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Insights

Saint John Neumann Parish

Spring 2011

Worth the Wait!

By: Father Al

The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!

He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

Easter is about as late as it can get this year. Hopefully it was worth the wait. We continue now to celebrate for fifty days of Easter—but we live continually as “Resurrection People.” We are promised a share in this new life, this resurrected life. The joy should be something we carry with us all year.

Since our first week of Lent when Fr. Francis led us in our parish mission, there has been a felt difference, a desire, a longing for what God has to offer us as his people. May you continue to come alive in your faith and share it for all to see.

Grace

By: Father Al

Since 1996, Grace Ghirardi has served the youth at St. John Neumann faithfully. Her presence has always been welcoming and supportive. When she announced earlier this year that she would be retiring on June 30, 2011, it was hard to picture what our youth ministry would look like without her. Her dedication to Youth Ministry and SJN has been a real “grace” to us. Thanking her for all the time and effort, for the number of students and families she has affected, and for the professionalism she has brought to her position is not easy to do.

Because Grace has held this position for so long and has done it so well, we knew it would be a very important change for our whole parish and have begun a process for hiring a new youth minister. We need your help and prayers: help in thanking Grace and prayers for her and our youth ministry program.

The parish would like to thank her with a celebration of retirement after the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday, June 26. Please mark your calendars to stop and wish her well. Thanks, Grace!

CHANGES TO PROGRAMS FOR PRESCHOOL THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE FOR 2011-2012

By: Barbara Matera

As another year of faith enrichment comes to a close, we find ourselves looking to the future, so that we may continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in all our programs. In our quest to offer the best possible experience for our families, we are making some significant changes starting in Fall 2011.

Instead of weekly sessions from September through April, our Good Shepherd (Preschool – Grade 6) and MAPS (Grades 7 & 8) programs will operate on a trimester schedule. For the first eleven weeks – from September 6 through November 22 – children will meet weekly as usual. For the next eleven weeks, we will have an “Intersession,” with many opportunities for Mass and Family Liturgical Catechesis centered on the Church’s observance of Advent, Christmas, and Ordinary Time. Children will return to

the Good Shepherd atrium or classroom to observe Lent and celebrate Easter as they resume weekly sessions from February 7 – April 28.

The centerpiece and constant of Intersession will be a Family Mass every Wednesday at 4:30 PM, with all families encouraged to participate and our faith enrichment children serving as liturgical ministers (lectors, acolytes, ushers, greeters, gift-bearers). Additionally, family events will be scheduled at least once a month around Wednesday and weekend Masses to celebrate the mystery of Christ in the seasons and feasts of the Church year.

To make this schedule work with the school calendar, we will not be able to schedule Monday sessions for children in first grade or older. There would be too many school holidays and we would not be able to meet minimum Diocesan requirements. We are also moving MAPS to Wednesday at 6:30, in the hope that seventh and eighth graders will keep that day free during Intersession to attend Wednesday Mass and family events. Summer program students are also invited and encouraged to participate in the weekly Mass and other family events.

Coming together for Mass as well as catechetical, service and social events will help build community in our programs among parents and children who often come from different schools and parishes. During family sessions, parents will additionally have the opportunity to meet and talk with their child’s catechist, see

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Parish Mission, a “Blooming” Success

By: Rosemary McLaughlin



The Lenten Mission of 2011 was decidedly a defining event in the life of St. John Neumann Parish.

Every parishioner who attended had a favorite or memorable moment that increased their own spiritual life. One was moved by the planting of intentions in Jim Guentner's beautiful Mission Sculpture. For another it was the procession of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help to a Taize chant; for a third it was the very moving offertory procession to the hymn “We Come to Your Feast.” Everyone took away something different and beautiful.

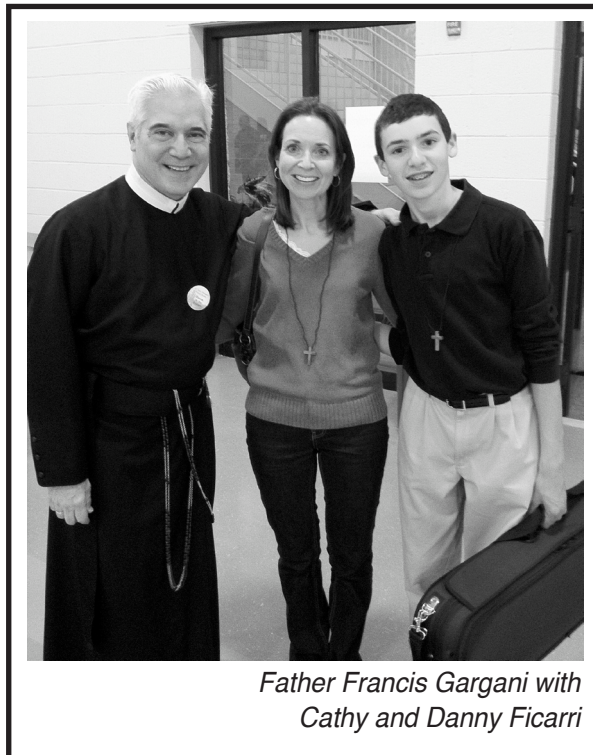
Over those special four nights in March, we heard Father Francis Gargani deliver stirring homilies on the sacredness of our symbols: earth, water, fire and wind, and we accepted tokens of remembrance to keep each in our hearts. On the first night, each attendee wrote a mission intention

on a special seeded paper and planted it at the altar. On the second night there were votive candles, and we ringed the church in silence then offered peace

to each other. On night three we blessed one another with holy water and took

home a small bottle of it. Finally during Mass on the last night we were given small wooden crosses to remind us to take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

The symbols were part of the participatory ritual of each evening. Prayers and readings were also part of the liturgy as



Father Francis Gargani with Cathy and Danny Ficarra

well as parishioner testimonies. These were very moving parts of every evening. We heard from Jeff Full who spoke of his journey to Catholicism, John and Iris Parks on finding Christ in the young people of the parish and their volunteer work, Carmen and Sara DiLeo on the support of the parish through the difficulties of their daughter's birth, and Bill McLaughlin on the joys of attending Mass all over the world.

Fr. Gargani was a joyful participant who was impressed and honored to be part of St. John Neumann Parish for even the short time he was here: “I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am to you as

individuals and a community, and to Fr. Al for showing me what a Parish Mission can really do when the Community takes leadership and gives such a powerful witness in their collaboration. If there has been a growing sense of solidarity among your parish as the fruit of the Mission, a healing of past division and discord to some degree, it is due in no small part to the powerful witness of priests and people working together on behalf of the community!”

Shout or Whisper

By: Barbara Stokes

Sometimes God's call fills the inner room of our heart with a shout and sometimes it is just a constant whisper, a little nudge. No matter how we hear it, the call needs a response or acknowledgement.

Every year several people answer by taking a deeper closer look at the Catholic Church through the RCIA process. For some, they wonder why they waited so long. For some, they've found peace and God's presence. For some, they've felt the embrace of the mystery of Eucharist. For all, Easter joy is abundant this year more than ever.

Again this year we are blessed as Jessica Girson, Ann McCartan and Mia Hawbacker come to join us in God's worship and work at St. John Neumann.

We as a community of faith are enriched and energized by this growth. Perhaps the call is echoing in your heart. Listen and answer soon. Come to an Inquiry session this summer or call Barb Stokes or Fr. Al for more information. The door is open at SJN.

Pray for Vocations

Good Shepherd Level I Training Offered at SJN

By: Barbara Matera



Every Good Shepherd catechist who works in our program has completed training in both theology and Montessori methods. This training gives the catechist confidence to share presentations on Scripture and Liturgy with the children, guide

them during their individual work time, and lead them in communal prayer.

With 400 children in our Good Shepherd program and 33 sessions scheduled for next year, we are always in need of new, trained catechists. During this past year, we had only twenty volunteer catechists. As a result, religious education staff taught six sessions, and several other catechists returned two and even three times a week to teach children in different levels at different times. They do this because they love the work and know the need. Unfortunately, each year we lose catechists for personal reasons; two have already given us notice they cannot return in the fall.

In parishes the size of St. John Neumann and Sts. John and Paul, there must be many more people whom the Lord is calling to catechize His children. Is this a call that perhaps you are ready to answer? The most important qualifications are love for the Lord, love for the children, and the ability to commit some time each week.

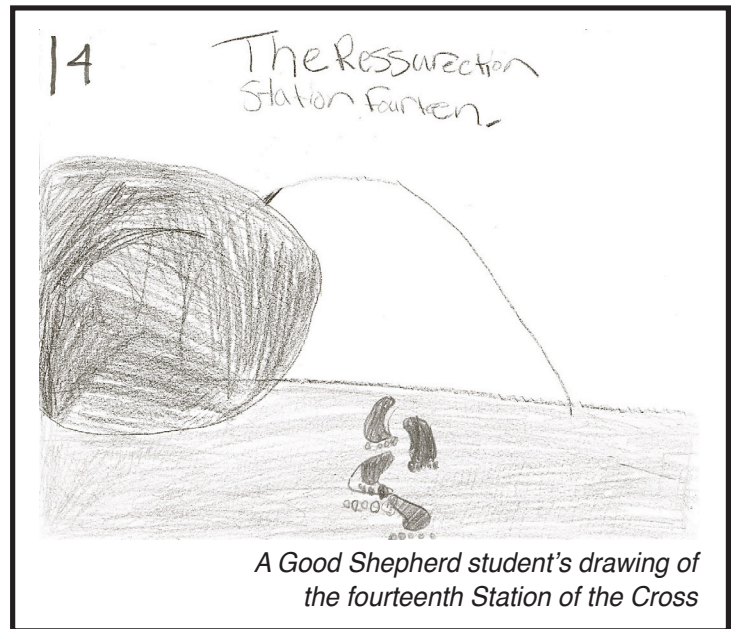
Once you have taken a training course, you will be ready to be a Good Shepherd catechist. A new course is now forming – right here at St. John Neumann – that will qualify you to be a Level I catechist, working with children 3 – 6 years old. This course will begin in August and meet periodically over the course of several months. It is scheduled for Friday evenings, Saturdays and Sundays so it is

convenient for people who work outside the home or have no one to assist with child care during the week.

I will be co-teaching the course with Celine Mitchell, a national formation leader who is St. Kilian's Good Shepherd Coordinator. Brochures are available in the parish lobby, or you can call me (ext. 18) for more information.

At SJN's recent Parish Mission, Father Francis spoke eloquently on themes that perfectly correspond to what the children learn in Good Shepherd: God's love for us beyond our wildest dreams, God's great mercy for us when we do not act with love, and God's plan

to gather all of creation into union with Him. Come to know this amazing God more intimately yourself, and then share His wonderful message with the children as a Good Shepherd catechist. If you think the Good Shepherd might be calling your name, take the first step today!



A Good Shepherd student's drawing of the fourteenth Station of the Cross

Changes to Programs (continued from page 1)

the atrium or classroom, and see selected presentations that are part of their child's catechetical experience. We will also take advantage of our Wednesday Family Mass time to help acquaint adults and children alike with new changes in the prayers of the Mass that go into effect the first week of Advent.

With any luck, we will avoid some of the major issues that diminish attendance in the winter months – school holiday concerts, weather, and illness. Because we will be meeting for fewer weekly sessions, attendance during the weeks we do meet is of critical importance.

During Intersession, catechists will have time to take certification and enrichment courses offered by the Diocese, and to make and repair materials needed for the Good Shepherd atriums. Of course, they will also be involved in planning the family activities.

We are excited about this new model of catechesis and hope it will better serve the needs of our parents and children. We look forward to getting to know families better next year and – through our time together – to coming to a deeper knowledge of Christ and His unending love for each of us.

Level Changes for Good Shepherd

By: Barbara Matera

Beginning this fall, we will be grouping children for Good Shepherd differently from in past years. Here is what the new levels will look like:

Level I – ages 3-6 (Pre-school and Kindergarten – no change)

Level II – 1st and 2nd Grade

Level III-Transition – 3rd and 4th Grade

Level III – 5th and 6th Grade

We are fortunate to have four specially designed atriums for Good Shepherd, so each level will have its own home.

After fifteen years of experience with Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, we believe these changes would be beneficial for the children of St. John Neumann, Sts. John & Paul, and other participating parishes. Some of the factors leading to this decision are:

1) Combining 4th and 6th graders in Level III has sometimes proven difficult; they seem to be at very different stages of development and face very different expectations at school;

2) Some 3rd graders are anxious to move on during most of their last year in Level II, but are not ready for all Level III work;

3) We will be able to increase our focus with 1st and 2nd graders on the many

wonderful Eucharist and Reconciliation presentations;

Level I – ages 3-6

Level II – 1st & 2nd Grade

Level III Transition– 3rd & 4th Grade

Level III – 5th & 6th Grade

4) There are some difficult Level II parables, Mass and Bible work that are more suited to 3rd and 4th graders. There are

also some Level III works specifically designed to be transitional that work well with this age group;

5) Having a two-year age span still preserves the Montessori idea of the younger ones having “models” in the atrium.

Please note that our Little Flower Atrium for children (ages 6-12) with special needs will continue on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11 AM, six sessions in Fall and six sessions in Spring.

When you fill out your Registration Form, find the level where your child fits and mark your form accordingly. Remember always to list three choices to be sure you get a time that will work for your family!

New Use for GPS - A Tool For the Future

By: Barbara Stokes

Without a doubt, we've learned to depend on GPS to get us from one place to another. No fear to take a long journey to an unfamiliar place as long as I can hear my trusty GPS. Same is true for the new directions that we seek in the Good Shepherd and total Religious Education Programs at SJN. No fear with your help and God's Powerful Spirit!

Relying on a religious version of GPS called Guide/ Partners/ Spirit, we are beginning a journey involving the whole parish community. YOU are part of the system and we need your input and advice to find the best directions to our final destination - the best religious experiences for all God's people here. This GPS will be an Advisory Board to the religious education staff.

We are looking for volunteers who are enthused about total education in God's way. Seven groups will be formed according to development stages of life:

Baptism to Preschool, Early Elementary (K-Grade 2), Middle Elementary (Grades 3-6), Intermediate (Grades 7-9), High School (Grades 10-12), Young Adults, and Adults.

Each group will help the staff “locate” where that individual stage is right now. Helping us to determine the demands or “detours” that a group is experiencing – like sports and schedule conflicts – will lead to a smoother route in religious education programming. Each group will have five members, four or whom will be chosen in a random drawing from the many names we hope are submitted.

Consider this your invitation to come and be part of a whole new process at SJN. Our GPS (Guide/ Partners/ Spirit) needs a voice – YOURS!!! Call the religious education office and leave your name and group interest now. We're already moving on this journey – help with directions today! We have no time to get lost!!!

**IMPORTANT PARENT MEETING
TO DISCUSS FAITH
ENRICHMENT CHANGES FOR
2011-2012
THURSDAY, MAY 5
AT 1:00 OR 7:00 PM
ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH**

2011 – 2012 PROGRAM OFFERINGS for SCHOOL YEAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
9:30 am – 11:00 am		(GS 2) Level I	(GS 6) Level I	(GS 9) Level I (GS 17) Level II (GS 30) Level III	(GS 12) Level I (GS 33) Little Flower special needs age 6-12
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm		(GS 3) Level I			
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	(GS 1) Level I (Calendar for Mon- day will be available later.)	(GS 4) Level I (GS 13) Level II (GS 20) Level III T (GS 26) Level III	(GS 7) Level I (GS 15) Level II (GS 22) Level III T (GS 28) Level III	(GS 10) Level I (GS 18) Level II (GS 24) Level III T (GS 31) Level III	
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	(SJM 1) High School Youth Group – Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 (2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month)	(GS 5) Level I (GS 14) Level II (GS 21) Level III T (GS 27) Level III	(GS 8) Level I (GS 16) Level II (GS 23) Level III T (GS 29) Level III (SJM 2) MAPS -Grades 7 and 8	(GS 11) Level I (GS 19) Level II (GS 25) Level III T (GS 32) Level III	

All “Levels” listed above refer to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, held at St. John Neumann Parish.

Level I is for ages 3-6 (Preschool – Kindergarten)

Level II is for ages 6-8 (Grades 1 & 2)

Level III Transition is for ages 8-10 (Grades 3 & 4)

Level III is for ages 10-12 (Grades 5 & 6)

Grade level weekly Faith Formation program at Sts. John & Paul Parish for Grades 1-5 meets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:30 – 6 p.m. and Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Code is **JP-1** (plus specific day and time requested).

Sts. John & Paul also offers a Family Program for Grades 1-5. It meets at Sts. John & Paul from 10 a.m. – Noon on Sundays in October, November, January, February and March. The monthly meetings are supplemented with at-home textbook study with chapter reviews completed and submitted online. Code is **JP-2**.

SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERINGS

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
June 12- 16 (SUN 3) 9 th Grade Confirmation Preparation	Grade 9 5:30 pm Mass, followed by program at 6:30 (parents included for Mass & program)	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm World Vision 1 – 3	
July 17 – 21 (SUN 4) 9 th Grade Confirmation Preparation	Grade 9 5:30 pm Mass, followed by program at 6:30 (parents included for Mass & program)	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm	9:00 am – 12:30 pm World Vision 1 – 3	
July 18-22 (SUN 5) Middle School Summer Session*	* Part 2 of Middle School Summer Session is monthly Middle School Gatherings plus participation in Family Liturgical Programs during the school year.	Grades 6,7,8 9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm	9:00 am – 3:00 pm 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Closing Prayer with Parents

“Catechesis speaks to the totality of the Church’s efforts to make disciples of all people, to help them believe that Jesus is the Son of God so that believing they might have life in his name. . . .

In this formative process that begins at birth, parents are given the profound privilege and serious obligation of being the child’s first and best teachers of the faith. Most of the religious attitudes and values children acquire come from their parents and the home. The family is the first place where faith is learned, interpreted, and lived. It is the right of all children to have loving parents to support them in their development. ‘Parents communicate values and attitudes by sharing love for Christ and His Church and each other, by reverently receiving the Eucharist and living in its spirit, and by fostering justice and love in all their relationships (*National Catechetical Directory #212*): To help parents in this important responsibility, the Church understands its obligation to support and assist these parents in their family’s faith journey on the diocesan and parish levels.

The Church in Pittsburgh, in an effort to be faithful to its mission to teach, understands that the ‘aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch, but in communion, in intimacy with Jesus Christ (*Catechesi Tradendae 19, Catechism of the Catholic Church 426*).’”

- from the Diocese of Pittsburgh’s “Statement of Mission”

2011 – 2012 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What faith enrichment opportunities are available at St. John Neumann?

We try to offer something for every age in our faith journey. Faith enrichment begins at conception, as parents prepare to welcome this new image of God into their family. **BAPTISM PREPARATION** helps parents to reflect on this awesome experience and to open their hearts to the life that God has entrusted to their care. The baptismal rite points out that the parents are the first and best teachers of the faith for their children.

Is there a faith enrichment program for preschool children?

At St. John Neumann, we offer once-weekly faith enrichment sessions for children who will be three by September 1st up to age six. **Level I CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**, based on Montessori principles of individual hands-on learning, helps children to develop and enjoy a relationship with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through liturgy, prayer, and parables. **Because this program is designed to tap into the spirituality that is already strong in children this age, we recommend that you enroll your child at age three or four.**

What is offered for our elementary school children?

1) **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD** (at SJN) is a weekly program based on Montessori principles of individual hands-on learning. **Level II (Grades 1-2)** expands on Level I themes which are then related to seeing God's presence all around us, and in a special way in the sacrament of Eucharist. Children also learn the Great Commandment and related moral teachings and parables in preparation for celebrating God's forgiveness in the sacrament of Reconciliation. **Level III Transition (Grades 3-4)** continues to look at the History of the Kingdom of God, the Mass, the Bible, sacraments, and new parables. **Level III (Grades 5-6)** introduces the Plan of God, exploring themes of creation, exodus, redemption, and parousia as viewed through the actions of Old Testament people and events that prefigure the mystery of Christ we see in the New Testament.

2) **WEEKLY FAITH FORMATION** classes (at Sts. John & Paul) incorporate textbook learning in a classroom setting with seasonal large group events.

3) **FAMILY PROGRAM** students work with parents on a textbook and complete on-line reviews, then attend monthly Sunday morning sessions (at Sts. John & Paul) with at least one parent.

When and where does my child prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion?

At the conclusion of a Grade 1 Faith Enrichment program, SJN children (no matter where they attend Faith Enrichment) and their parents meet at SJN to begin sacramental preparation with a prayer experience and workbooks (to complete at home). Family activity and practice sessions are scheduled prior to reception of the sacraments. Students focus on the meaning of these sacraments in Level II Good Shepherd (1st and 2nd Grade).

What are my choices for middle school (Grades 6, 7, 8)?

In preparation for Confirmation, we offer 3 options for middle school faith enrichment:

- 1) **GOOD SHEPHERD** Level III (Grade 6) allows children to continue work on themes of scripture and liturgy begun in earlier levels.
- 2) **MAPS**, for students in Grades 7 and 8, meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at SJN. This catechesis focuses on the Sunday Scriptures while also using a textbook.
- 3) **SUMMER MIDDLE SCHOOL** is a week-long experience for Grades 6-8 utilizing a textbook curriculum. Part II of this program is a monthly Middle School Gathering, where participants continue to strengthen their faith as a community of believers.

How are young people prepared for Confirmation?

Young people are confirmed at SJN in the fall of 9th grade. According to Diocese of Pittsburgh policy, there is a three-year preparation for Confirmation. Immediate preparation includes the entire 8th grade year plus one of two weeks of Faith Enrichment offered in the summer before their 9th grade year.

What is offered for high school?

High school teens in grades 9-12 gather as **YOUTH GROUP** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Sunday of the month during the school year. Youth Group is multi-dimensional, including education, service, prayer and community building.

GOOD SHEPHERD CALENDAR 2011-2012

	TUES	WED	THURS	SAT	SUN
2011					
SEPTEMBER	6 13 20 27	7 14 21 28	8 15 22 29	10 17 24	
OCTOBER				1 8 15 22 29	
NOVEMBER	4 11 18 25	5 12 19 26	6 13 20 27		
	1 <i>no session</i> 15 22	2 9 16	3 10 17	5 12 19	
	<i>Intercession - November 23 - February 6</i>				(Advent November 27)
DECEMBER		30* + 7* + 14* 21*	8* +		
2012					
JANUARY		4* + 11* 18* 25*		7* +	8* +
FEBRUARY		1* 8 15 22* + 29	9 16 23	4* + 11 18 25	5* + (Ash Wed 2/22)
MARCH			1 8 15 22 29	3 10 17 24 31	
APRIL					(Easter April 8)
	10 17 24	11 18 25	12 19 26	14 21 28	
MAY	<i>Pentecost Celebration</i>				20* +

* Family Mass at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday during Intercession.

+ Liturgical Family Program before or after Mass. See separate "Schedule of Activities."

SJN FAITH ENRICHMENT 2011-2012
“LITURGICAL FAMILY PROGRAM” INTERSESSION

Schedule of Activities

- Wed., November 30 @ 4:30 p.m. Our first Family Mass – 1st Week of Advent – followed by Pizza & “Advent BINGO” (with prizes)
- Wed., December 7 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – Vigil of Feast of the Immaculate Conception, followed by *Advent Rosary/ Prayer Books with Mass Changes* (Families with Last Names from A – M)
- Thurs., December 8 @ 6 p.m. *Advent Rosary/ Prayer Books with Mass Changes* (Families with Last Names from N – Z), followed by 7 p.m. Parish Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Wed., December 14 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – 3rd Week of Advent
- Wed., December 21 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – 4th Week of Advent
- Wed., January 4 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – Vigil of Feast of St. John Neumann, followed by dramatization: *A Visit from St. John Neumann*
- Saturday, January 7 @ 4:00 p.m. *Journey of the Magi* (Family Last Names A – M), followed by 5:30 Parish Vigil Mass for Feast of the Epiphany, followed by optional pot luck dinner (sign up at 412-366-5885 Ext. 12)
- Sunday, January 8 @ 4:00 p.m. *Journey of the Magi* (Family Last Names N – Z), followed by 5:30 Parish Mass for Feast of the Epiphany, followed by optional pot luck dinner (sign up at 412-366-5885 Ext. 12)
- Wed., January 11 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – 1st Week of Ordinary Time
- Wed., January 18 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – 2nd Week of Ordinary Time
- Wed., January 25 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
- Wed., February 1 @ 4:30 p.m. Family Mass – 4th Week of Ordinary Time
- Saturday, February 4 @ 4 p.m. *What’s so Ordinary about Ordinary Time?/ Parables that Speak to Us Today* (Family Last Names N – Z), followed by Parish Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, followed by optional pot luck dinner (sign up at 412-366-5885 Ext. 12)
- Sunday, February 5 @ 4 p.m. *What’s So Ordinary About Ordinary Time?/ Parables that Speak to Us Today* (Family Last Names A - M), followed by Parish Mass for 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time, followed by optional pot luck dinner (sign up at 412-366-5885 Ext. 12)
- Wed., February 22 @ 4:30 p.m. Last Family Mass – Ash Wednesday, followed by service project
- Sunday, May 20 @ 11:30 a.m. Parish Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, followed by *Getting Ready for Pentecost* and Lunch in Bovard Hall _

SPECIAL NEEDS FORM 2011-2012

Please include a separate sheet for each child with special needs.

Extra copies available in Religious Education office or at www.stjohnneumannpgh.org

Our parish is committed to providing faith enrichment for all children. Our staff and catechists want to work in a partnership with parents. Since we rely on volunteers to be catechists and aides, we ask that you provide us with information regarding your child's special needs so that we can better understand what will work best as we journey in faith with your child. The information you offer will help us to serve your child better.

CHILD'S NAME _____

1. Please check the particular condition(s) affecting your child:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADD | <input type="checkbox"/> Cerebral Palsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADHD | <input type="checkbox"/> Deafness | <input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Disability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Autism Spectrum | <input type="checkbox"/> Down Syndrome | <input type="checkbox"/> OCD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain Injury | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Spina Bifida |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision Loss |

Other _____

2. Does your child need assistance with walking? Yes No
 Wheelchair Helper Other (specify) _____

3. Is your child verbal? Yes No
If not, how does s/he communicate? _____

4. Does your child use Wrap Around/TSS/TSSA/BSC/MT services? Yes No
If yes, will this person attend faith enrichment with your child? Yes No

5. Please describe accommodations that are being made for your child in his/her regular education classroom.

6. Please share any other information you would like us to know about your child.

I agree that this information may be shared with catechetical staff and my child's catechist on a need-to-know basis.

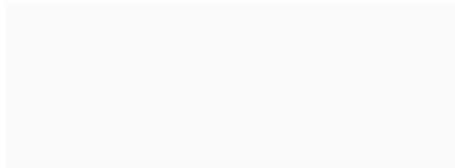
Parent/Guardian

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SJN Saint John Neumann **GOLF OUTING** May 23, 2011

By: Carole Shepard

Our first annual St. John Neumann Golf Outing is quickly approaching! May 23rd will be here before you know it and we need YOU to be a part of the day! The day should be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy old friends, make new friends and enrich the opportunities available for the young people in our parish.

If you were able to participate in our recent mission, *Bloom in the Desert*, I am sure you are even more aware of what a

special place St. John Neumann is and can continue to be! That week was a spiritual celebration of our parish community – and hopefully, we can continue to build on that sense of community.

The St. John Neumann Golf Outing is meant to serve two purposes – first, to provide an opportunity for parishioners and their friends to enjoy an afternoon of golf and an evening of fellowship and secondly, to raise funds for special needs within the parish. Our first outing is to support our Youth Ministries – NCYC, World Youth Day, Habitat for Humanity, Appalachia Outreach, Middle School & High School Retreats – anything that will help our young people grow as a vital part of our community.

There are many opportunities for you to participate. If you are a golfer, WELCOME!!! We have just the place for you on May 23! A brochure is available at the SJN website: www.stjohnneumannpgh.org. If you are a business owner or work for someone who would like to contribute to our efforts, we would love to hear from you! If you have something to offer for the gift baskets, we would be most grateful. If you would like to join us for dinner only, we would welcome your company. Get the idea?!? We would love to have you be a part of this inaugural effort! Any questions, contact Carole Shepard at 724-935-8385 or the SJN Parish Office.