

Parish Ministries and Programs

St. John Neumann Parish

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Mission Statement

We the parishioners of St. John Neumann Catholic Church are a welcoming, evangelizing, stewardship community rooted in the Eucharist, Sacred Scripture, and Tradition which enables us to encounter the Lord and supports us in living out our baptismal promises as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Welcome * Inspire * Serve

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Dear Friends in Christ,

This ministry booklet reminds us that the work of the Lord continues through all the celebrations and that our Parish is a vital and active Catholic community. We are called to manifest the message of evangelization that Jesus Christ established as our heritage and is boldly exemplified by our present beloved leader, Pope Francis. It is my hope that you will look through this booklet and see where your talents fit for service in one or more of our many ministries. Contacting the name of the person responsible for that ministry will not oblige you yet, will give you the opportunity to determine if that is where you would like to serve. As many have come to realize, participating in a ministry is a wonderful way to meet new people and become more fully engaged in the community of God while concurrently doing His work. It is for this reason that each newly registered parishioner is given a booklet and one is also sent to each registered household.

I look forward to the work we will be doing together and ministering to your spiritual needs. Please keep me in your prayers, as you are in mine, as we continue on this journey together.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Daniel F.X. Powell

Pastor

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St. John Nepomucene Neumann, C.SS.R., Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia

John Neumann was born on Holy Thursday, March 28, 1811 at Prachatitz in Bohemia (now Czechoslovakia). While in the seminary at Prague, he developed a great desire to dedicate himself to the American missions, where German speaking priests were desperately needed. His scheduled ordination in his home diocese in 1835 was postponed because of the illness of the bishop. Thus, in February, 1836, with forty dollars in his purse, he sailed from LeHavre, France in steerage passage, arriving in New York after forty days. He was ordained by Bishop John DuBois in June, 1836.

After serving in northwestern New York for four years, he entered the congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (the Redemptorists) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He labored as a priest in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Maryland, traveling hundreds of miles on foot! John Neumann, a student of botany, astronomy, and mathematics, was a man of many tongues. He spoke German, Czech, Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, Gaelic, and English.

On Passion Sunday, March 28, 1852, he was consecrated Bishop of Philadelphia. He worked hard for the establishment of parish schools and for the erection of many new parishes, especially national parishes for the numerous immigrants.

He was also the first Bishop in the United States to prescribe Eucharistic Devotion (Forty Hours) to The Blessed Sacrament in his diocese.

Bishop Neumann died on January 5, 1860, at the age of forty-nine and was beatified in 1963. On June 19, 1977, Pope Paul VI added him to the ranks of the canonized saints of God. His feast day is celebrated on January 5th.

Immigrants, driven by great dreams poured out of Europe. They came with little else except the powerful and sustaining hope of a better life for themselves and their children. Their faith was as rugged as themselves and because of men like John Neumann, they made the Catholic Church in America one of the world's most flourishing.

The inscription quotes St. John Neumann: "Wherever I meet someone, I shall treat him as though he were the Lord Himself."

In the narthex of our church you will see the beautiful collage created in 1978 by former parishioner, Barbara Ann Hauck, depicting the highlights of the life of our parish patron, St. John Neumann, C.S.S.R., Fourth Bishop of Philadelphia.

Center - portrait based on the only known photograph of St. John Neumann and shown in his Redemptorist habit.

Upper left background - student of astronomy.

Upper center background and lower right foreground - botany.

Left edge - parochial school system - his gift to America.

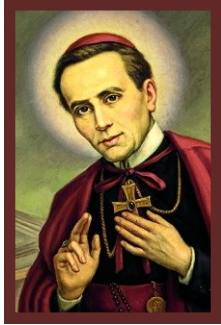
Upper left - promotion of the veneration of the Immaculate Conception.

Upper right - served rural areas for several years as a frontier priest.

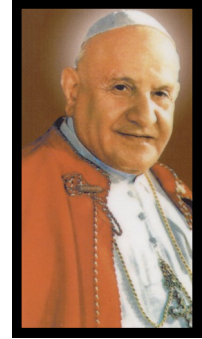
Lower right - introduced Forty Hours Devotion in his diocese.

Main background - depicts immigrants being processed in the great hall at Ellis Island in New York.





History of the Church



The parish of St. John Neumann in Lancaster, Pennsylvania was dedicated on Sunday, June 19, 1977 and, on the same day in Rome, Bishop John Neumann was canonized a saint. The actual church was established on December 16, 1978. The new church was blessed by then Msgr. William H. Keeler who also performed the dedication. Fr. John Acri, who led the new parish until May, 1980, was named the first pastor.

Fr. Acri was succeeded as pastor by Fr. Patrick Devine and in 1982 the new rectory was dedicated by Bishop Keeler. Demonstrating the rapid growth of the parish, a new addition to the original facility was built in 1990. On June 15, 1994, Msgr. Richard A. Youtz became the third pastor of St. John Neumann Church and a library dedicated for the use of the parish family was blessed on April 2, 1995.

The parish's growth and resulting spatial needs was further manifested when, on Sunday, June 9, 2013, ground was broken for the first phase of the construction of a Religious Education Center to be dedicated to the soon-to-be named Saint, Pope John XXIII. Msgr. Youtz blessed the site with water from Lourdes, France and spoke of the youth who would benefit from this structure.

The patron of this Education Center, Pope John XXIII, was a surprising pope and, over 50 years after his death, he is still popular as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. He carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and his warmth, good humor, and kindness captured the world's affections. President Lyndon B. Johnson posthumously awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the United States' highest civilian award.

On Sunday, April 27, 2014 Phase I of this facility was dedicated by Bishop Ronald Gainer, Diocese of Harrisburg, on Divine Mercy Sunday and the day that the patron of the building and Pope St. John Paul II were canonized. By the end of the following month, Msgr. Youtz had retired and our fourth pastor, Fr. David L. Danneker, Ph.D. had taken up residence. On June 19, 2016, Fr. Daniel Powell became our Pastor. We pray that God will continue to guide us as we move forward in faith.

As is apparent, in a very short period of time St. John Neumann Church has had a tremendous impact on the community it is committed to service. Many of its 2400 families are involved in at least one of the ministries covered in this booklet and we encourage more of you to become involved.

Mass Schedule

Mass Times

Saturday:	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
	5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary before 9:00 a.m. Mass
Thursday	6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday	4:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Saturday	2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Holy Days Of Obligation

6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Websites of Interest:

Saint John Neumann	sjnlancaster.org
Saint John Neumann Catholic School	sjncslancaster.org
Lancaster Catholic High School	lchsyes.org
Diocese of Harrisburg	hbgdiocese.org
Youth Protection	youthprotectionhbg.com
United States Catholic Conference of Catholic Bishops	usccb.org

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Catholic Schools

Saint John Neumann Catholic School

St. John Neumann Catholic School is writing the next chapter of Catholic Education in Lancaster County. A PK-4 to grade 8 Catholic school in the Diocese of Harrisburg, SJNCS is continuing the proud 95 year tradition of St. Anne School with a new name, a new location and a new school building.

Our goal is to provide our students with academic rigor rooted in a faith-filled, service-oriented community. Our students are taught in the traditional manner but with the latest technological resources to enhance each student's learning experience. Supplemented by classes in Art, Music, Physical Education and Spanish, and reinforced with our own instructional support as well as a reading specialist, math instructor, speech therapist, and school counselor, SJNCS is able to educate and develop the whole child. We believe firmly that our students are a gift from God, endowed with unique skills and interests and our faculty works with each student to ensure that every student is challenged to meet their own academic potential.

For more information, contact the school at 717-844-6100 or visit our website at www.sjncls Lancaster.org.

Lancaster Catholic High School

Phone: (717) 509-0315 | Fax: (717) 509-0312

Lancaster Catholic High School | 650 Juliette Avenue | Lancaster, PA 17601-4387

Over seventy years ago, Lancaster Catholic High School, your parish high school, was founded for the purpose of providing a superior education rooted in the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and in keeping with the traditions of the Catholic Church. This is the mission to which we still adhere. We offer a Christ-centered environment in which our students are challenged both spiritually and academically. We are accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and the Pennsylvania State Department of Education.

LCHS has a progressive academic curriculum that includes 15 AP classes, opportunities for small class environments, distance learning, Scholars Certificate, STEM Certificate, Fine & Performing Arts Certificate and a Corporate Mentor Program. Also, fully recognizing the importance of responsible use of technology by our students, we are proud to be a "BYOT" (Bring Your Own Technology) school.

Key to the environment at Lancaster Catholic is our system of restorative justice. This approach to student discipline fosters a safe environment where our students understand how their actions impact others and how to repair harm they may do to another. Our Campus Ministry offers over 15 spiritual retreats each year, including 4 KAIROS retreats. Our Parent/Teacher Organization, Fine and Performing Arts, and Athletic Associations encourage active involvement by parents and students alike. We provide over \$1.3M in tuition scholarships each year to enable our families to provide an academically rigorous, spiritually uplifting, and authentically Catholic education for their children. Tuition costs are calculated on a Fair Share basis in order to meet the educational costs per student.

For additional information, please contact the school at 717-509-0315 or www.lchsyes.org.

Sacramental Preparation

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

O.C.I.A.

*is the special **process** of **discernment** and **preparation** for reception
into the **Catholic Church**.*

The **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the special process of discernment and preparation for reception into the Catholic Church. OCIA is the normal way in which adults become full, active, and participating members of the Catholic Church and it includes prayer, reflection, and study of the Catholic faith, its practices, and teachings. Throughout the process, participants will have opportunities to explore how God is acting in their lives and inviting them into an even deeper and more powerful relationship with Him.

The OCIA program is open to all adults who have a sincere desire to explore the Catholic faith. This includes: persons who have never been baptized in the Christian faith and seek to join the community of believers (catechumen).

Those persons who have been baptized in another Christian community but are now seeking to enter into full communion in the Catholic Church (candidate), Catholic adults who were baptized in the Catholic faith, but have never been fully initiated in the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist (candidate).

Others who participate in the OCIA process are sponsors for the catechumens and candidates. The sponsors play a very important role in offering support and encouragement through their prayer and example.

Process

If interested in becoming Catholic or becoming a sponsor, contact the Parish Office at 569-8531. Also, contact the Parish Office for additional information about this process.

Sacramental Formation

Baptismal Preparation

This ministry is designed to instruct and prepare parents for the celebration of the Rite of Baptism for their child. Catholic Church teaching on the scriptural, theological, and liturgical foundations of Baptism is reviewed, as well as, the more practical questions and concerns parents may have.

Baptism classes are the third Tuesday of the month from 7 – 8 p.m. in the Library. To register and schedule your child to be baptized, go to www.sjnlancaster.org under the “How Do I” tab, click on “Plan a Baptism” or call the Parish Office at 717-569-8531. Participating in this program is a requirement before Baptism can occur.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 717-569-8531.

2nd Grade/ First Reconciliation and First Communion Preparation (Prep)

The second-grade preparation program is made up of families with children in second grade who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. This program has a similar format to Family Faith Formation; however, the educational component focuses more intently on the sacraments. Meetings for second-graders occur at the same time and in conjunction with Family Faith Formation meetings making scheduling for multiple children easy. Participation in the Second Grade Program is measured by the following standards:

- Completing 2 Catholic practice activities per month (such as going to Mass or Adoration).
- Completing 2 Catholic culture activities per month (such as family discussions, prayer, and reading about the saints).
- Completing 3 educational lessons per month from the book *Renewed* (during the first half of the year) and *Received* (during the second half of the year).

Families have the opportunity to meet two of the educational requirements at twice-monthly, in-person meetings. Attendance at these meetings also allows for fellowship and community building.

Please contact Nate Gulya, Director of Religious Education at 717-569-8531 ext. 218 or ngulya@sjnlancaster.org for more information.

If you are an adult seeking information about receiving First Communion for yourself, please contact Fr. Dan at 717-569-8531 or frdan@sjnlancaster.org

Sacramental Formation

Confirmation Preparation (Prep)

Confirmation Prep encompasses families with children grades 7 and 8, who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This program involves family participation but has a focus on students having a personal experience of God on their own through their faith. Participation in this program is measured by the following standards:

- Completing 2 Catholic practice activities per month (such as going to Mass or Adoration).
- Completing 2 Catholic culture activities per month (such as family discussions, prayer, and reading about the saints).
- Completing 2 educational chapters from the textbook *Chosen* (including homework) each month and two prayer lessons from the workbook *Confirmation Prayer Lessons* each month.

Confirmation Prep meets twice monthly, during which time the students will complete the two above-mentioned chapters. There will be a short quiz and at-home activity to complete at home after each chapter, in addition to the practice and culture requirements to be completed at home.

Please contact Nate Gulya, Director of Religious Education at 717-569-8531 ext. 218 or ngulya@sjnlancaster.org for more information.

If you are an adult seeking information about receiving Confirmation for yourself, please contact Fr. Dan at 717-569-8531 or frdan@sjnlancaster.org

Pre-Cana Ministry

You will register for classes at the time that you request being married at the church.

For information regarding participating in this ministry or if you are interested in being a mentor couple helping to prepare couples for marriage, contact the Parish Office at 717-569-8531.

Faith Formation

If you are a parent, you have been given some amazing gifts! First is your calling as a parent. From the beginning of time, you were called by God to be a parent, and not just a parent in general, but to your children specifically. Because of that calling, you have been given every grace you need from God to pass on your Catholic Faith to your children. You alone have the most influence and ability to do this!

This idea might sound scary because being responsible for passing on the Faith conjures up ideas of giving tests and knowing all the facts. Here is the good news; there is only one area you need to consistently improve upon over time to do the best job you can for your children and that is modeling the Faith. As your children observe you living your personal, day-to-day relationships with Jesus, God, your family, and others, they will naturally come to know what it means to be a faithful Catholic.

What if due to life circumstances, inadequate catechesis as a youth, or any number of personal reasons, you don't have a good relationship with Jesus? Perhaps you do know Jesus, but you have so many unanswered questions you feel you couldn't possibly help your child with their own. Our Family Faith Formation program is designed to meet you where you are in your faith journey and equip and encourage you to grow in your relationship with Jesus and your family. This is accomplished in a relaxing, non-threatening, nonjudgmental atmosphere, in which the families of St. John Neumann Catholic parish come together to support each other.

There are three main components to living a fully authentic Catholic life, and we provide opportunities and resources for growth in each area: Catholic practice, Catholic culture, and Catholic education.

Catholic practice refers to activities wherein you can meet Jesus, such as Mass, Adoration, and prayer.

Catholic culture involves forming traditions around Catholic practice, such as choosing to pray the Rosary as a family or celebrating a saint's feast day.

Catholic education refers to activities we undertake to learn about Jesus and the Church. It is through knowledge of Jesus and His Church that we come to better understand our Catholic Faith. The more we learn about Jesus, the more we want to know!

The mission of Family Faith Formation is to help families adopt Catholic practice, culture, and education in order to embrace a personal relationship with Jesus and a life of joy and peace. We hope you will join us on a journey of Faith!

Family Faith Formation

Family Faith Formation encompasses families with children in Grades PK-1 and 3-6. This program is designed for families to experience faith formation together. Parents have the opportunity to directly impact the spiritual formation of their children while learning about the Faith and growing in their relationships with Jesus.

Our program is based on three pillars: Catholic practice, culture, and education. When all three are put into practice, they work together to help individuals live an authentically Catholic life. Participation in the Family Faith Formation program is measured by the following standards:

- Completing 2 Catholic practice activities per month (such as going to Mass or Adoration).
- Completing 2 Catholic culture activities per month (such as family discussions, prayer, and reading about the saints).
- Completing 3 Catholic education activities per month (from the book *A Family of Faith*).

Families have the opportunity to meet two of the educational requirements at twice-monthly, in-person meetings. Attendance at these meetings also allows for fellowship and community building.

Please contact Nate Gulya, Director of Religious Education at 717-569-8531 ext. 218 or ngulya@sjnlancaster.org for more information.

Youth Ministry

In the modern world everywhere teens go there are expectations put upon them to “belong.” In School you have grades, in sports you have practice, in friends you have social time, and at home you have helping in the house.

Pressure to excel creates a strongly motivated, self-starting, individual, but also creates a lot of pressure. If unchecked, crippling pressure. That pressure can create questions in a teen of “Am I good enough?” or “Have I done enough?” Pressure sparks questions about if a person is accepted and loved. No one should ever have to question if they are enough, or if they are loved.

At Summit Youth Ministry, we teach that every teen is loved, created, intentional, and unique and that is what gives them infinite value and worth. Not achievement. In teaching this idea, teens gain three things: Having fun, making friends, and loving God.

At the end of the day, Summit is a place where teens can come to and do not have to study, practice, or be top tier anything to belong, and to be loved.

Opportunities for Volunteer Involvement:

Core Team: The Core Team is the backbone of the Youth Ministry. These are the men and women who help mentor teens in small groups, facilitate Sunday Life Nights, and chaperone on our retreats and conferences.

Life Night Support: Those who come on Sunday Nights to help facilitate games, food, and activities.

Food Team: Those who graciously provide food for dinner on Sundays Nights or special events.

Chaperoning and Driving: Adults who help drive and chaperone our various retreats, conferences, fun trips, and service projects.



Young Adult Ministry

All Young Adults (20s or 30s, single or married) are invited to be a part of the Lancaster County young adult community. Regular events include:

Theology on Tap: we gather monthly at Annie Bailey’s Irish Pub and Restaurant in Lancaster for fellowship, and a talk on our Catholic faith.

Breaking Bread: the fourth Sunday of every month, we gather at a Catholic Church in Lancaster for mass, and then go for brunch at a local eatery.

Additional special events include game nights, First Friday activities, and service opportunities.

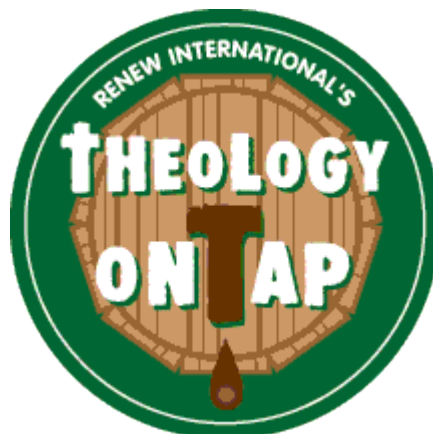
To stay connected, please contact Nate Gulya at ngulya@sinlancaster.org Also look up the “Theology on Tap – Lancaster” Facebook Page for more information!

Spiritual Enrichment

Theology on Tap, or ToT, is an evening of good food and drinks with others just like you who want to hear more about their faith and talk about the issues that matter. Young adult Catholics in their 20’s and 30’s, married and single, practicing or searching, come together to hear engaging speakers and join in meaningful conversation.

ToT evenings include a presentation on a timely, relevant topic, time for Q&A and discussion, and time to relax and mingle. Discussions including faith, love, and modern day issues both in and outside of the Church – no topic is off limits. Theology on Tap provides young adults from all walks of life with straight talk on faith and its implications for our daily lives, communities, and our society.

Come join a ToT meeting near you to experience spiritual and physical enrichment. Contact the Office for Youth & Young Adult Ministry at [717-657-4804 ext. 327](tel:717-657-4804) or email for details.



Adult Formation and Education

Adult Formation

St. John Neumann parish offers many opportunities for adults to grow in their relationship with the Lord and understanding of His call. The formal, ongoing Adult Faith Formation program has the following annual components:

Fall Bible Study—September to November, Winter Bible Study—January to February, Parish Renewal—three-day parish wide retreat with guest homilist, Easter Season Faith Forums: "I wonder, I believe..."—evening programs on various aspects of the Catholic faith during the four Sundays following Easter.

We also periodically offer special events and presentations by well known authors and speakers. Watch the website and the bulletin for dates, times, and topics. For those interested in participating or helping with the promotion, hospitality, or facilitation of Adult Faith Formation, contact Nate Gulya, (Director of Religious Education, at ngulya@sjnlancaster.org or by phone at 569-8531 ext. 218.

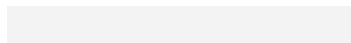
Diocesan Adult Education

The Diocese of Harrisburg also offers classes open to all at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg or, in some instances, through live or recorded webinars. These classes encourage personal faith growth and can be used to pursue certification in a variety of Catechetical areas. For more information, consult the diocesan website at www.hbgdiocese.org and select Catholic Education from the homepage, then Diocesan Institute from the drop down menu.

Men's Hour

"The SJN Men's Group is an informal gathering of men to discuss matters of faith, family, work, and spiritual growth. Facilitated by a priest or deacon, the group uses short presentations, small group discussion, and a question-and-answer format to explore issues of particular interest to the group or issues relevant to the liturgical season. All are welcome!"

Men's Group meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. For more information, contact Deacon Peter Jupin at pjupin@sjnlancaster.org.



Adult Formation and Education

Walking With Purpose

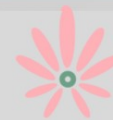
Women's Bible Study

- For the woman who desires to grow in her Catholic faith, seeking connection
- For the woman who feels that she is doing so much but none of it very well
- For the woman who silently asks, "Isn't there something more to life than this?"

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study program that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ through personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Monday at 6 pm

For more information, please contact Donna Hoover at dhoover340@comcast.net



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

Stewardship and Discipleship

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is a consultative body with responsibility for the implementation of the mission of the Church. The Council acts on behalf of the parish to promote the common good while fostering a sense of community in support of the work of the Pastor and the Bishop.

Councilors serve a three-year term with the option of serving for a second resulting in a total of six years of continuous service. Potential candidates must be registered members of Saint John Neumann Parish. Nominations are reviewed by the Pastoral Council, and formally approved by the Pastor. Interested parishioners are invited to contact Fr. Dan Powell, 569-8531 or email him at FrDan@sjnlancaster.org

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Finance Council

The Finance Council assists and advises the pastor in the administration of all material goods belonging to the parish and all fiscal matters of the parish within the limits of the code of Canon Law and directives of the Bishop.

The Finance Council is responsible for:

- assuring that there is adequate revenue to meet expenses.
- assisting the Pastor in preparation of an annual financial report of income and expenditures for dissemination to the parishioners.
- providing technical expertise to the Parish Council on fiscal matters.

Members are recommended by present Council members and/or Fr. Dan and meet on a monthly basis. If you are interested in serving or have any questions, contact the Chairperson, Bob Shangraw at 569-9560 or rshangraw@comcast.net

Finance Council Members		
Fr. Dan Powell	Fr. Norbert Suresh	Dennis Francis
Bob Shangraw - Chairperson	Michael Carper	Michael Losito
Tom Conner	AnnMarie Davis	Krista Showers

Liturgy and Worship

Adult Altar Servers

Adult servers are utilized for funerals, Holy Days of Obligation, weekday masses, and special services when regular altar servers are not readily available. If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry, training can be arranged by calling Fr. Dan at 569-8531 or e-mailing FrDan@sjnlancaster.org

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during Mass on weekends and Holy Days and for other special services. Boys and girls in grades 5 through 12 are invited to be trained for participation for this ministry. Annual training for new servers and a refresher for current servers are held after Easter. If you are interested, contact the Parish Office.

Cantors

The Cantors of St. John Neumann lead us in prayer by means of song and provide leadership and support for the congregation in the singing of hymns, psalms, and acclamations at Mass. Emphasis is on leading the congregational singing rather than solo performance. Rehearsals are held as needed. Auditions may be arranged by contacting Kurt Kehler, Director of Music at kmk@pa.net

Children's Liturgy of the Word

This ministry is offered at the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May for children grades K through 6. The children are dismissed from Mass before the first reading and led to a room where they will listen to the same readings as in the Church, but on an age appropriate level. Since this ministry requires three volunteers, a leader who leads the children in reflecting and discussing the readings, a cantor who sings the responsorial psalm and alleluia, and a reader who reads the first and second readings, this ministry is in need of volunteers on a regular basis. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Parish Office at 717-569-8531.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is held every Wednesday from 12 Noon to 4:00 p.m. in the main sanctuary of the Church. At 3:45 p.m. the Divine Mercy Chaplet is recited, in addition to Mid Afternoon Prayer, followed by reposing of the Blessed Sacrament. All prayer materials are provided.

Liturgy and Worship

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Extraordinary Ministers assist the priest distribute Holy Communion at the celebration of the Eucharist. This need is particularly accentuated since both species are usually offered i.e. the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood. Training for this ministry is in two parts, a two hour session that covers the significant aspects of the ministry, usually held in Harrisburg or another diocesan parish, and an hour session at St. John Neumann Church that instructs on the specific practices and procedures followed here. All appointments to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are made by the Pastor with the mandated approval of the Bishop of the diocese. If you are interested in this ministry, it is suggested that you express your desire to the Pastor.

Ministry Scheduling for Masses

Scheduling for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers is compiled four times a year. Notices are sent to all listed in these categories about a month and a half before the new schedule is due to begin. Ministers are given a link to a Sign-Up Genius where they choose the dates and times to serve.

Kim Mikulski is the person who produces the Sign-Up Genius, you may contact her at kmikulski@sjnlancaster.org or by phone at 717-569-8531 ext. 227.

Reader

The Reader proclaims the scripture readings to the assembly during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. As a minister of the Word, a Reader is a part of an important process in the life of the church. Readers are called to proclaim Christ present now in our midst and to make present past events in salvation history. The Liturgy allows us to participate in those events, to experience their power, and their ability to transform. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, contact Sandy Mayo at sandymayo@yahoo.com. With the approval of the pastor, new readers will receive training and an orientation before being scheduled.

Sacristan

The responsibility of the sacristan is to have all altar linens, and related items used for services, laundered and in appropriate condition to be used in various rites. A yearly schedule is set up and instruction is given to all volunteers.

Also, decoration of the main church for special holidays is also the responsibility of the sacristan and assistance is needed during special times e.g. Holy Saturday and several days before Christmas. If you would be interested in helping in this ministry, contact the Sacristan, Sandy Mayo at sandymayo@yahoo.com

Liturgy and Worship

St. John Neumann Choir

The St. John Neumann Choir sings to beautify the liturgy through music and lead the congregation in song. The choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the month and the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of the month from September through May and for special occasions.

The Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Music Room. One need only a pleasant voice and a desire to learn new music to be a choir member. Young adults of high school age are also welcome to join. If a member cannot be with us for a complete term, we invite “partial memberships” for the Fall Advent-Christmas season, and/or Spring Lent-Easter season.

Please contact Kurt Kehler at kmk@pa.net if you are interested in singing music ranging from the beautiful sacred classics of the Church’s heritage through the newly created post-Vatican II repertoire. More information can be found at <http://user.pa.net/~kmk/sjn/>.

Stewardship: A Mission of Faith Bookshelves

Bookshelves have been donated, as are religious reading materials and CD’s, for the education and evangelization of our community. Seasonal materials for the liturgical year are also available. Nominal offerings are requested, but not required, which are collected and returned to Stewardship Ministry.

Maintenance of the shelves and ordering and stocking the materials is the only volunteer opportunity, in addition to collecting the offerings for forwarding to Stewardship Mission.

Ushers

The ushers at St. John Neumann Church assist at each Mass on the weekends and during Holy Days. They locate seats, pass the collection baskets, and perform additional services as requested during any of the rites for which they volunteer. They are also available to assist during emergencies as needed. Ushers are always needed. If you are interested in this ministry, contact Head Usher, Danny Gambale, at 717-208-7499.

Service Initiatives

Parish Health Ministry

The mission of this ministry focuses on the wellness and healing of our parish family by addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our parishioners. The central figure in this ministry is the parish nurse. She is a trained professional who utilizes a holistic approach to help restore a sense of wholeness and healing to those in need. Recognizing the interrelationship of mind, body and spirit, she/he focuses on offering healthcare with an emphasis on the spiritual according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church and the practices of the St. John Neumann family.

Some of the work included in this ministry is:

- weekly visits to parishioners in local hospitals.
- home visits to the homebound, infirm, or newly discharged from a hospital or rehabilitation facility who have identifiable special needs.
- occasional visits to parishioners in local nursing homes, in addition to coordinating and scheduling masses at selected nursing facilities.
- acts as a resource and advocate for parishioners and their families who have complex medical or emotional issues. This may include accompanying a person to a doctor's appointment and/or providing counseling for an individual and their family.

Volunteers are needed in many areas of this ministry, a few of which are as follows: Health professionals to take blood pressure screenings the last weekend of the month after each Mass, parishioners willing to drive older people to Mass or doctor appointments, and people to visit the homebound or those in nursing facilities to provide friendship and spiritual comfort from their parish community.

Also, if qualified, bring the Eucharist to those who request it. We need people who are willing to provide an occasional meal for those parishioners in crisis and parishioners offering prayers for people in need of God's healing love.

To learn more about this ministry, please call/contact the parish nurse, Tonia Bertel, 569-8531 Ext. 229 or tbertel@sjnlancaster.org.

Service Initiatives

Disability Advocacy Committee

The Disability Advocacy Committee is made up of volunteers who serve in a number of different parish ministries. Our goal is to help make our parish a place of welcome for those living with a disability. Our program includes:

Disability Advocate:

The Disability Advocate is a volunteer chosen by the pastor to assist him in working for and with parishioners who have disabilities to be fully integrated into the life of our parish. If you need assistance, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Advocate.

Outside Greeters:

Volunteers in this hospitality ministry are a welcoming presence at our entrances to church. They greet both parishioners and visitors and are a helping hand for those who may need some assistance in getting into church. Volunteers can sign up for a specific time each month or volunteer on an “as available and needed” basis.

Do you have an interest in volunteering with one of the ministries listed above? Do you have an idea for expanding the services that are currently being offered? You are invited to become involved with the Disability Advocacy Committee. To get started, please contact the Disability Advocate.

Parish Disability Advocate:

Service Initiatives

“Off The Streets”

Background

Off the Streets is a non-profit, charitable program which began in Connecticut in 2009 to get the homeless, or about to become homeless, persons “Off the Streets” and into a room they could call their own. There is no paid staff– all manpower is from volunteers, with no overhead or office related expense. No government money is accepted– all donations come from individuals, places of worship, or commercial institutions. Almost every dollar collected goes directly toward a security deposit to a landlord of a qualified, homeless person who is able to pay a monthly rent but cannot afford a security deposit. All of the “living needs,” such as beds, furniture, linens, and household items are donated. All of the foregoing contributes to our ability to get a person “Off the Streets” for approximately \$500. The Lancaster PA chapter began in May 2013 and by May 2017 more than 1,000 people were helped into permanent housing through security deposits and/or furniture donations. This activity level has continued on a steady basis. For current information, please visit our website at www.offthestreetsnow.com/lancaster.

How to help

Consider making a tax-deductible contribution by sending a check to “Off The Streets,” c/o St. John Neumann Church, 601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Donate furniture and other “living” needs to this effort. Check the bulletin or go to www.offthestreetsnow.com for details for collection dates/times. Participate in monthly meetings– generally the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. More people are needed in all four of our working groups: Furniture, Living Needs, Fund-raising, and Publicity.

Information

For more information about this ministry, contact:

Don Cronauer at doncronauer@verizon.net

Off The Streets at 717-723-8084

offthestreeetsnowlancaster@gmail.com

Service Initiatives

Library

The Church library consists of over 2000 books, videos and tapes for adults, teens, and children on various subjects ranging from Addiction to Theology. It is located through the Social Hall opposite the Kitchen and is available to all parishioners whenever it is not otherwise scheduled and the church is open. To volunteer or for more information contact Marie Quinn at 717-569-3340.

Neffsville Nursing & Rehab Ministry

This ministry involves the spiritual well-being of Catholics at Lancashire Hall Nursing Facility. The mission on Wednesday mornings is to insure that as many Catholics as possible are taken to Mass or Communion Service or receive Holy Eucharist in their rooms. Additionally, non-Catholics are transported to our services if they so desire. This has resulted in the conversion of several residents. Help is especially needed on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. to transport residents from their rooms to the Chapel area for Mass or a Communion Service. No lifting is required and, for some residents, you may be the only visitor they see that day or on a regular basis.

For more information on this ministry, contact Tonianne Bertel at 569-8531 ext. 229 or tbertel@sjnlancaster.org.

Service Initiatives

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul St. John Neumann Parish Conference

Serving the needs of our less-fortunate sisters and brothers

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic organization of lay men and women who seek to grow their spiritual life through person-to-person service to those in need in our community in the spiritual traditions of St. Vincent de Paul, our patron, and Blessed Frederic Ozanam, who founded the Society in Paris in 1833.

When invited, members who are called Vincentians, visit the homes of those in need to assess how the Conference may assist them. Vincentians respond to immediate needs as well as providing longer-term assistance with the focus on moving people out of poverty. If you are in need of help, call the parish office (717-569-8531) and request a Vincentian call you. Leave your name, just a first name, if you wish, a phone number, and if there is a convenient time to reach you. Your right to privacy is respected. Don't delay until the situation becomes more difficult or stressful. You don't have to go it alone.

If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, send your donation to "The Society of St. Vincent de Paul" c/o St. John Neumann Church, 601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 17601

For more information on the Society or how you might serve our sisters and brothers in need, contact Bill Henckler at 717-393-6705 or billhenck@comcast.net.



Social Outreach

Food Bank

The St. John Neumann Food Bank is supported by monetary donations. Volunteers pack food bags at the Lancaster County Food Hub (lancasterfoodhub.org) every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm. The Food Hub is located at 812 North Queen Street in Lancaster. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please contact Tom Conner in the Parish Office. Parishioners in need of food assistance, please contact Tom Conner at 717-569-8531 ext 226 or tconner@sjnlancaster.org

Furniture Bank

The Furniture Bank accepts “gently used” furniture and household goods for the “Off the Streets” homeless ministry and/or the San Juan Bautista Church Thrift Shop. To donate items to the Off the Streets ministry, please call 723-8084 and leave a detailed message. For donations to the San Juan Bautista Thrift Shop, simply drop them off at the Thrift Shop at 441 South Lime Street, Lancaster or call 283-0289 to schedule a pick up.

Rosary Group

Recitation of the Holy Rosary takes place before weekday Masses, every Monday through Friday, at 8:30 AM with the generous guidance of parish volunteers. Pamphlets and rosary beads are available in the narthex for anyone who would like some support in learning or following the prayers. The order of the Mysteries which we follow is: Tuesday - Joyful Mysteries, Wednesday - Glorious Mysteries, Thursday - Luminous Mysteries, Friday- Sorrowful Mysteries. All are welcome and encouraged to join in, especially during the months of May and October which are traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. John Neumann Senior Support Group

The purpose of this ministry is to support its members through healing and grieving by praying and socializing with each other. This ministry meets the first Tuesday of the month either at St. John Neumann Church or a restaurant—the venue is determined at the prior business meeting and is communicated to members. Members decide what commitments will be made for the year such as projects involving the food bank, a donation for “Off the Streets”, or holiday baskets. Dues are \$2.00. If you are interested in becoming part of this group, please call Mary Ann Brockie, President, at 717-393-2140.

Parish Ministries

Buildings and Grounds

Our buildings and grounds are maintained through the efforts of volunteers from our community. This includes landscape maintenance like shrubbery trimming, weeding, raking, and planting, as well as, painting and small repair work on the church and rectory buildings. If you would like to help with this effort, contact the Parish Office, 569-8531.

Collection Counters

The collection counters collect the Offertory gifts from the weekend and Holy Day Masses and tally these donations for recording purposes and in preparation for depositing in the bank. Since many parishioners are part of this ministry, usually service is needed only once per month. For more information or to learn how to participate, contact Tom Conner at 569-8531 ext. 226 or tconner@sjnlancaster.org.

Dinner With Friends

The purpose of this ministry is to become acquainted with fellow parishioners in a relaxed environment, in small groups. A meal is planned and shared in the home of a participant on the second Saturday of the month from September through May. If you are interested in participating in the fun and sharing some good food, contact Celine Clouse 717-626-4348 or Mary Peterson at 717-568-6153.

Diocesan Annual Campaign (Lenten Appeal)

This is an assessment levied by the Diocese of Harrisburg on each parish within its governance to financially support the many agencies and facilities under its domain. For information about the Diocesan Annual Campaign, contact Tom Conner at 569-8531 ext. 226 or tconner@sjnlancaster.org.

EWTN Global Catholic Network

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) is a Catholic media network which consists of television (Comcast Channel 291, Dish Network 261, and Direct TV Satellite Systems 370), radio (720 and 1420 AM, Sirius 129), internet (www.ewtn.com/everywhere), news. EWTN's vast array of television programming includes live Daily Mass, devotions, global Catholic news, powerful documentaries, music specials, live call-in talk shows, and much more that is pertinent to our lives as Catholic Christians. For more information, visit the bulletin board in the front of the church opposite the coat rack or contact Media Missionaries Rose Pezenosky at 717-397-0256.

Parish Ministries

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael J. McGivney at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. The order is still true to its founding principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics.

The St. John Neumann Council, No. 12532, meets in the St. John Neumann Social Hall on the second Tuesday of each month. The rosary is said beginning at 7:15 p.m. with meeting immediately following. To inquire about becoming a Knight or for further information, contact Grand Knight Jack Chester at 202-997-7133 or grandknight@knights12532.com

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree Tags are placed in the Narthex of the church annually to provide Christmas gifts to underprivileged children and adults in the Lancaster area. Organized by the Knights of Columbus with the help of St. John Neumann parishioners, names and gift suggestions are obtained from social service agencies. Gift card requests are also received from St. Anne Church for their Christmas Day community dinner. Parishioners select the requests that are presented as tags on two Christmas packages and return the gifts packaged and wrapped with the tag attached to the gift box. Volunteers then sort, package, and identify by groups these packages and prepare them for pick up by organization.

All parishioners can be part of this ministry by taking a tag and returning a gift for the Christmas season. Also, announcements are made in the bulletin if you would like to help with the sorting of the packages. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners! For more information, contact Ron Dell at 717-330-3741 or rjdell@msn.com

Lancaster Serra Club

The Lancaster Serra Club is a member of Serra International a Chicago-based group of Catholic men and women dedicated to promoting and fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life through prayer, encouragement, and financial assistance under the patronage of St. Junipero. Monthly meetings are held where the membership convenes for Mass, breakfast/lunch, a guest speaker, and a business meeting. Among our yearly activities are a summer dinner/picnic for the priests and religious of the Lancaster Deanery, a Christmas Appreciation Dinner for the priests of the deanery, and an altar servers award program. To become a member of this committee, contact Marie Quinn at 717-569-3340.

Parish Ministries

Mailings

Large mailings take place several times during the year and, at these times, volunteers are needed to stuff envelopes and place labels on envelopes in the Social Hall. When a mailing is scheduled, they usually are compiled on a Thursday at 9:00 a.m. An announcement for assistance is requested in the bulletin about two weeks before the mailing date. All help is appreciated and if you have any questions, contact Kim Mikulski, at 569-8531 ext. 227 or kmikulski@sjnlancaster.org.

Our Lady Queen of the Angels, Secular Franciscan Order

Secular Franciscans are called to a deeper prayer life with like-minded Catholics who follow the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi. This fraternity gathers monthly for prayer, ongoing formation, and community time at St. Leo the Great. Gatherings take place on the second Sunday of each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information or to plan a visit, please contact Julie Rasp, OFS at 394-7715 or rasp1833@comcast.net.

Pinochle Group

Pinochle group meets the second Thursday of the month from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at St. John Neumann Church. For more information contact Miles Martin at 717-393-2140.

Prayer Circle

This ministry includes about 100 to 150 members who pray on a regular basis for the needs and intentions that have been requested. To submit a request, contact the Parish Office at 569-8531. To become part of the Prayer Circle, contact Tonianne Bertel at 569-8531 ext. 229 or tbertel@sjnlancaster.org.

Prayer Shawl and Social Ministry

This ministry meets on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. For more information, contact Bobi Bertz at 717-330-8977

Parish Ministries

St. Anne-Neumann Seniors

SJN 55+ is a growing group of people who want to keep ourselves in the know and on the go!

When we aren't with family or friends outside our club, we enjoy time getting together to know a new body of friends, and sharing time in different venues. Some of the fun things we do is to plan day trips, listening to live music, guest speakers, playing games, and watching educational films.

This time once a month gives 55+ guests to get out of the house and share some good times year round during the day time. Parking is available and coffee and sweet treats are provided.

Senior benefit: having fun helps balance our stress, and helps to boost our creativity, energy, and productivity and overall health. Socializing improves our well being and as well as our mental health.

Please join us the fourth Tuesday of the month in the social hall. Sign in at 12:30pm and meeting is 1 to 3 pm. Information on the activity will be posted in the church bulletin prior to the meeting. The donation at the time of the meeting is \$5.00 per person. These monthly get togethers form valuable friendships. All are welcome and feel free to bring guests.

For more information or to become part of the fun and ministry work contact Gina White, at 717-569-9364.

Welcome Committee

Our Parish Mission Statement says in part: "We are a welcoming ... Community..." The Welcoming Committee has a broad reach, for example, inviting both newly registered and established parishioners to various functions such as our Parish Picnic and Coffee & Donuts. Everyone is invited to join the Welcoming Committee. Please text or phone Deacon Mike or Kathy Oles (203) 482-1460 or email us at moles5@comcast.net to jump right in – and Welcome!

Women's Group

The St. John Neumann Women's Group promotes the principles of Faith, Friendship and Charitable service. The group provides the opportunity for women of the Parish to come together for fellowship. We are a newly formed group who will support and work in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus Council 12532 in their charitable endeavors. We will be enjoying social outings and events for our members, as well as fun activities. The group is open to all women of the parish ages 18 and older. The St. John Neumann Women's Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Giving Card Program

Program

A rebate is received by various local and national retailers to not-for-profit organizations who purchase their gift cards in specified quantities to sell to their communities. Gift cards for SKH, Oregon Dairy, Giant, and Weis grocery stores, in addition to Sheetz, Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. can be purchased during regular office hours Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Also, gift cards for over 150 other retailers can be purchased by ordering.

Funds earned are used to aid attending and prospective students at our parish school, St. John Neumann Catholic School.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Office at 717-569-8531.



Faith Direct allows you to support St. John Neumann Church using electronic funds transfer from either a bank account or credit/debit card just as you may now do with your mortgage payment, cable bill, or other expenses.

Faith Direct benefits our parish by providing a secure way for you to send, and our parish to receive, your contributions and provides a stable cash flow while decreasing administrative costs.

Pamphlets that provide more information and sign-up sheets are available in the Parish Office or go to our website at sjnlancaster.org. If you would like to discuss your participation or have questions you would like answered, contact, Tom Conner at 569-8531 ext. 226, or tconner@sjnlancaster.org or Faith Direct 1-866-507-8757.

House Blessing



If you would like to
have your house blessed,
please contact

Deacon Mike Oles at
moles5@comcast.net

or

(203) 482-1460