



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 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

September 25, 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 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

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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 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 [M/P Room]
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Kickoff [FVH]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves [FVH]

Monday, September 26

- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]
- 7:00 PM L of G Book Club [M/P Room]

Tuesday, September 27

- 10:00 AM Bible Study [M/P Room]

Wednesday, September 28

- 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 29

- 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 30

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

Saturday, October 1

- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, October 2

- 9:45 AM Gr. 1-6 Religious Education [Ed Hallway]
- 9:45 AM Breaking Open the Word [FVH]
- 12:15 PM Bereavement Group [FVH]
- 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Rosary [Chapel]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves [M/P Room, St. Elizabeth]
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Business Mtg [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 +
- Sun 8:30 AM People of St. John Neumann
- Sun 11:00 AM + John Bischoff

Gardening Angels Ministry

Are you a gardening angel?



The grounds here at St. John Neumann are in need of your talent! We are looking for folks who are willing to be responsible for just one or two areas. You can come and work on your own schedule. Interested? Contact Mary Harrison at: 794-9432. We are planning a wine and cheese meeting on **October 13th**, 6:30 PM in Father Lewis' office.

Stewardship

Throughout his letters St. Paul gives more than hints as to what we should be doing to seek holiness and to live lives that stress Christian virtues. In fact, his comments are often direct and to the point. The excerpt from Paul's First Letter to Timothy, our Second Reading for today, contains one of those passages, which though brief, is the formula for seeking holiness and living lives of stewardship.

Paul says to Timothy, and thus to us, "...pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith." Of course, we are aware that in spite of its simplicity, that is a group of instructions that can be very difficult to really live out. Yet, that is exactly our calling. It all begins with pursuing "righteousness." We tend to think of the meaning of that as being "goodness," as in "pursuing" being a good person, but its real roots are deeper than that.

Based upon the original Greek a more accurate translation might be "pursuing justice." More accurately the translation would be "pursuing justice as Jesus defines it." That is really our charge — to seek lives of stewardship and discipleship in response to the Lord's call to us. The Greek philosopher Socrates said, "All men's souls may be immortal, but the souls of the righteous are immortal and divine."

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

09/18/16

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

2016/17 YTD	2015/16 YTD	Current Budgeted	Collection vs. Budgeted
\$109,617	\$102,611	\$108,750	\$867

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 08/31/2016:

	Income	Expenses	Increase/(Deficit)
August	\$ 41,473	\$ 48,097	(\$6,624)
Aug. YTD	\$ 87,801	\$ 97,031	(\$9,230)

* Excludes funds received for designated purposes.

40 Days For Life

From September 28 through November 6, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170, atniermeyer@aol.com. All are welcome! To learn more visit www.40daysforlife.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.

Pumpkin Patch



Ladies of Grace & Knights of Columbus Pumpkin Patch
The Pumpkin Patch is open

Friday, September 30th to Monday, October 31st!

Located at: Country Living Homes: 2504 Anderson Hwy
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming Pumpkin Patch volunteer shifts. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Visit the website SignUp.com at: <http://signup.com/go/o7iC3e>
(SignUp links can also be found at sjnpowhatan.org under Ladies of Grace and KofC)

2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.

3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: If you prefer not to use the website or have a special scheduling request, please contact Jaime Quinn at 687-2814 or sjnliturg@yahoo.com to be signed up manually.

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!

Frozen, homemade apple pies. You can order and pick up at all Masses. **NO REASON TO WAIT UNTIL THANKSGIVING FOR DELICIOUS**

APPLE PIE! To order: call Terry Sanders at 598-2750 or Barbara Sitzes 594-0189.



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:

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



Retirement Fund For Religious

Aging religious need your help. Thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

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.

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.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

St. John Neumann is part of the **Coalition of Powhatan Churches.** The Coalition periodically has specific needs which they send out to member churches for assistance. We will post these needs on the bright orange square on the kiosk closest to the front door. If you are able to help, please contact them at the number on the notice.

Please join us for our 12th annual **Blue Grass & Blue Crab Festival** to benefit the residents of **Saint Francis Home**, Sunday, **October 2nd 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 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.

CALLING ALL VENDORS!! The St. Edward Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held on Saturday, November 5. Several tables have already been reserved, so don't miss out! We had 50 vendors last year -- let's make this year even bigger!!!! Contact Bobbi now at: [804-560-2883](tel:804-560-2883) or bdaniello@verizon.net.

Holiday Festival of Music: The Holiday Festival of Music is celebrating its 25th anniversary. This event, featuring the Richmond Symphony, is held at the beautiful, Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and is the perfect way to begin the holiday season. Join us November 28, 7:00p.m. Tickets are available at www.cccofva.org.

Advance Care Planning Workshops: Our Advance Care Planning workshop will help you explore your personal beliefs and preferences and communicate what's important. Registration is \$10.00 per person and \$15.00 per couple. For more information or to register, contact Josie Williams at (804) 545-5952 or Josie.Williams@cccovva.org.

Marywoods Apartments

Oct. 11 and 18; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
1261 Marywood Lane, Henrico, VA 23229

Harbour Square Apartments

Oct. 26 and Nov. 2; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
7102 New Hunter Rd Mechanicsville VA 23211

