

# 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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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: John Kane  
Finance Council Chairperson: Joe Fiato  
Bereavement Ministry Director: Cindy Satink

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Fri. 9 am-noon, 1 pm-4 pm

## FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.-Thurs. 9 am-3 pm

## 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, 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.

# HARVEST YOUR GIFTS



This fall, St. John Neumann Parish will be celebrating its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL EFFORT. This is the time to reflect and realize that we are truly blessed by God with many gifts, and with an attitude of gratitude, we have opportunities to give back by loving and serving God's people.

Each of us is like a gift package from God. Our combination of gifts is truly unique. *Not one of us has ever been replicated on this earth!* Our giftedness includes our talents and abilities, styles, interests, experiences, preferences, and passions for serving in the world. Our gifts are part of an abundant web of goodness in our faith community. These gifts were given to us so that we might minister together as partners in God's work in the world. And our gifts are meant for us to enjoy too! When we live out our gifts, we discover the joys of an abundant life.

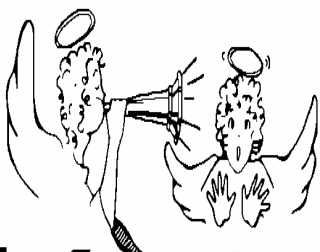
Over the next few weeks, the Sunday bulletin will include information and an "exercise" to help each of us think about the talents and interests and skills that God has given us. We hope you will take the time to look at this material and reflect on its meaning for you. This process may lead you to discover ways to HARVEST YOUR GIFTS!

*What should I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me? --Ps 116:12*

## Camp C.A.R.E. Walk Wants YOU!!!!

Camp C.A.R.E. (Cancer Ain't Really the End) has set a date for its annual Walkathon in memory of P.J. St. Martin and Zack Dobbin, so mark your calendar now.

**10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 — at the Butler High School track**



Your Attention Please

Join the youth of the Confirmation program here at SJN, as we raise money in support of this wonderful organization. The proceeds will be used to fund a week-long, summer camp for children with cancer who are being treated in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

Every participant will receive a water bottle for use during the walk, and will enjoy lunch afterwards.

— Collect \$50 or more in donations and receive a free T-shirt.

Look for information in the Gathering Area or call Donna Tarney, (704) 563-0628.

## Here's Your Chance to Comment on Survey Results

On Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m., the Parish Pastoral Council will host a Parish Survey Results Discussion in the Parish Hall.

This will be a unique opportunity for parishioners to discuss the parish survey that was conducted earlier this year. Everyone is invited to attend and take part in this very important step in charting the future of our parish. Refreshments will be served, and it should be a very informative evening.

A summary of the survey results is now available on the parish website at [www.4sjnc.org](http://www.4sjnc.org). Just click on the "Parish Survey Results" button on the left edge of the main page. Or, if you prefer, you may request a paper copy from the Parish Office. You are encouraged to read through the results ahead of time to more fully take part in the discussion.

## Heading on Vacation? Check on Those Mass Times!

Headed on a late-summer vacation — perhaps for Labor Day weekend? It can be an opportunity for experiencing worship in a different parish.

For the Mass schedule and location of the nearest Catholic Church within the United States, call (410) 676-6000, or visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

*Holy Masses  
This Week*



<b>MONDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Augustinian Intention</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Estelle Ferraro</i> ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. Hallett</i> )
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Rosemarie Zanir</i> ( <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. F. Hallett</i> )
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:15 AM	+ <i>Lee Kales</i> ( <i>Julia Bedritzsky</i> )
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:15 AM	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Loggins</i> <i>Special Intentions</i> ( <i>The Loggins</i> )
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:30 PM	+ <i>Robert Bumbera</i> ( <i>Brian &amp; Joan Gillis</i> )
<b>SUNDAY</b>	7:30 AM	+ <i>Hortense Ortega</i> ( <i>Margaret Whitley</i> )
	10:00 AM	+ <i>Anthony Abbata</i> ( <i>The Abbata Family</i> )
	Noon	<i>People of the Parish</i>



**ACUTE PRAYER NEEDS** — Joan Battista, Bob Betters, Marge Bolger, Rebecca Marie Boyle, Steve Cipallio, John Ciucevich, Marge Cooper, Robert Dexter, John Flaherty, Giana Gallagher, Gerry Grant, Gail Horne, Gina Judd, Bette Keller, Ann Kurz, Richard Lashua, Maria Pigg, Dianna Potter, Kathy Rice, Lee Rowe, Gerry Scanlon, Jeff Thoreson.

**LONG-TERM PRAYER NEEDS** — Heather Blizzard-Leal, Sonya Castellino, Amy Deal, Lori Demmery, Robert Dopman, Carol Hale, Christy Iburg, Cameron James, Jeanne Kerr, Joe Kish, Alexzander Molnar, Josh Nickerson, Marc Nyantakyi, Teri O'Hara, Michael Onofrietti, Reagan Potter, Richard Prior, Lenore Rickey, Kathi Roberts, Chantal Saxon, Judy Saxon, Joe Silipigni, Ann Solnick, Samantha Spear, Mike Staton, James Wiberly.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** --- Joan Phillip, mother of Patty McAllister; Robert Francis Beck, husband of Anne Beck.

***This Week's Readings***

**Monday:** 2 Thes 1:1q-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22.  
**Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mk 6:17-29.  
**Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mt 23:27-32.  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51.  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13.  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30.  
**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

*A Peek at  
the Week*



**Sunday, August 27**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm K of C Blood Drive (PH, K)

**Monday, August 28**

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm Girl Scout District Mtg. (AH)

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm OAP Teacher Workday (MH, PS)

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm Cub Scout Den Mtg. (EW)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Sunday Choir Practice (C, CR)

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Prayer Group (L)

**Wednesday, August 30**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm OAP Teacher Workday (MH, PS)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Quilters Meeting (AH)

7:15 pm – 8:30 pm Rosary (CH)

**Thursday, August 31**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm OAP Teacher Workday (MH, PS)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Cub Scout Open House (PH)

**Friday, September 1**

8:30 am – 1:30 pm OAP Teacher Workday (MH, PS)

6:00 pm – 10:15 pm Bingo (PH, K)

***Event Site Abbreviations***

AH – Austin Hall	C – Church
CH – Chapel	CR – Council Room
EW – Education Wing	K – Kitchen
L – Library	MH – Mini Hall
PH – Parish Hall	PS – Preschool Rooms

***Blood Drive Returns;  
Roll Up Your Sleeve Today***

It's time again for the Knights of Columbus St. John Neumann Council 7343 blood drive.

It will be held today (Sunday) in the Parish Hall of St. John Neumann.

If you haven't donated for 56 days prior to today, please roll up your sleeves and join us for a great cause. We will be accepting donors from about 8:30 a.m. to about 1:30 p.m. There is a sign-up table at all Masses this weekend.

For information, contact Dan O'Sullivan, (704) 573-3859.



### **Youth Echoing the Spirit!**

SJN Youth/Young Adults

**Y.E.S.** does not meet today the 27th.

Congratulations on the big success of the 60's night. Thanks to all of you for an outstanding job! Please do not forget to re-register for 2006 Youth Group season. Also you need to mark on your weekly calendar the practices for 6pm mass. (DTBA). Please see me on your role in this. **Y.E.S.** will meet next weekend September 3rd! So yes, we hope to see you then. As always the **Y.E.S.** office is open.

Austin Hall 532-9402



### **Monday Morning Bible Study Returns**

Does the Book of Revelation, with its apocalyptic images and encoded messages seem puzzling and remote to you?

If robed priests, an altar, a congregation chanting "holy, holy, holy," smoke of incense, the invocation of angels and saints, the Lamb of God **DO** sound familiar, then the Book of Revelation is easier to understand than you might think.

Come and learn about the relationship between the Book of Revelation and the Liturgy of the Mass, as we present a video series by Scott Hahn entitled, "The Lamb's Supper, the Mass as Heaven on Earth."

Our study begins Monday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m.-noon. For information or to reserve a study book, call Sandra, (704) 841-7562, or email [sstclair2@carolina.rr.com](mailto:ssclair2@carolina.rr.com). (Babysitting provided).

### **Upcoming Opportunities for Adult Education at SJN**

Watch for these upcoming opportunities for adults~~~

- **Bible Study/Discussion Group with Father Russ**  
Plan to join Father Russ at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 in the Religious Education Wing, for an organizational meeting for this group. Father Russ would like to address faith topics that YOU want to learn about and discuss. Questions — call (704) 535-4197.
- **Wednesdays with Deacon John**  
Deacon John will resume this study on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm till 5:30 pm in Austin Hall in September. Watch the bulletin for the starting date, or call (704) 535-4197.
- **Monday Morning Bible Study**  
The group will begin a new book and video teaching series, "The Lamb's Supper," from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 11. Babysitting will be provided. For more information call Sandra at (704) 841-7562 or the Religious Ed Office: (704) 535-4197.

### **Help Needed!**

(You could be the answer to our prayers!)

Time is flying by and we still have a need for **6 co-teachers** to work with the **Confirmation and Pre-Confirmation** youth. We provide all materials and training necessary for you to help these young people ready themselves to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Give a little of your time this year and receive love and blessings to spare!



**Remember:**

**God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies those He calls!!**

For more information, please contact Donna Tarney @ 704-535-4197

## ***SJN Bowlers ... Season Begins Tonight!***

The SJN Bowling League begins tonight, with the organizational meeting at 5:30 p.m. and the first week of bowling following the meeting.



The season will run until the end of March. **This year's meeting is very important, so please attend.** Changes will be discussed, as well as putting teams together. Weekly fees were \$12 last year and will be voted on at this year's meeting.

SJN bowlers are members of SJN and their friends, who get together every other Sunday to bowl three games per time. We have rooms for teams, couples and individuals. This is an adult league.

Each team consists of four members, with one being of the opposite gender. Regular start time is 6:45 p.m., with practice beginning at 6:35 p.m.

We bowl at Carolina Lanes in Matthews.

If you have questions, call Christi, 704-545-2002, or Mary, 704-545-0420.

## ***Homeless Shelter Ministry Needs Your Help!***

The Men's Homeless Shelter has been fed by St. John Neumann church volunteers on the first Saturday of every month for many years.

The coordinator and main shopper, cook, organizer is looking to step down by the end of the year 2006.

**Are you interested in helping?**

We are looking for an organized cook to take over and represent St. John Neumann Church in reaching out to these homeless individuals. Please call the parish office or speak to Fr. Thom if you are interested.

## ***Preschool Program Seeking Teacher Assistant***

St. John Neumann's Open Arms Preschool is accepting applications for a part-time, energetic, enthusiastic and child-centered teacher assistant for the 4-year-old program.

For information, please call Nancy, at (704) 535-4197, ext. 234, or at (704) 882-1918.

# Parish News

**POTLUCK DINNER/GAME NIGHT!!!** It's back by popular demand. Come join the fun — good food, fellowship and some laughs. Join us for cards, word games, etc.

It all happens Saturday, Sept. 23, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Bring a large dish to share, drinks enough for your family, and games for adults and kids. Any questions? Call Kristi, (704) 442-1201.

**LEARN MODERN WESTERN SQUARE DANCING.** It's fun, fellowship and fitness — all rolled into one. No special skills necessary. If you can walk ... you can square dance. Classes start Monday, Sept. 11, from 7:30-9 p.m. in the St. Luke's Community Room, 3200 Park Road (near Marsh Road). Details: Ed and Freda Lewandowski, (704) 545-8331; or Julie and Mike Vallidis, (704) 366-0055.

**ESL CLASSES** resume at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at SJN. Classes will be from 7-9 p.m. every Thursday in the Parish Hall. Details: call Lorraine Estrada, (704) 598-5291.

Also, anyone interested in helping with these classes should attend a planning meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday (Aug. 31). Call Nancy Hasty, (704) 545-2103, or Lorraine Estrada, (704) 598-5291, if you have any questions.

## **SJN WEEKLY COLLECTION**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
August 12-13 collection ...	\$13,493	\$ 15,307

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

## ***Special Collection Coming***

Your Sept. 1 issue of *The Catholic News & Herald* will feature articles and information on the Priests' Retirement and Benefits Collection.

Please take the time to read these articles, so you can be better informed about the retirement and benefits plans. All registered families should soon receive information in the mail from Bishop Jugis.

Please take the time to read the information and respond generously to the second collection on Sept. 9-10.

# Diocesan News ...

**A HOLY HOUR**, including Rosary and Benediction, will follow the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass next Saturday, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick. The Rosary will be offered for an end to abortion and all the culture of death. You are invited to join in this service, to pray for God's precious unborn children and receive the awesome gift of Benediction. The service will start about 6:30 p.m. and last about an hour.

**"LISTENING TO THE HEARTBEAT OF GOD"** is the title of a retreat program planned from 9:30-3:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at the Well of Mercy in Hamptonville, in Iredell County north of Statesville. The retreat will be led by Sister Donna Marie Vaillancourt. Registration is by donation. Participants should bring their own lunches. To register: (704) 539-5449, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays.

**AFTER SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED** — The After-School Enrichment Programs at several Mecklenburg Area Catholic Schools are seeking teacher assistants. Assistants' children attend the program free. The salary is \$7.50 an hour, working 2:30-6 p.m. on school days. Help is needed at Our Lady of Assumption (Shamrock Road), St. Ann (off Park Road), St. Patrick (off Dilworth Road), Holy Trinity Middle (Park Road) and at St. Mark in Huntersville. Details: Ellen Buening, (704) 844-0277.

**ST. LUKE "EVERYTHING" CONSIGNMENT SALE** — The annual sale will be Sept. 9 at St. Luke, on Lawyers Road in Mint Hill. It's time to clean out your attics, garages and closets. Sellers receive 70 percent of sales, and St. Luke parish receives 30 percent. Donations are welcome. To consign or volunteer, call Mary Adams, (704) 545-1224, or e-mail [info@stlukechurch.net](mailto:info@stlukechurch.net). For general questions, call Linda Franks, (704) 814-7817 or e-mail [lfranks@carolina.rr.com](mailto:lfranks@carolina.rr.com).

**ARE YOUR FRUSTRATED** with what goes on in Washington? Please join in this collaboration of Charlotte-area Catholic Social ministries for a presentation by Sister Simone Campbell, SSS, National Coordinator for NETWORK, the Catholic Social Justice lobby. Sr. Simone will appear from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, at St. Peter Catholic Church. There will be free parking in The Green. Questions? Call Barney Offerman, (704) 375-5398.

**THE IRISH SOCIETY OF CHARLOTTE** is celebrating its 20th anniversary. The group will hold a dinner/dance on Saturday, Sept. 16, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Tickets are \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. *No tickets will be sold at the door.* Call (704) 708-6789 for information, or visit [www.irishsocietyofcharlotte.org](http://www.irishsocietyofcharlotte.org).