



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 A)

May 14, 2017

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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, May 14

First Communion at all Masses

Monday, May 15

- 6:30 PM Cub Scout committee meeting [St. Elizabeth]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]
- 7:00 PM Cenacle Prayer Group [Chapel]

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

No Weekday Mass

- 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 10:00 AM Funeral Mass [Church]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

Thursday, May 18

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 7:00 PM Separated and Divorced [M/P Room]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope AI-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

Friday, May 19

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

Saturday, May 20

- 9:00 AM VIRTUS training [M/P Room]
- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, May 21

- 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]
- 9:45 AM Newcomers meeting [FVH]
- 4:30 PM Knights of Columbus social [FVH]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: May 15 – May 21

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 8:5-8,14-17	1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

MASS INTENTIONS:

Fri	9:00 AM	+Dick Solari
Sat	5:00 PM	People of St. John Neumann
Sun	8:30 AM	+Dick Solari
Sun	11:00 AM	+ Jayne Shiflett

Baptism Preparation

The next scheduled Baptism Preparation class has been moved to **Tuesday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Multi-purpose room, to allow more time for parents to register. Please note that Baptism Preparation class availability will be limited over the summer. If you plan to have your child baptized before September, please attend the May class.

Please contact the office at 598-5734 if you are interested in taking the Baptismal Preparation Class!
If no one registers, the class will not be held.

Prayers Please

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donald Leo Mooney, who is Fr. Richard Mooney's brother. He died on May 8 at the age of 67. Please keep Fr. Mooney and his family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card, Fr. Mooney's address is: 7215 Squirrel Level Rd. Petersburg, VA 23805

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 word "church" finds its roots in the Greek word *ecclesia*. However, a correct translation of that word is actually "an assembly of people, called out of their homes into a public meeting place." Thus, the Church is really the people who make it up; the use of the term in relation to a building has developed through time, but we must never forget that it is we who are indeed the Church.

That is a basic part of something St. Peter writes in our Second Reading. Peter says, "... like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house," in reference to the members. He is saying in effect that we are called to build a church with living stones, namely ourselves. We all also understand that for a structure to be most effective, every element is needed to keep it strong.

We, as the Church and as our parish, are no different. We need each person, each part of what is really the Church, to be like a living stone, active and involved. We are a faith community, not just a community of worshipers, but a community to reach out and serve others. To really do that, we need each member to offer something of himself or herself.

In a message to a celebration about the Church being the people, Pope Francis said, "It is isolation that harms, not sharing. Being among people does not mean merely being open toward others, but also letting others get close to us." To be open, to be Church, requires each of us to do a part.

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

05/07/17

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

	2016/17 YTD	2015/16 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
	\$423,854	\$416,304	\$430,600	(\$6,746)

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 03/31/2017:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
Mar.	\$ 43,262	\$ 70,422	(\$27,160)
YTD Mar.	\$395,075	\$506,180	(\$111,105)

* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

Powhatan Food Pantry



The Powhatan Food Pantry requests your assistance with providing the following food items to help the hungry, elderly and needy in our county during the month of April: **Beef Stew, Bow Tie and Penne pasta, Ramen noodles, and diced tomato.**

Breaking Open The Word

Breaking Open the Word will not meet this Sunday.
Enjoy your Mother's Day!

Protecting God's Children (VIRTUS)

A VIRTUS session (*Protecting God's Children*) is scheduled for **May 20th at 9:00 am**. A light breakfast will be served. All persons that are in need of VIRTUS training are encouraged to **sign-up on line** at: www.virtusonline.org/ (button on left: First Time Registrant). Anyone needing assistance with their on-line sign-up may call our VIRTUS Facilitator, David Corbett at **(804) 794-1251**.

Bake Sale

There will be a Bake Sale sponsored by the VBS and Bakers Guild to raise money for the VBS program on **May 20-21**. We are looking for bakers and buyers to make sure we can keep this program at no cost to families.



New Parishioner Meeting

The next **New Parishioner meeting** will be held **May 21st**, 9:45 between Sunday Masses, in Fr. Val Hall.

If you are new, or have never attended a new parishioner meeting, please join us to register and/or learn more about the parish.

For more information, call the office at: 598-3754.



Congratulation To The Newly Confirmed!

Congratulations to all those who were confirmed by Bishop DiLorenzo at Epiphany on May 4th!

Confirmand

Ethan Price Belcher
Reilly Samuel Dickerson
Evan Weston Dodd
Katherine Ryan Henderson
Nicholas Vincent LaRaffa
Caroline Margarete Murphy
Axel Armando Ortiz
Fernanda Itzel Ortiz Anguiano
Jared Adam Poland
Ryleigh Myladen Roberts
Jared Brewer Somerville
Dominic Steven Stage
Colton Patrick Vosburg

Sponsor Name

Dean Avery Belcher
Emily Acklin
Tammy Ann Vosburg
Colby Johnson
Kathleen Lynch
Noelle Grosso
Maria M. Anguiano
Juan Manuel Chua
Elizabeth Belcher
Linda Jones
Luke Somerville
Patrick Vosburg
Paul Bernard Jordan

RCIA News

In addition to our neophytes, who are completing the RCIA process during the Easter Season, we also have three individuals who are in the initial phase of the RCIA called the Precatechumenate or Inquiry phase. This period is set aside for individuals to explore their calling as Christians by asking questions and receiving a basic explanation of Christian beliefs and values and the rites and rituals of the Catholic Faith. Those who show a leaning towards joining us in full communion will be invited to celebrate the Rite of Acceptance in early July.



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults and unbaptized older children enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.

May Crowning

On **May 21st**, at the **11:00 Mass**, we will have a May Crowning of Mary at the beginning of Mass. Children will be part of the opening procession with someone chosen to place the crown. If your child would like to participate, please come 15 minutes early. Those who have just had their First Communion are encouraged to wear their dresses and suits again. The children will be given a flower to place in a vase at the foot of the Mary statue and then dismissed to Children's Liturgy or to their parents.



Ladies of Grace



Thanks, Mom, for Life! This Mother's Day weekend Ladies of Grace will be offering gorgeous long stemmed roses for a minimum donation of \$5 each in the Narthex after each mass. Proceeds will benefit the "National Right for Life Foundation." What a great way to thank Mom - or brighten anyone's day! Ladies of Grace is a group of Catholic women dedicated to serving our parish and community.

Care Notes

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this Easter Season, our featured *CareNotes* this month also address resurrection from the things that weigh us down in our daily lives such as **depression, addictions and mental illness**. Our *CareNotes* are always free, and there is a more complete *CareNotes* Bereavement library in the St. John Bosco classroom. Take one-and take heart. Give one-and give hope.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

✘ *"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."* Lead your married lives "more abundantly" by participating in a **WorldWide Marriage Encounter** weekend. The next weekends are: **Jun 23-25**, in Chapel Hill, NC and **Sep 15-17**, in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

✘ **Foster Care. Foster Hope.** May is Foster Care Awareness month! Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) is dedicated to the children and youth entrusted to our agency's foster care program and we recognize the special role that foster parents play in these children's lives. CCC is blessed to work with a group of passionate individuals who have embraced their calling as foster parents. If you would like to learn more about foster care and foster parenting, please visit our website at www.cccofva.org.

We need volunteers for two new tasks at the Powhatan Food Pantry:

- **Thursday Evening Client Shopping.** We will be open Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm beginning May 18. St. John Neumann has the second Thursday of each month beginning June 8. We need 4-5 volunteers, including someone to be checked out in client check in and data collection (computer ops).
- **Mon-Wed-Fri Evenings.** I need teams of 2-3 people to come in late afternoon or evenings and restock the fresh fruit and produce section. A perfect family service project. Contact Deacon Jim Tubbs at: jimtubbs25@gmail.com, if you are interested.

Bake Sale

The SJN Baker's Guild will sponsor a Bake Sale next weekend— May 20 & 21 to help support this year's Vacation Bible School program.

Only through fundraising and your generous donations, are we able to provide VBS each year free of charge to the parish and community.

May 20 & 21
Following Each Mass

Don't miss the
Pie Raffle!
Here's your chance to
take home Fr. Lewis's
famous Coconut
Cream Pie.



Contact Jeannie Kennedy (childrensministry@sjnpowhatan.com) if you are able to provide Baked Goods for the Sale.

You can also sign up at SignUpGenius:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e49aca922a4fa7-vbsbake>

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