

## 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**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)**

**January 15, 2017**

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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

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In case of an Emergency after office hours, please call Dustin Griffith at (804) 398-8504.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Sunday, January 15

- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Gr. 1-6 Religious Education [Ed Hallway]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves gathering [Chapel, Ed Hallway]

### Monday, January 16

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, January 17

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

### Wednesday, January 18

#### NO Weekday Mass

- 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

### Thursday, January 19

#### NO Weekday Mass

- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

### Friday, January 20

#### NO Weekday Mass

- 4:45 PM NeuWaves Caritas at Epiphany (meet@SJN)

### Saturday, January 21

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, January 22

- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Gr. 1-6 Religious Education [Ed Hallway]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]
- 2:00 PM Knights of Columbus Chili Cookoff [FVH]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: January 16 – January 22

DAY	Scripture Readings		
Mon	Heb 5:1-10	Mk 2:18-22	
Tue	Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:23-28	
Wed	Heb 7:1-3,15-17	Mk 3:1-6	
Thu	Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12	
Fri	Heb 8:6-13	Mk 3:13-19	
Sat	Heb 9:2-3,11-14	Mk 3:20-21	
Sun	Is 8:23-9:3	1 Cor 1:10-13,17	Mt 4:12-23

### MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM + Jeff Zimmerman
- Sun 8:30 AM + Virginia Brown
- Sun 11:00 AM People of St. John Neumann

### Fr. Lewis Away

I am leading a tour group through the Holy Land. Please keep all of us in your prayers; for our safety and spiritual renewal. We will keep you in our daily prayer as well. **I will be away through January 20.** No daily Mass will be celebrated this week. Fr. Lewis

### Care Notes

Care Notes: This month we are emphasizing topics for TEENS. In addition to our normal Notes on Bullying, Social Media and Peer Pressure we have two new CareNotes: *Being Happy: Even When Life's not Perfect*, and *Having Enough: A Spiritual Guide to Being Satisfied*. They are FREE, so Take One and Take Heart; Give One and Give Hope.

## Stewardship

Our Gospel Reading today is quite short. However, it contains an important revelation from St. John the Baptist about Jesus, our Lord and Savior. John the Baptist testifies, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him." We are fond in the Church to use the symbol of the dove to represent the Holy Spirit, but what John says is not that the Spirit was a dove, but it descended like a dove.

The Spirit descends upon us as well throughout our lives as Catholics. At our Baptism the Holy Spirit came upon us, and we received the fullness of the Holy Spirit's gifts at Confirmation. Nevertheless, we receive the Holy Spirit at every Mass and especially at the Eucharist. Just as John the Baptist spoke of seeing the Holy Spirit descend upon the Lord, that same Holy Spirit descends upon us.

You probably have never paid much attention to how a dove actually descends. It sort of hovers and floats downward. Its descent is smooth, deliberate, and in its own unique way. This Spirit has descended upon us and continues to do so. It fills us. What do we do with it? It is part of our very being, but for it to be effective we must share it and use it.

Our Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said, "No one can give that which they do not personally possess, which means we cannot transmit the Holy Spirit if we ourselves are not close to the Spirit."

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

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 01/08/17

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

	2016/17 YTD	2015/16 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
	\$266,137	\$268,905	\$266,700	(\$1,863)

#### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 11/30/2016:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
Nov.	\$ 39,567	\$ 59,183	(\$19,616)
Nov. YTD	\$214,090	\$244,534	(\$30,444)

\* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

### Powhatan Food Pantry



The Powhatan Food Pantry requests your assistance with providing the following food items to the hungry, elderly and needy in our county during the month of January: **Potato Soup, Clam Chowder, Cream of Chicken Soup, Beef Stew**

**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.

## That Man Is You!

Men: mark your calendars. *That Man Is You!* will start the Spring semester on **January 27th at 6:00 AM**. Modeled on some of the country's leading men's programs, *That Man is You!* combines Scripture, solid secular research and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture and form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The fall semester was great and we look forward to participating during the Lenten session. Please reach out the following men on our CORE team for more information and how to sign up for "*That Man Is You!*" Spring program. Please contact Ron Sills at 381-9603, [sillsr@verizon.net](mailto:sillsr@verizon.net), or Deacon Jim Tubbs, Steve Peters, for more details.

## Baptism Preparation

There will be a Baptism Preparation class **January 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 PM in the Multi-purpose room. Remember, parents can attend the class before the baby is born! **Please contact the office at 598-5734 if you are interested in taking the Baptismal Preparation Class!**

If no one registers, the class will not be held.

## Breaking Open The Word

**Breaking Open the Word** will resume on **Sunday, January 15**, in Fr. Val Hall between the masses. Enrich your new year by joining us from 9:45—10:45 AM every Sunday for coffee, snacks and insightful discussion that will help you welcome the Word in your life. All are welcome. There is no sign-up, no attendance requirement, no cost, and no judging!

## Knights of Columbus

**\*Mark your calendars!** On Sunday, **January 22th** we will have our annual **Chili Cook-off**. The Chili Cook-off will be held during the AFC and NFC championship games. 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 Jim Stage (804-598-0515, or [jimmystage13@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmystage13@hotmail.com)), PGK Bob Post (804-310-9157 or [repostiii@verizon.net](mailto:repostiii@verizon.net)) or DGK Dan Kennedy (403-3245)



## March For Life

The Knights of Columbus will once again provide buses for those who want to participate in the **March for Life on Friday, January 27**. Our bus will depart SJN at 7:45 AM and St. Edwards at 8:15 AM. Sign up at the kiosk in the Narthex and pick up a flyer describing the itinerary for the day. SEATS ARE LIMITED. Once our bus is full we will keep a waiting list. Contact Tony Hackenberg at [tjhack@hotmail.com](mailto:tjhack@hotmail.com) or 804-339-0267 if you have questions. An article about the March for Life should be in the Catholic Virginian within the next couple of weeks.



## Neu Waves



### Neu Waves Special Events!!

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> - Guest Speaker

Jan 20<sup>th</sup> - CARITAS (at Epiphany) - this is a

Friday. Meet at St. John Neumann at 4:45PM

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - St. Francis Home - Valentine's party \*donation of: socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, kleenex, liquid soap, shower gel, hand wipes requested.

### Confirmation Classes Begin January 15!

Let the journey toward the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation begin! Confirmation classes start at **9:45am** sharp on Sunday, **January 15**. We meet in the Multi-purpose room.



Classes end by 11am. For more information, please email your catechists, Pamela Sperbeck [pjsquill@comcast.net](mailto:pjsquill@comcast.net) or Paul Sisson [psisson@journeysoftinc.com](mailto:psisson@journeysoftinc.com). We look forward to taking this journey of faith with you.

### EMHC Annual Training

Eucharistic Ministers



It's that time of year for annual training and commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

Training will be offered on three different dates and times following Mass: **Saturday, Jan. 28, 6-7 pm; Sunday, Feb. 5, 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 12, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.** Please plan to make one if you plan to continue as a Eucharistic Minister during 2017. Anyone interested in becoming a **new EMHC** is also welcome to attend! Questions? Contact Deacon Jim Tubbs, [jimtubbs25@gmail.com](mailto:jimtubbs25@gmail.com).

### Taking Communion...

We are more than happy for you to take communion to sick family members. Please let Fr. Lewis know who you are taking communion to, rather than just appearing in the communion line with an open pyx. There are times that we don't even know that people are home-bound. It's a little thing, but respect suggests we shouldn't just "send a host out" without knowing its destination.

We also ask that if you use one of our pyx, that you purify it and return it to the Sacristy, so that others may use it.

### Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

✘ **Bishops invite legislators, people of all faiths to pray for the needs of the Commonwealth at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia Vespers.** In the wake of a contentious 2016, Bishops Francis DiLorenzo, Michael Burbidge, and their public policy agency, the Virginia Catholic Conference, are inviting government officials and people of all parties and faiths to come together to pray for the needs of the Commonwealth at the second annual Virginia Vespers: Evening Prayer for the Commonwealth. The hour-long service will be held at the beautiful, historic Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org).

✘ **The Future of Humanity Runs through the Family: Parenting Worth Heralding** by guest speaker Fr. Ronald Nuzzi. In the midst of the busy pace of our daily lives, it's easy for our awareness of God's presence to get lost in the shuffle. As juggling parents, how do we strengthen our own relationship with God and our own faithful convictions? How do we shepherd our children toward awareness of God's love and mercy and call to service? Join us at Saint Mary's on **Friday, February 24 at 7 p.m.** \$5 online or \$10 at the door. For tickets and more information, please see: <https://stmaryva.ejoinme.org/MyPages/FrNuzzi2016/tabid/829328/Default.aspx>.

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