

## 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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)**

**September 18, 2016**

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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, September 18

- 9:45 AM Gr. 1-6 Religious Education [Ed Hallway]
- 9:45 AM New Parishioner Welcome [FVH]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open the Word [M/P Room]
- 4:30 PM Knights of Columbus Social [FVH]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves [Chapel]

### Monday, September 19

- 7:00 PM Cenacle Prayer Group [Chapel]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

### Tuesday, September 20

- 10:00 AM Bible Study [M/P Room]
- 6:00 PM Baptism Prep Class [M/P Room]

### Wednesday, September 21

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

### Thursday, September 22

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 7:00 PM Separated and Divorced Group [M/P Room]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon Meeting [St. Thomas]

### Friday, September 23

- 6:00 AM That Man Is You! [FVH]
- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]

### Saturday, September 24

- 8:00 AM White Elephant Sale Begins [FVH]
- 11:00 AM Fall Festival Begins [Parking Lot]
- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

### Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 AM Anointing of the Sick [Church]
- 9:45 AM Gr. 1-6 Religious Education [Ed Hallway]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open the Word [FVH]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves [FVH]

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

### Week of: September 19 – September 25

DAY	Scripture Readings	
Mon	Prv 3:27-34	Lk 8:16-18
Tue	Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13	Lk 8: 19-21
Wed	Eph 4:1-7,11-13	Mt 9:9-13
Thu	Eccl 1:2-11	Lk 9:7-9
Fri	Eccl 3:1-11	Lk 9:18-22
Sat	Eccl 11:9-12:8	Lk 9:43b-45
Sun	Am 6:1a,4-7	1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31

### MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat 5:00 PM +William Earl Oxenreider
- Sun 8:30 AM People of St. John Neumann
- Sun 11:00 AM + John Bischoff

### Care Notes

**CARE NOTES.** Check out the newest additions to our CareNotes Library in the Narthex: *Overcoming the Stigma of Mental Illness; Easing the Burden of Stress; Making Sense out of Suffering; Using Hospice Care When a Loved One is Terminally ill.* Take One - and take heart. Give One -- and give hope.

## Stewardship

Although we may not immediately perceive them, Holy Scripture is filled with references to stewardship and what it means. Today's Gospel from St. Luke that includes the Parable of the Dishonest Steward is more pointed and direct than many of those references.

Retired Bishop Robert Morneau — who was instrumental in the development of the United States Bishops' pastoral letter, *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, and has been a popular presenter on stewardship for decades — is fond of saying that on Judgment Day, the Lord will only ask us one question, "What have you done with the garden I have given you?" In other words, we are all gifted, perhaps in different ways, but whatever gifts we receive might be considered our garden from God. We must account for those gifts.

The whole concept of stewardship is clear in today's parable. The steward is the manager (not the owner) of the master's gifts. God is, of course, the manager, and we are the stewards who are charged with the responsibility of overseeing our gifts of time, talent, treasure, and perhaps even influence. Do we use those gifts wisely and with justice?

That is the point we must get from this Gospel. Our Holy Father Pope Francis understood the significance of being a steward when he recently said, "In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts." As the Lord says to the steward in today's Gospel, "The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones."

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

### \$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 09/11/16

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

		Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
<b>2016/17 YTD</b>	<b>2015/16 YTD</b>		
\$99,791	\$92,900	\$99,500	\$291

#### Operational: Income\* vs. Expenses\* as of 06/30/2016:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
<b>July</b>	\$ 46,328	\$ 48,934	(\$2,606)

\* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

### Baptism Preparation

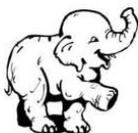
There will be a Baptism Preparation class **Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:00 PM in the Multi-purpose room. Remember, expecting parents can attend the class before the baby is born!

**Please contact the office at 598-5734 if you are  
interested in taking the Baptismal Preparation Class!**

**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.

## White Elephant

### LAST CALL!



This is the last week to donate non-clothing items for our White Elephant sale at this Saturday's Fall Festival. You can drop off your items outside the entrance to Father Val Hall this Sunday, 9/18 from 9:30-11 AM. We will also accept donations, including furniture, this Tuesday, **09/20 through this Friday, 09/23** via the office during office hours (9AM to 4PM). If you have any questions, please contact Pat Berezna at 543-8634 or [pberezna@comcast.net](mailto:pberezna@comcast.net) or Sharon Tubbs at [sharontubbs12@yahoo.com](mailto:sharontubbs12@yahoo.com).

## Fall Festival

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, **September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 7 PM.**

Start the day early by visiting our exclusive White Elephant Sale which begins at **8:00AM.** Beginning at 11, kids (and adults) can enjoy the **Monkey Motion trampoline, a camo obstacle course, 24 ft. double slide, trackless train, air-brush tattoos and balloon animals.** As always, you can shop the multitude of Vendors as you sample tasty cuisine from our **Food Tents** or concessions. During the event, enjoy live entertainment including **West Point Glee Club graduates** or local performers like **The Judes Ferry Band!**

Tickets are \$1.00 to \$5.00 or purchase an all-day wrist band for \$20.00 (Band excludes the Monkey Motion trampoline). Admission is Free.

For up-to-date information, visit our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/sjnpowfamilyfestival](http://www.facebook.com/sjnpowfamilyfestival).

### We Need You!



We are still in need of 43 volunteers for the Fall Festival next weekend. Empty times start at 2:00 with the majority after 4:00. Please sign up in the narthex or online at: <http://signup.com/go/sfP42z>. If you wish to talk about options, contact Tiffany directly at 804-598-1826.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to a yahoo hack, we are locked out of our sjnfestival yahoo email. If you sent an email to this account, and have not gotten a response, please send again to: [grettastage@hotmail.com](mailto:grettastage@hotmail.com).**

This time last year, we needed twice as many volunteers and you graciously came forward. Please do so again. This event is something that the community now looks forward to attending, and with local talent performing, like the Judes Ferry Band, the addition of the West Point Glee Club, and the prayers for good weather, it will be a huge success!

## Breaking Open The Word

Breaking Open the Word continues to meet **every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 AM** in Fr. Val Hall. You are invited to join us as we explore the Sunday readings and their lessons that impact our everyday lives. This is a great opportunity for parents of children in Religious Ed to fill that hour while their children are learning, and deepen their understanding of the Scripture.

## Bakers Guild

### Apple Pies for Sale for only \$12 each!

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## Powhatan Food Pantry

The Powhatan Food Pantry requests your assistance with providing the following Food Items to the hungry and needy in our county during the month of September:

**FOOD PANTRY**



Condiments (Mayo, Ketchup, Mustard), Sugar, Cooking Oil, Canned Black-eye Peas, Canned Butter Beans.

## NEU WAVES

NeuWaves Wilderness Adventure Retreat: October 14-16



Space is limited so sign up quick!! Forms are in the Narthex. Cost is \$200 less a \$50 NeuWaves subsidy means it is only \$150 for a great weekend adventure!!

Questions?? Contact Joni Peck at 598-0613.

## Retirement Fund For Religious

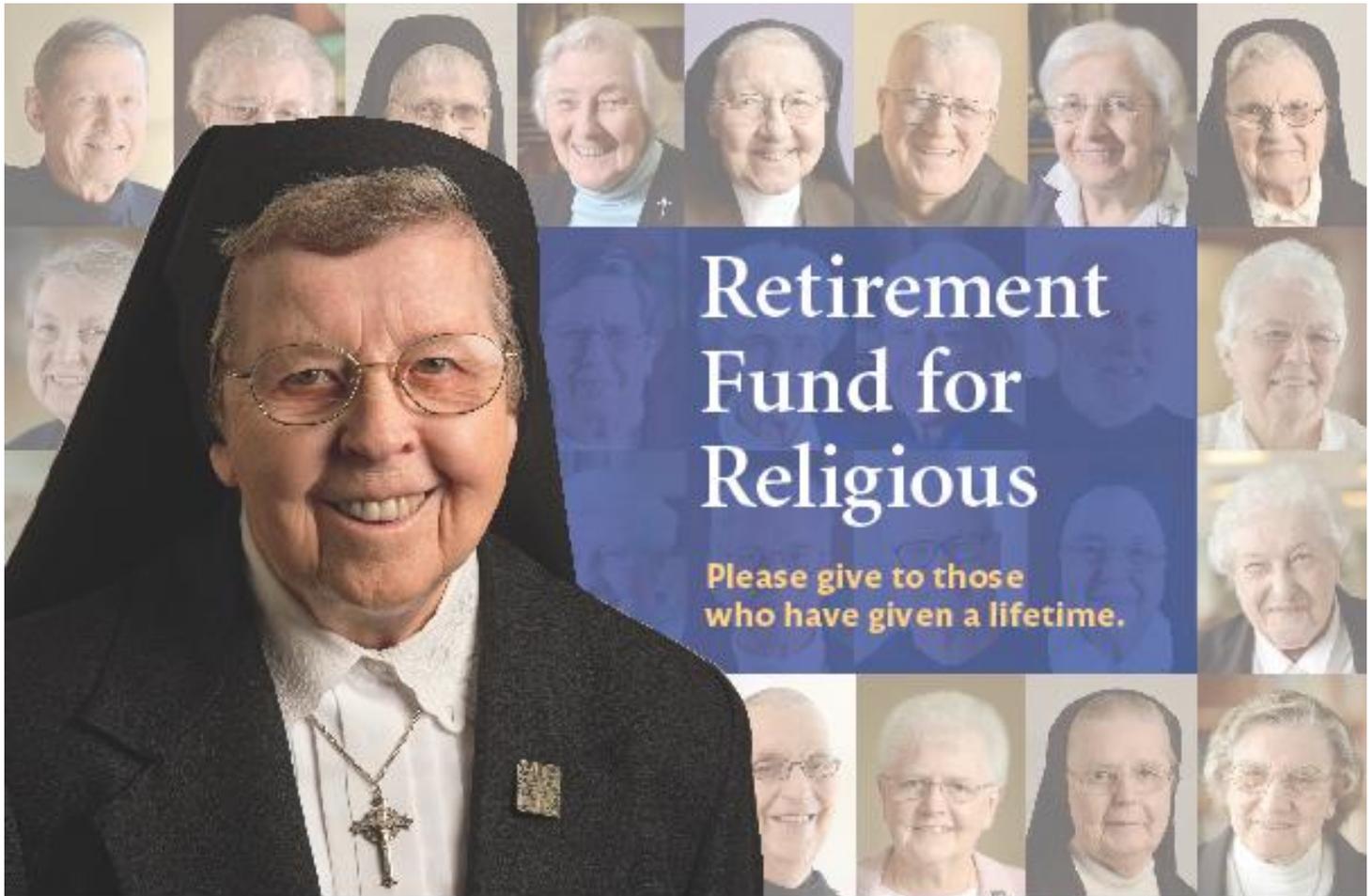
Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to *work*." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

## Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

Please join us for our 12<sup>th</sup> annual **Blue Grass & Blue Crab Festival** to benefit the residents of **Saint Francis Home**, Sunday, **October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 pm - 8 pm at Tredegar Iron Works.** Tickets are \$60 each and include all you can eat crab, spiced shrimp and all you can drink beer and wine. Kids 12 and under are free. Entertainment for the evening includes live music and performers. There will be a live and silent auction. Kid friendly food is available. Visit our website [www.saintfrancishome.com](http://www.saintfrancishome.com) for ticket information or call Pam Embrey, 237-5602.

**Consider participating on a Cursillo weekend.** Cursillo is 3 day weekend that is sanctioned by the Catholic Church and our Diocese. The weekends are put on by lay Catholics with the assistance of ordained priests and deacons. Anyone in good standing with the church is eligible to attend. If you are interested in learning more about Cursillo or participating in a weekend, ask a parish member that has been on a Cursillo. Don't know someone who has been on a Cursillo? Contact the Central Virginia Coordinating Committee at [804-739-8095](tel:804-739-8095).

The next Cursillo women's weekend in the Central Virginia area is scheduled for **October 27 - October 30**, at Shalom House. The next Cursillo men's weekend in the Central Virginia area is scheduled for **February 23 - February 26**, at the Shalom House. **Mercy and Healing in the Jubilee Year** - Saturday, October 1st, 8:30 am - Noon, at St. Bridget Church. The Respect Life Committee invites you to a morning seminar on Respect Life weekend. This seminar features excellent speakers that will challenge, encourage, educate, and support you in your personal mission for life. All are welcome. Coffee begins at 8:30. You are also invited to attend Mass which begins at 8:00 am. Please let us know you are coming by calling 282-9511 or email [Vicki@saintbridgetchurch.org](mailto:Vicki@saintbridgetchurch.org).



# Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

“Be faithful to your prayer life and have a sense of humor,” says Sister Rita Polchin (*foreground*), a member of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania. “That’s my advice for a long, happy life.” And, at age 87, she ought to know. Throughout nearly 70 years of religious life, this philosophy has served her well, especially as she ministered in Catholic schools. “One year I had a class of 54 students,” she recalls with a smile, “but they were all good!”

Like Sister Rita, the senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests shown here—and some 33,000 more across the nation—have offered their lives in service and prayer. They have educated the young, cared for the sick, and spoken for the oppressed. Many, including Sister Rita, continue to serve. Others need assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medications, and other necessities. Please be generous.

**Roughly 95 percent of donations aid senior religious.**

[www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

To give at your parish: Make your check payable to your parish. (Write RFR on the memo line.)

To donate by mail: Make your check payable to Retirement Fund for Religious. Please do not mail cash.

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