



## 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 C)**

**January 24, 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 24

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed (gr. 1-6) [Education Hallway]
- 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]
- 9:45 AM Parish Nurse End of Life speakers [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]
- 12:15 PM Grief Support Group [M/P Room]
- 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]
- 2:30 PM K of C Chili Cook Off [FVH]
- 6:30 PM Neu Waves Gathering [Education Hallway]

### Monday, January 25

- 7:00 PM CWO Book Club [M/P Room]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, January 26

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

### Wednesday, January 27

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 6:30 PM First Reconciliation [FVH, St. Eliz, St. Thom]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

### Thursday, January 28

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

### Friday, January 29

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 10:00 AM Powhatan Food Pantry to 12:00

### Saturday, January 30

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, January 31

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed (gr. 1-6) [Education Hallway]
- 9:30 AM Anointing of the Sick [Church]
- 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]
- 9:45 AM Parish Nurse End of Life speakers [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Neu Waves Gathering [Education Hallway]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: January 25 – January 31

DAY Scripture Readings

Mon	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18
Tue	2 Tm 1:1-8	Mk 3:31-35
Wed	2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:1-20
Thu	2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29	Mk 4:21-25
Fri	2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17	Mk 4:26-34
Sat	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17	Mk 4:35-41
Sun	Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1Cor 12:31-13:13	Lk 4:21-31

### MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM +Kevin Maxwell
- Sun 8:30 AM +Theo South
- Sun 11:00 AM People of St. John Neumann

### Upson Property

**HOORAY!** This week we paid off the balance of the Upson note. Thank you for your support, especially those who gave so generously to make that addition to our property so attainable!

## Stewardship

When most of us think of Baptism, we think about immersion in Holy Water. However, for St. Paul, the water is secondary to something else — namely the Holy Spirit.

Specifically, Paul says, “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” It is this Spirit which makes us one, a unified body in Christ.

That is what makes us one, regardless of who we are. Paul uses the illustration of a human body to prompt us as to what it means to be part of a Catholic community of faith. We may not look the same, and we may not even function the same, but that is the key to our lives of stewardship. We are truly one, united through Baptism and united in Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis shares a story of a time he baptized the seven children of a single mother. After the baptisms, she said to the Pope (to be) “Father, you make me feel so important,” to which the Pope replied, “Where do I come in? It is Jesus who makes you feel important.” We are one, and each of us is important, united through the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 01/17/16

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

<u>2014/15 YTD</u>	<u>2013/14 YTD</u>	<u>Current Budgeted</u>	<u>Collection vs. Budgeted</u>
\$273,436	\$245,991	\$286,500	(\$13,064)

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

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

*Upson Property (covered by pledges)*

Balance Owed - \$39,000

### 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.

### Care Notes

Check out the new additions to our CareNotes library in the Narthex. The Bereavement library CareNotes are still available in Deacon Jim's Office (also the 5th Grade Classroom). Take one and take Heart. Give one and give hope.

**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.

### Parish Nursing

The nurses will be on site for a special presentation, **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. For further info contact Martha O'Donnell at 804 432-6098.

### Bakers Guild

The Bakers Guild is looking for at least **5 new members** to help with the Easter egg production, packaging and sales. These volunteers **DO NOT** need to be cooks or bakers. The skills needed are easily learned. We have a lot of fun. We work on Wednesday and Thursday mornings with some Saturday morning work days.

Anyone interested can contact Terry Sanders-598-2750, or Barbara Sitzes [bsitzes4@gmail.com](mailto:bsitzes4@gmail.com), or Sue Kornegay - 598-1014, [suzannekor@verizon.net](mailto:suzannekor@verizon.net)

### Valentine Candy Sale

The Bakers Guild will be selling boxes of assorted handmade candy for Valentine's on February 6 and 7 in the Narthex. See the order form insert. There are 15 handmade gourmet pieces of candy in each box. Each box is only \$12 and \$2 of that goes directly to the Powhatan Food Pantry. For orders of more than 1 box please contact Terry Sanders at 598-2750 or [tnsanders48@aol.com](mailto:tnsanders48@aol.com).

### 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 in January, and will continue for 6 weeks. Each session will last about an hour. Please contact Deacon Jim or Sharon Tubbs ([jimtubbs25@gmail.com](mailto:jimtubbs25@gmail.com)) if you 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.

### Knight's Corner

**It is time! Sunday, January 24th is our annual Chili Cook-off. This event is open to all SJN parishioners!**



The Chili Cook-off will be held during the AFC and NFC championship games beginning at **2:30 PM.** We have purchased a 55" LG 1080P big screen TV and we will be watching both games on the TV during the Chili Cook-off. Two football pools will occur with cash prizes for each quarter of both games. The purchase of a football pool square earns one raffle ticket entry and the grand prize winner 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. Food and beverages will be provided and alcoholic beverages will be available for a nominal fee. The more tickets sold, the bigger the cash prizes! Questions and RSVPs for those attending should be directed to GK 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)).

**\*\*Mark Your Calendars! Fish Fry is early this Year -- Starts February 12th!**

### Lenten Retreat

Mark your calendars! It is almost time for the annual Lenten Retreat. This year it will be February 6, from 9:00 AM to 3 PM. **This retreat is a great way to prepare for Lent and Easter and is open to all parishioners.**

The speaker is Br. Loughlan Sofield, Councilor General of the Missionary Servants of the most Holy Trinity. He conducts workshops worldwide on topics of ministry and psychology. He'll be speaking to us on **"Living Like Jesus in the Year of Mercy: Forgiveness and Compassion."**

The retreat is sponsored by the Ladies of Grace and the cost is just \$20.00 and includes lunch--\$15:00 for those not wanting lunch. Sign-Up sheets can be found in the Narthex on a kiosk (clipboard).

### Eighth to Eleventh Grade Youth

**SJN returns this summer to Steubenville!**

**8-11th grade youth...** do you **THIRST** for a new introduction or a different perspective of our faith, fellowship, music, or prayer? Are you searching for something you just can't put words to? Well then SIGN UP NOW for the **June 24-26 Steubenville Youth Conference!** This one *dynamic* weekend is designed just for you; with great food, talks, workshops, and liturgies. Cost? As little as \$100! Questions? Ask Deacon Tom, check out our website, or grab the info package posted in the Narthex. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE 1/24. A \$40 non-refundable deposit is required.**



### Virginia Catholic Conference



The Virginia Catholic Conference invites Catholics to come to Richmond to advocate for life and justice during this winter's General Assembly session on one of three

newly introduced **Catholics in the Capital Days.** The dates are Tuesday, Jan. 26, Thursday, Feb. 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 17. (On Feb. 17 the Conference and Virginia Bishops will also host *Virginia Vespers at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond at 5 p.m. All are invited.*) To attend Catholics in the Capital Days, call or email your senator and delegate to set up your appointments, and then register with the Conference at [office@vacatholic.org](mailto:office@vacatholic.org). We'll provide you with legislative updates, talking points and refreshments at our offices prior to your legislative visits. Learn more at [www.vacatholic.org](http://www.vacatholic.org)

### 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>.

## Lenten Retreat

# Living Like Jesus in the Year of Mercy: Forgiveness and Compassion

BROTHER LOUGHLAND SOFIELD

When: Saturday February 6, 2016  
snow make-up date Feb 20, 2016

Time: 9:00 – 3:00 Cost: \$20 with lunch \$15 without lunch  
Financial assistance available. All are welcome!

Any questions please contact: Sharon Tubbs at:  
540-460-3202 or Kathy Schmidt 804-320-7849

Where: Saint John Neumann Catholic Church  
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### Speaker:

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