



## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Roman Catholic parish, centered in Christ through the celebration of the Eucharist. Through the grace of this sacrament, we are empowered as individuals and in community to imitate Christ through prayer, outreach, fellowship, and education.

# **ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

## **POWHATAN, VIRGINIA**

**The Epiphany of the Lord (Cycle C)**

**January 3, 2016**

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### Deadlines

Bulletin Notices: **Request in writing by 9:00 AM Tuesday** prior to the weekend of publication. Send by email to [liturgy@sjnpowhatan.org](mailto:liturgy@sjnpowhatan.org) or printed copy to Mary Cleary. All requests are subject to editing/ space availability.  
**Announcements or bulletin inserts, and weekend space (Narthex) must be presented for approval at least 2 weeks in advance**, call: 598-3754.

### Liturgy Schedule

**Weekend Mass Times**  
**Saturday 5:00pm**  
**Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am**

Confession Times Saturday 3:45pm – 4:30pm;  
or by appointment with Fr. Lewis.

Weekday Masses – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:00 AM in the Chapel.

Rosary – Wednesday 9:45 AM in the Chapel.

**Sacrament of Baptism (Infant)** – Please contact the parish office to make arrangements. Requirements: Families must be registered and participating in the Parish for at least 3 months before attending the required preparation class. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend class before the birth of their child.

**Sacrament of First Penance & Eucharist** – First Sacraments are celebrated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Families must be registered and participating in the Parish; children must be enrolled in parish Religious Education or attend private Catholic school. Previous year's attendance in a religious education program is required.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – Candidates for the adolescent Confirmation Program must be active members of the parish who have received both Baptism and Eucharist, and are **both at least 15 years** of age and enrolled in **at least** the tenth grade.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – At least one of the parties must be registered and participating in the Parish for at least 3 months prior to contacting the Parish priest to begin pre-marital preparation. You must plan to begin pre-marital preparation 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** – For those who are seeking God and choose to enter a journey of faith and conversion leading to initiation into the Roman Catholic Church. Please contact the parish office.

**Anointing/Hospital Visit** – If admitted to a hospital or confined at home, please call the parish office to arrange for a visit, communion and/or Anointing of the Sick. The Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated the last Sunday of each month at 9:45 AM

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**In case of an Emergency after office hours, please call Greg Hoffman at 757-693-1151.**

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 3

9:30 AM Religious Ed (gr. 1-6) [Education Hallway]  
 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]

### Monday, January 4

7:00 PM Youth Leader Meeting [M/P Room]  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, January 5

10:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Ed [M/P Room]

### Wednesday, January 6

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]  
 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]

### Thursday, January 7

**NO Weekday Mass**  
 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

### Friday, January 8

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]  
 10:00 AM Powhatan Food Pantry to 1:00  
 6:30 PM Prayer service, Adoration begins [Church]

### Saturday, January 9

8:30 AM Rosary, Adoration concludes [Church]  
 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, January 10

9:30 AM Religious Ed (gr. 1-6) [Education Hallway]  
 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]  
 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]  
 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]  
 12:15 PM Grief Support Group [FVH]  
 6:30 PM Neu Waves Gathering [Education Hallway]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: January 4 – January 10

DAY	WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS		
Mon	1 Jn 3:22-4:6	Mt 4:12-17,23-25	
Tue	1 Jn 4:7-10	Mk 6:34-44	
Wed	1 Jn 4:11-18	Mk 6:45-52	
Thu	1 Jn 4:19-5:4	Lk 4:14-22a	
Fri	1 Jn 5:5-13	Lk 5:12-16	
Sat	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 3:22-30	
Sun	Is 42:1-4,6-7	Acts 10:34-38	Lk 3:15-16,21-22

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00 PM + Ann Bonner  
 Sun 8:30 AM People of St. John Neumann  
 Sun 11:00 AM + Bruce Wright

### Father Lewis Away

*Please note that there will be no Weekday Mass on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, as Father Lewis will not be here.*

### Breaking Open the Word

Breaking Open the Word will resume our normal weekly schedule on **Sunday, Jan.10th.**

### Ladies of Grace

Ladies of Grace is a group of Catholic women dedicated to serving our parish and community. Our next meeting is **Monday, Jan. 11**, in the multipurpose room. Social begins at **6:30** and the meeting begins at 7:00. New members are always welcome!

## Financial Corner

The twelve days of Christmas culminate with the celebration of the wonderful feast of Epiphany. We are thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to the parish and realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collection donations of your choosing.

You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **VA609**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the Narthex.

Thank you for your continued support and Happy New Year to you and yours.

**Create a legacy of giving. Please remember  
 St. John Neumann in your estate plans.**

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 12/27/15

#### Year-To-Date Sunday/Holy Day Giving vs. Budgeted:

		Current	Collection vs.
2014/15 YTD	2013/14 YTD	Budgeted	Budgeted
\$242,230	\$221,107	\$256,500	(\$14,270)

#### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 11/30/2015:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
November	\$ 48,432	\$ 45,382	\$3,150
YTD Nov.	\$205,555	\$218,455	(\$12,900)

\* Excludes mortgage reduction, building fund and funds received for designated purposes.

#### Mortgage Reduction:

*Upton Property (covered by pledges)*

**Balance Owed - \$39,000**

## Thank You!

**Thank you!** to all who helped make this Christmas season special at St. John Neumann. Special thanks go to the whole **Dufficy family** for setting up and decorating the trees, **Julia Clevett** and **Terry Sanders** for the beautiful altar decorations, and the **Knights of Columbus** for handling parking and seating. Thank you also to the many Mass Ministers who worked hard to welcome, make comfortable, proclaim the Scriptures, serve on the Altar, serve the Eucharist and make beautiful music. All of you make St. John Neumann the wonderful parish that it is!

### FLOWER SIGN-UPS

**Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex for those wishing to donate flowers for the Altar, Blessed Mother or St. Joseph statues. Altar arrangements \$75; statue arrangements \$30.**

### Ecuador Daycare Sponsors

Remember to pick up your Christmas card from the Daycare! Look for the box in the Narthex.

**What does it mean to be an "Active Catholic?"** Frequently, those seeking to celebrate Marriage, have their children baptized, or serve as sponsors for Confirmation or Baptism request a letter stating that they are parishioners. To receive such a letter, one must be registered in the parish, attend Mass regularly, and be committed to stewardship of time, talent and treasure. In any parish community, one means of verifying participation is through the use of parish offertory envelopes. If you choose not to participate in the support of the parish, or are unable to contribute at this time, please at least note your prayerful support on your envelope and place it in the weekly offertory. We will then be aware of your continued participation, and you will not be noted as "inactive" on our parish roster.

**It is time for a new Parish Directory!** Parishioner Allen Dodd has graciously offered to coordinate this project and take the photographs. We are hoping to have all parishioners participate! You can sign up Right NOW! **Sign up soon**, as the good spots fill up fast! The last week to get your portraits taken is coming! Make your appointment for **Wednesday, Jan 20, through Sunday, Jan 24, 11am to 8pm.** Don't forget that you will get the directory for free if you have your picture taken. If you don't, it will cost you \$15. You are not obligated to purchase anything. To sign up for an appointment, please use this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45ada92fa7fc1-family/32786518>. Or you can go to our website: [www.sjnpowhatan.org](http://www.sjnpowhatan.org) and click the link on the front page.

### ***Knight's Corner***

Knight of the Month – Johnny Green

Family of the Month – Drew and Jaime Quinn

**\*Mark your calendars!** On Sunday, **January 24th** we will have our annual **Chili Cook-off**. This year we are going to shake things up and try a new format...The Chili Cook-off will be held during the AFC and NFC championship games (2 weeks before the Superbowl). We will be renting a DirectTV satellite dish and purchasing a big screen TV. Two football pools will occur (\$10 per square, one pool for each game) with cash prizes for each quarter of both games and the raffle winner (each purchase of a football pool ticket earns one raffle ticket entry) will take home the big screen TV! If you are not bringing Chili to enter in the contest, we ask that each family bring a dish to share or contribute a nominal \$5 fee to off-set the cost of the food/snacks/drinks. Football pool ticket sales have started! Questions can be directed to Grand Knight Bob Post ([repostiii@verizon.net](mailto:repostiii@verizon.net) or [804-310-9157](tel:804-310-9157)) or DGK Jim Stage ([jimmystage13@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmystage13@hotmail.com) or [804-598-0515](tel:804-598-0515))



### ***Care Notes***

We now have *CareNotes* available free of charge in the Narthex. *CareNotes* are compact, 5 x 7 inch eight-page full color booklets offering strength, help and healing for those who are hurting or facing tough life choices, including our teens. Take one, and take heart. Give one, and give hope. If you have a need or interest you don't see covered by our *CareNotes*, please let Deacon Jim Tubbs know. He will find help for you. And if you would like to contribute to this new ministry of help and healing, please see Deacon Jim as well.

### ***Are You Interested In Becoming Catholic?***

The Christian Initiation for Adults team will begin a series of inquiry sessions for adults who are not yet Catholic and interested in joining us in full communion or just knowing more about the Catholic Faith. We will meet once a week beginning the week of **Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>** and will continue for 6 weeks. Each session will last about an hour. Please contact Deacon Jim or Sharon Tubbs if you are interested ([jimtubbs25@gmail.com](mailto:jimtubbs25@gmail.com)) and would like more information. You can also sign up in the Narthex and we will contact you. We look forward to assisting you on your faith journey.

### ***New Candle Holders***

Through the creative skill of our parishioner **Lonnie Johnson**, we have four beautiful new candles for beside the altar and the Ambo. Our gratitude goes to Lonnie for his time and talent. Several have asked if they could memorialize the candles... the answer is yes. If you would like to offer one of the candle holders in memory of a loved one or as thanksgiving for a grace received, you may do so for \$1,000. This gift will not only enable us to meet the expenses incurred in building the candles, but allow us to purchase a supply of the significantly larger candles used. **What an enrichment to our Church!**

### ***Parish Nursing***

The nurses will be on site again **Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 9:45-10:45 in FVH**. We will discuss end of life issues and have a specialist on advanced directives as well as a wills expert, to give advice and step you through those processes. We'll be available on a regular monthly basis (usually the third or fourth weekend of the month). For further info contact Martha O'Donnell on 894 432-6098.

### ***March For Life Rally***

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC. **Seating on the buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A Registration fee may be required; however, the fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or approved temporary guardian with written permission.

To reserve a seat sign up on the sheet posted on the kiosk in the Narthex or contact Bus Captain Tony Hackenberg @ [804-598-5812](tel:804-598-5812) or [tjhack@hotmail.com](mailto:tjhack@hotmail.com).

Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location (Father Val Hall at SJN) at least 15 minutes prior to the specific departure time and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions.

### ***Powhatan Garden Club***

The Powhatan Garden Club does not have a regularly scheduled meeting for the month of January. We will continue the year's programs on **February 4th, 2016**. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### ***Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community***

➤ St. John Neumann is part of the **Coalition of Powhatan Churches**. The Coalition periodically has specific needs which they send out to member churches for assistance. We will post these needs on the bright orange square on the kiosk closest to the front door. If you are able to help, please contact them at the number on the notice. You can find more information about the coalition at: [www.coalitionofpowhatanchurches.com](http://www.coalitionofpowhatanchurches.com).

➤ **Attention Young Adults: Bishop DiLorenzo at RVA Connect** All young adults are invited to come to RVA Connect on **Thursday, January 28**, for a special evening with Bishop Francis DiLorenzo. The bishop will be celebrating Mass at 6 pm and then speaking on "Social Media: Connect or Disconnect?" Dinner is offered after Mass for a suggested donation of \$5. RVA Connect is a ministry for Catholic young adults (ages 18+) held every Thursday at Saint Benedict Parish (300 N. Sheppard St., Richmond) from 6-8:30 pm. For more information about CONNECT, contact the Office for Evangelization at [evangelization@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:evangelization@richmonddiocese.org) or go to <http://evangelizerichmond.org>.

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