

“Welcome to Saint John Neumann Parish!”

Dear New Parishioner,

On behalf of St. John Neumann Parish Council, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our parish family. I think you will find this to be a warm and welcoming place where you can truly feel at home.

As you look over this information you will find that St. John Neumann offers a wide range of religious, social and community outreach programs that can interest all men and women of the parish: young, old or somewhere in between; married, single, divorced or widowed. I am sure that you will find many avenues to grow in your faith and build a sense of community with your fellow parishioners.

If you have any questions, or would like further clarification of any of the ministries or programs described in this guide, please feel free to contact the rectory or the person identified as being in charge of the program. The recent bulletin (included) has a listing of contacts for the rectory, parish staff, and parish council officers and ministry chairs. All ministries and organizations welcome new members at any time. If you're not sure it's right for you, just give it a try for a while; no long-term commitment is required. We want you to feel at home here at SJN.

You will find our weekly bulletin full of news about parish and community goings on. Also, our quarterly “Insights” magazine that will be mailed to your home provides in-depth stories on a wide variety of parish opportunities.

If you have been involved in your previous parish and want to continue a similar involvement here, please do so. If a program is not listed that you would like to see, please share your ideas with us. We are always open to new ways to expand our faith community.

I hope you will feel welcome here and become an active member of Saint John Neumann. I am sure your involvement will make this an even better parish. Please call me if I can be of assistance in making your transition to your new parish easier.

Sincerely,

Mark Matera
Parish Council President

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A Bit of History about the Saint and the Parish

Saint John Neumann, as a student in Bohemia, yearned to be a foreign missionary in far-away America. Ordained in 1836 by the Bishop of New York, he trudged the Niagara frontier for four winters. He built churches, established schools, and was loved by children everywhere. In 1840 he joined the Redemptorists, but a decade later, by order of Pope Pius IX, he was consecrated fourth Bishop of Philadelphia. He traveled his vast diocese by canal boat, stagecoach, railway, on horseback and afoot. Master of eight languages, he found use for them all in his quest for souls. He was a pioneer promoter of the parochial school system. He was first in America to establish a diocesan schedule of the Forty Hours. He invited several religious orders to his diocese, befriending them with his kindness.

At forty-eight, worn out from his apostolic endeavor, he dropped dead in the street. His remains now repose in the crypt of St. Peter's at Fifth and Girard in Philadelphia. When Benedict XV declared his virtue heroic, he remarked: "You are all bound to imitate Venerable Neumann."

Saint John Neumann Parish was established on July 2, 1979 as the 321st parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh to serve the families of Franklin Park and surrounding areas. Fr. William R Bovard was appointed pastor and 356 families joined the new parish.

The first mass in the parish was celebrated on July 8, 1979, at the Franklin Park Fire Hall. Early masses were also held at Heritage United Presbyterian Church on Rochester Road.

On September 13, 1981, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new church took place on the property at 2230 Rochester Road. Bishop Vincent Leonard dedicated St John Neumann Church in May of 1982.

Early in 1994, registration was at its peak with 1400 families registered at St. John Neumann. On February 12, 1994 the new parish of Sts. John and Paul was established in Wexford, and as a result of redistricting, about 300 SJN families became members of this new parish. Since 1994, parish growth has almost offset the effects of redistricting with registered families now numbering about 1450.

St. John Neumann Catholic Formation

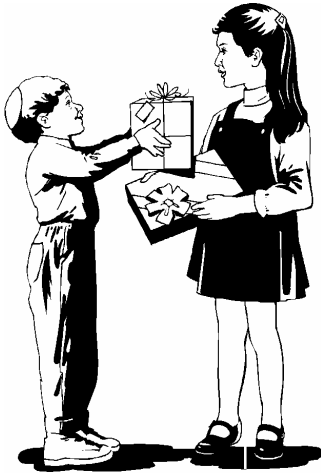
- ? **ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** Our parish religious formation ministries need dedicated volunteers. Please consider volunteering in the catechetical mission of SJN parish. You do not need to have children/family enrolled in any of the programs in order to help. The time, skills and gifts you share strengthen our parish community.
- ? **BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE REQUEST** Verification of Baptism is requested at the time of registration for children enrolling for the first time and who have not been baptized at St. John Neumann Church.
- ? **CATHOLIC FORMATION REGISTRATION** Sessions meet from mid-September through mid-April. Forms are mailed to all families at the end of June each year. Processing of forms and placement of children is first come/first served.
- ? **HOME-BASED CATHOLIC FORMATION** Grades 5-9 and High School RENEW are home-based. The available days and times for all home-based small groups are available through the SJN Religious Education Office. Home-based permission forms must be completed by parents or guardians placing children in a home-based small group.
- ? **HIGH-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES** Grade 9 students must register for a weekly Sunday (6:45-8:00 PM), or Monday (7:15-8:30 PM) on site or home-based session. Sunday students will also participate in the Youth Mass (5:30-6:30 PM) on the designated Sundays. Grades 10, 11 and 12 students have the following Sunday evening options: MICAH 6:8 combines social justice and Catholic decision-making; RENEW small groups will reflect upon our Sunday Gospels and how to live their message. MICAH 6:8 meets at SJN. RENEW is home-based.
- ? **SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL** Sunday Pre-School for children ages 3, 4 and 5 (Pre-K) is a parent cooperative program with limited enrollment. Two six-week sessions are held during the 9:30 AM Mass. You may register for one or both semesters (Oct-Nov or Mar-Apr). Parents will be contacted regarding their participation in Sunday Pre-School.
- ? **GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHESIS** Good Shepherd Level I (ages 3-6), Level II (ages 6-9) and Level III (ages 9-12+) is spiritual formation for children utilizing Montessori principles. Participants meet weekly from the third week of September to Pentecost (May). Good Shepherd Catechesis is an approved sacramental preparation program for First Penance and First Eucharist. There is a mandatory orientation for parents of newly enrolled children. (Level I is a prerequisite for Level II, two years of Level II is a prerequisite for Level III.)
- ? **SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN/FAMILIES** When you let us know that your child/family has special needs, additional information may be requested by mail to help us meet those needs.

If you have any questions, please call the SJN Religious Education Office at 412-366-5885.

Andrew James, Director for Religious Education

Barbara Stokes, Director for Religious Education – Family and Sacrament Ministries

Grace Ghirardi, Director for Religious Education and Youth Ministry



Liturgy of the Word for Children during Sunday Mass proclaims the Gospel with word and music in a manner that children can understand.

Vacation Bible School for children of 4 years thru Grade 5 (Fall status) occurs at the end of June. Adults and teens of the parish pool their talents to present a dynamic experience of Church and faith community to a very receptive audience.

Jr. Youth Week for our 5th & 6th graders – a week of activities coinciding with Vacation Bible School.

Summer Catholic Formation – One week for grades 6, 7 & 8 for those who cannot attend during the year.

Youth Week for our middle school youth takes place in August. Combining faith reflection and Christian action with fun and games makes it a “hands on” experience of Church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

TGIF (Teens Growing in Faith) – our middle school ministry meets monthly to participate in various youth ministry events such as mini-golf, speakers, pizza & games, service projects, etc. Open to grades 6 & up.

The monthly Sunday **SJN Youth Mass** offers contemporary worship and opens liturgical ministries to our youth in the 6th grade and up.

Annual Ski Trips are scheduled in January - a one day trip for middle school youth - and in February - a ski retreat weekend for high school youth.

Christian Drama is another opportunity for youth to involve themselves in the life of the Church as they present the Good Friday drama, “***Were You There?***” as well as other productions upon occasion.

SJN Youth are encouraged to take part in the Northwest Deanery and Diocese of Pittsburgh Youth Ministry events. Every two years a group of teen parishioners attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) held in various cities around the country. Teens and adults also attend World Youth Day - a week-long international gathering that occurs every 2 to 3 years.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Weekly Scripture Sharing on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 AM offers babysitting as participants explore the contemporary message from the Sunday scripture readings.

Advent/Lent Scripture Reflections are scheduled annually by the parish council Education Committee, usually on two or three weekday evenings during the season.

SJN Men's Breakfast meets monthly from September through May on Saturday mornings and features guest speakers along with breakfast, prayer and fellowship.

Women, Wisdom and Wine is a seasonal opportunity (4X per year) for women of the parish to gather, socialize, pray and listen to invited guest speakers.

S.E.E.D.S. (Spiritual Enrichment and Education Development Sunday) meets the first Sunday of the month (October through May) from 10:40 AM to 11:20 AM (between masses). S.E.E.D.S. address issues of faith in an informal setting.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism Preparation for Parents consist of a group session scheduled twice a month (except December) at various times. Catechist couples help new parents or parents-to-be to explore the baptism ritual of initiation and welcome.

Reconciliation and Eucharist Preparation acknowledges the importance and vitality of the domestic church - the family. Sacramental preparation focuses on the family and offers at-home materials for parents and children as well as community rituals and celebrations as the children journey toward their first reception of the sacraments.

Confirmation Preparation begins in Grade 5 with the presentation of the Bible to all our potential candidates. Preparation involves catechesis, Christian service, journaling and a retreat experience accompanied with rituals celebrated within the parish community. The sacrament will normally be conferred in the Fall of the 9th Grade year.

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Marriage Preparation Days are placed on the parish calendar twice yearly, Fall and Spring, for couples preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. Engaged couples are expected to make arrangements with the parish at least six months in advance of their proposed wedding date. The one-day preparation program is lead by team couples from the parish and takes place at a local retreat center.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which those who are interested in “becoming Catholic” may explore the Catholic faith traditions as they journey together with a team of catechists toward commitment and initiation into the Catholic Church. Summer inquiry sessions give way to weekly preparation sessions and seasonal rituals that culminate in initiation at the Easter vigil.

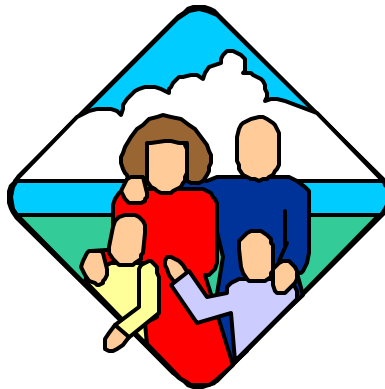
Rite of Christian Initiation of Children (RCIC) is the process of welcoming unbaptized or uncatechized children over the age of seven into the Catholic faith community. It mirrors the RCIA process with attention to the age of the children making the faith journey.

FAMILY MINISTRY

M.O.M.S. – Ministry of Mothers Sharing meets twice a year. A six-week session is held to focus on the spirituality of motherhood. It is open to all mothers and grandmothers. MOMS II is an ongoing support group for those who have completed MOMS I.

Family Festivals occur at different times through the liturgical year - All Saints’ Day, Advent, Mardi Gras, Lent - to allow families to observe our faith traditions in an atmosphere of acceptance, joy and celebration.

Elizabeth Ministry is a woman-to-woman ministry that responds to the needs of women in the community at various times during their life journey – especially pregnancy and issues related to it.



BEYOND RENEW

Our vision is a parish community, strengthened by many small faith sharing communities.

Small faith sharing groups offer an opportunity for 10-12 people to meet. There are two six-week seasons per year – Fall and Spring – during which groups meet in a member's home. They read and reflect on Sacred Scripture as it affects their lives, share their faith with one another, and prayerfully discern the Lord's call to act upon the Gospel.

Small communities have enabled believers to develop a more profound union with God and one another. They have also been a means for renewing and expanding the church. Small communities offer greater hope than ever that Christians will deepen their love for god, for one another, for all of creation – and in this process –renew the face of the earth.

Why participate?

“So, what the heck does Beyond Renew have to do with me I ask myself?

I'm a rather ordinary person; no halo, just ask my family. I've never even seen a burning bush, let alone spoken with one. Sharing my spiritual life with people I don't know is a little scary.

I don't want people to think I'm 'too religious' – whatever that means. But, deep down, I think we all need to believe that our life has meaning, has a purpose.

We all have a need for a sense of community and deeper, more genuine relationships. We also share the need to grow in faith.

That's why I go to Mass. That's why I joined Beyond Renew. And that's why I invite you to participate in the Beyond Renew small faith sharing groups.”

Community Outreach

Community Outreach, established at St. John Neumann in 1991, acts as an “umbrella” for social ministry advocacy and acts of service toward the poor and needy by parishioners and others. Resources for understanding and helping all God’s people are available. Young children, CCD classes, teens, families, adults all find a chance for living the Gospel through the projects of **Hands in Service (HIS)** organized by **Community Outreach Ministry**.

While our Appalachia Workcampers travel to West Virginia and the Habitat Workcampers to Erie County, PA each summer to improve housing, Hands in Service opportunities abound year-round for service on site and in the community. Returning high school and college age Appalachia Workcampers (1990) organized HIS when they felt called to more service locally. Weekday and weekend volunteers checking the bulletin or “Insights” will find places they can offer the “work of their hands” such as:

- ✍ Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank, McKeesport
- ✍ World Vision Intl. Relief Agency, Sewickley
- ✍ Habitat For Humanity of SW Butler County
- ✍ The Storehouse, East Liberty
- ✍ Pittsburgh Project, North Side
- ✍ Perry Hilltop Food Bank, North Side
- ✍ Allegheny House, North Side
- ✍ Focus on Renewal, McKees Rocks
- ✍ Light of Life Mission, North Side
- ✍ Operation Save-A-Life
- ✍ Operation Safety Net
- ✍ Holy Family Center, McKees Rocks (and others through special projects.)



Pastoral Counseling

SJN is a community that shares its sorrows and joys as they are experienced throughout the many changes and transitions of living. Because these challenges of our lives can be complicated and difficult, SJN makes counseling services available to its parishioners. This service is designed to support and assist people in times of confusion, distress and crisis by offering competent and professional care with/in the content of faith.

If you have questions regarding the nature of this service please contact the pastoral counselor referenced in the recent bulletin included in this welcome package.

Music Ministry

The Adult Choir is an important and magnificent part of our liturgical celebrations. The Choir is always recruiting new members who want to praise God in song. Rehearsals are held weekly from September through May.

The Youth Choir invites boys and girls in the fourth through eighth grades to participate actively in our worship by leading the assembly in song. Recruitment begins in the fall of each year.

Liturgical Ministries

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during weekend masses, Holy Days of Obligation and other liturgical celebrations. Recruitment and training are offered regularly.

Eucharistic Ministers serve the community during Eucharistic celebrations and by bringing the Eucharist to the homebound. Orientation and support are provided.

Ushers/Greeters welcome the community to weekend liturgies and serve the assembly during mass.

Altar Servers assist the presider during mass. Boys and girls in fifth grade and older are invited to participate in this ministry. Training sessions are offered periodically.

Contact the rectory for more information about these ministries.

PARISH COMMITTEES

The **Christian Worship Committee** promotes awareness of our call to shared ministry, which comes to us through baptism. Participants in the work of this committee are involved in preparing for the various seasons of our church year and planning events for the spiritual growth and renewal of our parish community. Members also coordinate and evaluate the celebrations, programs and lay ministries essential to the spiritual life of St. John Neumann Parish.

The **Christian Education Ministry** comes together to provide educational opportunities for adults and families within the parish as well as the larger community. The committee supports a variety of activities and remains open to new ideas. Several of the activities that our ministry currently supports follows:

- ✍ **Verland Outreach** – we have five special celebrations a year at Verland Institute, which serves the profoundly retarded. Also, three or four of the Verland residents come to the 9:30 AM mass every other Sunday. Following mass we share coffee, donuts, and juice. We are becoming more successful in attracting CCD classes to help with our Verland activities.
- ✍ **Saturday Men's Breakfast Group**—this is a once a month gathering of men in the parish who pray, sing, and listen to a guest speaker following breakfast. They also do highway cleanup on Rochester Road between Ingomar Heights and Sewickley-Oakmont Roads every other month.
- ✍ **Women, Wisdom, and Wine Group**—this is a gathering of women of the parish on three/four evenings throughout the year. A guest speaker promoting the spirituality of women is the theme of the gathering.
- ✍ **Advent Evening Family Program**—a special evening of insight and reflection for the entire family.
- ✍ **Supper and Stations** – offered one Friday during Lent. We serve a tomato soup/grilled cheese sandwich dinner and provide appropriate activities for the children while the adults attend the Way of the Cross in the Church.
- ✍ **Educational Series during Lent**—these programs provide an alternative for parishioners to deepen their understanding of the church and the season of Lent. Other Education evenings are offered throughout the year. A Positive parenting series for the summer of 2003 with a special session for the children of attendees is planned.

Saint John Neumann **Temporalities Committee** reviews and addresses the financial concerns of the parish for the promotion of Christian growth. The specific responsibilities of the committee include:

- ✍ Advise and assist the Parish Council in the financial management of the parish including physical improvements, expansion of parish facilities, and maintenance.
- ✍ Advise the Parish Council about community trends, which may impact the financial commitments of the parish.
- ✍ Plan and develop recommendations for fund-raising and future additions with respect to parish capital needs.
- ✍ Coordinate the annual parish-share program, which has significant financial benefit to our parish and the Diocese of Pittsburgh.
- ✍ Review annual income and expenditures of the parish, and assist in preparation of projected budgets.

Parish Life Committee serves the corporal and social needs of the Saint John Neumann family. The committee fosters a close, cohesive and family-like parish community through events designed for all members of SJN's congregation – young, senior, single, married, widowed, divorced, visitors and new and founding members.

Some of the work the committee sponsors and coordinates includes:

- ✍ Publication of the Parish Pictorial Directory
- ✍ Monthly Sunday Socials
- ✍ Annual Family events such as picnics, ice cream socials, etc.
- ✍ Hospitality Ministers
- ✍ “Insights” newsletter and Parishioners Welcoming Materials
- ✍ Blood Drives

The Christian **Community Life Committee** seeks to meet the needs of the community through the development of programs that fit the parish resources and its volunteers. Through the varying programs the committee desires to instill within the parish membership an awareness of its responsibility to the local, regional and world community.

Some ongoing service projects include:

- ✍ **Perry Hilltop Food Bank** Collection baskets are available for donations on the first Sunday of every month. Funds collected are given to the Perry Hilltop Food Bank to purchase food.
- ✍ The special “**Turkey Sunday**” Collection provides additional funds to help provide Thanksgiving Dinners to Perry Hilltop Food Bank
- ✍ **Christmas “Sharing Tree**
Gifts are donated and provided to families who are identified by various social agencies.
- ✍ **Parish garden**
Volunteers plant and tend a garden at the rectory. Produce is donated to local food pantries
- ✍ **Preparing and Serving meals at local shelters**
Pleasant Valley Shelter
Miryam’s House
- ✍ **Wheels of Love**
This annual project collects bicycles (along with sewing machines, crutches and clothing) that are shipped to Nicaragua. Since 1999 we have filled ten sea going containers.
- ✍ **Eye Glass Collection**
Eyeglasses have been collected to send to South America.

In addition to on-going projects, SJN is continually seeking new opportunities to provide service opportunities for parishioners.

CARING MINISTRIES

The Caring Ministries of St. John Neumann are ministries of presence that seek to further the healing mission of Jesus Christ by supporting the physical, emotional and spiritual wellness of the on-going life of our parish family through compassionate caring of all in need. The Caring Ministries include:

- ? St. John Neumann Society
- ? Ministry of Prayer
- ? Ministry of Consolation
- ? Bereavement Ministry
- ? Parish Health Ministry
- ? Elizabeth Ministry
- ? Legion of Mary

The Bible in Matt 18:20 says *for where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am in the midst of them.* The unification of these groups, all with a similar focus, is a witness to the work of Jesus within our parish.

The initial task of the group will be to do a parish needs assessment, recruit and train volunteers. An attempt will be made to address all needs which surface using the combined time and skills of the people in the original founding group. Caring ministries can be accessed on our website at stjohnneumannpgh.org. The Caring Ministries welcomes anyone who would be interested in volunteering.

St. John Neumann Society

Lord! I feel so helpless sometimes....

- ✍ Is there any one who cares
- ✍ How will I ever get to the doctors
- ✍ A phone call would be nice once in a while
- ✍ My fingers just won't let me write a letter
- ✍ Provide meals during crisis

The St. John Neumann Society is looking for “somebodies” who will take the time to do those little things that make the lonely feel less so. You can be a “somebody”! The Society will make friends for you; put you in touch with other caring somebodies. The Society will strengthen our church and community; add a spark of humanity to brighten the darkness of loneliness for others...and for yourself. We're not looking for “do-gooders” but just ordinary people who realize the needs of others and the benefits we ourselves get from helping others. If you need help from this caring society, OR, if you would like to be a member and help others, use the number on the back of the church bulletin. No meetings involved!

Consolation Ministry

This group offers support to families upon the death of a parishioner. Members gather at the funeral home the night before the funeral to participate in a scripture-based wake service. Some members have been trained to be servers at funeral masses. There are no meetings. Contact the Rectory for information.

Ministry of Prayer

This ministry is one of offering prayers to God for the joys, sufferings, and hopes of the people of St. John Neumann as well as friends and relatives. Anyone in the Parish who is interested in being a part of the prayer group is welcome to join especially the homebound, elderly, or folks with disabilities.

The ministry operates through a phone chain. Contact persons make calls once a week with the information for prayer. If you are a contact person you call your assigned few persons. If you are not a contact person, then you just await your phone call. Each month a letter is sent with updates on membership and prayer information. Some folks choose only to receive the monthly communication.

The amount of time it takes is up to you. The prayer list can be included in your daily prayers. It takes a little more time if you agree to become a contact person.

There are no dues. Contact information is on the back page of the bulletin.

Parish Health Ministry

The Parish Health Ministry is made up of health care professionals – nurses, doctors, pharmacists, etc. – who are interested in enhancing the lives of parishioners. Blood pressure screenings are done monthly after all masses; CPR and First Aid training are offered periodically; educational programs bring in speakers on current health related topics. The group is also a co-sponsor, with the Grief Support Group, of the “Grief and the Holidays” presentation. If you have any sort of background in health related fields, this may be a group which would interest you. Meetings are held only as needed for planning. Call Mary Jo Hynes (412-367-4766) or Dan Littlefield (412-364-0979), for more information or to sign up.

Grief Support Group

The death of a loved one – be it spouse, parent, child – is one of the most difficult experiences that we encounter during our journey through life. The period of grief is usually helped somewhat by sharing thoughts, feelings and experiences with others in a similar situation. Our Grief Support Group offers an informal and accepting atmosphere where people can come to share feelings with others who have also experienced loss. The group has been meeting as the need has surfaced. If someone in your family wants to explore this process, call the rectory at 412-366-2020.

Elizabeth Ministry

The Elizabeth Ministry follows the example of Mary and Elizabeth in helping women serve one another in an atmosphere of faith, hope, and love. But broader than that, it shows God's love by affirming, encouraging, supporting, promoting and fostering the dignity and worth of every person. We are not experts or counselors, but friends, offering support in pregnancy, fertility or infertility, adoption, grandparents caring for children, and miscarriage or loss of a child. Meetings are few. We sponsor an adoption program each year, and blessing services twice a year for those who have experienced a loss. We are also a presence at monthly blessing for expectant parents.

Because of the nature of the involvement with husband, parents, etc., this is also listed as a family ministry. It is one on one in action, but involves a close-knit group of members. Call the Religious Education Office (412-366-5885) for information or to join.

Legion of Mary

The main purpose of the Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the sanctification of its members. The members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, rosary and distribution of the Eucharist.

If you have been asking the Lord what you can do for Him, or if you feel that you would like to do something for the Lord in thanksgiving for all that He has done for you, then the Legion is for you – especially in this Marian Age in which we live. We invite you to try it. It will bring a new meaning into your life as it has for us.

Please contact Sylvia Hasnauer (412-364-0844) for more information.

Women's Guild

On September 22, 1981, a group of 25 women formed the St John Neumann Women's Guild. They established the charter of the organization: To promote the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of the women of the parish and provide them with opportunities to serve the parish community. Membership in the Guild is open to all women of the parish.

The Guild supports many service projects, which include clothing drives, Vincentian Home visits, support of the Family Relief Fund, which helps parishioners during family crises. Other activities have included cross-stitching of the hundreds of Christmas ornaments used at SJN during the Christmas Season.

Funds raised through various Guild projects help support special needs of our Church organizations, as well as other charities.



Official committees include Hospitality, Program, Publicity, Service, Socials, Spiritual, Membership and Ways and Means.

Membership numbers about 50. All women in the parish are invited to join the SJN Women's Guild.

Over 50's Club

The purpose of the Over 50's Club is to bring together parishioner of this age group to enjoy religious, social, educational and travel activities. Monthly meetings are held from September through April and include presentations of an educational or entertaining nature. Included are covered dish suppers at Christmas and St. Patrick's Day. The group's year ends with the annual meeting and communion brunch in May and commences with the August picnic. Organized tours are offered during the year including a day at the ballpark with the Pirates.

Access to Parish Services

To schedule a BAPTISM contact the rectory at 412-366-2020. To register for BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES call 412-366-5885.

For information regarding FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST COMMUNION call the Religious Education Office at 412-366-5885.

CONFIRMATION is celebrated annually in the Fall. Contact the Religious Education Office at 412-366-5885 for information.

To schedule a WEDDING call the rectory at 412-366-2020 at least six months prior to wedding date. To register for MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS contact the Religious Education Office at 412-366-5885.

If someone in your family is HOUSEBOUND and cannot attend mass, please call the rectory at 412-366-2020 if you would like someone to bring communion to your home.

When a parishioner dies, we offer to the family the opportunity to personalize the FUNERAL liturgy by choosing scripture readings, prayers and music. Call the rectory at 412-366-2020 for assistance.