

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 A)

January 5, 2014

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Bulletin Notices: **Request in writing by 9:00 AM Tuesday** prior to the weekend of publication. Send by email to 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 3rd 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 A

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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 5

- 9:45 AM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 resumes
- 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 9:35 AM Biblical Studies [M/P Room]
- 6:00 PM Financial Peace University [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Rosary [Church]
- 7:00 PM K of C business meeting [FVH]

Monday, January 6

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, January 7

- 10:00 AM Bible Study [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Cub Scouts [FVH]

Wednesday, January 8

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 9:40 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 7:00 PM WW II Round Table [FVH]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 6:15 PM Boy Scout Leader Mtg. [St. Katherine]
- 6:30 PM RCIA [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Judes Ferry practice [FVH]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Comm. Mtg. [St. Katherine]
- 7:00 PM Catholic Women's Organization [Chapel]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

Friday, January 10

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass
- 10:00 AM HEN Pantry to 1:00 PM

Saturday, January 11

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, January 12

- 9:45 AM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 [Ed Hall]
- 9:35 AM Biblical Studies [M/P Room]
- 12:00 PM CPR/AED training [FVH]
- 6:00 PM Financial Peace University [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Neu Waves [Ed. Hall]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: January 6 – January 12

DAY	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	Mt 3:13-17

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed	9:00 AM	+Jeanette and Tom Fragale
Thurs	9:00 AM	+Thomas Carlton
Fri	9:00AM	+deceased Sherman family members
Sat	5:00 PM	+Perry Ungerland
Sun	8:30 AM	+Nicholas M. Bliley
Sun	11:00 AM	People of St. John Neumann

Stewardship

The Story of the Magi (known best to us as the Three Wise Men) is one that has captured the hearts of most of us since we were small children. It is so filled with imagery and stewardship connotations.

Historians point as much to this occurrence as to any other account for giving at Christmas. The Magi brought gifts — treasures according to the Bible — and presented them to the Christ Child. It was not just the gifts, however. “They prostrated themselves and paid him homage.” St. John Chrysostom once wrote, “The rich person is not the one who has much, but the one who gives much, for what is given away remains theirs forever.”

The steward comprehends that everything she or he possesses is merely on loan from God. The Magi understood that so they gave gifts of the greatest treasure. They also understood the holiness of what had occurred, as they fell to their knees and worshipped the Lord.

Initially the Magi had gone to a palace to seek the baby Jesus. Reality was that He was in a humble place and of humble means. As we reflect upon this event, in humility we need to seek the faith and sense of stewardship shown by these strangers from the East.

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 12/25/13 & 12/29/2013

Christmas & Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

<u>Envelopes + Loose</u>	<u>= Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$6,628.00 + \$1,418.00	= \$8,046.00	(Christmas)	
\$8,704.75 + \$322.10	= \$9,026.85	(12/29/13)	
	\$13,943.50	\$8,900.00	\$5,043.50

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

<u>2013/14YTD</u>	<u>2012/13 YTD</u>	<u>Current Budgeted</u>	<u>Collection vs. Budgeted</u>
\$207,103.90	\$198,555.67	\$210,500.00	(\$3,396.10)

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 11/30/13:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
November	\$ 38,479	\$ 33,224	\$5,254
Y-T-D Nov.	\$175,795	\$182,364	(\$6,569)

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

Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed - \$139,800

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.

Fr. Lewis Away

Fr. Lewis will be away at a National Liturgical Meeting from Jan 1st to 5th. He will return Monday, January 6. Please welcome Fr. Rich Mooney.

CPR and AED Training

Mark your calendars! We will be offering a training session for CPR and AED (Automated External Defibrillator) use, Sunday, January 12th after the 11:00 Mass. Because of equipment, space is limited to 9 participants. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.



Ecuador Daycare

Ecuador Daycare Sponsors, please pick up your envelope from the children at the daycare in the Narthex. They can be found on a kiosk in a red basket. There is a new website for the daycare, see it at: <http://www.fundacioncristodemiravalle.com/>

Knights of Columbus

Firewood Deliveries are going on now. If you have wood you can donate to help heat homes for folks in need, or if you need firewood assistance, please call Jack McNamee at 678-8462 (cell), or 229-6268.

Knight of the Month: Jim Graham
Family of the Month: John and Karen Amaral

Nocturnal Adoration

We are looking for someone to take over coordinating Nocturnal Adoration. No special training is required. If you are interested, or have questions about this ministry, please give Ron Sills a call at: 598-2173 or sills@verizon.net.

March For Life Rally

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON, DC: Wednesday, January 22, 2014

This will be the 41st annual Rally protesting the Roe vs. Wade decision. Again this year we will have a bus going to the Rally leaving from St. John Neumann at **7:30 AM** with a stop at St. Edwards at 8:15 AM. We will return approximately 7:00 PM. The cost -- nothing! We have 28 spaces available to us. You can reserve your seat with a \$10 registration fee (cash or check made payable to K of C 9507) which will be returned to you on the bus. The free buses (seven for the Richmond area) are made possible by a grant from the Diocese of Richmond and donations from the Knights of Columbus.

Deadline for reservations is January 15. After that all remaining seats will be available to anyone in the Richmond area. Sign up in the SJN Narthex and/or contact Tony Hackenberg ([804-598-5812](tel:804-598-5812)) or tjhack@hotmail.com. **You must make a reservation in order to be guaranteed a seat on the bus.**

Living Faith and Calendars

Please pick up your free copy of the Jan/Feb/Mar Living Faith and 2014 Calendar in the Narthex.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for their gifts, cards, and wonderful baked goods I received this Christmas season. The generosity and kindness of this parish makes me truly blessed to be your pastor. Fr. Lewis

Financial Peace University

St. John Neumann's will once again host Financial Peace University. Classes start January 5th. For more info, contact Cathy Maxwell 598-9470 or cathymaxwell@me.com.

HEN Pantry

Help support the **H**ungry, **E**lderly and **N**eedy of Powhatan. To get ready for the cold months ahead, the HEN pantry is in real need of canned chicken, salmon and beef, as well as hearty canned or boxed entrees such as Brunswick Stew, Beef Stew, Chicken and Dumplings, Banquet Home-style Bakes or Chunky Soups, also boxed or canned milk. We always have volunteer opportunities available. Please contact the HEN Pantry via:

sinhenpantry@yahoo.com or [804-598-3754 x105](tel:804-598-3754) if interested. Thank you.

Virginia Catholic Conference

Make your plans to join Virginia Bishops Francis DiLorenzo and Paul Loverde and the [Virginia Catholic Conference](#) at the annual [Catholic Advocacy Day](#) in Richmond, Thursday, **January 30. Catholic Advocacy Day** is an opportunity for Catholics from throughout the Commonwealth to join together in the Virginia capital and meet with lawmakers' offices to urge for public policies that protect life, the poor and vulnerable, and promote justice. The day begins with registration at 8 AM and ends at 1:30 PM. Get more information and register now at www.vacatholic.org.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

The Office for Black Catholics invites you to our annual **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. program and mass Monday, January 20, 2014, 10:00am, at Holy Rosary, 3300 R St., Richmond, VA 23223.** This year's theme is "Free at Last: True Freedom in the Spirit". Fr. George Clements will be the main presider. Reception immediately following. For more information please contact Angela Jackson, ([804-622-5262](tel:804-622-5262)) or email obc@richmonddiocese.org. For a complete listing of OBC events please visit us on the web at www.richmonddiocese.org/obc. Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cdrobc.

Music for a Cathedral Space free concert on Sunday, **January 19, at 2:00 pm**, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Soprano, Anne O'Byrne, and baritone, Rev. Michael Renninger, accompanied by Dr. Patrick Carlin, will perform music by Peter Cornelius, Jacques Offenbach, Jules Massenet, Lori Laitman, and others. The Museum of Virginia Catholic History will be open from noon until 1:55 pm. For more information on this concert and the 2013-2014 series, visit <http://www.richmondcathedral.org/music.htm>

Commonwealth Catholic Charities: Needed for Pregnancy Counseling Baby Closet: Newborn diapers, as well as sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6, baby wipes, Girls and Boys size 24 month/2T clothing – fall/winter specifically.



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