



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)

January 22, 2017

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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

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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 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]**
- 3:00 PM **Knights of Columbus Chili Cookoff [FVH]**

Monday, January 23

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**
- 9:30 AM **Parish Rosary [Chapel]**
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 6:30 PM **RCIA [M/P Room]**
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

Thursday, January 26

- 9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

Friday, January 27

- 6:00 AM That Man Is You! [FVH]
- 7:45 AM Bus leaves for RTL Rally [parking lot]
- 9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**

Saturday, January 28

- 3:45 PM **Confession [Church]**
- 6:00 PM **EM training/refresher [FVH]**

Sunday, January 29

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

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: January 23 – January 29

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Heb 9:15,24-28	Mk 3:22-30
Tue	Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35
Wed	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Thu	2 Tm 1:1-8 (or Ti 1:1-5)	Mk 4:21-25
Fri	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34
Sat	Heb 11:1-2,8-19	Mk 4:35-41
Sun	Zep 2:3;3:12-13	1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM People of St. John Neumann
- Sun 8:30 AM + Nathan Lee
- Sun 11:00 AM + Mary Sierlecki

Become A Liturgical Minister

Have you thought about becoming more involved in the parish, but don't seem to have enough time? Become a liturgical minister! Liturgical minister are Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Children's Liturgy, and Choir. You can also offer Hospitality after Mass. You serve just before, during, or just after Mass, and you are here anyway! Find out more Feb. 11 and 12th after the Masses when volunteers will answer questions and sign you up.

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.

Stewardship

The prophet Isaiah again records a remarkable prophecy in our First Reading from the Book of Isaiah. Within the context of that Scriptural reading Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light." Just prior to that Isaiah speaks of two areas of Israel that are also the names of two of the twelve tribes of Israel — Zebulon and Naphtali. These tribes were located at the northern end of Israel adjacent to the Sea of Galilee.

When the Assyrians invaded and occupied Israel, it was the northern tribes like Zebulon and Naphtali that suffered the most. It was they on whom the greatest gloom and darkness descended. However, the prophecy speaks of the coming of the Messiah, the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Thus, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Christ is still the light of the world, and He still provides this light and hope to those of us who may feel like we are in darkness and distress. We must embrace Him nonetheless and follow His way by becoming His disciple. If we do that, our lives will indeed be filled with light and great rejoicing. It is up to us to respond. In John 8:12, the Lord tells us, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows me will not be walking in dark, but will have the light of life."

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 01/15/17

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

		Current	Collection vs.
<u>2016/17 YTD</u>	<u>2015/16 YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$274,310	\$273,398	\$276,200	(\$1,890)

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

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
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**

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 & Take Heart; Give One & Give Hope.

Neu Waves

Neu Waves Special Events!

Feb 4th - St. Francis Home - Valentine's party *donation of: socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, kleenex, liquid soap, shower gel, hand wipes requested.
Feb 19th - Guest speaker, 12:00PM in FVH.



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, or Deacon Jim Tubbs, Steve Peters, for more details.

Baptism Preparation

There will be a Baptism Preparation class **January 24th**, at 6:00 PM in the Multi-purpose room. Remember, expecting 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.

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), PGK Bob Post (804-310-9157 or 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 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.



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. The first one is coming this week (after the 5:00 Mass): **Saturday, Jan. 28, 6-7 pm**. The next ones follow: **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.

RCIA News

Interested in becoming Catholic? – Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but were never baptized, were baptized in another Christian faith, or were baptized Catholic and never Confirmed? Have you been away from the Catholic Church and would like to rejoin us in full Communion? If this describes you, please contact Deacon Jim Tubbs (jimtubbs25@gmail.com) about our upcoming RCIA Inquiry. All Inquirers are welcome: no commitment, no cost, and NO JUDGING! We just look forward to assisting you on your faith journey.



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

✘ **Bishops invite legislators, people of all faiths to pray for the needs of the Commonwealth at the 2nd Virginia Vespers.** In the wake of a contentious 2016, Bishops Francis DiLorenzo, Michael Burbidge, and 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 Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m., **Thursday, Feb. 9th**. A wine and appetizers reception follows. Register at www.vacatholic.org.

✘ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION** Weekend Retreat will be held **February 17-19** at The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, VA. The weekend retreat includes: spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men and any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. To register, contact Linda Riva at [757-887-3144](tel:757-887-3144) or email lindajr2@yahoo.com. The cost is \$185 for meals, room and all retreat materials. Financial Assistance is available.

✘ **Family to Family Education Program.** The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) invites you to attend "Family to Family," a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help caregivers understand and support individuals with serious mental illness while maintaining their own well-being. The course is taught by a team of trained NAMI family member volunteers who know what it's like to have a loved one struggling with one of these brain disorders. The spring class will be held at FACES 11601 Lucks Lane N. Chesterfield (adjacent to St. Mark's Methodist Church) beginning Wednesday evening February 22nd. There is no charge for the class or materials. Advance registration is **required by February 8th**. Please contact Jeff at 804-285-1749 to register and receive location details or email jeff.conley@namicentralvirginia.org

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