

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
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Fri. 9am—Noon, 1pm—4pm

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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.

Opportunities for Adults ... Special Program Wednesday: Children on Internet

If you are a parent, grandparent, teacher, mentor, caretaker or other interested adult, mark your calendar for a special presentation at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, in the St. John Neumann Parish Hall.



We have all heard about the exploitation of our youth through electronic media. This is a program of information addressing the risks of the Internet, particularly to children.

Several expert speakers will show how children are approached; how to work with your children and set guidelines; and some real, practical information to protect our young users, through settings on your computer.

Everyone who has children or works with children needs to be informed of the dangers, even if the children are very young (they grow up so fast!). Invite your friends and neighbors. All adults are welcome.

For information, call Chris, (704) 566-8818.

A Thank-You Letter to Our SJN Volunteers

As you might know, the St. John Neumann Rosary Makers make and send rosaries to missions throughout the world. We receive many letters from those who receive them and would like to share on with you today:

Loving prayerful greetings from the North East Indian Missions of Assam.

Thank you very much for sending me a parcel of rosaries. I was ordained a priest on the 19th of December. I have been appointed Assistant Parish Priest of this parish with 7,000 Catholics. The gifts you send go a long way in bringing joy and cheer among the people during my pastoral visits to the far flung villages and sub-centers.

Please do continue supporting our missionary ventures in whichever way is convenient for you. Above all, do keep us in your daily prayers. Be assured of our prayers for you, all your loved ones, and especially a remembrance during my celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

May God Bless you Always.

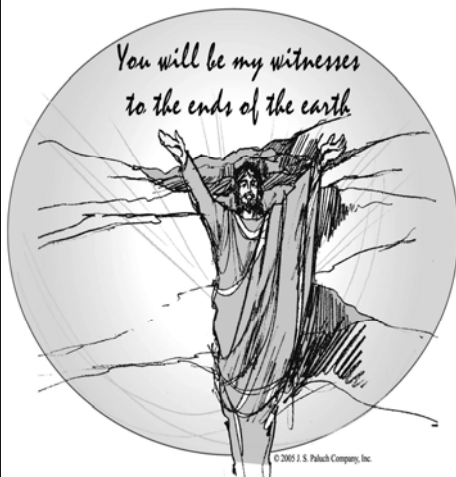
With lots of love and prayers,
Father Mackley Gomes

Calling All Graduates ... (or Their Parents)

It's graduation time, and we'd like to honor all of St. John Neumann Parish's high school and college graduates by mentioning their names in the bulletin in June.

Please contact the Parish Office — by phone or e-mail — with the names of any graduates.

The phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed in the front of this bulletin.



He left Us Gifts

Christ's followers must have been saddened, almost to the point of depression, when he ascended into heaven before their eyes. This was the man who had completely changed their lives — who brought them the Easter peace of reconciliation. Yet today's feast day of the Ascension also reminds us of another important point.

Jesus left his followers gifts that would always and forever make His presence known to them. And these gifts are at our disposal to this day. Every time we gather to celebrate the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we know the presence of the Lord.

Today is a day to celebrate the **departure** of Christ from this world; it is a day to celebrate the enduring presence of the Lord.

*Holy Masses
This Week*



MONDAY	9:15 AM	+Jorge Alandette (Maria, Johanna Alandette)
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	+Conleth Pereira (His sisters)
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	+Howard Cope (Kuks family)
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	+Sophie Mason (Margaret & Wally Mason)
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	+Ann Solnick (Julie & Joseph Novak)
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	People of the Parish
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	+Edward McKnight (Dorothy McKnight and family)
	10:00 AM	+Frances Kula (Theresa, Joseph, Jim and Marie)
	Noon	+Clete Mulheim (Orinko family)
	6:00 PM	Margaret & Wally Mason anniversary intentions (The Masons)



IN OUR PRAYERS — Joan Battista, Bill Beck, Bob Betters, Marge Bolger, Thomas Carney, Steve Cipallio, Bill Cooper, Lori Demmery, Robert Dexter, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Giana Gallagher, Virginia Giannotti, Gerry Grant, Gina Judd, Bette Keller, Jeanne Kerr, Joanne Klein, Heather Blizzard Leal.

Alexzander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Teri O'Hara, Dianna Potter, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Kathy Rice, Lenore Rickey, Chantal Saxon, Gerry Scanlon, Ann Solnick, Samantha Speer, Craig Stoll, James Wiberly.

This Week's Readings

- Monday:** Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33.
- Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a.
- Wednesday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56.
- Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26.
- Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19.
- Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25.
- Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15.

A Peek at
the week!!



Today (May 28)

7:30 a.m.-noon — Biscuit sale (PH)
5-6 p.m. — Youth Choir rehearsal (Chu)

Monday (May 29)

Memorial Day — no events scheduled.

Tuesday (May 30)

7-8:30 p.m. — Parish Council interviews (Lib)
7-9 p.m. — Sunday choir rehearsal (Chu)
7:30-9:30 p.m. — Prayer Group (Lib)

Wednesday (May 31)

6:45-8:15 p.m. — Girl Scout Troop 1850 meeting (CI 10)
7-8 p.m. — Evangelization Commission Rosary (Cha)
7-9 p.m. — Quilters meeting (AH)
7:30-9:30 p.m. — "Children and the Internet" program (PH)

Thursday (June 1)

10-11 a.m. — Exercise class (PH)
7-8:30 p.m. — ESL classes (CI)
7-9 p.m. — Saturday Mass choir practice (Chu)

Friday (June 2)

6:30-8:30 p.m. — Girl Scout Troops 1112 and 1850 meetings (AH)
7-11 p.m. — Bingo (PH)

Saturday (June 3)

6:45-9:45 p.m. — Junior Youth Group social (PH)

Next Sunday (June 4)

1-4 p.m. — Women's Guild meeting (AH)
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

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.



Thanks to All!

Many thanks and God's blessings to all who helped with the SJN First Communion Class of 2006 ~~~

THE CATECHISTS: Michele Casale, Sarah MacQuarrie, Anne Hermann, Rita Ehlers, Shelly Brannan, Kelly Santore, Nancy Hasty, Chantal Saxon, Jackie Hayes, Vanessa Fitzgerald, Christina Irizarry, Amy Wiesenhan, Marion Brandl, Christine Bone, Amy McEntee, Donna Rayle, Claudia Cicero

RETREAT LEADERS: Irene Kilzer, Mike & Sue Tinker, Donna Smith, Tricia Wagner

RECEPTIONS: Family Life Commission

CHILDREN'S GARDEN FIRST COMMUNION SIGN: Joe Martus

ROSARY MAKERS: Mike and Sue Tinker

COMMUNION BREAKFAST: Knights of Columbus

MUSIC: Lance Burnette and Choir

PASTOR: Father Thom

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF: Sondra, Benita, Donna Tarney, Connie

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!), Mardi Gras beads, play coin money, and lei necklaces.

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



**Special Diocesan Conference
Planned in Asheville**

Bishop Jugis invites all parishioners, particularly those in the Western region of the Diocese, to participate in our first Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, to be held June 24 in Asheville.

This Diocesan Eucharistic Conference will be at St. Lawrence Basilica and the Asheville Civic Center, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Theme is "The Love of Christ Impels Us" (from 2 Corinthians 5:14).

The program ... **9 a.m.**, Mass at St. Lawrence; **10 a.m.**, Outdoor Eucharistic Procession; **11 a.m.**, Eucharistic Holy Hour; **Noon**, Keynote address by Catholic evangelist Patrick Madrid; **1 p.m.**, Bishops's Blessing and Close of the Conference.

First Communicants dressed in their First Communion dresses and suits are welcome to walk in the procession, under the care of their parents.

This conference is in preparation for the Diocesan Eucharistic Conference in Charlotte, set for Oct. 6-7.

Diocesan News

A ROSARY AND BENEDICTION is scheduled following the Vigil Mass next Saturday evening at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Dilworth Road. Deacon Carlos Medina will lead a Rosary, for an end to abortion and the culture of death, followed by Benediction. This event will take place on the first Saturday evening of each month. Details: Tina, (704) 846-7361.

FOSTERING JUSTICE WORLDWIDE — Come and learn about global solidarity, and how you can support the work of Catholic Relief Services. This program is set for 1:30-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24, at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 8015 Ballantyne Commons Parkway. It includes a number of presentations, including "Every Bean Counts," with Ethan Fogleman and Dave Jernigan of Larry's Beans, a Fair Trade coffee distributor in Raleigh; and "Nuts and Bolts of Advocacy," with the Rev. George Reed, Executive Director of the N.C. Council of Churches. There is no registration fee, and all are welcome. The event is sponsored by the diocese's Office of Justice and Peace.


A VOLLEYBALL CAMP is scheduled for July 17-21 at Charlotte Catholic High School for girls who will be in 5th through 9th grades next year. Camp directors are Tim Leary, the coach at Catholic High, and Bettie Berry, coach at Myers Park High. For details, call Bettie Berry, (704) 521-8721.

KAMP GABE 4 KIDS is a summer day camp for children (ages 3 1/2 to rising sixth-graders), offered from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the summer. The camp provides science, drama, arts and crafts, games and sports activities. For details, call (704) 846-6558.

ST. ANN'S CAMPS — St. Ann's FUNdamental camps will offer two weeks of basketball camp this summer. Sessions are July 10-14 and July 31-Aug. 4. There are two sessions each of those weeks — from 9 a.m. to noon for rising K-5th graders, and from 1-4 p.m. for rising 6th-8th graders. The cost is \$100, which includes a T-shirt, certificate and daily snack. Directors are Kym and R.C. Deer. For details or to register, call (704) 665-7807 or check www.fundamentalcamps.com.

CATHOLIC EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE — Fr. Michael Kottar will lead a Carnival Victory cruise to the eastern Caribbean from Jan. 21-28. Prices start at \$1,300 per couple, which includes port fees and taxes. Family rates are available. Daily Mass offered. Details: Phil or Terri DeLuca, (704) 888-6050.

PERPETUAL ADORATION is available for all members of the clergy and laity in the Diocese of Charlotte, at St. Gabriel Church. Any parishioners interested in this Apostolate and who can make a firm commitment to Adoration of the Risen Christ for one hour a week is welcome to join the Perpetual Adoration Society. Details: call Kathleen Potter, (704) 366-5127; or e-mail Terry Duggan, at terriduggan@earthlink.com.



Memorial Day

Memorial Day Holiday

Monday is a special day, dedicated to the memory of the men and women who have given their lives in defense of the freedom that we enjoy in the United States.

Please keep all our military service members in your prayers.

In observance of the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Monday.

SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
May 20-21 collection	\$ 14,452	\$ 14,658
Combined Missions.....	\$ 4,284	

Thank you for supporting your parish and it's many ministries through your time, talents and treasures.

Parish News

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.

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 ESPAÑÓLES: 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, 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.

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.