, Office of Development, 1123 South Church St., Charlotte, NC 28203, or to bagaddy@charlottediocese.org.