



## 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**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: (Cycle B)**

**August 23, 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](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 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, August 23

9:30 AM RCIA [M/P Room]

### Monday, August 24

7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, August 25

7:00 PM Festival planning meeting [M/P Room]

### Wednesday, August 26

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]

### Thursday, August 27

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, August 28

9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

10:00 AM HEN Pantry to 1:00 PM

### Saturday, August 29

3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, August 30

9:40 AM Anointing of the Sick [Church]

9:30 AM RCIA [M/P Room]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

**Week of: August 24 – August 30**

**DAY WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Mon	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51
Tue	1 Thes 2:1-8	Mt 23:23-26
Wed	1 Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32
Thu	1 Thes 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51
Fri	1 Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13
Sat	1 Thes 4:9-11	Mk 6:17-29
Sun	Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23	

### MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat	5:00 PM	+ Frank Svedics
Sun	8:30 AM	+ Anthony Jardine
Sun	11:00 AM	People of St. John Neumann

## Prayer Line Ministry

St. John Neumann's Prayer Line ministry serves parishioners and their families and friends who are in need. You will find a notebook in the St. John Neumann niche to record your intentions or you may email them to: [cathymaxwell@me.com](mailto:cathymaxwell@me.com). The list is sent out several times a month electronically to our prayer warriors who have made a commitment to pray for the intentions on a regular basis. These are personal intentions. We do not list political, state, or national issues. If you would like to join this ministry and serve your fellow parishioners with your prayers, contact Cathy Maxwell at the above email.

## Breaking Open the Word

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD meets every Sunday morning from 9:45 - 10:30 AM in the Multipurpose Room. Parishioners are invited to explore the Sunday readings and their lessons that impact our everyday lives. Will you accept this invitation to delve into the meaning of the Sunday scriptures and have a personal encounter with Jesus? Please come and join us!

**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

It is reported in the Old Testament Books of Exodus and Numbers that Joshua succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites. In fact, Joshua is explained as Moses' assistant, while Moses himself led the Israelites. Our First Reading today from the Book of Joshua recounts how, under Joshua, the Israelites renewed their Covenant with God.

For those who practice stewardship as a way of life, both renewal and covenant are significant. We speak of conversion in relation to the commitments we make to live as God-centered and loving people. Yet, there are times when it is important to personally renew our promises to God and to make a new covenant with the Lord.

Many parishes have an annual stewardship renewal during which people are given the opportunity to "renew" their involvements in prayer, in ministry, and in giving through the offertory. These "renewals" may involve a commitment or pledge card. This is what has occurred in the Church for centuries. It is vital that we revisit our assurances to the Lord.

As Joshua addresses the people in today's reading, he states, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." This quote is relatively familiar in the Christian world. Yet, this is exactly the kind of pledge and covenant each of us needs to make.

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

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 08/16/15

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

	Current	Collection vs.
<u>2014/15 YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$56,915	\$452,825	\$65,500 (\$8,585)

#### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 07/31/2015:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
YTD July	\$36,027	\$44,537	(\$8,510)

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

#### Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed - **\$69,500**



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Find out more at:

<http://livingourmission.org/parishes/saint-john-neumann/>

## Gift Cards Requested

When you are out shopping at Food Lion, Sheetz, or Walmart, consider purchasing a gift card and donating it to our Human Concerns ministry. We use the cards to assist members of our parish who may be in need at this time.

## SJN Book Club

The SJN book club will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month, from 6:30-8:00 in the multi-purpose room.

Books for the Fall include:

Sept. 28 The Firebird by Janice Graham

Oct. 26 Life after Life by Kate Atkinson

Nov. 30 The Devil in the White City, Murder, Magic and Madness by Erik Larson \*\*

\*\*Nov. 30th is the 5th Monday due to Thanksgiving holidays  
Please feel free to come to any meeting prepared to discuss the month's book. For further information: contact Kathy Schmidt, [fromkathyschmidt@gamil.com](mailto:fromkathyschmidt@gamil.com) or (804)320-7849.

## St. John Neumann Fall Festival

### Fall Festival Update

We are now accepting White Elephant donations!  
*This year we have a drop-off schedule so you can stop at any time posted below.*

**Wednesdays 10-11 AM, Fridays 10-11**

**AM, Saturdays 10-11 AM, and**

**Sundays between the masses (9:30-11:00 AM).**

Donations should be dropped off at the outside door to the St. Elizabeth Classroom during these times.

If you have any questions or need to make special arrangements, please contact Pat Berezna at 598-9146, [pberezna@comcast.net](mailto:pberezna@comcast.net) or Sharon Tubbs at [sharontubbs12@yahoo.com](mailto:sharontubbs12@yahoo.com)

Please remember, the festival will be a major fundraiser for the parish and will help delay those second collections. We need everybody's help to make this a success!



## Adult Education

Did you know that the SJN Library can provide many college level religion courses on VHS, DVD, CD and even cassette for your individual or group study? We also offer a group study on Sundays between the Masses. This fall the course is: Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained. Information and a sign-up sheet are posted on the Narthex bulletin board

## HEN Pantry

The HEN pantry is in urgent need of (3) individuals to assist other team members one Friday a month to distribute food to pantry clients between the hours of 9:45am and 1:00pm. Contact Jim Dierkes at 804 379-8983 for more information. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.

## Papal Mass, Washington DC

The Diocese of Richmond has been allocated a limited number of tickets for the Papal Mass and canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra on Wednesday, September 23, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Tickets will be made available through a lottery drawing open to any parishioner within the Diocese of Richmond. There is no cost to enter the lottery and the tickets are provided free of charge. Each lottery winner will be allotted two tickets to the event. Winners will be announced on September 10. To enter the drawing and for more details, visit [www.cdrcmf.org](http://www.cdrcmf.org) or contact the Diocesan Center for Marriage, Family, and Life at 804-622-5109.

## Christian (In)Formation

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Time To Register !

Youth Registration is open **now**. Registration is required for all youth programs: Religious Education, 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments, Confirmation, and Neu Waves Youth Group. Forms, calendars and information are available in the Narthex and the SJN website right now: [sjnpowhatan.org](http://sjnpowhatan.org). Look in the Christian Formation section.

Jeannie Kennedy and Deacon Ed will be in the Narthex after all masses on **August 30<sup>th</sup>** and **Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>** to answer questions, collect forms and answer questions.

The first day of R.E. for grades 1-6 will be on **Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**.

**There will be a parent meeting in Fr. Val Hall during classes that day. We ask all parents to come.**

Questions? Jeannie Kennedy: [jeannie0717@hotmail.com](mailto:jeannie0717@hotmail.com)  
Deacon Ed: [deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com)

### Out of Sync?

Is your child's Religious Education out of sync? Do you have an uncatechised child entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade...the normal 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Year? Do you have children ages 9-14 who want to begin religious education and/or prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Sacraments? Do you have teenagers who missed the usual 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation preparation wanting to prepare for Confirmation now? Do you want your child catechized but find it difficult to attend the weekly Sunday R.E. sessions? Do you have other special needs? **We CAN help! NOW is the time to meet with Deacon Ed to discuss options. We CAN find a way.**

## Confirmation Preparation

Every rising 10<sup>th</sup> grader, or older, teenager even vaguely interested in Confirmation in the Spring should contact Deacon Ed **NOW**. News bulletins about interviews and retreat opportunities will begin soon. Getting your name on the distribution list is not a commitment but will get you the information you will need to make your decision.

For more information about our programs, check the Christian Formation tab on our website: [www.sjnpowhatan.org](http://www.sjnpowhatan.org)  
Contact Deacon Ed at [deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com](mailto:deacon.ed.sjn@gmail.com).

## Powhatan Garden Club

The Powhatan Garden Club will kick off its 2015-2016 year with two sessions devoted to floral design. The first session will be Thursday, September 3, in Father Val Hall. Refreshments are served at 7PM, meeting and presentation will start 7:30PM.

Our presenter is Barbara Hollister who will show us how to make four basic traditional designs. Barbara has been involved in garden club activities since 1976. She has been a member of both Powhatan and Midlothian Garden Clubs since 1998. She has served as President of both clubs and has served locally in Richmond Council Garden Club, and the Virginia Federation State Garden Club. As of April, she is an accredited NGC Flower Show judge and has exhibited her own designs at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and Flower shows.

Floral design is a passion for Barbara and we surely will profit from her creativity and knowledge. We look forward to her presentation. This meeting is open to the community.

# **Two of Our Deacons**

## **-and their responsibilities**

As we move from one fiscal year to the next and begin to implement some changes, we thought it would be a good idea to let parishioners know some of the “behind the scenes” activities. The deacons provide many services to the parish and not everyone may be aware of all they do, paid and unpaid. This information may also help you know who to contact in order to be more involved with a group, or have questions answered. We are presenting Deacon Jim and Deacon Ed’s job descriptions for their duties and responsibilities.

### **Deacon Jim Tubbs, St. John Neumann Parish**

#### **Pastoral Associate**

The paid, 16 hour, part time Pastoral Associate serves as the chief assistant to the pastor in developing, directing and coordinating a comprehensive and integrated array of parish life ministries that promote healing and spiritual growth. The Pastoral Associate works with the pastor to assess the needs of the parish and set priorities for supporting and developing pastoral and social ministries to meet the dynamic and changing needs of the parish. In addition, the Pastoral Associate assists the Pastor by coordinating and maintain liaison with similar ministries in the local community and throughout the Dioceses of Richmond. A special focus of the Pastoral Associate at Saint John Neumann Parish will be on volunteer recruitment, training, and leadership development of lay ministers in the following areas:

- Visits to the housebound, sick and elderly of the parish
- Care and support to the bereaved
- Care and support to those in need of practical support (food/shelter/clothing, etc.)
- Promoting awareness of the Church’s social teaching.
- Outreach to fallen-away Catholics and the unchurched.
- Enhancing the sense of mission and evangelization in the parish to include coordinating New Evangelization Planning.
- Ministries that address the needs of specific groups (e.g. Young Adults, Married Couples)

In addition to his duties as Pastoral Associate, Deacon Jim is responsible, as a Deacon of the Diocese of Richmond, for supporting other ministries at the Parish and Diocese. These include:

- Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Deacon’s Council
- RCIA Coordinator
- Baptism Preparation
- High School catechist
- Performing baptisms, weddings, wake services and funerals as needed
- VBS Middle School leader
- Serve at mass on weekends and preach occasionally.

As he assumes the new duties of Pastoral Associate, Deacon Jim has an immediate need for volunteers who will be willing to assist and eventually assume leadership of a Bereavement Support Group and a New Evangelization Planning team and for volunteers interested in being part of the RCIA team. Please contact him at [jimtubbs25@gmail.com](mailto:jimtubbs25@gmail.com) if you have an interest in any of these ministries.

**Deacon Ed Schmidt, St. John Neumann Parish**  
**Director of Christian Formation**

My primary job as Director of Christian Formation is to carry out the stated mission of the St. John Neumann Christian Formation Office; specifically, to transform our foundational Religious Education program into a multifaceted program of Christian Formation that forms an integral part of parish spiritual life and draws all parishioners into a life of ongoing conversion leading to evangelization.

Christian Formation is an ongoing apprenticeship in the Christian life. Our goal as Catholic Christians is not just to know about our faith, but to be transformed into the image of Christ based on the truth we learn and experience.

The Director of Christian Formation oversees the Catechetical Ministry/Religious Education Office. This office is responsible for parish programs and processes (including Adult Christian formation, religious education and sacramental preparation) designed to lead adults, young adults, youth and children in the faith community to maturity of faith through instruction and formation in the Christian life.

None of this is free and I am responsible, in conjunction with Staff, to develop and maintain a budget.

- I find and train people of faith who are willing to pass that faith on to others through structured programs at SJN. These include catechists, coordinators and assistants and ad hoc volunteers.
- Next is the question of what to teach. The diocese provides a general curriculum for Elementary, Junior High and High School but it is my job, in conjunction with the catechists and staff to find textbooks and teaching aids to enable the catechists to do their job. I am responsible for ordering the textbooks and materials. Of course I am responsible for compliance with all diocesan directives and mandates in regard to Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation...and they are legion.
- I am also responsible to assign class space and to make sure those rooms are equipped with paper, pencils, AV Equipment and anything else the catechists need.
- I develop the registration process and a database of all participants in R.E., 1st Sacraments, Confirmation, RCIA and any other programs we offer. Part of this is to assure we have copies of Baptism and First Eucharist certificates as required. This info goes to the Business Manager (Lee) who maintains the official parish records.

High on the list of objectives is the expansion of Adult Education opportunities. My goal is to offer both day and evening opportunities both at SJN and also in homes.

Communications is a key element for success and I am also responsible for maintaining Constant Contact, the system we use for notifications. This includes the R U In The Loop program for parish wide messaging.

Finally, I meet monthly with other Religious Education professionals in the diocese to share ideas and keep track of new trends in Christian Formation.

Officially, at SJN, this is a sixteen hour per week position and is funded accordingly.

I have not included in this description the various pastoral elements done as part of my ministerial role as Deacon. These include serving at Sunday and weekday liturgies and funerals, wake services, hospital and home visits, and teaching youth and adult classes.



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