

# 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  
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  
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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: John Kane  
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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## 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

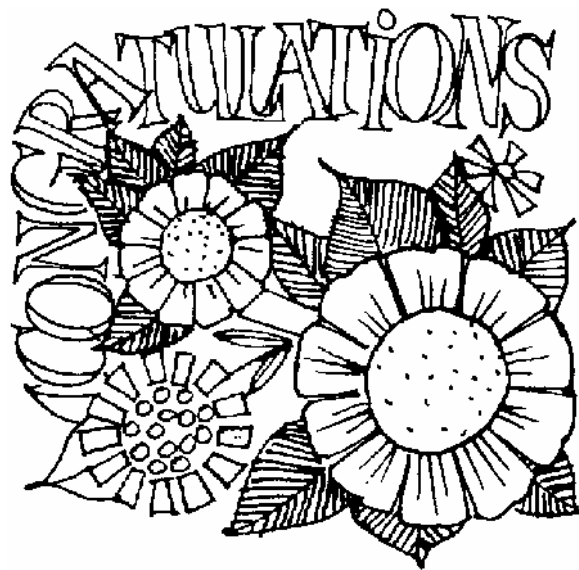
Sunday during 10am Mass  
(for ages infant to 2 years of age)

**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.



## A Big Day for Our Fellow Parish

In case you missed the news, our sister parish in Montgomery County — Our Lady of the Americas Church — recently dedicated its new church facilities.

Bishop Peter Jugis and Bishop Emeritus William Curlin were on hand for the ceremonies June 25, along with about 1,000 parish members and guests. Our Lady of the Americas was established in 1988 and has grown remarkably in recent years, serving the Hispanic population of Montgomery and surrounding counties.

St. John Neumann Parish has been a partner with Our Lady of the Americas. For several years, our parish has held food and clothing drives to help the church's members, many of whom hold low-wage jobs and are in need of healthcare. In fact, another shoe drive for the younger members of Our Lady of the Americas is under way now. See details in this week's bulletin.

Bishop Jugis delivered part of the June 25 homily in Spanish. "Here in the new church, we come to worship and praise Jesus Christ, and celebrate the mystery and presence of Jesus Christ," Bishop Jugis said, in a recent story published by the Catholic News & Herald.

The first Mass at Our Lady of the Americas was said in 1990. A fund raising drive began in mid-1999, and groundbreaking for the new church took place on April 9, 2005.

The new facility covers 24,000 square feet on 16 acres. It has a worship area, a social hall, four classrooms and meeting rooms. The Catholic News & Herald story noted that the new altar contains relics of St. Augustine, donated by St. John Neumann Parish. Our Lady of the Americas also has a bell carillon, which is programmed with more than 100 hymns for daily Masses and special feasts. All of us at St. John Neumann Parish congratulate our fellow Catholics at Our Lady of the Americas. Please keep this growing parish in your prayers — and remember to help in our various charitable efforts during the year.

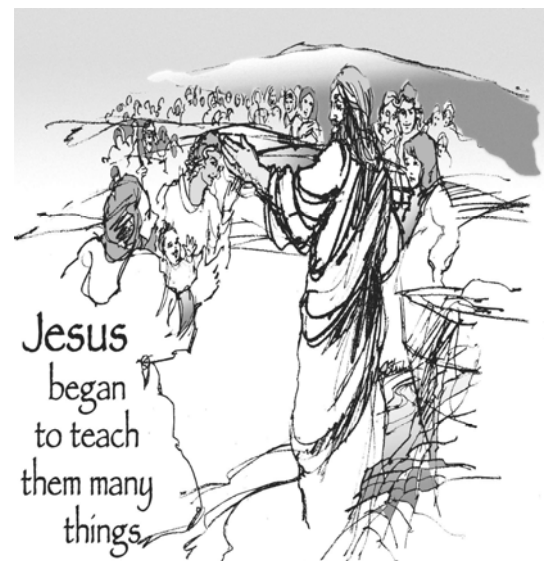
### **Today's Message: Not Me!**

Harsh words from Jeremiah today. Or more precisely, harsh words from the Lord, spoken through the prophetic mouth of Jeremiah.

Lucky for us that these words are directed at somebody else, those "shepherds" who are misleading the sheep of God's pasture. The shepherds, after all, are those who are in official positions, who hold hierarchical status, or who, at the very least, get paid a salary by the diocese or parish.

It is easy enough to point a finger and say that, come to think of it, those shepherds have been misleading the flock lately. But it is perilous to ignore the voice of the Lord on the prophets' lips. The divine will of which they speak applies to everybody, and contains some truth about all of our lives.

No matter what we might think our role or place is within the fold, each of us has some responsibility to be a shepherd in daily living. In the smallest acts of justice, charity, or compassion we are living out the call to be God's voice, God's presence, God's caring and guiding hand in the world.



*Holy Masses  
This Week*



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Dr. Frank Gray (The Family)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Sally D'Cunha (Robert & Adela Castellino)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Bert Pike (The Family)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Mary Kay Crotty (Richard Crotty)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+Helen Kocsis (The Kocsis Family)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	Rhykerd Family Intentions (The Family)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	People of the Parish
	10:00 AM	+Walter Kula (Theresa, Joseph, Jim & Marie)
	Noon	+Clete Mulheirn (Orinko Family)

 **PLEASE PRAY for:**

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

**LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS** — Sonya Castellino, Amy Deal, Lori Demmery, Robert Dopman, Carol Hale, Christy Iburg, Cameron James, Jeanne Kerr, Joe Kish, Alexzander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Lenore Rickey, Kathi Roberts; Chantal Saxon, Judy Saxon, Samantha Spear, Elizabeth Tucker, James Wiberly.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** --- Hans Peter Flick, husband of Irma Flick; Joseph Parrish, brother of Deacon John Parrish; Bill Prudhomme, brother of Jim Prudhomme

***This Week's Readings***

**Monday:** Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1.  
**Tuesday:** Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24.  
**Wednesday:** Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27.  
**Thursday:** Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30.  
**Friday:** Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8.  
**Saturday:** Mi 2:1-5; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18.  
**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34.

*A Peek at  
the Week*



<b>Sunday, July 16</b>	1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Council 7343 Installation (C)
<b>Tuesday, July 18</b>	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Sunday Choir Rehearsal (C, CR)
	7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Prayer Group (L)
<b>Wednesday, July 19</b>	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Quilters Meeting (AH)
	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	RCIA Catechumenate (L)
	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	RCIA Inquiry (RE-L)
<b>Thursday, July 20</b>	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Bereavement Ministry (L)
<b>Friday, July 21</b>	6:00 pm – 10:15 pm	Bingo (PH,K)
<b>Sunday, July 23</b>	6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Youth Group (AH)

*Event Site Abbreviations*

AH – Austin Hall	C – Church
CR – Council Room	K – Kitchen
L – Library	PH – Parish Hall
RE-L – Rel. Ed. Library	



***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.



## Shoe Drive Returns; A Chance to Help Others

*The Summer Shoe Drive is returning to SJN...*

The third annual shoe drive, to benefit school-age children of the Biscoe community (our Latino partner parish in Montgomery County) will kick off in mid to late July.

Be sure to watch posters and bulletin announcements for upcoming details.

Last year, the SJN community generously donated 300 pairs of shoes and socks. We hope to collect even more this year. Thank you for your continuous support.

## Planning A Baptism?

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 St. John Neumann Church on a monthly basis.

Please call the Parish Office, (704) 536-6520, to register for the class and schedule the Baptism.

## SJN WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

	Actual	Budget
July 1-2 collection .....	\$ 14,238	\$ 15,307
July 8-9 collection .....	\$ 13,250	\$ 15,307

***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.)*

# Parish News

**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).

**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, July 26, 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.

## Respect Life Corner ...

**SPIRITUAL ADOPTION, MONTH 9** — It's my birthday! Thank you **so much** for all your prayers. Because you prayed for me, I got the best of all gifts — **LIFE!**

*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

FAMILY 60'S NIGHT  
  
 LIVE CONCERT

Byrds.....Dylan.....Beatles....  
 Cash....  
 And More!!!

Bring your families and friends!  
 Share Peace, Music, Dancing, and  
 Food

✌ Y.E.S. Band Performing ✌

All proceeds go to the church, come  
 give your support!

S.J.N. Parish Hall

Aug. 12, 2006, Saturday 6:30pm

\$5.00 a ticket

Food sold additional

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

The SJN Youth group, Echoing the Spirit (Y.E.S.), is looking for items for its upcoming fund raiser. Your help is greatly needed.

For information about what we need, please call the parish office, (704) 536-6520.

Also, we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, for their generous contribution of a refrigerator to Austin Hall. Thank you so much!!!

**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.

**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](http://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](mailto:jps4x4@earthlink.net).

**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.

# Diocesan News ...

**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 one more week of basketball camp this summer — the week of July 31-Aug. 4. There are two sessions — 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](http://www.fundamentalcamps.com).

**A ROSARY AND BENEDICTION** will follow the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, Aug. 5, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, on Dilworth Road. The Rosary will be offered for an end to abortion and all the culture of death. Please join in this prayer for God's precious unborn children, and the awesome gift of Benediction.

**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](mailto:fvillaronga@charlottediocese.org).

**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. The deadline for the first deposit is Wednesday. 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](mailto:terriduggan@earthlink.com).