



## 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 B)**

**April 12, 2015**

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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, April 12

- 9:35 AM Adult Education [Library]  
**9:45 AM Confirmation Class [M/P Room]**  
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Bus. Mtg. [FVH]

### Monday, April 13

- 7:00 PM Catholic Women's Organization [M/P Room]  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, April 14

- 10:00 AM Bible study with Deacon Ed [M/P Room]  
 10:00 AM Happy Homemakers [St. Elizabeth]  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts [FVH]  
 7:00 PM Pastoral Council [M/P Room]

### Wednesday, April 15

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
**9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]**  
 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir practice [Church]  
**6:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes [Ed. Hallway]**  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice [Church]

### Thursday, April 16

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
**6:30 PM RCIA [FVH]**  
 7:00 PM BSA Venture Crew [St. Katherine]  
 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

### Friday, April 17

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
 10:00AM HEN Pantry to 1:00PM

### Saturday, April 18

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]**

### Sunday, April 19

- 9:35 AM Adult Education [Library]  
**9:45 AM Confirmation Class [M/P Room]**  
**6:30 PM Neu Waves Gathering [Ed. Hallway]**

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: April 13 – April 19

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8
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 3:13-15,17-19	1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48

### MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 7:00 PM People of St. John Neumann  
 Sun 8:30 AM +Theo South  
 Sun 11:00 AM Intentions of Paul and Barbara Sitzes

## Neu Waves



### Neu Waves April-May Calendar of Events

- Sunday April 12 – **No** Neu Waves  
 Sunday April 19 – 6:30-7:45pm Gathering  
 Sunday April 26 – 6-8pm End of Year Party  
 Saturday May 2 – Bike Trail Outing

## Stewardship

"The community of believers was of one heart and one mind." For those who practice stewardship as a way of life every passage from Holy Scripture contains a stewardship message. However, today's readings are particularly special in that regard. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks to the sense of unity and teamwork of the early Church. Our own parishes may reflect this idea that we are one, and that we have a common purpose.

One of the great misconceptions of this particular scriptural passage is that it reflects what we might term a "sense of Communism." However, as we as Catholics and stewards reflect upon this, we must understand a basic difference. Communism says "What you think is yours is really mine." Our faith, our community, and our good stewards say, "What may seem to be mine is really yours."

"No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own." This is the stewardship understanding that, first and foremost, everything comes from, is gifted by, and is possessed by God, not by us. In addition, stewards understand that all their gifts are to be shared with others. The key to this entire passage is, nonetheless, that the early Christians regarded people as more important than things. As difficult as this may be for us, that is to what we are called, as well.

## \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

04/05/15

### Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

<u>Envelopes + Loose</u>	=	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$6,235 + \$596	=	\$ 6,831		
<i>Holy Thursday</i>		\$ 531		
<i>Good Friday</i>		\$ 485		
<i>Easter</i>		<u>\$ 4,090</u>		
		\$12,150	\$9,500	\$2,650

### 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>
\$342,635	\$326,034	\$359,500	(\$16,865)

### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 02/28/2015:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
February	\$ 33,544	\$ 35,531	(\$1,987)
Y-T-D Feb.	\$321,984	\$322,003	(\$19)

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

### Mortgage Reduction:

*Upside Property (covered by pledges)*

Balance Owed – \$85,300

**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.

### **Baptism Preparation**

The next Baptism preparation class will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. We will not be holding baptism prep in June or July, so any family anticipating a baptism before September needs to get the class done in April or May. The May class will be May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please call the office (598-3754) to register for this class.

### **Knights of Columbus**

The business meeting will be held this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in Father Val Hall. There is a lot on the agenda, so please try to attend.

Knight of the month: Father Lewis

Family of the month: Patrick and Tammy Vosburg

### **Catholic Women's Organization**

The next CWO meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>. Come at 6:30 PM to socialize, the meeting will start at 7:00 PM in the Multi-purpose room.

If you are interested in joining CWO or for more information please call Kathy Schmidt, [804-320-7849](tel:804-320-7849).

### **HEN Pantry**

The H.E.N. Pantry is in great need of the following items:

- Canned Meats (*Chicken, Roast Beef, Salmon, Tuna, Spam*)
- Hot Cereals (*Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat*)
- Baking Mix (*Bisquick, Jiffy*)
- Hearty Canned Meals (*Stews, Chicken & Dumplings, Chili, Chunky Soups*)
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables (*other than Corn & Green Beans*)
- Rice or Rice Sides
- Coffee or Tea (*instant is fine*)
- Condiments (*esp. Mayo & relish for chicken/tuna salads*)

On behalf of our pantry clients, we thank you for your generosity! Please place items in the Narthex collection bins.



### **Looking For a Few Good Cakes...**



The Bakers Guild has been asked to help the Coalition of Powhatan Churches by supplying cakes for a fundraiser at their Power Show April 25-26. In order to maximize the cakes contributed to this effort, we would like to ask for donations

from anyone in the parish who would like to donate a cake. Please leave cakes, etc in the kitchenette on Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 AM and 2:00 PM. They are looking for decadent, or beautiful, or specialty - or all three - cakes, pies, and baked goods, but they cannot be items that will spoil outdoors. Baked goods should be wrapped for freshness and food safety. They will be under a tent, no refrigeration is available.

You can also bring your best baked goods to sell at the bake sale table by coming to the show and drop your baked goods at the community bake sale table. *Help us build a permanent home for a Powhatan Coalition of Churches Food Pantry!* For more information about the Power Show see: [www.powhatanpowershow.com/](http://www.powhatanpowershow.com/)

### **Thank You!**

To all of those who made this year's celebration of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter vigil) so glorious. Every detail takes planning and preparation. From Servers, Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Florists, deacons, musicians and office staff it was a huge effort that bore beautiful fruit! Easter Sunday services were glorious as well! Thanks again for those who gave from their hearts and souls! Fr. Lewis

### **CRS Rice Bowl**



Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say **THANK YOU!!** If you have not turned in your Rice Bowl yet, please count your

change, write a check with Rice Bowl in the memo section and place it in the basket during offertory. There will also be a basket in the Narthex to return your Rice Bowl or offering. Thank you for your participation and your generosity!

### **Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community**

**End of Life Seminar:** Saturday, April 25, at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. "Life is sacred, from conception to natural death." Seems pretty clear, until it isn't. **Are you curious, concerned, or just plain confused about living wills, hospice care, clinical decision-making, or dying with dignity, either for yourself or for your loved ones?** Come hear renowned Catholic Bioethics expert Father Tad Pacholczyk and local trust and will attorney, Mr. Ken Edwards, speak and answer questions from a Catholic perspective concerning the moral and legal issues surrounding the end of life. Sign up on our Facebook page (St. Gabriel Respect Life "End of Life Seminar") or by email to [Workers4Life@gmail.com](mailto:Workers4Life@gmail.com). The seminar is free, but we request your RSVP for planning purposes. St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 8901 Winterpock Road, Chesterfield.

**FESTA ITALIANA DINNER:** Bishop Ireton K of C Ladies Auxiliary is hosting an Italian dinner on Saturday, April 25th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Bishop Ireton Center (3300 Old Courthouse Road). Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, bread, lemon cake, tea, coffee and lemonade. Price is \$15.00 per adult; \$6.00 child 4-10 years; and child under 4 free. For information and tickets, please contact Lynn Meyer at 768-2422.

**Cursillo** is 3 day retreat that is fully sanctioned by the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Richmond. The retreats are 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 or participating in a weekend, ask a parish member that has been on a Cursillo. Or contact the Central Virginia Coordinating Committee at [804-530-3546](tel:804-530-3546). The next Cursillo women's weekend is scheduled for May 28-31, at Shalom House.

### **Commonwealth Catholic Charities:**

**Spread the Blue!** CCC is launching a special foster care awareness campaign over Child Abuse Prevention Month (April) and Foster Care Month (May). There is a great need for foster parents in Virginia today. You're invited to learn more about the foster care program and meet the staff at an Open House on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at 1601 Rolling Hills Drive. To learn more, please call Bebe at [\(804\) 545-5949](tel:804-545-5949).

**April is Counseling Awareness Month:** Spring is a great time to refocus on your personal goals - what ways do you want to be more healthy? What habits do you want to develop or let go? How would you like to challenge yourself? Working with a counselor, you can do all of these things and more. Commonwealth Catholic Charities has counselors who are equipped to work with you and support you. Call [\(804\) 285-5900](tel:804-285-5900) to learn more!



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