



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

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Cycle C)

April 17, 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 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, April 17

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Intergenerational Day [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]
- 4:00 PM Knights of Columbus social [FVH]

Monday, April 18

- Office and building are closed
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]
- 7:00 PM Cenacle Prayer Group [Chapel]

Tuesday, April 19

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

Wednesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 21

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

Friday, April 22

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

Saturday, April 23

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, April 24

- 9:30 AM Anointing of the sick [Church]
- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Grades 1-6 [Ed Hall]
- 9:30 AM NeuWaves leave for hike [parking lot]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: April 18 – April 24

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Acts 11:1-18	Jn 10:1-10
Tue	Acts 11:19-26	Jn 10:22-30
Wed	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Jn 12:44-50
Thu	Acts 13:13-25	Jn 13:16-20
Fri	Acts 13:26-33	Jn 14:1-6
Sat	Acts 13:44-52	Jn 14:7-14
Sun	Acts 14:21b-27	Rv 21:1-5a Jn 13:31-33a,34-35

MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM +Mr. Higgins
- Sun 8:30 AM
- Sun 11:00 AM People of St. John Neumann

Care Notes

Want to know more about coping with a Disability, Addiction or Depression? See our *CareNotes* display in the Narthex. Take one and take heart. Give one and give hope.

Powhatan Food Pantry

We have an urgent need for volunteers to pick up at the Food Lion stores in Powhatan County on Saturday mornings **beginning 16 April** and lasting for six weeks. Please contact Deacon Jim Tubbs if you can support this need.

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

It is not easy being Christian and Catholic in today's world. Our society, because of the critical nature of the media in large part, tends to view people of faith and morals with some distrust. That is a challenge for us.

Paul and Barnabas experience something similar in today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles. The people of Antioch in Pisidia "expel (them) from the territory." No one likes or appreciates rejection. It is humiliating and discouraging. There may be times in our own lives when we follow firmly our Catholic beliefs and experience something similar. However, like Paul and Barnabas, we need to become even more determined in our desire to be a Disciple of the Lord.

In their case, they moved on to Iconium and continued their ministry and their message. In fact, Holy Scripture adds, "The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." We, too, need to seek that joy and to understand that we have been blessed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Blessed Mother Teresa said, "Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness." Like Paul and Barnabas, and Mother Teresa, we need to seek and utilize God's strength.

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 04/10/16

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

	Current	Collection vs.
<u>2015/16 YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$387,729	\$409,600	(\$21,871)

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.

Neu Waves

**UPCOMING NEU WAVES ACTIVITIES –
SIGN UP NOW!**

FRIENDS & PARENTS WELCOME!

LAST CALL. *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.

Sunday May 1 End-of-the-Year Party! **Check your emails or Contact Deacon Tom for more info.**



Knights' Corner



In Service To the Community – Did you know that the Virginia Knights of Columbus provides help to Knights and Parishioners in good standing with financial aid through VKCCI (Virginia Knights of Columbus

Charities, Inc) grants? This year our council has received grants in the amount of \$9,000.00 to assist our community with the help they need when it was needed the most. Please see any member of the K of C if you would like more information, or if you would like to donate to this cause.

Knight of the Month: Matt Schiefer and David Namola

Family of the Month: Karen Amaral and Grandchildren and Bobby Pareene Jr. and Family

Boy Scout Troop 832

Our Troop is having a community food drive this week.

The boys will hand out bags after the masses on **April 16-17** and ask that you return them to the Narthex at the mass you attend on **April 23-24**. If you did not get a bag, please see: www.sjnpowhatan.org (latest parish news).

Bags will also be distributed to some of the subdivisions that week and will be picked up by the Scouts Saturday morning, April 23 between 10 am and noon.

Thank you for your continued support of the Powhatan Food Pantry.



Candy For Mother's Day

The Bakers Guild will have Gourmet Boxes of candy available for Mother's Day gifts. They will only be selling them through their email: sjncandy@gmail.com, or you can order online and pay through Paypal on our website: www.sjnpowhatan.org. If you pay with Paypal, candy can be picked up when the office is open. If you order through email, a pickup time will need to be arranged.

Blessed Sacrament Huguenot

It is time once again for the BSH Beef and Music Festival!

Friday, May 6, from 5:00 – 10:00 PM.
On the BSH Campus, 2501 Academy Rd, Powhatan.

Enjoy PQ's BBQ, Live Music, Kid's Games, and Corn Hole Tournament. **Admission: \$100:** Includes Dinner for 2 Adults (21+), and a raffle ticket to win \$5000. **Additional Food Tickets:** \$20 Adult Dinner Ticket (no raffle ticket); \$15 Children (chicken tender meal, no raffle ticket). For Tickets, Information & Sponsorship Opportunities please contact: BSH at 804-598-4211 or Email gcreasey@bshknights.org



Coalition of Powhatan Churches

Get ready for the Powhatan Antique Power Show!
April 30-May 1st!

If you would like to participate in the yard sale, be a vendor, or a sponsor, please see the kiosk in the Narthex, or the website at: <http://www.powhatanpowershow.com>.

Proceeds benefit the Powhatan Food Pantry building fund!



Trip To The Holy Land



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

Treasures From Our Tradition

Sign of the Cross

If there is such a thing as a Catholic "trademark" it is the **sign of the cross**, first traced on the senses of catechumens as they begin the journey to baptism, or on the forehead of an infant who is brought to the doors of the church at baptism. As early as the third century, Christians were tracing the sign of the cross on their bodies. At first, the cross was traced on the forehead during times of prayer and daily occupations. We use a similar small cross today as we trace the cross over on the forehead, lips, and heart at the Gospel during Mass. Much later, the full-body sign traced from forehead to heart to shoulders took shape, perhaps copying the priest's gesture of blessing with the consecrated host during Mass. Today, this superb baptismal gift is a sign of belonging to Christ and the community, a way of focusing our attention, of asking for God's blessing, of tracing on our shoulders a willingness to find meaning in life's burdens. In the sign of the cross, we have an ever-available means of expressing gratitude for our baptism.

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Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

➤ **THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** will be observed in Powhatan on **May 5th**, at The War Memorial Cultural Arts and Community Center, at **7:00 pm**.

➤ 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.

➤ **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.

➤ Please join us for our annual Spring charity event **Taste of Monte Carlo** to benefit the elderly low income residents of **Saint Francis Home, Friday, May 6th from 7-10 pm** at the Renaissance, 107 W. Broad Street in downtown Richmond. Tickets are \$100 each and include 2 drink tickets (cash bar available). Enjoy an evening with live music by "808", live auction, casino and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Sample local craft beer, cider, mead and other spirits. Visit our website www.saintfrancishome.com for ticket information or call Pam Embrey, 237-5602.

➤ Let God transform your marriage relationship. The next World-wide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Apr 22-24 in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or [757-483-3209](tel:757-483-3209)

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