



## 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**

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle A)**

**August 13, 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, August 13

9:30 AM New Parishioner meeting [FVH]  
 9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]

### Monday, August 14

### Tuesday, August 15

9:00 AM Mass, Assumption of Mary [Church]  
 7:00 PM Mass, Assumption of Mary [Church]

### Wednesday, August 16

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

### Thursday, August 17

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

### Friday, August 18

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

### Saturday, August 19

3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, August 20

9:45 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: August 14 – August 20

DAY	Scripture Readings		
Mon	Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27	
Tue	Rv 11:19 <sup>a</sup> ;12:1-6 <sup>a</sup> ,10ab	1Cor 15:20-27	Lk 1:39-56
Wed	Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20	
Thu	Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17	Mt 18:21-19:1	
Fri	Jos 24:1-13	Mt 19:3-12	
Sat	Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15	
Sun	Is 56:1,6-7	Rom 11:13-15,29-32	Mt 15:21-28

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00 PM People of St. John Neumann  
 Sun 8:30 AM + Penny Holtyn  
 Sun 11:00 AM + Dorothy Mendez

## Bereavement Ministry

The Bereavement Ministry at St. John Neumann is led by clergy and lay ministers who have themselves experienced the loss of a spouse, a child or a parent. Our role is to be companions with those who are grieving and help grieving people to feel less helpless and discover continued meaning in life. Our next meeting is **Sunday, September 10th after the 11:00 mass** in Fr. Val Hall. If you are grieving the loss of someone close and want to meet others who have had similar experiences, please join us.

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

## Stewardship

In today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew, we hear the remarkable story of Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. St. Peter reflects his faith in the Lord when he says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus says simply, "Come." We do not know if Peter stepped into the water or jumped and it does not matter. His faith and trust in the Lord allows Peter, too, to begin to walk on the water. Clearly when Peter's focus is on Christ, he is able to accomplish this.

However, when Peter loses his focus and begins to observe and think about the storm raging around him, he begins to sink. To Peter's credit he knows exactly to Whom to turn in that situation. "Lord, save me." We may often find ourselves in similar circumstances. Peter knew exactly Who to call out to at the moment of crisis. We may do the same.

God truly loves us; we are His children. Listen to the Word of the Lord in Psalm 91: "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."

St. Francis de Sales wrote, "Either God will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unending strength to bear it. Be at peace then; put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations."

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

## \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

08/06/17

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

		Current	Collection vs.
<u>2017/18 YTD</u>	<u>2016/17YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$55,071	\$47,281	\$56,000	(\$929)

### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 06/30/2017:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
June	\$ 39,759	\$ 94,815	(\$55,056)
YTD June	\$540,501	\$708,842	(\$168,341)

\* 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.

**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.

## PrayerLine

The PrayerLine ministry has undergone some radical changes and we are "relaunching" this ministry. *The Prayer Line is here to serve the parishioners and their families and friends who are in need. We do not list political, state or national issues. The intentions on our Prayer List are from our parishioners and are private needs and prayers. Illness, death, marital problems, job loss, family crisis to name a few. The Prayer Line is a ministry that serves our parish in the form of prayers for healing and support. The PrayerLine will be going out monthly with urgent intentions sent out as needed.*

Marcia Peters has been gracious enough to take over administering and sending out the PrayerLine. But, she needs your help! If you have not gotten an email recently (and it isn't in your spam folder), please contact us at [sjnprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:sjnprayerline@gmail.com). You need to be subscribed to RUITL (aRe yoU In The Loop) to receive the prayerline now. If you have unsubscribed, you will need to resubscribe. We cannot do that without your permission. If you received this message, please respond to her so we know your email is correct and you wish to continue as part of this ministry.

**If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, contact Marcia Peters at: [sjnprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:sjnprayerline@gmail.com).**

If you sign up to participate in this ministry, you are agreeing to help others through the power of prayer. There is often private information, so discretion is necessary to participate in this ministry.

**If you would like to have your intentions prayed for:**

Please contact [sjnprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:sjnprayerline@gmail.com) with your intention. The intention will be prayed for by the PrayerLine ministry daily for one month. If we do not hear from you with an update, the intention will be dropped. (If you have an ongoing need for prayers, it can be accommodated). Updates are always appreciated. If you have a person serving in the military, please let us know. We will also include police, fire and first responders, so please send those as well.

## Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Pre School



Blessed Sacrament Huguenot Catholic School is now enrolling for Preschool and Pre-Kindergarten. The Early Childhood program for two, three and four year olds includes a value-based classroom environment where children can grow socially, emotionally and academically. Full and partial week options are available, as well as, half, school and full day programs. Full day options include before and after school care in our Mighty Knights program. Please contact Wendy Lipscomb, Director, for more information at (804) 598-4211 ext. 526, [wlipscomb@bshknights.org](mailto:wlipscomb@bshknights.org), or visit our school website [www.bshknights.org](http://www.bshknights.org).

## Getting New Furniture?

We are looking for some "this end up" furniture for the transitional home for those escaping from domestic abuse. If you are looking to replace... please let us know! Contact the office: 598-3754

## 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 if not done at St. John Neumann.**



**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 not done at St. John Neumann.**



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.**

## 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.

## St. John Neumann Catholic Church Library

### Got Books? Want to share?

We need your items (Books or CD's) about People, Places, and Things (And Anything Catholic)

#### Two sections that really need HELP:

- Children's Books (classic fiction, biographies, inspirational)
- Fiction (inspirational, biographical, and moral novels)



## Care Notes

The focus of our CareNotes this month is on Teens. We have new CareNotes for Teens that deal with *Being a Good Friend, Grieving the Loss of a Grandparent, Coping with Bullying, and Suicide Prevention*. Our CareNotes are always free, so: Take one-and take heart. Give one-and give hope.

## Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

✘ Catholic moms joined in prayer for our college-age students. August 13th is the Universal Pray for College Students Day.

*Praying College Moms pray for our children who are on a new journey in their lives--may they be safe and successful, living their lives with dignity and honor, being true to the values taught by their families and having the courage to share their trust in God with all those they encounter. If you would like information on starting your own PCM group, visit: [prayingcollegemoms.org](http://prayingcollegemoms.org).*

✘ **TAIZE EVENING PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS:** [St. Paul Catholic Church] Join us as we gather to pray for justice, for freedom, for mercy, for peace. Join us as we pray for an end to violence, war, and senseless death in our streets and in our world. Join us as we come together for an hour of simple, contemplative prayer, silence, repetitive singing and prayer around the cross. All are invited to join us at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 909 Rennie Avenue, on **August 25 at 7:00 pm**.

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