

# 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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Faith Formation Office: 704.535.4197  
E-mail Address: sjnc@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.

## **Spaghetti Dinner ... Come and Join Us Saturday**

Next Saturday after 5:30 mass, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. ...

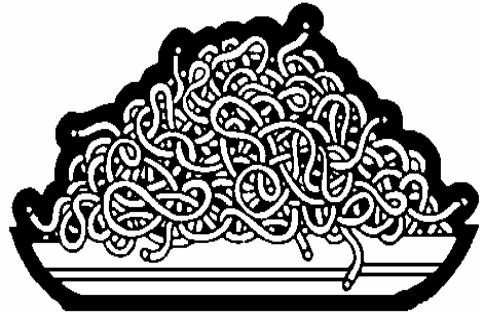
A fabulous Spaghetti Dinner for you and your family, hosted by Girl Scout Troop 1850

The dinner includes a plate of the most delicious spaghetti you have ever tasted, two meatballs, a fresh tossed salad, hot and crusty bread, and a cool refreshing drink. Desserts will be available for you to purchase as a take-home treat, or to eat on site.

Prices for the dinner are: **Adult**, \$3.50; **Child**, \$1.50; **Family**, \$10.

Tickets will be on sale in the Gathering Area after all Masses this weekend. For information, contact Donna Tarney, (704) 563-0628.

## **Spaghetti Dinner**



**Thank You for your participation  
in the Parish Pastoral Council's  
Parish Survey.**



### ***This Sunday's Message: A Magician's Trick***

When magicians perform their best magic trick, they might say, "This has never been done before!" Children in the audience may be astounded and gasp, but we adults know better.

Some of that spirit of disbelief can creep into our relationship with God, too.

When Jesus says to the paralyzed man and to us, "Child, your sins are forgiven . . . pick up your mat and walk" (Mark 2:5, 9), we may struggle to take him at his word. Like the cynical scribes, we adults may doubt that Jesus has enough power or mercy to forgive our sinfulness and empower us to change.

Yet Paul reminds us that "the son of God, Jesus Christ . . . was not 'yet' and 'no'" (2 Corinthians 1:19). Jesus Christ says "yes" to every sinner.

Jesus' authority to forgive sins on earth extends even to us!

### **2006 DSA: 'TOUCHED BY CHRIST'**

As we look at our lives and the many ways God has blessed us, let us give back a proportionate gift to the DSA, as a way of saying thank you to the Lord. God will never be outdone in generosity.

Your gift to the DSA is used only for the educational multicultural, vocational and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity.

Next week is Appeal Sunday. One of our parishioners, Mark Wahl, will speak to us for a few minutes about how the DSA changes the lives of people across the diocese, as well as those of us here at St. John Neumann Parish.

### **Headed for Branson**

The 50+ Club from St. John Neumann Parish is planning a trip April 30-May 8 to Branson, Mo.

If you're interested in going on the trip, contact Bob or Barbara Daigler, (704) 662-9572.

*Holy Masses  
This Week*



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Mark Kay Crotty (Richard Crotty)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Cristina Cordona (Maria, Johanna Alandette)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Jim Matys (K of C Council 7343)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	The Solnick family (Ann Solnick)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Kenneth Raeker (The family)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	+Edward McKnight (Dorothy McKnight and family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+Deceased members of the Fioramonti and Lucci families (Cristina Lucci, daughters)
	10:00 AM	People of the Parish
	Noon	+Joe Layden (K of C Council 7343)
	6:00 PM	+Lois Clorite (O'Sullivan family)



**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Helen Bell, Bob Betters, Lori Demmery, Linda Dolezan, Ryan Dolezan, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Gerry Grant, Shirley Hill, Wayne Hisgen, Lee Kales, Bette Keller, Frank Kocher, Walt Lesko. Patti Matys, 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 3:13-18; Mk 9:14-29.  
**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37.  
**Wednesday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19.  
**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50.  
**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12.  
**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16.  
**Sunday:** Hos 2:16b, 17b, 21-22; Ps 103; 2 Cor 3:1b-6; Mk 2:18-22.

*A Peek at  
the week!!*



**Today (February 19)**

8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Baseball signups (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)  
 7-8:30 p.m. — Confirmation classes (CI 11, 12, AH)  
 7-8:45 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)

**Monday (February 20)**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool teacher workday  
 7-8 p.m. — Line dancing class for beginners (PH)  
 7-9 p.m. — Boy Scout Troop 12 Board of Review (CR)

**Tuesday (February 21)**

7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

**Wednesday (February 22)**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir Rehearsal (CR)  
 7-8 p.m. — Evangelization Comm. Rosary (Chapel)  
 7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

**Thursday (February 23)**

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

**Friday (February 24)**

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 25)**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Richard Knopf Jr. funeral Mass  
 6:30-9:30 p.m. — Girl Scouts fund raising spaghetti dinner (PH)

**Next Sunday (February 26)**

8:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. — Baseball signups (PH)  
 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — SJN Players skit practice (PH)  
 4-6 p.m. — Seder Meal (PH)  
 4:45-5:45 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
 5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

**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



## **Big Monday at SJN: 3 Workshops on Feb. 27**

St. John Neumann Religious Education Department will host three special workshops on Monday, Feb. 27:

### **Protecting God's Children**

This workshop deals with ways of preventing sexual abuse. The workshop is **required** by the Diocese of Charlotte for all parish volunteers, employees and anyone using SJN facilities.

The workshop will be from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. To register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "Registration," or call (704) 535-4197.

### **Morality Workshop**

Bill Martin will be the presenter in this workshop, dealing with basic Catholic teaching on Morality. It's open to anyone interested and to those working on Level I Catechist Certification.

The workshop is from 6 to 8 p.m. in Classroom 1. To register, call (704) 535-4197.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

This workshop will be a good pre-Lenten exercise for all of us. It is an in-depth study and prayer experience.

The program is from 6 to 8 p.m. in Classroom 3. To register, call (704) 535-4197.

## **Congratulations!!!**

We congratulate Julie and Joe Novak, recipients of the Donna Griswold Catechist of the Year Award, which we give annually for outstanding dedication in the area of SJN catechesis.

Congratulations also to Deacon John Parrish, recipient of the Paul Keenan Service Award, for outstanding service work with the teens of our parish.

Many thanks to all of our wonderful, dedicated teachers, office volunteers, nursery workers, and weekday volunteers, for all that each of them do for our parish and the glory of God!

### **Just For You!!!**

**LENTEEN STUDY WITH DEACON JOHN** — Please join Deacon John on Wednesday afternoons, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Austin Hall, beginning this week. This Lenten study, titled "And Morning Came," will continue through April 5, except for March 29.

Babysitting is provided in the Parish nursery. Come for any or all of the sessions and *bring a friend*.

## **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.**

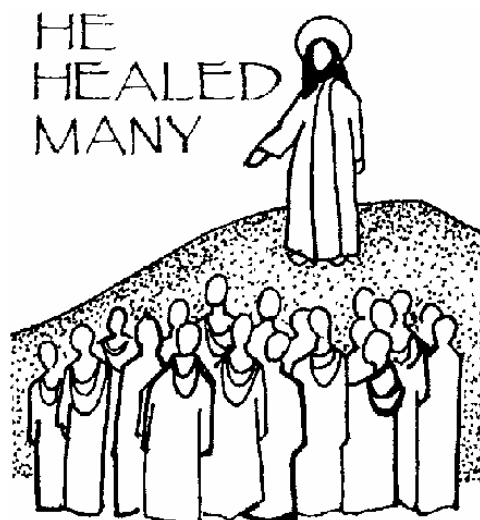
Open Arms is for children ages 2, 3 and 4 (on or before Oct. 16, 2006). A non-refundable \$60 registration fee is due with the application.

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

## **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.



## **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.



**Start Thinking Baseball!  
SJN Sign-Ups Under Way**

Sign-ups for spring baseball begin this weekend! 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 today (Sunday) and again next Sunday. Questions? Call Dave Maher, (704) 442-1201.



**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.

**Your Help Is Needed!**

Your Parish Pastoral Council is requesting your help in identifying prospective Council members to help guide our parish.

Nomination forms are available at the information desk in the Gathering Area, in the pews, and also on the parish web site — [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org). Self-nominations are encouraged.

If you have questions or need further information, contact Fr. Thom, Patti Matys (704-847-4676), or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Members of the council are listed on the church web site.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**THE EVANGELIZATION COMMISSION'S** next monthly Peace and Justice Rosary will be at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, 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!

**DINNER GROUPS?** Would you like to meet new people from SJN, in a small-group setting (four couples per group). Groups will meet monthly on a rotating basis at one another's homes for dinner.

Responsibility for cooking is shared by all. Adult singles also are welcome and encouraged to join. Details: Kristi, (704) 442-1201.

**SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

	Actual	Budget
Feb. 11-12 weekend .....	\$ 13,721	\$ 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.)*

# 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 Monday 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).

**THE STORY OF HELPING** will be told from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, when Catholic Relief Services presents "Fostering Justice Worldwide," a special event at The Church of Mary, Queen of the Apostles in Belmont. Catholic Relief Services will tell stories of its work in the Diocese of Charlotte, and all are invited. For details, call (704) 370-3234, or e-mail [justicepeace@charlottediocese.org](mailto:justicepeace@charlottediocese.org).

**SAVE THE DATE FOR GOLF** — The third annual Catholic Social Services Golf Tournament will be April 3 at Carolina Golf and Country Club. The event is dedicated to the ministry of Sister Eileen McLoughlin, who touched many lives in her 20 years as Catholic Social Services Counseling Supervisor. We are hoping to organize a foursome or multiple foursomes from St. John Neumann parish. For details, call (704) 370-3232.

**THE MAGIC OF IRELAND** can be discovered on a trip June 6-17 to western Ireland with Fr. Ed Sheridan. You'll spend 10 days, visiting Kinsale, Killarney, Galway, Wexford, Aran Islands and more. The cost is \$2,499, plus departure charges, and a \$500 deposit is required. It includes daily breakfast and six dinners, plus first-class hotels. Details: Diane Brennan, (704) 364-5131 or [dianepbrennan@earthlink.net](mailto:dianepbrennan@earthlink.net).

**JOBS NEEDED** — Catholic Social Services reports that a number of immigrants are having difficulty finding companies willing to employ them. Anyone in need of good help is asked to contact Linda Campbell of Catholic Social Services, at (704) 370-3257.