



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

Ascension of the Lord: (Cycle A)

June 1, 2014

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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 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, June 1

- 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Rosary [Church]
 7:00 PM K of C Business Meeting [FVH]

Monday, June 2

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, June 3

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

Wednesday, June 4

No Weekday Mass

- 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
 7:30 PM Adult Choir [Church]

Thursday, June 5

No Weekday Mass

- 6:30 PM RCIA [M/P Room]
 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

Friday, June 6

No Weekday Mass

- 10:00AM Hen Pantry to 1:00 PM
 6:30 PM Prayer Service [Church]
 7:00 PM Nocturnal Adoration [Church]

Saturday, June 7

- 8:30 AM Rosary and Benediction [Church]
 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, June 8

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: June 2 – June 8

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tue	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a
Wed	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19
Thu	Acts 22:30;23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19
Sat	Acts 28: 16-20,30-31	Jn 21:20-25
Sun	Acts 2:1-11	1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

MASS INTENTIONS:

Wed	9:00 AM	+Mike Windbiel
Sat	5:00 PM	People of St. John Neumann
Sun	8:30 AM	+Miriam Harrison
Sun	11:00 AM	+Blanche Stanziak

Christian (In)Formation

Deacon Ed asks that all Cursillistas in the parish add their name to the list on the kiosk in the Narthex or send him an email at deacon.ed.sjn@verizon.net. The Spirit is moving...now is the time!

Save the Date!

The St. John Neumann Parish Festival will be held on **Saturday, August 23rd 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM**. Interested in sorting, pricing or coordinating items? If so, please contact Gretta Stage at 598-0515. We look forward to having a wonderful celebration this year!

Stewardship

Our first reading from the Book of Acts accomplishes two purposes: First, it is the introduction to all that will follow in that book; and, second, it is the account of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven. Interestingly our Gospel reading from Matthew is the very end of Matthew's account and it, of course, ends with Jesus' Ascension. Those two readings could not be more closely associated.

These reflections attempt to briefly connect us to the readings and to point out how they are substantial in relationship to a stewardship way of life. There are some key elements to Jesus' Ascension to which we must connect. Why did the Lord depart earth in that way? He could have simply vanished or dissolved, or left in any way imaginable.

However, most scholars believe that He wanted the Apostles, and He wanted us through their witness, to see Him leave physically and to see Him leave in such a way that we would know He was physically gone. However, His last words are: "I am with you always until the end of the age." He is there for us every day and every moment. Through the Holy Spirit He will provide us the strength to be good stewards. We must pray for that strength and then use it to do what is right.

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

05/25/14

Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

Envelopes + Loose	=	Collection	Budgeted	Change
\$5,100 + \$225	=	\$5,325	\$7,750	(\$2,425)

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

2013/14YTD	2012/13 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
\$394,710	\$365,131	\$374,000	\$20,710

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 04/30/14:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
April	\$ 43,573	\$ 35,897	\$ 7,676
Y-T-D Apr.	\$389,405	\$377,367	\$32,407

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

Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed - \$124,000

Father Lewis Away

Fr. Lewis will be away from June 3 to June 20, so there will be **no weekday Masses** until June 25. We will welcome Msgr. Clay next weekend (7th and 8th), and Msgr. Bob Perkins the weekend of June 14 and 15.

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.

Nocturnal Adoration

First Friday, June 6 -

6:30 PM Prayer & Exposition,
7:00 PM Adoration ~ through ~

Saturday, June 7 -

8:30 AM Rosary,
9:00 AM Prayer & Benediction



Please join us and spend some time in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Contact Ron Sills @ 598-2173 or by Email sillsr@verizon.net with questions.

Vacation Bible School

Only 57 days until Agency D3 begins!

Our VBS program is scheduled for **July 28 to August 1st** this year and the theme will be called: "Agency D3" for Discover, Decide, and Defend, and will be Secret Agent "training". We will also be offering an exciting new "Special Ops" program for our middle and junior high students! Come be part of this fun and exciting week where we build our knowledge of Jesus and fellowship with our community and parish. Contact Jeannie Kennedy at: childrensministry@sjnpowhatan.org.



VBS Decorating

We are looking for some **large wall maps** (especially of the Holy Land-but any are fine) that we could use as decorations for this year's VBS. Also, if you have some cardboard from the center of paper towels, we can use those as well.

If you are good with tools or have a creative or artistic side, please contact Mary Cleary at 598-3754 liturgy@sjnpowhatan.org or, and **help with VBS decoration**. You can participate in VBS without having to be there that week by using your time and talent to help decorate. Thank you!

Fr. Espinosa's Summer Trip

Fr. Espinosa will be visiting us again this summer from July 9-21. He will be making his own meal and activity arrangements, as he did last year. If you have an extra vehicle he can drive while he is here, please call Lee in the office at 598-3754.

Boy Scout Fund Raisers

There will be another chance to get your car washed by the Scouts on June 7th, 8AM-2PM at the New Horizon Bank parking lot. The car wash is free, but donations are gratefully appreciated to help with sending scouts to camp. Thank you!



R U In The Loop?



Remember that you can sign up to get emails from St. John Neumann, groups or ministries by signing up for R U In The Loop (RUITL). Cards can be found in the Narthex or sign up at our website. Stay connected to the parish and "in the know" electronically!

Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will be taking up their collection for KOVAR next weekend. KOVAR was founded by the Knights of Columbus in the early 1970s to assist people with mental disabilities. KOVAR has helped fund group homes, pay for special

transportation, help cover training program costs for caretakers, and has also supported the Special Olympics. Please support the Knights of Columbus in this worthy cause.

Knight of the month is: Greg Hoffman

The family of the month is: Mark and Lynette Eliser

HEN Pantry

Join The Team



We are still looking for volunteers for the HEN Pantry. Most openings are for just once a month. Grab a friend or family member to help. See the posting on the SJN website or sign up for

HEN pantry updates through *RU in the Loop*. Call Jim Dierkes at [804-379-8983](tel:804-379-8983) for more details.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

Called and Gifted Workshop: Catherine of Sienna Institute, June 6-7. This workshop is free of charge (lunch included) and intended for pastors, deacons, DREs, youth ministers, young adult leadership, and volunteers. The workshop is designed to help discern their spiritual gifts in order to further efforts in the New Evangelization. The workshop runs from 7-9pm Friday and 9am-4pm Saturday. **Register online at:** www.regonline.com/calledandgifted2014. **The Office for Black Catholics** invites all women to our **2nd annual Women's Day of Reflection, June 28, 2014, 8:00am – 5:00pm**, with mass immediately following, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Cost: \$30 general registration, \$10 adults 55+. This non-refundable fee includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Please contact The Office for Black Catholics, obc@richmonddiocese.org, (804) 622-5262 for more information.

Are you looking to put Christ in your marriage? Attend the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** and learn how to refocus your marriage on what is most important. The next weekend is Jun. 27-29 in Richmond, VA. For more information visit renewmarriage-vasouth.org or call (757) 483-3209.

Pro-Life Speaker at St Gabriel's Catholic Church June 14. St Gabriel's Catholic Church invites all in the Richmond area to attend a Father's Day weekend presentation by **Fr. Denis Wilde from Priests for Life** on the topic of "Fathers in Crisis as Protectors of Life". He will speak on Saturday evening, June 14 at 7:30 pm at St Gabriel's Catholic Church, 8901 Winterpock Road, Chesterfield, VA 23821 (<http://www.saintgabriel.org/>)

Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center which provides therapeutic horseback riding for veterans with disabilities and special needs, is looking for trophies of any size and type. Clean out your basement and attic! Contact: Jane Kelly at: (734) 277-5623, or Janekellydressage@gmail.com



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