

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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: (Cycle B)

July 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 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, July 12

9:30 AM RCIA [M/P Room]

Monday, July 13

7:00 PM Lector training [M/P Room]

7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, July 14

10:00 AM Happy Homemakers [St. Elizabeth]

Wednesday, July 15

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]

7:15 PM Fellowship of Young Adults [St. Thomas]

Thursday, July 16

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

7:00 PM BSA Venture Crew [St. Katherine]

7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

Friday, July 17

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

10:00AM HEN Pantry to 1:00PM

Saturday, July 18

8:00 AM Community Yard Sale [Parking Lot]

3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, July 19

9:30 AM RCIA [M/P Room]

4:00 PM Knights of Columbus social [FVH]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: July 13 – July 19

DAY	Scripture Readings		
Mon	Ex 1:8-14,22	Mt 10:34-11:1	
Tue	Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24	
Wed	Ex 3:1-6,9-12	Mt 11:25-27	
Thu	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30	
Fri	Ex 11:10-12:14	Mt 12:1-8	
Sat	Ex 12:37-42	Mt 12:14-21	
Sun	Jer 23:1-6	Eph 2:13-18	Mk 6:30-34

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat	5:00 PM	+ Rumer Rain Rogers
Sun	8:30 AM	+ Catherine Biber
Sun	11:00 AM	People of St. John Neumann

Gift Cards Requested

When you are out shopping at Food Lion, Sheetz, or Walmart, think about purchasing a gift card and donating it to our Human Concerns ministry. We use the cards to assist members of our parish.

Vacation Bible School



We are still looking for a few volunteers for VBS. If you would like to help, please contact Jeannie Kennedy (childrensministry@sjnpowhatan.org) or Jaime Quinn (sinliturgy@yahoo.com).

Don't forget to get your registration in by July 19th!

VBS will be July 27-31st, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

We are in need of 200, 2 Liter soda bottles for an activity. If you have these or any of the other items requested, please leave them in the bin in the Narthex.

Stewardship

Most scholars are of the opinion that St. Paul wrote his letter to the Ephesians while he was imprisoned in Rome. Those who study Sacred Scripture find this letter different from most of Paul's letters, as rather than addressing particular problems which may have arisen in a Christian community established by Paul, it develops a theology, an explanation of what it means to be a Christian.

At the end of this particular reading, Paul makes reference to two important aspects of our faith and of our beliefs. St. Paul tells us that we have "believed in him (Jesus)" and that we are "sealed" with the promised Holy Spirit. Believing in Jesus, in His promises, in His redemption of us, is at the core of everything we do. This trust, this belief, is what allows us to take the steps needed to follow Him, to be His disciple, and to practice a stewardship way of living.

Note that we believe first, however, and then we are sealed. Yes, we are sealed at Baptism and at Confirmation as those represent our promises to the Lord. We do not need some assurance from God as to His good graces. By believing, by having faith and trust, we are able to be Christ's representative. It is worth recalling and repeating that well-known quote from St. Thomas Aquinas: "To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary; to one without faith, no explanation is possible."

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 07/05/15

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

	2014/15 YTD	2013/14 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
	\$5,059	\$12,011	\$9,250	(\$4,191)

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 05/31/2015:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
May	\$ 44,900	\$ 34,831	\$10,069
Y-T-D May	\$461,531	\$437,750	\$23,781

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

Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed – \$74,000

Catholic Women's Organization

The CWO will be taking donations for the SJN Fall Festival White Elephant Sale starting **August 1st**. Watch the bulletin for more information on the donation times. We will need LOTS of help. There is a sign-up sheet in the Education hallway. For more information contact Pat Bereznak: 598-9146, pbereznak@comcast.net, and Sharon Tubbs at: sharontubbs12@yahoo.com.

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.

Living Our Mission Campaign

Addressing the Needs of Today While Building Our Church for Tomorrow



I am pleased to tell you that we have launched the Diocesan *Living Our Mission* campaign at Saint John Neumann. This campaign gives us an historic opportunity to strengthen our parishes

and schools, rekindle commitment in our younger generations, educate our future priests, train our lay leaders and take care of our retired priests. In addition, this campaign will allow Saint John Neumann to address extraordinary priorities that will greatly enhance parish life.

It's important to know that this campaign is different from the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Church's mission is advanced in important ways through both the Appeal and the *Living Our Mission* campaign. In some areas, the Appeal supports the daily operation of critical ministries throughout the Church while the campaign funds more strategic, comprehensive and larger scale initiatives to help the Church serve its people and prepare for doing the Lord's work in the future.

Over the coming months, we will update you on our progress towards our overall goal of \$400,000 (1 x offertory). With your partnership, I am confident that we will be successful in achieving our goal. By doing so, we can help spread the Gospel in our Diocese and support the needs that are part of our Bishop's vision for ensuring strong parishes and a bright future for our Catholic Church.

For more information on the *Living Our Mission* campaign, please visit livingourmission.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Walter G. Lewis, Pastor

St. John Neumann Fall Festival

SJN Fall Festival needs your help!

The only lead positions left to fill is Marketing. If you are big into social media, WE NEED YOU! This position can be done strictly from home. We already have the websites to contact so we just need someone savvy with computers and time to post. We also need someone to distribute the advertising side of marketing. Please note that all graphic materials will be provided. If you can place banners, drop off flyers to schools and arrange ads for the Powhatan Today, this position can be yours!

We now have 5 great food teams ready to cook for the Fall Festival. They include: Fish and chips, hamburgers or hot dogs, Italian food, sausage with peppers and onions, and now Polish cuisine. *Thank you to everyone and we look forward to sampling all these delicious meals!*

Paul and Barbara Sitzes as well as Steve and Mimi Helmuth have stepped up to the plate, literally, to coordinate these food groups.

Yard Sale on Saturday



The monthly SJN Community Yard Sales have started! Mark your calendar – the next one is July 18, next Saturday! - and share with your friends. Clean out your

closets, make some money, support the festival-it is a "win-win". The next dates are: **August 22, and September 12.**

The cost is \$10.00 for a parish member to set up, \$15 for a non-parishioner and \$20 for a group that wants to sell for a fundraiser. All proceeds will go to funding the Fall Festival. Questions? Contact: Jean Tillery 804-240-9447

Lector Training



The training / education into this ministry is a two-night affair. The first evening we explore the rich history of this ministry. The second evening we practice rousing the weary! Even if you've been a lector before at SJN (and have **not** taken the 2 day training-current lectors do not need the training again) or elsewhere, or are a member of toastmasters or what-ever, you must participate in both sessions to go forward. Our first session will be **Monday, July 13, from 7-8:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The second session will be the following Monday, July 20, from 7-8:00pm in the sanctuary.**

Knights of Columbus

Join the Knights of Columbus for breakfast between the Masses **July 26th (9:30-11:00)**. The proceeds of this breakfast will be donated to Father Espinosa and the daycare. Menu will include made to order eggs (to be cooked by Chef Jim Stage)! The prices are: free, under 5; \$5 for 12 and under; \$7 for adults with a \$25 per family maximum. At the last breakfast, we grossed \$414 and it sure would be nice if we could give the daycare \$1000 when it is all said and done! Please stop by and treat yourself to a breakfast and help out the Ecuador Daycare! Knight of the month: Mark Test, David Corbett, and Bobby Pareene

Family of the month: Jim & Pauline Dufficy

Thank You



A special "Thank You" to all the St. John Neumann parishioners who gave me a greeting card, gift, or donation for my 50th Jubilee. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! Sr. Jean Ryan

Christian (In)Formation

We have several critical needs in Christian Formation and I am praying that some of you will feel a call to help. The most pressing needs are for a First Communion Administrative Coordinator and a Confirmation Administrative Coordinator. These are **not** teaching positions.

These people will work with the Catechists to send out notifications to parents concerning meeting times and places and gather required paperwork. In short, you will be responsible to see that people and paperwork are where they are supposed to be at the time they are supposed to be there.

This is ideal for someone who wants to serve but can't attend a lot of meetings and wants to help primarily from home in their free time.

If you can help, contact me at: deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com

Thanks! Deacon Ed

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

The Office of Asian Ministry Annual Youth Retreat will be held **July 31-August 2**, at Shalom House, 15340 Robert Terrell Rd, Montpelier, VA. This year's theme is Dalisay Na Puso, lalay Sa Diyos (How good God is to the upright, to those who are pure of heart). Cost: Youth, \$65, non-refundable. The discounted price is made possible by the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Space is limited, please register early at www.regonline.com/oamyouthretreat15.



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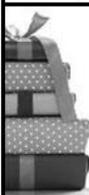
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