

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
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Russell A. Ortega, OSA
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. John Parrish
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Director of RCIA: Donna Rayle
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Scheduling Coordinator: Benita Bryson
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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:

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Faith Formation Office: 704.535.4197
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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

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.

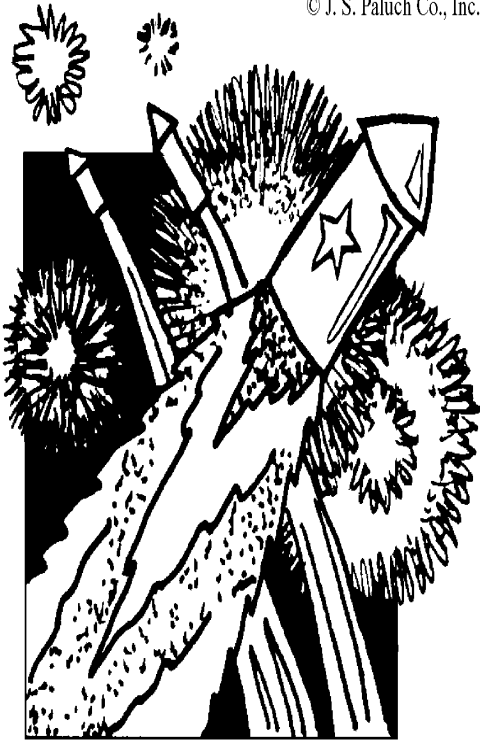
WEDDINGS: Couples planning to be married should call the Parish Office and schedule an appointment with a priest at least six months prior to your planned wedding date.

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.

God Bless the U.S.A.

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A REMINDER: *The Parish office will be closed Tuesday, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.*

I AM AN AMERICAN ... listen to my words. Listen well, for my country is a strong country, and my message is a strong message.

I AM AN AMERICAN ... and I speak for democracy and the dignity of the individual.

I AM AN AMERICAN ... and my ancestors have given their blood for freedom:

On the green of Lexington and the snow of Valley Forge,
On the walls of Fort Sumter and the fields of Gettysburg,
On the waters of the Marne and in the shadows of the Argonne,
On the beachheads of Salerno and Normandy and the sands of Okinawa,
On the bare, black hills called Pork Chop and Old Baldy and Heartbreak Ridge, a million and more of my countrymen have died for freedom.

I AM AN AMERICAN ... and my country offers freedom and opportunity such as no land before it ever has done:

Freedom to work, as mechanic or farmer, as merchant or truck driver.

Freedom to think, as chemist or lawyer, as doctor or priest.

Freedom to love, as child, as parent, sweetheart, husband, wife.

Freedom to speak, to pray, to read, to argue, to praise, to criticize.

I AM AN AMERICAN ... and I speak for democracy and the dignity of the individual.



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This Weekend's Scriptural Message

At this bountiful time of year, our Sunday readings teem with life and abundance.

Both the first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, and the Gospel passage from Mark assure us that God did not make death or even will us to be ill. Illness and death entered the world through the presence of evil, the Wisdom author tells us.

Mark's stories of Jesus healing a hemorrhaging woman and resuscitating a dead little girl make it clear that Jesus is from God. As the Son of God he does not will that anyone suffer illness or death.

In the face of such power, the second reading, from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, provides a stark contrast. Jesus, who could raise the dead to new life, "though he was rich, for your sake he became poor" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

Our gift of new life from Christ demands our response in charity.

*Holy Masses
This Week*



MONDAY	9:15 AM	<i>M. Melber, for Thanksgiving and Perseverance (The Loggins family)</i>
TUESDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Betty Licata (Ted & Nancy Sardinia)</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Salvatore Culosi (The Evangelisto family)</i>
THURSDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Hernando Rio (Mary Yetta Hausle)</i>
FRIDAY	9:15 AM	<i>+Agatha Riba Smith, Mother of Nowana Kean (Jerry & Rita Ratchford)</i>
SATURDAY	5:30 PM	<i>People of the Parish</i>
SUNDAY	7:30 AM	<i>+Margaret F. Reimel (Her Brother & Family)</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>+John Masgay (John & Marion CasaSanta)</i>
	Noon	<i>+Clete Mulheim (Orinko family)</i>

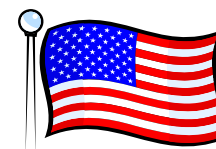
 **PLEASE PRAY for:**

ACUTE PRAYER NEEDS — Joan Battista, Bill Beck, Bob Betters, Marge Bolger, Steve Cipallio, John Ciucevich, Robert Dexter, Robert Dopman, John Flaherty, Gina Gallagher, Gerry Grant, Gail Horne, Gina Judd, Bette Keller, Richard Lashua, Heather Blizzard Leal, Frances LoRusso, Teri O'Hara, Dianna Potter, Kathy Rice, Lee Rowe, Gerry Scanlon, Ann Solnick.

LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS — Sonya Castellino, Lori Demmery, Christy Iburg, Cameron James, Jeanne Kerr, Alexzander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Joseph Parish, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Lenore Rickey, Chantal Saxon, Judy Saxon, Samantha Spear, Elizabeth Tucker, James Wiberly.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED --- William R. Beck, brother of Ann Lord.
Cele (Cecilia) Bespalko
Robert Calore, brother of Eileen Grunthaner
Rose DeLuca
Thomas Carney, father of Cindy Satink
Hans Peter Flick
Virginia Gianotti.

*A PEEK AT
THE WEEK*



Sunday, July 2

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Youth Group (AH)

Monday, July 3

9:45 am – 11:45 am 50 Plus Board Meeting (L)

Tuesday, July 4

Happy 4th of July

Friday, July 7

6:00 pm – 10:15 pm Bingo (PH K)

Sunday, July 9

1:30 pm – 2:45 pm Columbian Squires Mtg. (AH)

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Youth Group (AH)

Events Site Abbreviations

AH – Austin Hall

K – Kitchen

L – Library

PH – Parish Hall



WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS

We are so happy to have you join St. John Neumann Parish. Please take the time to fill out a Parish Registration form, located in the Gathering Area. Forms also are available from the Parish Office, during normal office hours.

The completed form may be brought to the Parish office or put in the collection basket. If you have any special needs or questions, please do not hesitate to call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520.

This Week's Readings

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29.

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:2-27.

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34.

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9: 1-8.

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13.

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17.

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.



Parish News



Youth Echoing the Spirit!

SJN Youth/Young Adults

YES! We do meet today! A Huge

Thank you to all the Youth and their

Families for helping with the Planting and Pruning Party.

Lots of Sweat & hard work. Stop in at Austin Hall to check

it out. ***A Special Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Breatly (our

Chef) and Mr. & Mrs. Reiher for their fellowship & help

during our Graduation Party for the Seniors.

Austin Hall 532-9402

Summer Dates

July 9th
July 23rd
July 30
Aug. 6th
Aug. 13
Aug. 27



New Time!
6pm - 8:30
Austin Hall

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.

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

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 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.

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.

Catholic Resources Online

If you are looking for some good online Catholic resources, try these:

CatholicQandA.org — Catholic questions, answers and online discussions.

salvationhistory.com — Free online Catholic Bible Study courses.

oncecatholic.org — Perfect for an inactive Catholic.

And don't forget to check our parish Web site, **www.4sjnc.org**, which has parish news, a copy of the weekly bulletin, schedules for Religious Education classes and Eucharistic ministers, and much more.



**Everything You Need
to Know About SJN ...**

... Whether you are new to SJN or have been here for years ...

Do you know where to find an updated list of what Ministries, Services and Activities SJN has available?

If you have a need, or if you are seeking to participate in a Stewardship of Time and Talent, please take a look at the revised **Parish Resource Directory**.

Copies are available through the Parish Office and at the parish Web site, at www.4sjnc.org. Our homepage has a link to the current document. Questions can be directed by phone or e-mail to the Parish Office, or to John Silvestri, at 704-844-6720, or jps4x4@earthlink.net.

**Bereavement Ministry
Invites Those in Need**

Grief, loss ... we all experience it.

The SJN Bereavement Ministry invites you to join us the *third* Thursday each month for a Grief Support Group. We'll meet in the church library from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, July 20.

All are welcome, whether you're currently grieving due to a recent death, or if you are at peace after a long journey through the grieving process.

We can all support and learn from each other. Questions? Call Cindy Satink, (704) 573-5143.



**RECENT
BAPTISMS**

We congratulate the families of these children, who recently became members of our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Cameron Vincent Edwards.
- Kayla Brooke Edwards.
- Kristina Marie Hernandez.
- Nicholas George Hernandez.
- Amelia Magdalena Lachowski.
- Christopher Andrew Martin.
- Sage Joseph Nejeschleba.
- Ava Nicole Rosenquist.
- Caleb Haze Wilson.

**Y.E.S.
We Need
Your Help**

Pass on your perennials!

SJN Youth Echoing the Spirit (Y.E.S.) is looking for perennials to plant around Austin Hall.

Please, if you are doing any thinning or pruning of your perennial plants, call us! We will gladly come and pick up any that you have.

Austin Hall also is in need of a refrigerator. If you have an extra for donation, please let us know!



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

Give the gift of friendship, laughter, play and learning at St. John Neumann's Open Arms Preschool, *enriching* the spiritual, academic and social growth and development.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ages 2, 3 and 4 (on or before Oct. 16, 2006). Classes meet from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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

SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
June 24-25 collection	\$ 12,874	\$ 14,658

Thank you for supporting your parish and its many ministries through your time, talents and treasures.

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 ...

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.

THE LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM, a ministry formation program for all of those interested in knowing more about their faith and putting it into practice, will have classes for the 2004-2005 year in several cities, including Charlotte. This program is ideal for those involved in parish ministry, interested in the Permanent Diaconate, or wanting to grow in their faith. If you are interested in the program, contact Frank Villaronga, (704) 370-3274, or at fvillaronga@charlottediocese.org.

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.

SHINING STARS Adult Day Respite is in need of volunteers who enjoy people, have a sense of humor, and believe that "to whom much is given, much is expected." Shining Stars meets from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at St. Gabriel Church. It also is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Sardis Presbyterian Church. Details: Suzanne Bach, (704) 335-0253.