

# 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  
Priest in Residence: Rev. Joseph O'Connor, 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: Cindy Satink

## 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.



## Looking for Adventure? Come to SonTreasure Island!



Yes, It is Vacation Bible School time again at St. John Neumann. This year we are going to learn about the treasure of God's love using Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. The week for this adventure is **June 19 – June 23, 2006**. We will gather at 9:30 am and have lots of fun until 12:30 pm. Music, Bible time, games, crafts and snack are included in the day's schedule. The program is open to all **Rising Kindergartners through Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**. Cost is \$12.00 per child.

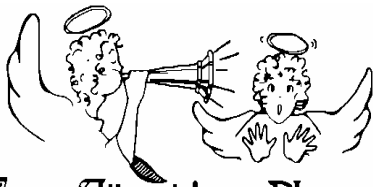
Volunteers are needed to help guide our island adventurers through this week of faith building. A program is provided, free of cost, for preschool children of volunteers.



Registration will begin the last weekend in April, so be ready!!



### ***Mother's Day Baby Shower ... for a Special Cause***



### ***Your Attention Please***

A Mother's Day Baby Shower for the benefit of Room at the Inn and the Charlotte Pregnancy Center is scheduled for next weekend (April 29-30) and the weekends of May 6-7 and May 13-14 at SJN.

Diapers have been requested by Room at the Inn. Any new baby items will gladly be accepted by the Charlotte Pregnancy Center.

The collection site: Playpen near the statue of St. John Neumann.

### ***Newcomers Reception Coming to SJN***

The next semi-annual Newcomers Reception, sponsored by the Parish Pastoral Council, is scheduled for this morning (Sunday), after the 10 a.m. Mass.

There will be coffee, juice and donuts, to help us celebrate and honor all of the new parishioners who have joined our parish since October of last year.

All "oldcomers" are welcome to come help make them feel at home.

## ***Let's Play Golf ... for 2 Very Good Causes***

**JEFF NOTO TOURNAMENT:** A charity golf tournament to benefit Jeff Noto, an active SJN parishioner who needs a kidney transplant, has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday, May 22. The tournament will be at Olde Sycamore Golf Course, on N.C. 218 in Mint Hill.

The entry fee is \$85 per golfer or \$320 for a four-member team. To register a golfer or team, or to make a donation, contact Ed McGrath, (704) 622-4815, or Jenny Noto, (704) 507-8251. The Noto family — Jeff, Lisa, Allison, Patrick and Jenny — appreciate your support!

**REAGAN POTTER TOURNAMENT:** Rikki Travis has scheduled a golf tournament for May 27, to help pay the medical costs of a cousin, Reagan Potter, a baby who underwent a heart transplant operation in January. This tournament also will be at Olde Sycamore Golf Course. If you want to play or have something that could be raffled off, please contact Rikki at reagensheart@yahoo.com, or at (704) 891-9074.

## Holy Masses This Week



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Easter novena intentions</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Deceased members and benefactors of O.S.A.</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Augustinian intention</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Theo Corona (Mark and Mary Beall)</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Mary Kay Crotty (Richard Crotty)</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+ <i>Virginia Bowen (Earl Gialanella)</i>
	10:00 AM	+ <i>Leonard Dacey (Jeannine Dacey &amp; Lenny)</i>
	Noon	+ <i>Theodore St. Pierre (Ann St. Pierre)</i>
	6:00 PM	+ <i>Irene Gosselin and Jeff Daudelin (Albert Gosselin and the Bateman family)</i>



**PLEASE PRAY** *for:*

**IN OUR PRAYERS** — Joan Battista, Bill Beck, Bob Betters, Marge Bolger, Steve Cipallio, Bill Cooper, Lori Demmery, Robert Dexter, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Giana Gallagher, Gerry Grant, Shirley Hill, Gina Judd, Bette Keller, Jeanne Kerr, Joanne Klein, Heather Blizard Leal, Walt Lesko.

Patti Matys, Mary McGonagle, Alexzander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Teri O'Hara, Diane Potter, Kathy Rice, Lenore Rickey, Chantal Saxon, Gerry Scanlon, Ann Solnick, Craig Stoll, James Wiberly, Marie Yoka.

**PRAY FOR DECEASED** — Erika Helen Hasher.

### ***This Week's Readings***

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8.

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20.

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21.

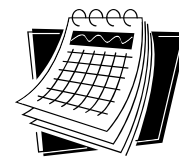
**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36.

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15.

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21.

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48.

## A Peek at the week!!



### **Today (April 23)**

8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
11 a.m.-noon — Newcomers' gathering (PH)  
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)  
7-8:45 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)  
7-9 p.m. — Commission Head Meeting (CR)

### **Monday (April 24)**

9 a.m.-1 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
10 a.m.-noon — Bible Study (CR)  
7 p.m. — Rite of Confirmation with Bishop Jugis

### **Tuesday (April 25)**

6-8:30 p.m. — Cub Scouts (PH)  
7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

### **Wednesday (April 26)**

9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Open Arms Preschool  
4:30-5:30 p.m. — Faith Formation classes  
6-7 p.m. — Children's Choir practice (CR)  
7-8 p.m. — Evangelization Commission Rosary (Cha)  
7-9 p.m. — Quilters group (AH)

### **Thursday (April 27)**

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

### **Friday (April 28)**

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)

### **Saturday (April 29)**

6:30-9 p.m. — Boy Scouts Court of Honor (PH)

### **Next Sunday (April 30)**

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)  
7-8:45 p.m. — Youth Group (PH)  
7-9 p.m. — Confirmation classes (GA)

### **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



### **Vacation Bible School Needs Your Help!**

Help us feed our Island adventurers this summer, as they search for the treasure of God's Love!

In the entrance hallway leading to the Gathering Area is a display, with slips of paper listing one food item. Please take a slip of paper, purchase the item listed, and return it to the donation boat by June 6.

If you cannot purchase an item, you can help us by saving and donating the following items in June:

- \*\*\*Plastic mesh bags from oranges, onions, etc.
- \*\*\*Paper towel tubes
- \*\*\*Large coffee cans with the lids.

Please drop off these items at the donation boat in the entrance hall.

If you have any of the following items and can lend them to us for the week of June 19-23, please contact Donna, (704) 563-0628, or Maria, (704) 455-6648:

Footlockers/trunks; surfboard; beach umbrella; fish net; grass skirts; beach balls; stuffed parrot/dolphin/fish/octopus, etc.; sand pails and shovels; snorkeling gear; bamboo poles and tiki lights (we will not light them!), Mardis Gras beads, play coin money, and lei necklaces.

*With your help, we will have the best VBS ever!*

### **School Year Ends for SJN Classes**

The last classes of the school year will be on Sunday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 10.

Classes for the new year begin on Sunday, Sept. 17.

#### **Other Religious Education News**

**WEDNESDAYS WITH DEACON JOHN** — Please join our growing study group as Deacon John continues "Living A Resurrected Life," held on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Austin Hall. Come anytime and bring a friend. Details: call (704) 535-4197.

**NURSERY DURING NOON MASS** — There is now a nursery for young children (ages 2 and younger) during the 12 noon Mass. The nursery will be in the Parish Nursery. Ana Real has generously volunteered her time to provide this service.

### **Registration for Ages 3 & 4 Co-Op Program**

Volunteer coordinators are in place for the 3-Year-Old Co-Op and 4-Year-Old Co-Op, for the upcoming school year. The classes are held during the 10 a.m. Mass, and parents take turns teaching the group.

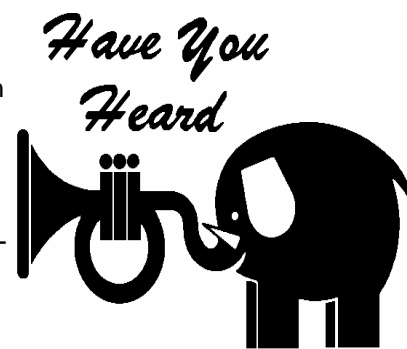
To register, complete a registration form, include a \$30 check (payable to St. John Neumann Church, to help with the cost of classroom materials), and return both to the Religious Education Office.

Forms are available in the Gathering Area and at the Religious Education Office. If you have questions, call the Religious Education Office, at (704) 535-4197.

Or for questions about the 4-year-old program, call Ann Henderson, (704) 573-4767. And if you have questions about the 3-year-old program, call Mary Chickoree, (704) 821-3684.

*Please note that the registration for for the Co-Op program is different from the primary Religious Education form.*

Registration forms also can be downloaded from the SJN Web site, [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org).



### **Youth Group Registration Now Under Way**

It is time to register for Youth Group (grades 9-12). SJN has one of the most active Youth Groups in the diocese, so don't miss the opportunity to make a difference in your life and the life of your church.

There is a *different* form for Youth Group registration for the upcoming school year. It is not part of the primary Religious Education registration form.

Forms are available in the Gathering Area, in the Religious Education office, and at the parish Web site, [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org).

The fee is \$25 per teen. Call (704) 535-4197 for details.

## Important Information About First Communion

Here is important information for families of children who will receive First Communion on Saturday, May 13.

**COOKIE CUTTERS AND RECIPES** are ready for pick-up in the Religious Education Office.

**A RETREAT** for children and **parents** is at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6. *NOTE: This is a new starting time, per Fr. Thom. At least one parent must attend with his/her child.*

**PRACTICES** for *all children* are on Monday, May 8. *Check your schedule for assigned time.*

**FIRST COMMUNIONS** are on Saturday, May 13. *Check your schedule for assigned time. Children and parents arrive ONE HOUR prior to Mass time.*

**Note: The beginning time for the first Mass has been changed to 10 a.m. Children celebrating First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass arrive at 9 a.m.**

**RECEPTIONS FOR FIRST COMMUNICANTS** — A cookie-and-punch reception will follow each of the First Communion celebrations. These receptions will be in the Parish Hall.

**MASS HONORING FIRST COMMUNICANTS** — First Communicants and their families are invited to attend the Mary's Day/Mothers Day Mass on Sunday, May 14. Children come dressed in their First Communion clothes and meet Connie in the Gathering Area.

Children will process into the Church and sit with Connie and teachers. After Mass, *children will sit and wait for a parent to pick them up.*

**NO PHOTOGRAPHY!!** No photography during the First Communion Mass, please. To respect the reverence of the occasion, Fr. Thom asks that there be NO photography during the Mass. Photography is allowed after the Mass.

### SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
April 8-9 weekend .....	\$ 17,029	\$ 14,658

The budget represents the amount needed to meet SJN's financial obligations. Thank you for your support of our parish community.

## Diocesan News

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be observed today (Sunday), at St. Matthew Catholic Church, on Ballantyne Commons Parkway at Rea Road. There will be traditional solemn Benediction and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The sacrament of Reconciliation will not be offered prior to the celebration.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** returns for another year, offering young adults (in their 20's and 30's) a chance to gather on Tuesday nights in a social setting to discuss matters of theology. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through May 9 at Pepperoni's Pizza, in the Park Road Shopping Center. Details: Catrina, (704) 665-7374 or C\_L\_Conway@hotmail.com.

**POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS** is a program of five 2 1/2-hour classes to be offered from 9:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, from this week through May 23. Classes will be at the St. Gabriel Church Fellowship Hall, at the corner of Sharon Amity and Providence roads. The classes are designed to help family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, increase their ability to make tough decisions, and better communicate with their feelings. Fee: \$18 for the book. Details: B.J. Dengler, (704) 382-5047, ext. 212.

**A BENEFIT BARBECUE** for Our Lady of Assumption Catholic School takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday on the OLA parking lot, on Shamrock Drive. The cost is \$7.50, for barbecue, vinegar slaw, beans and a bun.

**BEEF AND BEER** — that's the attraction from 7-11 p.m. Saturday at St. Ann's Parish Hall, when the Ladies and Men's Ancient Order of Hibernians sponsors a dinner and dance. Proceeds benefit the Charlotte diocesan seminarians and other Hibernian charities. There'll be entertainment by Chris Beachley of the Wax Museum of Charlotte, featuring oldies, beach music and other rock and roll. Tickets: \$15. Advance reservations: Maureen Eckl, (704) 362-5718; or Janice Donahue, (704) 948-3528.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU** — Learn the secrets to a successful relationship. The next World Wide Marriage Encounter weekend is May 5-6 in Hickory. For details, contact Tom or Emilie, (336) 274-4424, or check [www.wwme-nc.info](http://www.wwme-nc.info).

**THE SEMI-ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY** takes place at 3 p.m. May 7 at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Dilworth Road. This 31-year diocesan tradition includes the Holy Rosary, a Eucharistic procession, and Benediction. Come honor Our Lady and Our Lord. Details: Tina, (704) 846-7361.

# Parish News

**THE WOMEN'S GUILD** would like to thank Carl Scavatto for the talk he gave on the topic, "Women's Car Care Clinic." It was a very educational and informative lecture. Thanks again, Carl!

**JUNK IN THE TRUNK** — St. John Neumann's Women's Guild will hold its annual "Junk in the Trunk" attic sale from 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 20. The rain date will be June 3.

For parking space reservations and more information, call (704) 545-0420. A payment of \$20 reserves a parking space to sell your wares. If you prefer, you can send a check for \$20, made payable to St. John Neumann Catholic Church (with "Junk in the Trunk" in the memo line), plus your name, address and phone number.

The mailing address: SJN, 8451 Idlewild Road, Charlotte, NC 28227.

**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 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!

**TEACHER NEEDED** — ESL intermediate students are in need of a teacher. It is never too late to be a volunteer teacher or assistant for our English as a Second Language classes. Come to the Parish Hall before 7 p.m. any Thursday or call (704) 545-8916.

**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.