

# 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.

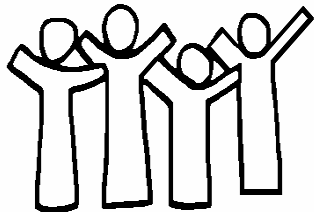
**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please pick up a registration form in the Gathering Area or stop by the Parish Office to register.

**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)

## An Invitation



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](http://www.4sjnc.org).

### **DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL: 'TOUCHED BY CHRIST'**

Please be generous to the DSA by sharing your gifts and blessings.

Your contribution to the DSA is a way of serving our brothers and sisters throughout the diocese and continuing the saving work begun by Jesus.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Information Night**

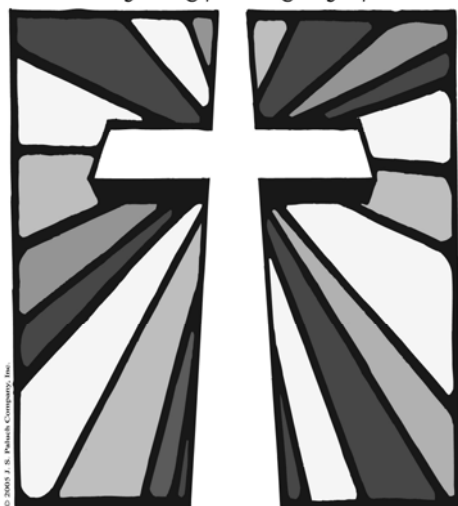
“WHAT IS THE SJN PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)?”

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 this 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.

**Don't forget to take home and complete a PPC Survey. They are located in the Gathering Area. Each confirmed family member is invited to participate.**

*Do everything for the glory of God*



### **“For the Glory of God ... “**

What is your true calling in life? Is it to help other people? Is it to develop the talents that God gave you?

We don't often recognize that our deepest calling, or vocation, is to give glory to the God who creates, saves, and sanctifies us.

How did Jesus give glory to God? Today's Gospel gives us a challenging example from Jesus' life. Jesus saves a leper from the stigma and suffering of leprosy. Afterward the leper joyfully returns to the community and tells everyone the good news about what Jesus did for him. As a result Jesus finds that he now experiences the exclusion that the leper had once known. He can no longer “enter a town openly” and must remain “outside in deserted places.”

How are we to imitate the Christ who worked such wonders? We are called to seek not our “own benefit but that of the many.” risking our own pride, status, time, money, or pleasure for the common good.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Kenneth Raeker (The family)</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>+Adam Bedritzsky (Julia Bedritzsky)</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>+Joe Layden (Charles Layden &amp; family)</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10:00 AM	<i>+Richard Knopf Jr. (K of C Ladies Auxiliary)</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>The Novak family (Ann Solnick)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	<i>+Marcos Lucci (Wife Cristina &amp; daughters)</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>+Florence Nice (Theresa Masares)</i>
	Noon	<i>+Clete Mulheirn (Hemby Bridge Elem. School staff)</i>
	6:00 PM	<i>+Charles Gossner (The Allemond family)</i>



**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Helen Bell, Bob Betters, 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, Walt Lesko.

Mary McGonagle, John Mood, 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, Marie Yoka.

### This Week's Readings

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13.  
**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21.  
**Wednesday:** Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26.  
**Thursday:** Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33.  
**Friday:** Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1.  
**Saturday:** Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13.  
**Sunday:** Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; Ps 41;  
 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12.

## A Peek at the Week!!



### Today (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)  
 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, AH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Older Confirmation class (CR)

### Monday (February 13)

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 10 a.m.-noon — Bible Study (CR)  
 7-9 p.m. — Lector Training (Chu)

### Tuesday (February 14)

7-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scout Pack 12 meeting (EW)  
 7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

### Wednesday (February 15)

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 4:30-5:30 p.m.—Second-graders' parents' meeting (PH)  
 6-7 p.m.— Children's Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
 7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)  
 7-9 p.m. — RCIA (Lib)

### Thursday (February 16)

10-11 a.m. — Exercise class (PH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (PH)  
 7-8:30 p.m.— Y.E.S. Youth Engaging Scripture (AH)  
 7:30-8:15 p.m.— Parish Pastoral Council Information Night (PH)

### Friday (February 17)

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)

### Saturday (February 18)

6:30-7:30 p.m. — Respect Life Committee Mtg (Lib)

### Next Sunday (February 19)

8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.—Baseball Sign-ups (PH)  
 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)  
 7-8:15 p.m. — Confirmation classes (EW, AH)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Older Confirmation class (CR)  
 7-8:45 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

### 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



### **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 next Sunday and again Feb. 26.

Questions? Call Dave Maher, (704) 442-1201.

### **Open Arms Preschool Taking Applications for 2006-07**

St. John Neumann's  
Open Arms Preschool,  
*enriching*  
the spiritual, academic and  
social growth and development  
of children,  
**is now taking applications  
for the 2006-2007 school year.**



Open Arms is for children ages 2, 3 and 4 (on or before Oct. 16, 2006). A non-refundable \$60 registration fee is due with the application.

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

### **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)



### **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:

#### **Today (Sunday):**

8:30-9:30 a.m.

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

4:45-5:45 p.m.

**Wednesday:** 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**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 Music Ministry**

Have you considered joining the Music Ministry at St. John?

There are no auditions and you don't have to read music to join!! You only need a desire to sing and to have fellowship with other church members. Why not join a choir today and share your talents?

This invitation extends to children as well. The Children's Choir rehearses each Wednesday from 6—7 p.m. in the Council Room. Come out and join the fun!!

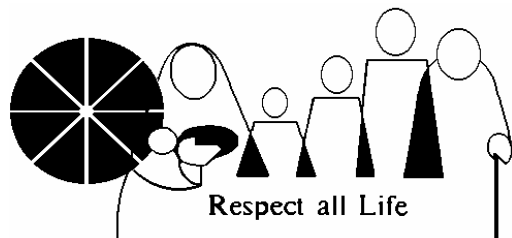
### **Piano Lessons held at SJN**

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.



**Spiritual Adoption Program ...  
A February Update**

**Month 4:** Thank you for praying for me. I'm bigger and stronger now. I'm about 9 inches long, and I weigh 4 ounces. When Mommy goes to the doctor, she can even listen to my heartbeat.

I hope that one day, I will run and play with friends like you.

**A Reminder**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.

*prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

Please remember to pray daily for your Spiritual Adopted Baby and the baby's mother and father.

**SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Feb. 4-5 weekend .....	\$ 14,783	\$ 14,658

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.)*

**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.**

# Parish News

**COMPANION WANTED** — An 84-year-old French Catholic grandmother seeks a live-in companion at Calloway Forest (3 bedroom/2 bath). Our church 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.

**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.

**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.

**THE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION'S** next monthly Peace and Justice Rosary will be at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome.

**EN ESPAÑOL:** El Santo Rosario se reza el último miércoles de cada mes a las 7:15 p.m. en la Capilla. Los esperamos!

**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.

**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.

# Diocesan News ...

**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](http://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.wwme-nc.info](http://www.wwme-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](mailto:bagaddy@charlottediocese.org).

**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.