

## 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**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter: (Cycle B)**

**May 3, 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, May 3

- 9:35 AM Adult Education [Library]  
**9:40 AM RE: May Crowning [FVH and Church]**  
 11:00 AM First Communion Pictures [Chapel]  
**12:15 PM First Communion rehearsal [Church]**

### Monday, May 4

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]  
 7:00 PM Youth Leadership Meeting [M/P Room]

### Tuesday, May 5

- 10:00 AM Bible study with Deacon Ed [M/P Room]  
 6:30 PM Cub Scouts [FVH]

### Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
**9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]**  
 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir practice [Church]  
 7:15 PM Fellowship of Young Adults [St. Thomas]  
 7:30 PM Adult Choir Practice [Church]

### Thursday, May 7

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

### Friday, April May 8

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

### Saturday, May 9

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]**  
**5:00 PM First Communion**

### Sunday, May 10

- Mother's Day**  
**8:30 & 11:00 AM First Communion**

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: May 4 – May 10

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Acts 14:5-18	Jn 14:21-26
Tue	Acts 14:19-28	Jn 14:27-31a
Wed	Acts 15:1-6	Jn 15:1-8
Thu	Acts 15: 7-21	Jn 15:9-11
Fri	Acts 15:22-31	Jn 15:12-17
Sat	Acts 16:1-10	Jn 15:18-21
Sun	Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48	1Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

### MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM +John Amaral  
 Sun 8:30 AM +Theo South  
 Sun 11:00 AM +Jonathan Peters

## Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation class will be **May 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 attend the May class. Please call the office (598-3754) to register for this class.

## Knights of Columbus

Knight of the month: Greg Hoffman  
 Family of the month: David and Mary Jane Namola

## Stewardship

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reminds us how important each and every one of us is when He says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." One of the central ideas in the spirituality of stewardship is how crucial each person is to the success and effectiveness of the community. Of course, together we can do so much more than each of us can individually.

Are you using your gifts? Are you using your gifts to build the community and to serve others? Jesus speaks of His Father "pruning" the branches that do not bear fruit. As is often the case in ancient Greek, a word can have two meanings. The word for "prune" is also the word for "cleanse." That is the point the Lord is most likely making. Until we are "cleansed," until we have sought conversion and change with the help of God, we are not able to fully fulfill our covenants with God.

Stewardship, of course, is a call to each of us to respond to our many gifts with thanksgiving and service. Fruits bear seeds within them. Our response to God's call is to allow our seeds to produce more fruit. The author Robert Louis Stevenson said, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant." As our Easter season continues, we need to make sure we are attached to the vine of the Lord, and that we are planting seeds.

## \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 04/26/15

### Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

<u>Envelopes + Loose</u>	=	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$5,139 + \$345	=	\$5,484	\$9,500	(\$4,061)

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

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Collection vs.</u>
<u>2014/15 YTD</u>	<u>2013/14 YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$372,498	\$360,032	\$387,500	(\$15,002)

### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 03/31/2015:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
<u>March</u>	\$ 47,312	\$ 39,849	\$7,463
<u>Y-T-D Mar.</u>	\$368,571	\$361,127	\$7,444

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

### Mortgage Reduction:

Upton Property (covered by pledges)  
Balance Owed - \$82,000

The year-to-date March 31, 2015, Receipts and Disbursement report is available in the Narthex.

**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.

## Catholic Women's Organization

The next CWO meeting will be **May 11th**. Join us at 6:30 PM to socialize, the meeting will begin at 7:00 in the multi-purpose room. The CWO sponsors many activities that members can become involved in: MJ's zip-shirts, White Elephant Sale, Annual Lenten Retreat, Hospitality, and a Book Club. Please don't forget to support MJ's zip-shirts by leaving a donation in the box located in the Narthex. For more information please call Kathy Schmidt, [804-320-7849](tel:804-320-7849).

## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for BSA Troop 832

Boy Scout Troop 832 was chartered by St. John Neumann on December 1, 1990. So, this December will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of serving the young men of our parish and community. We will recognize the occasion by having a celebration in the Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall at the Heart of Virginia Scout Reservation in Goochland, on December 19, 2015 from 3:00-6:00 PM. We are extending an invitation to all our former scouts, parents, and any interested St. John Neumann parishioners to join us in acknowledging this milestone. Please feel free to pass along this information to anyone you know who has been associated with Troop 832. We expect to have all eight of our Scoutmasters in attendance including Tom Borek, our first Scoutmaster. In addition to a wonderful program and slide show highlighting the past 25 years, dinner will be served. Hand painted Christmas Ornaments (\$10) and commemorative T-shirts and outerwear (starting at \$10) are available for purchase. **Orders for ornaments, with payment, need to be placed by May 25.** Pictures of these items are posted on the Troop website:

[powhatan832.mytroop.us](http://powhatan832.mytroop.us).

Please email the Anniversary Committee at [troop832powhatan@gmail.com](mailto:troop832powhatan@gmail.com) with any questions, to sign up for the event, or place an order for our commemorative items. You can also contact our Chartered Organization Representative, Tony Hackenberg, at 804-339-0267.

## Blessed Sacrament Huguenot

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

**Friday, May 8, from 5:00 – 10:00 PM.**

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For Tickets, Information & Sponsorship Opportunities please contact: BSH at 804-598-4211 or Email at

[Advancement@bshknights.org](mailto:Advancement@bshknights.org)



## Powhatan Garden Club

The Powhatan Garden Club will hold its annual banquet at the County Seat Restaurant on Thursday, May 7th. There will be no program or speaker for this meeting, but installation of Officers will take place. We look forward to a productive and successful new year when the Garden Club resumes its programs and meetings in September.

## Confirmation

Congratulations to those who were confirmed this Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>:

Dean Belcher	Brock Mc Nerney
Zane Buono	Jonathan Poland
Brianna Burgio	Grace Pyatak
Samuel Cahoon	Olivia Pyatak
Anna Christovich	Gregory Shelor
Michael Crumpton	Joseph Solzbach
Clare Gerow	Jacob Washlock
Abbey Goodwyn	Teresa Webster
Shelby Hodge	Jack Williams
Madelyn Lent	



## First Communion

Next weekend will be First Communion weekend. There will be candidates at each of the Masses. Please keep them in your prayers as they reach this milestone and join us in celebrating this Sacrament.

## Parish Festival

The Parish Festival will be **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**!



Volunteer slips are available in the Narthex. We are especially in need of at least 5 Food Team Leaders as soon as possible. These leaders will need to have enough time to get together their teams as well as their menus. You can turn the forms in to the office, any collection basket, or contact Gretta Stage at 598-0515 or by email at [grettastage@hotmail.com](mailto:grettastage@hotmail.com)

## Diocese Safe Environment Program

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God- our children. For information about the Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment Program go to:

[www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.richmonddiocese.org/safe-environment)

For victim assistance information call [877-887-9603](tel:877-887-9603).

## Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

**GET READY, GET SET for St. Edward the Confessor Church** (2700 Dolfield Drive, Richmond) and its annual **GREAT BIG YARD SALE** on Saturday, June 13, from 8:00am-2:30pm, RAIN OR SHINE!! There will be bargains galore, baked goodies, food concessions, raffles and door prizes. To participate (still \$35 per table), to donate items, or for more information, contact Bobbi at [804-560-2883](tel:804-560-2883) or [bdaniello@verizon.net](mailto:bdaniello@verizon.net). **DON'T MISS IT!**

**Cursillo** is 3 day retreat put on by lay Catholics with the help of ordained priests and deacons. 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 the Shalom House. The next Cursillo men's weekend is scheduled for Jul 23-26, at Sacred Heart (Prince George).

Attend a **Marriage Encounter** to gain the tools to truly love your spouse more and receive the joy that it can bring. Strengthen, renew, and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Encounter Weekend is June 26-28, in Richmond or September 18-20, in Herndon. For more information or to apply, visit our website at [www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org](http://www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or [757-483-3209](tel:757-483-3209).



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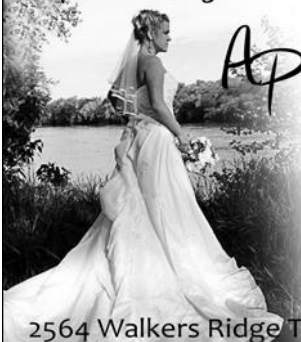
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