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**Parish
Mission Statement**

It is the purpose of St. John Neumann Parish, a gathered people, to act in word, sacrament, witness and service toward all, in gratitude to God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Brother with the Holy Spirit as our Guide.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 5:30 PM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM - Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday
7:00 PM - Wednesday

Holy Days: 7:00 PM (Vigil) 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

9:30-10 AM Saturday (or by appointment; call the Office)

Sacrament of Baptism:

Celebrated on the last Sunday of every month or during Mass by appointment only - call the Parish Office. Parents are to attend Baptism preparation classes; for class information please call 412-366-5885 (ext. 12).

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to Wedding Date. Next marriage prep class will be announced. For more information please call 412-366-5885 (ext 12).

Web Site: www.stjohnneumannpgh.org

Prayer Site: <http://stjohnneumannpghprayer.blogspot.com>

Pastoral Council: snpc@stjohnneumannpgh.org

Victim Assistance Hotline: 1-888-808-1235

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

9:00 AM RICCHUITO FAMILY
(Repasky Family)

5:30 PM EMILY WISNIEWSKI (Family)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SJN

9:30 AM BEN & MILDRED SOBCHAK
(Beverly Brozanski)

11:30 PM JESSICA GROVE (Root Family)

5:30 PM LOUIS MORABITO (Wife, Son & Family)

MONDAY, SEPT. 19

9:00 AM NANCY LAVOICE (Tom)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 20, ST. ANDREW KIM TAEGON, & ST. PAUL CHONG HASANG

9:00 AM DAVID WESTHEAD (Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (STONEBROOK)

10:00 AM CECILIA REINHEIMER
(Stonebrook Friends)

7:00 PM LAWRENCE & MARGARET GASHIE
(Bill & Pat Post)

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

9:00 AM CINDY JANNARRELLI
(Susan & Fred Mohrbacher)

FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

9:00 AM JOHN BRENCKLE (Family)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

9:00 AM TOM O'LARE (Family)

3:00 PM STEIGERWALD/TISHKY WEDDING

5:30 PM CHARLES JONES (Cindy & Jim Hall)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF SJN

9:30 AM NANCY LA VOICE (Tom)

11:30 PM RUTH & MICHAEL GERVAS
(Bill & Rosemary McLaughlin)

5:30 PM

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. Sept. 24- 5:30 PM - R. Caruso, C. Battista, S. & A. Wirtz, D. & C. Hagen, A. Janosco

Sun. Sept. 25- 8:00 AM M. McCluskey, P. Anderson, B. Pugh, K. Miller, M. Kohler, C. & R. Madia

9:30 AM - M. & M. Scheerbaum, L. Emark, C. Vollmer, C. & M. Shepard, R. Miller

11:30 AM— J. Mack, J. & R. Powers, D. Down, B. Furiga, J. & A. Burke

LECTORS

Sat. Sept. 24	5:30 PM	L. Young, M. Turo
Sun. Sept. 25	8:00 AM	M. Petrasek, P. Lang
	9:30 AM	P. Quinn, C. Browne
	11:30 AM	S. Kirsch, A. Shuckrow

ALTAR SERVERS

Sat., Sept. 24	5:30 PM	Root Family
Sun. Sept. 25	8:00 AM	A. & T. Pritchard, N. Moss
	9:30 AM	B. & C. Neugebauer, J. Seskey
	11:30 AM	A. & D. Sofranko, Z. Nachazel

THIS WEEK...

Sunday, Sept. 18 Catechetical Sunday-reception after All Masses

Monday, Sept. 19

12:00 PM Over 50's Club

Tuesday, Sept. 20

9:30 AM Centering Prayer

6:00 PM Solos-Max's Allegheny Tavern

Wed., Sept. 21

7:15 PM Choir

8:00 PM MOMS

Thurs. Sept. 22

9:45 AM Scripture Study

Friday, Sept. 23

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Sat., Sept. 24

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

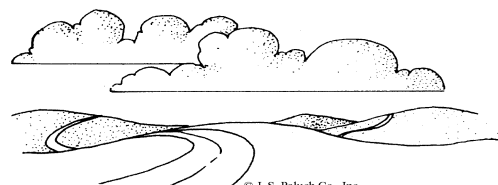
Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

Deposits

Sept. 11

Operating	\$6,350.00
Building Fd.	7,210.00
Parish Share	3,153.50
Bishop Ed. Fd.	1,588.00
Faith Formation	1,010.00
Misc.	<u>4.00</u>
	\$19,315.50

GOD'S WAYS
ARE ABOVE
OUR WAYS



ANNUAL MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL

Next week-end at all Masses, please welcome Brother Robert Schaefer, principal of Central Catholic. He will be here for our annual Mission Cooperative Appeal. He will be speaking on behalf of the Brothers of the Christian School. Please welcome him to St. John Neumann.

EAT, PRAY, POLKA

Vincentian Regency is hosting "Eat, Pray, Polka," a polka Mass and dinner dance to benefit residents of their nursing and rehabilitation facility on Saturday, October 8 at SJN. The Polka Mass begins at 5:30 PM with a buffet dinner and dancing beginning at 7 PM with music by the Dick Tady Orchestra and a traditional dance performance by the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Reserve your tickets for \$50 each or two for \$90 by calling 412-548-4056 or purchase tickets online at www.vcs.org.

VINCENTIAN VOLUNTEERS

Please join us on Tuesday, October 11 at 2 PM at Vincentian Assisted Living. The Women's Guild is hosting a bingo for the residents and we can always use a little extra help. The residents are always very appreciative of our visits. Need info, call Marlene Yokim @ 412-366-8840

BASKETWEAVING AT THE WOMEN'S GUILD

Please join us Thursday, October 13 @ 7:00 PM at SJN as we welcome Sister Donna Wojtyna, of the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh as she gives a presentation on Basketweaving and the history, uses, style and care for baskets. This gifted nun is a professional Basketweaver and Woodcarver with over 30 years experience. She inspires creativity with classes, retreats and workshops at St. Benedict Monastery in West View. Basket Creations by Sister Donna will be available for sale. Guests welcome. RSVP to Ginny Cox at ginnycfcd@aol.com or 412-364-2583.



UNEMPLOYED? GOOD NEWS!

Interested in finding out how not having a job could possibly be a good thing? Come join us Wednesdays at 9 AM to find out more about the Good News of Unemployment.

APPALACHIA WINE DINNER

You are invited to the Annual Appalachia Wine Dinner on Sat. October 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Wine selections from Narcisi Winery will again be featured along with our delicious home cooked dinner. Tickets are \$30 and will be available next week at all Masses. Tables may be reserved. Call Laura Juran at 412-367-4264 or lejuran@verizon.net



DIRECTION

Isaiah tells us something that we already know, and yet seem to forget every now and then. He tells us, essentially, that God is God and we are not. When we're confused and troubled and can't figure everything out, it might be wise to recall Isaiah speaking on the Lord's behalf and explaining that God--who is on a much more, well, Godly wavelength than we are--moves in ways we can't even imagine. Saint Paul, by comparison, has everything figured out - kind of. At least he understands his calling in life--to magnify Christ in everything he does. That should give all of us the direction we need. Jesus gives us direction, too, explaining to us once again in the parable of the workers in the vineyard that the last will be first, and the first, last.

RCIA- LOOKING CLOSER AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Our weekly sessions for those who are interested in looking closer at the church will begin on Sunday, October 2 after the 9:30 Mass. These sessions are open to anyone who wants to seek full communion through baptism and also to anyone who wants to complete their initiation in the church through the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please call Barb Stokes or Fr Al for more information or to register for the RCIA process. Also feel free to extend this invitation to anyone who you know that might be interested in discovering the treasure we have in our Catholic way of worship and sacrament. The work is ours to spread the Good News. Can you help too?

MASS ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 WILL BE AT 9 AM INSTEAD OF 7 PM.

BIBLE STUDY



Please join us this Fall for an eight week study of the Books of Kings beginning September 26. Find out what happened to the twelve tribes of Jacob and how it led to the writing of the Old Testament. Meetings will be Monday evenings 7:30-9 PM in the Youth Room at SJN.

SJN OVER 50 CLUB

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 19 at 12 Noon. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND, please call Barb Miller at 412-364-1471 by Monday, Sept. 12.

BUS TRIP TO RIVERS CASINO



When? Wednesday, Oct. 5. Be sure to get your check in ASAP because seats are limited on the bus. Order of checks received will determine reservations. Put your checks (payable to "Over 50 Club") in the "Over 50" mail slot in Ed. Bldg. or mail to Barb Morrison. Please call Barb at 412-364-0633 if you have any questions.

CONFIRMATION

Friday night was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit at SJN. Almost 70 young people with sponsors came to celebrate Confirmation with Bishop Zubik, their loving families and the church community here. Many thanks to all who helped make it such a wondrous evening. Patty Reavel and the choir complimented the sacrament with beautiful music. The cookies provided by last year's Confirmation class were delicious and enjoyed by all. All the extra hands from set up to clean up were much appreciated. Ushers and servers and readers and youth ministers all added their talents and made it work well. We pray that the outpouring of the Spirit continue to strengthen and gift our Confirmandi as they walk their journey of faith with us. Congratulations and blessings to all.

THANKS

Our marriage prep team of Fr. Al, Rick and Carol Caruso, Mark and Carole Shepard and DJ and Sandy Jagus provided a wonderful day of marriage prep on Saturday, Sept 17 at SJN. Their dedication is outstanding. We thank them for the hours of giving and the extent of their personal sharing that makes this day so rich for the couples preparing for marriage.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



The local celebration of this day will be hosted at St Benedict the Moor on Wednesday, Sept 21. This year a 24-hour peace vigil will be held beginning at midnight (12AM) Wed morning and will continue throughout the day. An interfaith service will begin at 7PM on Wed evening and the vigil will close at midnight. If you cannot attend the vigil, you are encouraged to do some penance or special prayers for the intentions of peace in our world.

BAPTISM PREP

Our Baptism Prep session is a time to reflect and pray about the awesome power of Baptism and the responsibility of parents. If you anticipate celebrating this sacrament in your family soon our next session will be **TODAY, Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10:30 till noon.**

**FALL BEYOND RENEW SEASON
BEGINS OCTOBER 9**

We will work with the book *Longing for the Holy, Spirituality for Everyday Life*. All are welcome to join this 6 week Small Group Faith Sharing program. Sign-up Sunday for Beyond Renew will be September 25. For more info call Kim Woodward at 412-630-8637.



**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY
"DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME"**

Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated throughout the U.S. **TODAY, Sunday, September 18.** It is a time to recognize the ministry we all have, by virtue of our Baptism, to bring others to know Christ. We do this by our words and the way we lead our lives. On this Sunday we ponder the words of Christ "Do this in memory of me" as we call forth and commission those who proclaim Jesus Christ to children and teens through our parish catechetical programs. **We will be having a Social after all morning Masses on Sunday - please plan to stop in and say hello to these faithful volunteers.**

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD BETWEEN
3-6 YEARS OLD?**

Families with children in Preschool or Kindergarten are invited in a particular way to take advantage of our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This Montessori-based program is designed to meet the specific spiritual needs of 3-6 year old children, bringing them joy and a sense of deep peace. Good Shepherd is offered at many times through the week and many sessions still have space. Registration forms can be printed from the parish website and returned to the Religious Education office.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Don't let your kids make all the plans for your time this fall. Check the calendar and plan to come to Thursday morning Scripture study from 9:45 till 11:15. You will meet an interesting group of adults who share faith stories and experiences related to the Sunday readings. We add a bit of history and wisdom from other scripture scholars and writings. Together we all grow in the depth and power of the Word of the Lord. Join us this week and bring a friend. Coffee is on and the door is open.

ATTENTION! GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS

With the return to school many of our scouts may be looking for opportunities to earn religious emblems and awards. Forms providing details about the various awards offered by the Catholic Committee on Scouting are available in the church lobby display or the Rel. Education Office. For more information, contact Andrew James at 412-366-5885 x11 or ajames@stjohnneumannpgh.org.

Our Maps program of weekly faith formation for 7th and 8th graders begins Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. All students should meet in the Youth Room.

Good Shepherd sessions begin the week of Tuesday, September 27. We are looking forward to getting started and seeing all the families back in the Education Building!

**GREATER PGH COMMUNITY FOOD BANK
VOLUNTEER TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
BENEFITS PERRY HILLTOP FOOD BANK**

Earn free food for Perry Hilltop Food Bank on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at the Greater Pgh. Community Food Bank. Adults and young people ages 12-18 (must have signed permission form) are invited to join the SJN crew. We'll pack a selection of foods for senior citizens to be distributed through food banks in 11 counties. Meet at the church's back doors at 8:15 AM; return approx. 1:30 PM. Bring a bag lunch. Limit: 10 volunteers. Register at 412-366-5638, ext. 12 with your name, phone #, email address by noon, Friday, Sept. 23. SJN parish has been volunteering at GPCFB since January 1991.

GARAGE SALE THANK YOU

Many, many thanks to all the wonderful parishioners who supported the Appalachia Fall Garage Sale. Your donations and wonderful help with pricing are most gratefully appreciated. It was a great success thanks to you!

APPALACHIA KICKOFF

The Kickoff for the 2012 Appalachia Workcamp will be held at 10:30 AM on Sunday, Sept. 25. If you are interested in attending this year's workcamp, June 23-30, 2012, you must currently be a sophomore or older. Please contact Laura Juran at lejuran@verizon.net or 412-367-4264.

HABITAT

Again this year we are pleased to participate with the Beaver County Habitat in their efforts. The dates for the Fall Habitat are the following Saturdays: October 22, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Please visit the website at beavercountyhabitat.org for wavier forms, volunteer information and the safety video. Please sign up early to get your desired dates. We can only accommodate 8-10 people at one job site on any given Saturday. Please be reminded that your wavier forms must be sent in advance to participate. Please contact Jay Deily at jndeily@verizon.net or call 412-366-2804 to sign up.

PARENTING POINTERS

Oh, how the pendulum swings. Baby boomers often criticized their parents for being uptight. Too many Generation X, Y, and "whatevers" wish their parents weren't so "out of sight." What kind of parent are you? Permissive and lenient or structured and commanding? Try for the golden mean in the middle.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH, ARE RESERVED FOR THOSE WHO TRULY NEED THEM!

REMINDER: THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY SATURDAY, FROM 9:30-10 AM.

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION FAIR

St. Alexis is sponsoring a Catholic High School Education Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 28 for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and parents for numerous Catholic High Schools - all in one location (School Cafeteria)! The following schools have been invited to participate: Aquinas Academy, Central Catholic, North Catholic, Oakland Catholic, Our lady of the Sacred Heart, Quigley Catholic, St. Joseph and Vincentian Academy. Come any time between 6:30 and 8:30 PM.

CENTERING PRAYER UPDATE

We will begin meeting every Tuesday morning beginning Sept. 20 at 9:30 AM in the Level III atrium room. Wear your walking shoes since we will "lectio on the go" as we walk on the trail across from SJN during our lectio time. We will keep the meeting time to one hour in total. Centering on Wednesday evenings will begin on Nov. 9.

*ST. ATHANASIUS NEEDLETHREADERS' SALE
A SALE FOR ALL SEASONS!
SAT. SEPT. 24, 9-3 PM.
CALL 412-931-6633 FOR MORE INFO*

WINTER COATS

From Sept. 1 through October 31, North Hills Community Outreach is accepting donations of new and gently worn CLEAN winter coats to be distributed to low-income families in need. All sizes are needed, but the highest demand is for children's and adult XL sizes. You can drop off coats in our SJN donation center. For more info, contact Vicki at 412-487-6316.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SAT. OCT 22, "A CARING QUILT"
MARIOTT CITY CENTER, PITTSBURGH
REGISTRATION: www.diopitt.org**

SOLOS

... will be meeting Tuesday, September 20, at Max's Allegheny Tavern, on the North Side, at 6 PM. If you plan to attend, please call Bob Lupi at 412-364-4921.

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE
412-366-2020 (EXT. 10)...**

- ?? If you have a family member who becomes seriously ill or home bound and would want us to know.
- ?? If there has been a death in your immediate family and you wish to have the person mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful on Sunday.



**ST. JOHN NEUMANN
WINE TASTING AND DINNER**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011
BOVARD HALL 6:30-9:30 P. M.**

Brought to you by Narcisi Winery

Tickets: \$30 Benefits Appalachia Work Camp

**Get yours soon! We sold out last year!
Tickets are available at all Masses and in the church offices.**

Must be 21 to attend.