St. John Neumann Catholic Church
9000 Warfield Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20882

MASS SCHEDULE:
Saturday: 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:15 A.M., 1:30 P.M. In Spanish, Currently-September 20th; 6:00 PM-Youth Mass
Weekdays: Monday, (Except Holidays) Wednesday & Friday: 6:30 A.M.
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday - Saturday: 9:00 A.M.
Holy Days: As Announced

Morning Prayer: Monday: 11:45 A.M. Tuesday - Saturday: 8:45 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Monday: 11:30 - 11:50 A.M.
Tuesday thru Friday: 8:30 – 8:50 A.M.
Saturday: 9:30 – 10:30 A.M. & 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Sunday: 12:30 - 1:15 P.M. In Spanish or English

WELCOME:
Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship, guidance or instruction. If you are new to the area or coming home, we invite you to register and make St. John Neumann your parish. Registration forms can be obtained in the church lobby, at the rectory or online.

FIRST FRIDAY:
Exposition and Litany following the 9:00 A.M. Mass
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 P.M.
Perpetual Adoration in the Church all day
Reconciliation: 6:30 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.
Mass: 7:30 P.M.
Holy Hour: 8:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.
Benediction: Following Holy Hour

NOVENA:
Miraculous Medal: Monday after the Noon Mass
St. John Neumann: Thursday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass

ROSARY:
Monday: After the Miraculous Medal Novena
Thursday: After the St. John Neumann Novena
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: After the 9:00 A.M. Mass

BENEDICTION:
After First Friday’s Evening Mass

PERPETUAL EUCHARIST ADORATION:
24 hrs. a day–7 days a week in the Adoration Chapel, except 1st Fri. in Main Church. Controlled entry between 9 P.M. and 7 A.M.
Contact adoration committee for more info.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:
For information about receiving the Sacraments of BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and MARRIAGE, please contact the rectory.

ANOINTING of the SICK and EUCHARIST to the SICK:
Parishioners unable to attend Mass on the weekends or who are ill are encouraged to call the rectory to receive these Sacraments.

RECTORY OFFICE INFORMATION:
Tel: 301-977-5492 • Fax: 301-977-3559
Mailing Address: 8900 Lochaven Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20882-4460
e-mail: info@saintjohnneumann.org
www.saintjohnneumann.org
Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Closed Noon - 1:00 P.M. for Lunch
Closed Friday at Noon during June, July and August

MUSIC MINISTRY OFFICE:
Tel: 301-330-7565 - Closed on Friday.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION OFFICE:
Tel: 301-977-7990 • Fax: 301-330-3235
Hours: Sunday and Monday: Closed
Tuesday: 11:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Wednesday: Noon to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday and Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday: 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE:
Tel: 301-801-9518 • Fax: 301-330-3235

PARISH SCHOOL:
Mary of Nazareth School 301-869-0940

MISSION STATEMENT:
United in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, We commit ourselves as a welcoming Catholic community: To worship God in Word and Sacrament; To learn, live and share our Faith; To serve the vulnerable and the poor among us; And to reconcile ourselves with God and one another.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Two Fridays before published date, EXCEPT holidays.
**FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK**

**UBI PETRUS**

Dear SJN Family,

This week we are preparing for a particular grace and blessing: Pope Francis will soon be with us! His apostolic visit, the canonization Mass at Catholic University, and his address to Congress will no doubt be historic events. There is also something deeper happening. As St. Ambrose of Milan once proclaimed, *Ubi Petrus ibi ecclesia, ibi Ecclesia vita eterna!* “Where there is Peter there is the Church, where there is the Church there is eternal life!” Let us ponder these words as we prepare to receive our Holy Father.

**UBI PETRUS IBI ECCLESIA**

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), “The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the ‘rock’ of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church (Mt 16:19). ‘The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles under the primacy of the Pope’ (Lumen Gentium, 22). This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church’s very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope” (CCC 881). The office of Peter – the Papacy – is the visible foundation of the Church's unity. Consequently, where Peter is – because he is the Vicar of Christ and head of the College of Bishops – so too is the entire communion of the faithful. We are “one body in Christ” (Rom 12:5; cf. Eph 5:21-32) as Jesus chose to establish His Church. Thus, we are one body in Christ with Peter.

**IBI ECCLESIA VITA ETerna**

The authority of the Church and thereby the authority and office of the Papacy is ordered to the salvation of souls. All for the salvation of souls! The Catechism explains, “Jesus entrusted a specific authority to Peter: ‘I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven’ (Mt 16:18). The ‘power of the keys’ designates authority to govern the house of God, which is the Church. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, confirmed this mandate after his Resurrection: ‘Feed my sheep’ (Jn 21:15-17; cf. 10:11). The power to 'bind and loose' connotes the authority to absolve sins, to pronounce doctrinal judgments, and to make disciplinary decisions in the Church. Jesus entrusted this authority to the Church through the ministry of the apostles and in particular through the ministry of Peter, the only one to whom he specifically entrusted the keys of the kingdom” (CCC 553). In sum, the Pope and the College of Bishops are pastoral vessels of eternal life through [1] the absolution and forgiveness of sins, [2] sound and trustworthy teaching of the truths of the Faith, and [3] clear instruction on how we are called to live.

**UBI PETRUS IBI VITA ETerna**

My brothers and sisters, if we ponder the events of this week with the eyes of faith, we can see that something much deeper is happening than a special visit: the Lord is offering our nation in the presence of Peter the gift of salvation! Where there is Peter, there is the Church. Where there is the Church there is eternal life. Thus, eternal life comes to us from Christ through the office and ministry of Peter! Let us pray then for hearts to be open to the Gospel and for these to be safe, peaceful and grace-filled days.

In the Heart of Mary,

Mater Ecclesia,

Fr. Joe

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**AROUND THE COMMUNITY**

_Schools, Other Parishes and Beyond . . ._

**Light a luminaria for Pope Francis!** The luminaria candle symbolizes welcoming path into our hearts for the Holy Father as he starts his apostolic journey to the United States. Order through Sept. 20. Candles will be lit in front of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land (1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC) the evening of Sept. 22 and will remain lit throughout Pope Francis’ visit to our nation. Details: www.fmgg.org, www.myfranciscan.org/pope or gardenguild@gmail.com. Join the friars on Sept. 22 to light the candles, see a relic of Franciscan Friar Junipero Serra, pray and watch the arrival of Pope Francis on large screen TV.

**Our Lady of the Visitations Parish**-Cordially Invites All Law Enforcement Officers and their Families to attend their annual St. Michael’s Mass (Patron of Law Enforcement) Chaplain Raymond L. Feeteau Presiding, Tuesday, September 29th at 12:00 Hours. A light lunch will be provided by Knights of Columbus-Our Lady of Fatima Council 6901. 14139 Seneca Rd., Darnestown, MD 20874 301-948-5536.

**Matthew and His Kingdom**-a 24-part Bible Study on Wednesdays beginning Oct. 14-Dec 16, 2015 & Jan-6-May 11, 2016. Ceil Malphrus ceilmalphrus@verizon.net or 301-907-0827. Reg: www.evangelization.com $23. Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium, 3630 Quesada St., NW Wash., DC, 7:00-8:30 PM. Includes materials and ability to stream videos.

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**RELC OF ST. JOHN NEUMANN**

9/20 Paul Durbin
9/27 de Ribeaux Family
10/4 Elizabeth Cannon
10/11 Pauline Zekeng

_Return the relic to the Sacristy by 11:00 am the following Sunday morning. Pick-up by the next recipient is by noon on the same day.

If you would like to have the relic in your home, the Sign-up sheet can be found in the foyer of the church.

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**POPE FRANCIS’ INTENTIONS**


**Universal:** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Evangelization:** That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim.

_The Apostleship of Prayer_ receives monthly prayer intentions from the Holy Father and urges Christians throughout the world to unite in prayer for those intentions. The reflections above seek to illuminate the Holy Father’s concerns in the context of the daily readings and feasts. As always, please keep these intentions in your heart as you read and pray.
**Parish Highlights**

*For full Parish Calendar see website: www.saintjohnneumann.org*

**Change in Mass Times:** Wednesday, Sept 23rd
4:00 AM–Pope Francis in DC.
**Thursday, Sept., 24th 8:30 AM**–So all may watch Pope Francis to address Congress at 9:20 AM.

**SJN Book Club**–Celebrating the visit of Pope Francis to the United States, at our next meeting we will discuss his life through a biography. Choose one of two books: *The Great Reformer* by Austen Iverleigh or *The Francis Miracle* by John Allen. Both are excellent. The later book is the longer by about 100 pages (390 pages). You do not need to buy or read both books, just one. They are similar yet complementary, such that either will do. We will meet Friday evening, Oct. 9th in the rectory basement. For info, call Mike Duggan 301-947-0706 or Tony Bosnick 301-977-7017. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

**40 Days for Life Fall Campaign 2015**–St. John Neumann joins in this nation-wide prayer and fasting vigil by adopting four days - Thursday Oct 1, Wednesday Oct 7, Monday Oct 19, and Monday Oct 26. Parishioners choose an hour between 7am to 7pm to pray for Life along Wisteria Drive near the late-term abortion clinic. Sign-up in the foyer. Call Jeannie Tondo 240-793-4504 or register now at http://40daysforlife.com/germantown/. Prayer saves lives!

**Do you want to experience the love and power of the Holy Spirit?** Attend a Life in the Spirit course! Seven uplifting weeks starting *New Date/Time-Sun., Sept. 20th 6-8:00 PM.* Millions of Catholics, including priests, religious and laity, have attended a “Life in the Spirit” seminar. The course includes inspirational talks, small group discussions, praise, and fellowship. Typical fruits experienced include: a deeper intimacy with God, Scripture speaking to your heart, power to change, a greater desire and appreciation for the sacraments, Spirit a sense of being spiritually alive, a new joy and hope. Join us and discover the gift of the Holy for you. Mother of God Church, 20501 Goshen Rd, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. For details and to register: www.motherofgod.org

**Mary of Nazareth School**

*Our Parish School*

**Mary of Nazareth Catholic School** is currently accepting mid-year enrollment, as well as the coming 2016-17 Academic Year. We are holding an Open House for all interested applicants on Thursday, October 1 between 9-11 AM. Make sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@MoNCatholic_Sch) for school news and updates.

**THIS WEEK’S READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 20-SEPTEMBER 27**

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Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote: “We are not our own, any more than what we possess is our own. We did not make ourselves; we cannot be supreme over ourselves. We cannot be our own masters. We are God’s property by creation, by redemption, by regeneration. He has a triple claim upon us.” Newman goes on to suggest the following response to God: “Let us humbly and reverently attempt to trace his guiding hand in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us thankfully commemorate the many mercies he has vouchsafed to us in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us humbly and reverently attempt to trace his guiding hand in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us thankfully commemorate the many mercies he has vouchsafed to us in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us humbly and reverently attempt to trace his guiding hand in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us thankfully commemorate the many mercies he has vouchsafed to us in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us humbly and reverently attempt to trace his guiding hand in the years which we have hitherto lived. Let us thankfully commemorate the many mercies he has vouchsafed to us in the years which we have hitherto lived.

Perhaps the Adoration Chapel would be the perfect place to offer our gratitude to the Lord in just such a way.

Permanent adorers needed for the following hour:

Sunday, 3 a.m. – 4 a.m. Sunday, 4 a.m. – 5 a.m., Monday, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., Monday, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m., Saturday, 2 a.m. – 3 a.m.

TO VOLUNTEER PLEASE COMPLETE A CARD
JOIN US IN PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR ADORATION ON MONDAYS AT 7 PM IN THE PARENTING ROOM

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE Cont’d

Schools, Other Parishes and Beyond . . .

Introductory classes on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered Tues., Sept. 22, at 8 PM in the Library of Our Lady of Lourdes School, 7500 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD 20814. Parking is available in the church lot across from the school. Enter via the handicap walk to the right of the Rectory entrance. There is no fee but a one-time donation of $25.00 is welcome. Follow-up appointments are arranged individually and are available as long as needed to understand. Call 301-897-9323 to reserve a place.


Take time out of your busy schedule and find something different. Each session includes: Mass, guided meditations related to the theme for the year, opportunity for confession and a delicious meal. No reservations required. Suggested donations: $10 per person. Reflections for Men are offered on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00-9:30pm. Reflections for Women are offered twice on the fourth Wednesday: Morning session: 9:45 am-2:30 pm/Eveing session: 7:00-9:45pm (some months are not the 4th Wednesday, see our website for info.) Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or 301-365-0612.

Knights Of Columbus Council #12127
Manny Dayao, Grand Knight ekdayao@gmail.com

9/19-20—Tootsie Rolls
9/22 & 9/24—CCD Ice Cream - Religious Ed
9/26-27—Raffle Ticket Sales - Following All Masses

Religious Formation

Maureen Joseph, 301-977-7990 www.saintjohnneumann.org

Curious about becoming Catholic? For info on SJN Religious Formation or our Sacramental Preparation Programs and Events for Children and Adults (R.C.I.C. or R.C.I.A.), visit our website: www.saintjohnneumann.org. Click on Religious Formation. Classes begin Sept./Oct.

Women At The Well—A morning catechesis for moms of all ages!
Calling all moms, from the brand new to the well experienced! Join us on Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, for catechesis, fellowship and growth in your faith. Children of all ages welcome! For more info, email Kristy Burrows at kmbburrows@gmail.com

Youth Groups

Gina Nino de Nightingale 301-801-9518 ymsaintjohnneumann@gmail.com
Facebook Group: “SJN Youth Group” Instagram: SJNIYG contact Gina to join the email and/or text list for up-to-date information.

High School Youth Group—It’s been great getting to meet so many of you! Thank you to all of the parents that came out to our meeting last Saturday. If you missed it, and want to know more feel free to give me a call or shoot me an email. September and October our curriculum is on Spiritual Warfare #TheBattleLT. Parental Note: This week we reviewed the narrative of The Fall of Humanity, and challenged teens to see the account as an archetype for all sin. In small groups we discussed forgiveness and relationships, and were asked to evaluate their own relationship with Christ. We closed with a challenge for them to see the cross and crucifix as symbols of God’s love, and to go to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at some point this week. We invite families and parishioners to do the same! Coming Up This Week: 9/22 The Fallen Ones: Satan & Demons 7-9pm 9/23 Pope Parade!

Middle School Youth Group—Missed our kickoff? That’s ok. This month you can join the youth group for the Pope Parade! Otherwise see you next month on 10/16 for the start of our year on Spiritual warfare! We meet in the Neumann House typically the 3rd Friday of the month. See our youth ministry calendar for details.

Marriage and Family Life

For the Domestic Church

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center:

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekends—Dec 10-13, Jan 14-17, Jan 28-31, Feb 11-14. Are You Ready?
You’re not just planning a wedding, you’re preparing for a lifetime. Course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCUS Inventory included. $285 per couple.
Registration required—See above. Space limited.

Fuel Up Your Marriage! Three to STAY Married Enrichment Weekend—Oct. 9-10. Whether you’ve been married 6 months or 60 years, it’s a good idea to check the gauges and make sure you are both still headed in the same direction! A two-day program offering married couples concrete tools to help them deepen their understanding of themselves and their relationship, and gives them the time to have those vital conversations that help a marriage bloom. NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN OVERNIGHT PROGRAM. Format includes a mixture of talks, questionnaires, time for personal reflection—individually and with your spouse. Concludes on Saturday evening Vigil Mass, Renewal of Vows and dinner. Cost: Early-Birds: $190 per couple; after Early-Bird deadline $230 per couple. Register/info: See above. Space is limited.
**PRO-LIFE NEWS**

*Grace Morrison-Contact*

**240-997-5403**

**Committee Chair –Open**

**Gabriel Network’s Annual 5K is five weeks away!**
Don’t forget to bust out those running shoes and start getting ready to run at The Gabriel Network’s annual 5K on Saturday October 3rd! Go to Gabrielnetwork.org and click on Upcoming Events then 5K. Please tell your friends and family to REGISTER TODAY! The race starts at 9 AM (late registration/late packet pick up at 8:00) at Lake Elkhorn in Columbia, MD. Cost is $30/Adults ($35 race day) and $15/Children 12 and under ($20 race day). Group rates with 10+ people available. *New this year- pre-race packet pick up at one of our maternity homes (Bowie, Ellicott City or Gaithersburg) on Thu, October 1st.*

**Men’s Day of Prayer and Healing**-Have you been impacted by abortion or several abortions? Did you pressure someone or were you both pressured to abort? Were you against the abortion? Did you find out she aborted after the fact? Is your wife or girlfriend post abortive? Project Rachel Ministry from the Archdioceses of Washington will have a *Men’s Day of Prayer and Healing on Sat., October 19th*.

**Project Rachel Ministry**, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting support groups for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions, over their abortion experience. The support groups are forming in various locations. Info, Julia Shelava 301-853-4565. ProjectRachel@adw.org All contacts are confidential.

**Late-Term Abortion Clinic** - Join SJN parishioners on Mondays from 8-10 AM on Wisteria Drive in Germantown to pray. Over 200 babies have been saved by the Lord’s grace and many prayers. For directions and to view the movie trailer documenting this pro-life effort go to: www.PrayForGermantown.com

**Mass Near Abortion Clinic**-On most Saturday mornings, when a priest is available, Mass is celebrated in the office next to the abortion clinic in Germantown with confident faith that the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist must have a profound effect. If you would like to be an email list to receive notice about when Mass is scheduled, please send email to Mary Beth de Ribeaux, ribeaux@alumni.cmu.edu.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."  ~ Blessed Teresa of Calcutta

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**Liturgy and Music**

*Mary Lu Hartsell, 301-330-7565 mlhartsell@saintjohnneumann.org*

It’s not too early to mark October 17 on your calendars. At 7:30 that evening there is going to be a concert in the church featuring the organ, soloists, the SJN Choir and the Children’s Choir. Come and enjoy a wonderfully relaxing evening with music and song. All ages are welcome.

Your music and liturgy director is an avid reader, sometimes reading two or even three books simultaneously. Recently I read Eric Metaxas’s *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. It left me unsettled, challenged, and silent in the face of how this disciple met the demands of his beliefs and times and his acceptance of his own death. In today’s Gospel we find the disciples unable to hear Jesus’ prediction of his impending suffering, death, and resurrection. The disciples employ several diversionary tactics to avoid the truth: quibbling about who might be the greatest, fearing the truth about Jesus’ words, and suspecting their inability to trust Jesus to get answers they don’t want to hear.

When we are unsettled and challenged by those who come to us burdened by life’s realities, we can take comfort in the disciples’ journey of understanding as they gradually came to realize what it means to be a servant and true disciple of Jesus.

Lord, “we will have to move through a very deep valley, I believe much deeper than we can sense now, before we will be able to ascend the other side again.”

Be with us in the journey, even when we can’t see the ascent on the other side of the valley.

Quotation from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000), was born in Liverpool, England and is one of a handful of Englishmen to be honored as a Fellow of The Hymn Society in the United States and Canada. He received an honorary doctorate from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia in 1982, and achieved the rare privilege of being honored soon after his 90th birthday by the Queen for his services to hymnwriting. This was not until he retired that this poet turned his pen to hymnwriting. In twenty years, he wrote hymns, the use of which has spanned the countries of the world and the denominations which still divide the Church. For the last ten years of his life he lived in a retirement home in the Cathedral City of Norwich, England. In addition to *When Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom of God*, Green wrote *When In Our Music God Is Glorified, God Is Here and We His People, He Healed the Darkness of My Mind, For the Fruit of His Creation*, and other hymns which we sing.

The tune to which we sing *When Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom of God* (SAMANTHRA) is another one of those wonder shape note hymns. In this case, the composer (the anonymous “Rhinehart”) seems to have been relatively local since he wrote it during a time when he lived in either Chambersburg (PA) or Hagerstown (MD). Of course, the tunes included in the shapednote hymnals rarely had known composers, but this one has been fairly well researched.

We ask your prayers this week as the Holy Father, Pope Francis, is visiting us. We pray for his safety as well as for the conversion of our country and the world.

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Vocations

St. John Paul the Great Vocations Society
Mary Beth de Ribeaux, Ribeaux@alumni.cmu.edu

What Mothers Can Do for Vocations—Pope St. Pius X (1835-1914) was a very humble man and had a saintly mother, Margarita Sanson. Because they were so poor, she worked as a washer woman and a school janitor to earn enough money so that he could go to the seminary. (In those days, the family had to pay for the seminarian’s education.) When he was elected pope, his mother was present, and as was the custom, she kissed his large papal ring. She then presented her tiny hand with her wedding ring and said, “Now you kiss my ring—for without it, you never would have received yours.” We can understand why Pope Pius once said, “Every vocation to the priesthood comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother.” Of course, you don’t have to be a mother to be a spiritual mother for vocations—all women of any age or state in life are invited to be spiritual mothers for vocations and join in praying a short prayer together after Mass. Just meet in front of the altar.

Prayer Cards for Seminarians—The new prayer cards for this year’s seminarians have arrived! You’ll find them in English and Spanish—which with other vocations-related materials—by the little table in the lobby under the photo of St. John Paul. Please take one and pray for these young men who are open to giving their lives to Christ in service of His Church.

Attention, single Catholic men 18-30: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers dedicated to fostering devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. Learn more: knights.org

Young people of the world, hear the voice of Christ! Hear His voice and follow Him!”
~ Pope Saint John Paul

Social Concerns

The Pantry at St. Martin’s—Info not available at time of print. Thank you for all your support and prayers which make our work possible! If you are donating food, bring it to one of the weekend Masses so it can be taken to the pantry that weekend. Do not bring food during the week! Once again—NO PERISHABLE food. Thank you. THE COUNTY BAG TAX cuts bag donations. Any passed on to us will reduce the amount we have to buy keep up the distribution! Are you donating food in the bags? Please double both plastic and paper bags to keep them from tearing, so that we can re-use them for distribution.

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) a Catholic lay organization that follows the spirit of our patron St. Vincent de Paul to serve Christ through serving those living in poverty. Assistance or info: 301-525-3909. For further info contact Alice at 301-448-8113 or redalice2006@gmail.com “In today’s Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them. Thank you for your dedication to the poor!”

Marriage and Family Life cont’d

For the Domestic Church

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend—The second reading tells us, “the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you to practice these traits in your marriage. The next weekend on Nov. 6-8 in Rockville, MD. Info/apply online visit: welovematrimony.org, or 301-541-7007, or email at applications@welovematrimony.org.

The Newlywed Program—October 3 / 7:30-9:30 PM. Calling all Newlyweds! The Newlywed Program is a fun and informative monthly series designed for couples in the first three years of marriage and offers practical and spiritual tools to help them make their marriages GREAT! It’s also the cheapest DATE NIGHT in town! Join us on the first Saturday of each month, October-March to listen to entertaining and inspirational speakers. $20 per couple per session or register for the entire 6-month series for only $75 per couple. Meet us in the Stone House located behind the Retreat Center. Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. Advance registration is appreciated: www.ourladyofbethesda.org or call 301-365-0612.

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center & Labs for Family Development

Local Retreats

Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center:
7007 Bradley Blvd., Beth., MD 20817. Info 301-365-0612.
www.ourladyofbethesda.org

Spiritual Exercises Weekends—Experience the Person of Christ! Experience Spiritual Exercises! Register.

Spiritual Exercises for Men:
Oct 1-4 / 4-day retreat/ Price: $270 per person
Dec 18-20 / 3-day retreat/ Price $190 per person

Spiritual Exercises for Women:
Oct 15-18/4-day retreat/ Price: $275 per person
Nov 6-8 / 3-day retreat/ Price $190 per person
Dec 4-6 / 3-day retreat/ Price $190 per person

Offertory Collections
September 12th-13th

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Second Collection Coming Up:
October 4 – Maintenance Fund
October 11 & Poor Box

We thank you for your generosity!
FELLOWSHIP AND GROUPS

The 50+ Club—The 50+ Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March to December at 11 AM. New members are always welcome to join in fellowship, charitable works, and recreational activities. Info-Rose Acuff, 301-963-1457 or racuff@comcast.net.

All Africans of SJN are invited for fellowship and prayer. Info: Aimée Ntumba 240-463-3895; ma_ntumba@yahoo.com

SJN Book Club—Tony Bosnick 301-977-7017 or Mike Duggan 301-947-0706.

Bereavement Group—First Wednesday of the month after 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. Contact Rosemarie ralunn1937@gmail.com

Blessed Margaret of Costello Special Needs Ministry at SJN—welcomes persons with disabilities and their families fully into the life of our spiritual community and to provide spiritual and social programs that will promote that goal by offering new opportunities for people with disabilities. Please contact: Jeanne and Tom Dwyer 301-967-4419.

Coffee Social—Held the 2nd Thursday every month from Sept. to May, in the “Parish Center” following 9AM Mass. All ages invited to meet and greet while partaking of various beverages and refreshments. No cost or obligation to attend. Join us & meet other members of the Parish. Questions? Jane Young 301-208-3550.


The Legion of Mary—association of lay people, in the Spirit of Our Blessed Mother Mary, seek to bring people closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and increase the faith and holiness of her members. Meetings: Blue Month from March to December at 11 AM. New members are always welcome to join in fellowship, charitable works, and recreational activities. Info: Rose Acuff, 301-963-1457 or racuff@comcast.net.

**Lighthouse CD/Media—Promo Code for SJN is: 101861. Please use this code when ordering from Lighthouse Media. Thank you!**

Marion Devotion: Maria Rosa Mystica-devotion for families, the priesthood & consecrated life by way of enthroning the pilgrim statue in the homes of the parishioners (English, Spanish and French speaking) as per their request. Sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Men’s Fellowship Meetings are held the 1st Wed. from Oct-May, in PC. Knit/crochet Yarn Angels—1st Wed. from Oct-May, in PC. Knit/crochet hats for ladies undergoing chemotherapy at Mont. General and Georgetown Hospitals/ various other places. Barbara Oliveri Rizzo at 301-963-4640.

Young Families Ministry—We meet September-May in the Neumann House on the last Sunday of each month, following the 9:00am mass. Come for discussion, prayer, babysitting, and ways to teach the faith to young children. This month come out on 9/27 as we start back up! And join us on 1st Fridays for Family Adoration hour 11am to 12pm. Contact Gina at gnnightingale@gmail.com for more info or join our Facebook group “SJN Young Families.”

PRAY FOR THE SICK

To have a name added to/removed from our Sick List, call the rectory.

Tom Potter
Angela Murphy
Jean Buck
Greg Dillon
Magdalena Horvath
Vincent DiMarzio
Maureen Kimber
Steven Selthoffer
Adrienne Hope
Joe Szumyraik
Gabe Singer
William Morris
Cubby LaHood
Jeanette White
Robin Field
Chuck Connolly
Elise Connolly
Viviane Hannah Burrows
Sr. Marie de Chantal
Don Geddes
Mario Escobar
Fr. Francis Martin
Lyn Albrecht
Jim Childs
Judy Rogers
Rufus Rogers
Theresa McKinney
Leo Blair
James Franklin Allen
Bob Dines
Philip Calder
Mary Gentile
Anthony McShea
Della Kogut
Janet Kogut
Aimal Cicatelli
Bella Cicatelli
Pat Ruppert
Ian Perez
Robert Staley
Jackson Gilmore
Eljah Sanchez
Sarah Parrocha
Alfreda Eli Athiogey
Eugene Lobo
August Hanshaw
Jack Rush
Norbert Pawlak
Patricia Landon
Elizabeth Rodas
Linda May
Ruth Finn
Charles Arin
Fr. Geltler Ailer
Melba Osorio
Irma Carpenter
Jody Bosnick
Joseph Khalil
Greg Hu
Dana Ventimiglia
Joan Dean
Stephen Martino
Paticia Lanzano
Catherine Oyarzo
Fr. Rory Conley v.c.m.
Dee McClure
Bill Kushner
Joyce Bladen
Mary Scanlon
Jennifer Rodgers

PRAY FOR THE MEN OF OUR PARISH IN FORMATION FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Br. Antonio Diez de Medina, CFR—Fourth Theology, St. Joseph’s Seminary (NY)
Nicholas Morrison—First Theology, North American College (Rome)
Peter Mlynarczyk—Second College, St. John Paul II Seminary (DC)
Mark Dwyer—Second Pre-Theology, St. John Paul II Seminary (DC)
Stephen Castellano—First Pre-Theology, St. John Paul II Seminary (DC)

God our Father, thank you for calling these young men to prepare for priesthood. Grant them the grace to grow closer to You through daily prayer. Bless them while they study Your word and the teachings of the Church, and give them a generous heart to serve Your people. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our great High Priest. Amen.

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil.

Amen.

Deployed Parishioners

SPC Mark Collins USA
Christopher Jensen, USAF
PVT 1stCL Stone Koffi USMC
Michael Osbourne, USAF

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY FOR PEACE

Family of Parishioners

SGG Jeremy Brown US
Sean Ryan Cannizzo USAF
2LT Patrick Durkin USMC
LT Shane Durkin USN
Cpt. Paul Dwyer, USA
SGT Peter Hafer, USA
Lt Cdr Erik LaBar USN
PVT t el Edwin A. Kent USMC
CPL Jared McGowan USMC
ENS Blake Rademaker USN
Joshua Rivera USN
LT COL Ralph Sheba USA
SGT Stephen Spalding USA
CPL Hunter Ward USMC

Please let us know if any other parishioners or family members have been deployed or when they come home!

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

Individuals will remain on the Sick list for two months, unless the Rectory is contacted for the name to be re-listed or if name needs to be removed.

Please remember to notify the rectory when you or a family member is admitted to the hospital. We can then include the person’s name on our sick list. Any elderly or homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion or Anointing of the Sick, call the rectory and leave your name, address and phone number.
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