

## 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 A)**

**July 16, 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](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

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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, July 16

9:30 AM Knights of Columbus benefit breakfast [FVH]  
 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]

### Monday, July 17

6:30 PM Cub Scouts committee meeting [St. Elizabeth]  
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]  
 7:00 PM Cenacle prayer group [Chapel]

### Tuesday, July 18

### Wednesday, July 19

9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
 9:30 AM **Parish Rosary [Chapel]**

### Thursday, July 20

9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**  
 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope AI-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

### Friday, July 21

9:00 AM **Weekday Mass [Chapel]**

### Saturday, July 22

3:45 PM **Confession [Church]**

### Sunday, July 23

9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]  
 11:45 AM Teen Volunteer Meeting [FVH]  
 11:45 AM Decorate for VBS [FVH]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

**Week of: July 17 – July 23**

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	Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sun	Wis 12:13,16-19	Rom 8:26-27     Mt 13:24-43

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00 PM People of St. John Neumann  
 Sun 8:30 AM Intentions of Joe Santoro  
 Sun 11:00 AM + Rebecca Tubbs

## Vacation Bible School



**\*Calling all VBS Volunteers and Crew Leaders:** There will be a meeting for **ALL** Teen Volunteers (Crew Leaders & Assistants) on

**Sunday, July 23, after the 11:00 Mass.**

\*We will also **decorate FVH and the Education Hallway June 23<sup>rd</sup>**. We would greatly appreciate all the help we can get to decorate. All decorations should be made/purchased and it should just be a matter of putting it all together.

\*VBS also needs supplies and snacks for this year. We are looking for fruit, veggies, snack mix, paper products, and more. Please visit our Sign-up Genius at the following address:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080e49aca922a4fa7-vbs2017>. Thank you!

**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

In today's Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, Christ is asked why He speaks in parables. His response in part is the statement, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away." Christ's parables, of which there are many, may not always make sense to us, unless we consider them carefully.

Christ's speaking in and relating to parables has everything to do with what we call The Word. If we listen conscientiously to the Word (represented by our readings at Masses and to the homily we hear), we may, and perhaps even should, grasp the meaning. The Word is filled with the deeper truths of the Bible. God opens our eyes and ears to these truths, but we must be amenable to them and must be willing to try to understand them. Too often we merely listen and do not hear. We go through the motions, when our total concentration should be on what we are being told. First of all we need to appreciate that only God can open the eyes and ears of each of us.

One of the popular phrases about stewardship is "an attitude of gratitude." That is so important. On a bad day, even the most hardened of us can find one thing for which to be grateful, and that can adjust everything in our thought processes. Are we closed to the teachings of Jesus? If we open our minds and concentrate, the Lord's teachings may unfold to us like nothing we have ever experienced previously.

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

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

07/09/17

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

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Collection vs.</u>
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
<b>2017/18 YTD</b>	<b>2016/17YTD</b>	
\$28,461	\$20,346	\$18,000
		\$10,461

Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 05/31/2017:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
<b>May</b>	<b>\$ 43,991</b>	<b>\$ 52,533</b>	<b>(\$8,542)</b>
<b>YTD May</b>	<b>\$500,742</b>	<b>\$614,027</b>	<b>(\$113,285)</b>

\* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

### Support Group for Separated and Divorced

Our next support group will begin September 14th. For information, call the SJN office - [804 598-3754](tel:8045983754). Leave your name and contact information. A team facilitator will return your call.

### Extra (Reliable) Vehicle?

Do you happen to have an extra vehicle? Is it fairly reliable? Would you be interested in donating it to a parishioner in need? If so, contact the office: 598-3754.

## Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor our annual Fr. Espinosa breakfast on **July 16**, between the Masses. Breakfast features include pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee, and an egg station. Price will be \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for children 5-12; age 5 and under eat free. Donations will be accepted at the cashier's table.

## Blessed Sacrament Huguenot

Come out & support the BSH JV & Varsity Cheerleaders Annual BBQ & Bake Sale Saturday **July 22nd & Sunday July 23rd** at all 3 masses. Greenhow's famous BBQ: \$12 per pint & lots of wonderful bake goods. Pre-order your BBQ by contacting Nancy Schiefer at: [4schiefs@gmail.com](mailto:4schiefs@gmail.com) & we will have



ready for pickup before or after mass. Your contributions/donations will help send our BSH ladies to the UCA Cheerleading Camp @ VT in early August. Thank you for your continued support.

## Gardening Angels



We are still in need of some help with a couple of areas. The side garden at the end of Fr. Val Hall and the flag pole still need to be "adopted". If you

can help, please contact Mary Harrison at: [roy\\_harrison@verizon.net](mailto:roy_harrison@verizon.net) or (804) 310-4616.

## SJN Library

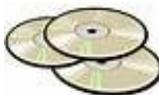


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the County...

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Find them on the Red Library book cart in  
the Narthex or in the library, the St. Jerome  
Room, near Father Val Hall.



## Care Notes

We have a new group of CareNotes specifically for parents of young children titled *Talking with Kids*. They cover various subject areas such as dealing with anger, God and faith, forgiveness and telling the difference between right and wrong. Our CareNotes are always free, and there is a complete CareNotes Bereavement library in the St. John Bosco classroom. Take one-and take heart. Give one-and give hope.

## 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 June: **Canned greens (spinach, turnip greens, collard greens, etc.), Chicken Noodle Soup, Pork and Beans, and White Rice**

## RCIA News

**Interested in becoming Catholic?** – Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but were never baptized, were baptized in another Christian faith, or were baptized Catholic and never Confirmed? Do you have older children who were never baptized? Or perhaps you have been away from the Catholic Church and would like to rejoin us in full Communion. If this describes you, please contact Deacon Jim Tubbs ([jimtubbs25@gmail.com](mailto:jimtubbs25@gmail.com)) about our upcoming RCIA Inquiry. All Inquirers are welcome: no commitment, no cost, and **NO JUDGING!** We just look forward to assisting you on your faith journey..



*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.*

## Christian (In)Formation

### Confirmation & 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist 2017-2018

IMPORTANT STEPS TO COMPLETE NOW

**Confirmation:** If you are a rising 10<sup>th</sup> grader or older you are eligible to be a candidate for Confirmation.

Please visit [www.sjnpowhatan.org](http://www.sjnpowhatan.org) for complete information. Then, prepare for registration. **Most importantly: obtain a copy of your Baptism and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist certificates.**



**1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist:** Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and older are eligible for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. Please visit [www.sjnpowhatan.org](http://www.sjnpowhatan.org) for complete information. Then, prepare for registration. **Most importantly: obtain a copy of your Baptism certificate.**



If you have any questions, contact Deacon Ed at SJN or [deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com). **Let's work out any concerns or problems now.**

## Baptism Preparation

There will be no Baptism Prep. class in the months of June or July. The next Baptism Prep class is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 8th at 6 pm.**

## Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

✘ **The Office of Asian Ministry and the Filipino Commission** invite youth, 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Freshmen College, to attend the annual Asian Youth Retreat at the Roslyn Retreat Center, 8727 River Road, Richmond, VA. **August 18-20<sup>th</sup>**. This year's theme, "*Fruit of the Spirit*", challenges our youth to imitate the life of Christ through the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The weekend will empower them to live and walk by the Spirit and will include meaningful talks, prayer, mass, fellowship, fun and of course, good food. Cost: Youth \$65/Adult Chaperone \$80 (non-refundable) includes all meals and lodging. This discounted registration fee is made possible by the Diocesan Appeal. Please contact Pam Harris, Director, Office of Asian Ministry, [asianministry@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:asianministry@richmonddiocese.org) or (804) 622-5262 for more information. Registration deadline is **August 4.**

✘ **Life Planning Seminar Series:** The Diocese of Richmond's Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting a three-part series intended for anyone who would like to learn how to anticipate common issues that might arise toward the end of life. The next seminar is on **Thursday, August 24 from 9:30am – 12:30pm.** A panel of speakers will present practical guidance for **how to care for an aging parent or spouse and what to consider when choosing among several long-term care options.** *There is no cost to attend and lunch is included with your free registration.* Each session will be offered live at the Diocese of Richmond Pastoral. Learn more and register at: [www.cdrcmf.org](http://www.cdrcmf.org) or call the office at [804-622-5109](tel:804-622-5109).

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