



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 of Easter (Cycle C)

April 3, 2016

IN HIS SERVICE:

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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 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 Greg Hoffman at 757-693-1151.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, April 3

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Grade 1-6 [Education Hall]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation class [M/P Room]
- 12:15 PM Bereavement Group [FVH]
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus business meeting [FVH]

Monday, April 4

- Office and building are closed
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]
- 7:00 PM Youth Leader Meeting [M/P Room]

Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 AM Bible study with Deacon Ed [M/P Room]

Wednesday, April 6

**No Weekday Mass

- 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:30 PM First Sacraments [St. Eliz, St. Thomas]
- 6:30 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

Thursday, April 7

**No Weekday Mass

- 6:30 PM RCIA [M/P Room]
- 7:00 PM Powhatan Garden Club [FVH]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope AI-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

Friday, April 8

**No Weekday Mass

- 10:00 AM Powhatan Food Pantry to 12:00
- 6:30 PM Powhatan Women's Show [FVH]

Saturday, April 9

- 10:00 AM Powhatan Women's Show [FVH]
- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, April 10

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Grade 1-6 [Education Hall]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: April 4 – April 10

DAY Scripture Readings

Mon	Is 7:10-14;8:10	Heb 10:4-10	Lk 1:26-38
Tue	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15	
Wed	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21	
Thu	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36	
Fri	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15	
Sat	Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21	
Sun	Acts 5:27-32,40b-41	Rv 5:11-14	Jn 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM People of St. John Neumann
- Sun 8:30 AM +Justice Antonin Scalia
- Sun 11:00 AM +Justice Antonin Scalia

Please Note

- Father Lewis will be in Rome after Easter until April 18th. We will have visiting priests on the weekends, but there will be **no weekday Mass**.

Care Notes

Interested in tips on how to simply your life, handle stress or cope when bad things happen? See our *CareNotes* display in the Narthex. 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.

Stewardship

The purpose of Sacred Scripture is in part to teach us about the faith, to provide to us what the Church calls "divine revelation." Our Second Reading from the Book of Revelation provides insights of which we need to be aware. The name of this Book – Revelation – is derived from the very first words of the Book, which are "The revelation of Jesus Christ..."

Written in Greek, the word translated as "revelation" is *apokalypsis*, meaning "unveiling" or indeed "revelation." As indicated in today's reading this book is written by "John...on the island called Patmos." Our Catholic tradition tells us that this is John the Apostle, although scholars sometimes disagree with that assessment and conclusion. We do nonetheless know what and where Patmos is.

The Island of Patmos was the Roman Empire's version of Alcatraz Island, a place where some were exiled and forced to work in the marble quarries found there. Ten miles long and six miles wide, Patmos has been described as lonely and desolate. Yet for John, the writer of this Book, it does not separate him from God or from his fellow Christians. He describes in today's narrative the revelation which came to him there, but to experience such a revelation he had to be aware and open to the Words of the Lord.

We may at times feel just as exiled, just as lonely, but if we remain open and conscious of God's presence, we, too may find solace and comfort and instructions. That is what being a steward is all about — being attentive to what God is saying to us.

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 03/27/16

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

2015/16 YTD	2014/15 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
\$366,328	\$330,596	\$389,900	(\$23,572)

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 02/29/2016:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
February	\$ 40,940	\$ 43,993	(\$3,053)
YTD Feb.	\$361,298	\$356,832	\$4,466

* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

Vacation Bible School

Save the Date for VBS
We will "Set Sail with the Holy Trinity" and St. Patrick, **July 25th-29th**.
Mark your calendars now for a great time at VBS.



Powhatan Women's Show

Join us for the inaugural Powhatan Women's Show Event

April 8th and 9th at SJN Father Val Hall featuring 2 days of shopping, demonstrations and fun, including a Fashion Show and a Mother and Daughter tea.

April 8th 6:30-9:00

VIP night tickets are \$20 and include free appetizers and one wine ticket. Proceeds from the ticket sales go to the Powhatan Food Pantry. Tickets available online at Event Bright.

April 9th 10:00AM-4:00PM

Free vendor shopping and product demonstrations. Fashion show at 2:00PM, Grab lunch from the BBQ vendor and watch the demonstrations. Bid on the silent auction items and register for the raffle prizes. Proceeds from the tea will support the SJN Fall Festival. Go to our FB page, **Powhatan Women's Show**, and message us a picture of your Powhatan Woman, along with a description of her job/business/volunteer positions and we will add her to our 2016 Album. Each participant will be registered for a great prize drawing.

Call Jean Tillery with questions: [804-240-9447](tel:804-240-9447)
*Congratulations to the winner of our very first Reverse Raffle. **Linda Edwards** bought one ticket at the fish fry and was the final number left at the end of the night. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and joined in the fun! We raised over \$1400 for the Fall Festival.*

Commemoration of the Dearly Departed

On the first Friday of each month, during Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, we commemorate and pray for our dearly departed loved ones whose anniversary of death occurs during the month. If your deceased loved one is interred in the Columbarium, they will automatically be among those for whom we pray. If you would like to include others on this prayer list please contact Deacon Jim Tubbs.

Neu Waves

UPCOMING NEU WAVES ACTIVITIES - SIGN UP NOW! FRIENDS & PARENTS WELCOME!

Saturday April 16 - Part 3 of our Service Activities with Belmead's Sr. Jean and the Sisters of Blessed Sacrament. 8:30am-12:30pm studying invasive species and their link with Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. ***Sunday April 24*** End-of-the-Year Hike at Fortune's Cove, a preserve of over 29,000 acres owned by the Nature Conservancy. 4 out of 5 stars for views. Leave after 8:30am Mass and return by 7pm. Dinner included. **Check your emails or Contact Deacon Tom for more info.**

Baptism Preparation

There will be a Baptism Preparation class **April 19th**, 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!



Trip To The Holy Land

Make the events Holy Week become even more vivid. Consider a trip of the lifetime to the Holy Land with Fr. Lewis and Monsignor Irwin. To read about the trip, go to: www.travelillum.com/trc/yzp. Questions, contact Fr. Lewis

CRS Rice Bowl

THANK YOU



Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU!! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl.

Please count your change, write a check (note Rice Bowl on the memo line) and place it in the basket during offertory. There will also be a basket in the Narthex.

Powhatan Garden Club

The Powhatan Garden Club will have its first Play with Paint Fund Raising event on Thursday, April 7th at St. John Neumann Church from 7-9 PM. Each participant will produce a painting. The instructor for the class is Kathy Rivera, owner of Accents at Westchester Commons. Kathy is an experienced art teacher. She will guide us as we work on our painting. Seating is limited so call and register early to ensure a seat. We look forward to a productive, fun-filled evening. Maybe you will discover your inner Picasso! Call Jaime Quinn at 687-2814 for information and registration. The fee for the class is \$40/person; which includes supplies and canvas. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.
- **SPAGHETTI DINNER**: Bishop Ireton Knights of Columbus #6189 Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 9th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Bishop Ireton Center located at 3300 Old Courthouse Road. Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad, bread, and dessert. Price is \$10.00 per ticket. For information & tickets, contact Lynn Meyer at 768-2422.
- **FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION**, a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** will be held April 8 – 10, at Shalom House Retreat Center in Montpelier, Virginia, for women and men who have known regret, sorrow, guilt, or shame from abortion. The weekend combines living scripture meditations, spiritual exercises, and discussions in a guided process that leads to the heart of God's love & compassion. If you would like to learn more about this retreat contact Marty Montgomery-Jennings at [804-704-0429](tel:804-704-0429), Maggie Carlson at [804-432-2589](tel:804-432-2589), or email: RV4hope@gmail.com. Visit our website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.
- **Consider participating on a Cursillo weekend**. So what is Cursillo you've heard of it but aren't sure what it is? Cursillo is 3 day retreat put on by lay Catholics with the assistance of ordained priests and deacons. Anyone in good standing with the church is eligible to attend. If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo ask a parish member that has been on a Cursillo. Don't know someone who has been on a Cursillo? Contact the Central Virginia Coordinating Committee at [804-739-8095](tel:804-739-8095). The next Cursillo Women's weekend in the Central Virginia area is scheduled for **April 28 - May 21**, at the Shalom House and the next Cursillo Men's weekend is scheduled for **July 21 - 24**, at the Sacred Heart, Prince George.





Powhatan Women's Show



Saturday, April 9th

10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Shop vendors,
crafts and
books for sale.

Grab lunch from
the BBQ truck
and watch the
demonstrations.

Bid on
silent auction
items and
register for
the raffle prizes.



Fashion Show at 2:00.

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**Event held at Father Val Hall
St. John Neumann Catholic Church**

Proceeds benefit the St. John Neumann Fall Festival.



