

## 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 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: (Cycle A)**

**March 2, 2014**

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**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 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, March 2

- 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 9:45 AM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 [Ed Hall]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Classes [M/P Room]
- 9:35 AM Biblical Studies [Library]
- 6:00 PM Financial Peace University [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Rosary [Church]
- 6:30 PM Neu Waves [Ed Hall]
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Business Mtg. [FVH]

### Monday, March 3

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, March 4

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

### Wednesday, March 5

- 9:00 AM Ash Wed. Mass with BSH [Church]
- 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir-finish early [Church]
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Mass [Church]
- 7:00 PM BSA Venture Crew [FVH]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir-start late [Church]

### Thursday, March 6

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 6:30 PM RCIA [M/P Room]
- 7:00 PM Powhatan Garden Club [FVH]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

### Friday, March 7

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 10:00 AM Hen Pantry until 1:00 PM
- 5:00 PM Fish Fry until 7PM [FVH]
- 6:45 PM Stations of the Cross [Church]
- Nocturnal Adoration Begins after Stations [Church]

### Saturday, March 8

- 8:30 AM Rosary [Church]
- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, March 9

- 9:45 AM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 [Ed Hall]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Classes [M/P Room]
- 9:35 AM Biblical Studies [Library]
- 6:30 PM Neu Waves [FVH]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: March 3 – March 9

DAY	Scripture Readings		
Mon	1 Pt 1:3-9		Mk 10:17-27
Tue	1 Pt 1:10-16		Mk 10:28-31
Wed	J1 2:12-18	2 Cor 5:20-6:2	Mt 6:1-6,16-18
Thu	Dt 30:15-20		Lk 9:22-25
Fri	Is 58:1-9a		Mt 9:14-15
Sat	Is 58:9b-14		Lk 5:27-32
Sun	Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7	Rom 5:12-19	Mt 4:1-11

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wed	9:00 AM	+Sharon Gremmel, +Steve Vosburg, +Scott MacLaughlin
Thurs	9:00 AM	+Thomas Willix, +Connie Napier
Fri	9:00 AM	+John and Jeannette McGee, +Sylvester and Julia Janoski
Sat	5:00 PM	+Marvin Wollen
Sun	8:30 AM	People of St. John Neumann
Sun	11:00 AM	+Edward Kane

## Stewardship

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is continued in today's Gospel reading from Matthew, is the Lord's longest sermon recorded in all of Holy Scripture. It is included in two of the four Gospels — Matthew and Luke.

The important aspects of the sermon are that the Lord lays out for us what we must do to be His disciples. Jesus has high expectations of us, such hopes for us, as a matter of fact, that we cannot possibly fulfill them. The point is not that we can achieve perfection in the Lord's eyes, but that we diligently work to do so. Following stewardship as a way of life is that kind of an effort.

Today's Gospel includes one of the most quoted statements of the entire Sermon. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides." Sometimes we struggle with exactly where to start. Jesus' point is that we start with God, place our trust in Him, and the rest will follow. "Tomorrow will take care of itself."

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

02/23/14

#### Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

Envelopes + Loose	= Collection	Budgeted	Change
\$5,788 + \$227	= \$6,015	\$7,500	(\$1,485)

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

2013/14YTD	2012/13 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
\$274,467	\$260,953	\$270,500	\$3,967

#### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 01/31/14:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
January	\$ 38,254	\$ 36,924	\$1,330
Y-T-D Jan.	\$264,820	\$260,337	\$4,484

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

#### Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed - \$133,700

## Word Among Us

The Lenten Word Among Us booklets are now available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take one per family.

**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.

## Knights of Columbus

It is almost time for the **Lenten Fish Fry** to resume! Every **Friday from March 7 to April 11** spend some time with parish friends and the community enjoying fish fried by the Knights! All you can eat dinners are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and children under 5 are FREE. There is a family rate of \$25 for the same household. Soup is \$1, dessert will be \$1 and the Baker's Guild will be having bake sales as well to meet the needs of your sweet tooth! If you cannot stay, you can also have a dinner prepared to go! Dinners will be served from 5-7 PM.



**Congratulations** to Reilly Dickerson and Mary Kimbrough who are the Free Throw Champions. Also to Savannah and Macellyn Post for earning a certificate of Merit for Christmas Caroling.

Knight of the Month: Tony Hackenberg  
Family of the Month: Bruce and Catherine Wright

## Ancient Order of Hibernians

If you have an interest in your Irish American heritage and would like to join us in our activities, please contact Mike McGee at: 594-0785. This was the last weekend for raffle tickets sold after Mass, if you would still like to purchase a raffle for a **Vacation for two to Ireland or an optional cash prize of \$4,000**, contact Mike McGee. Otherwise see the AOH at the Church Hill Irish Festival on the 23rd of March, near St. Patrick's Church (25<sup>th</sup> and Broad)

## Thank You!

Because of your generosity, our goal has been reached and we can begin ordering new Altar Server albs and cinctures. Thank you so much for your assistance!

## Did You Know...?

Did you know that Divine Mercy Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Easter (April 27)? The first planning session for the Divine Mercy Devotion will be at **7 pm on Wed. March 12** in the SJN Library. Volunteers and suggestions are welcome. If you can't come to the meeting and wish to help, please contact Chuck Miller, 598-0839 or [sjn.library@gmail.com](mailto:sjn.library@gmail.com).

## Powhatan Garden Club

The Powhatan Garden Club will meet on **Thursday, March 6th at 7PM** for refreshments and 7:30PM for our meeting and program. The presenter for March's program is **Bridgette Swepston**, a member of the Powhatan Garden Club. Bridgette has been a flower show judge, and for the past ten years, she has been making and selling metal sculptures. Her work has been included in Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and currently she has a piece in the Manassas Museum. Bridgette will explain how she got interested in metal sculpture and show the members how easy it is to include metal sculptures in floral design. Bridgette will have samples of her work and design materials for sale after the meeting. **This meeting is open to the community.**

## VIRTUS

The next VIRTUS session will be Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm, in the Multipurpose room. The session will last approx. 2 hours with a light meal being served. Attendees can sign up on line at: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) or use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Should anyone have any questions or need additional information, they may contact David Corbett at 794-1251 or email him at [dpdkc1900@verizon.net](mailto:dpdkc1900@verizon.net).

## White Elephant Sale

Started to Spring Clean? If so, don't forget the annual White Elephant Sale. If you have any new (or gently used) items that you think would be perfect for the church, please set them aside. It won't be long before summer is here and we begin collecting items in the Narthex. Again, your donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

## Annual Lenten Retreat

The time has come to register to attend the St. John Neumann Annual Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Catholic Women's Organization! Parishioners, non parishioners, men, and women are all invited to attend the retreat, **March 22, from 9 AM to 3PM**. The focus will be "Heaven and Purgatory-What does God intend for us". The retreat will be facilitated by Dr. Michael Root currently at Catholic University. Lunch is included. Registration is \$20. There is a sign up sheet and registration envelope in the Narthex. **Be sure to invite your friends!**

## Rice Bowl

**You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl!**

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available starting on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please take home a Rice Bowl and use this fun and easy resource to deepen your family's Lenten experience

and make a difference in the lives of the poor. **CRS Rice Bowl** is a way for Catholics to **live Lent**. We invite you to *pray, fast and give* to deepen your relationship with Christ and bring hope to our brothers and sisters in need. **Please pick up your Rice Bowl and instructions in the Narthex. Thank you.**

## Movie Caution

"Due to the intense and bloody portrayal of the Crucifixion, the scourging and several sequences of violence in the movie *Son of God*, some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. The movie has a rating of PG-13 by the Motion Picture Assoc. of America. Rather than simply suggesting parental discretion, the PG-13 rating carries the warning: "Parents Strongly Cautioned. Some Material May Be Inappropriate For Children Under 13."

## Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

**Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center** which provides therapeutic horseback riding for veterans with disabilities and special needs, is looking for trophies of any size and type. Clean out your basement and attic! Contact: Jane Kelly at: [734 277-5623](tel:7342775623), or [Janekellydressage@gmail.com](mailto:Janekellydressage@gmail.com)

## New Rectory?

### *Why do we need a new rectory?*

When the rectory was first purchased in the late 70's for Fr. Val, our much loved pastor, we knew that it was a starter home. Every time there was some money in the bank, there was another more important priority. First there were classrooms that needed to be added, and then there was the new Church to be constructed. While we certainly maintained the home, it didn't really meet our needs.

### *What happened next?*

You may recall that when Fr. Lewis was first assigned here, he was living in the west end. His appointment as administrator was just for an interim. Rather than spend money on renovating the house it was decided to look for something closer to Church. The deaths of two founding members of the parish left their home vacant, on property very close by. The Sowers family allowed us to rent their family home as a residence. We paid the rent for the Sowers home with the money we received from renting the old rectory. We knew even then that this was just a short term solution.

### *So, where are we now?*

As soon as the Winfree property was paid for, it was time to look at the new rectory. We had the following assets:

A lot behind the old rectory (we had agreed to sell it as a discounted price to Habitat for Humanity), hoping that whoever got it would appreciate how close it is to town (and to other Habitat homes.) The sale price was \$25,000.00.

The old rectory. It is a three bedroom home with two baths. It has a living room, dining room and kitchen. It has been well maintained. Our hope is to sell it for close to \$150,000.00. In addition, several parishioners have helped us make up some of the value of the lot that we lost when reducing the sales price to Habitat. Some other money has been gifted for the house as well.

The total of those three sources is slightly under \$200,000.00.

### *How much will a new rectory cost?*

We are very fortunate that the contractor is a parishioner who has volunteered to build the new rectory at cost. We found out last month that we can use our existing well for the rectory (another significant savings!) We have some preliminary drawings, but these are not even finalized. In accordance with Diocesan requirements, we will build a three bedroom, three bath home. There are frequently guests at the rectory that must be accommodated. The parish Finance Council is working closely with Fr. Lewis and the building committee. As you can tell, we are in the planning phase. As soon as we know more, we will share this information with you. The plans are too preliminary at this time for us to have other than a basic idea of the construction cost. We hope to not borrow money to build the rectory, and we hope not to have to beg for much!

### *Where will the new rectory be situated?*

With the property that we have already purchased, (and just finished paying for!) it seemed foolish to incur more expense by looking for a building lot. Located near the back corner of the property, there is a lovely grove of trees that will allow the house to be proximate but still private. We anticipate installing a drive that will give us access to the field where we do excess parking for Christmas and Easter.

### *When will it all be done?*

If you are like Fr. Lewis, you wish for a magic wand to accomplish the impossible and a crystal ball to know the future. Since neither exists, we hope you will be patient and we promise to keep you posted with the next steps and a projected timeline



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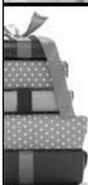


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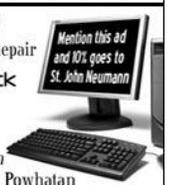
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