



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

Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)

December 6, 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 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 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, December 6

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed (Gr 1-6) [Education Hall]
- 9:40 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]
- 9:40 AM Breaking Open The Word [FVH]
- 12:15 PM Grief Support Group [FVH]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves gathering [Education Hall]

Monday, December 7

- 7:00 PM Youth Leader Meeting [M/P Room]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, December 8

- 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception Mass [Church]
- 10:00 AM Bible Study with Deacon Ed [M/P Room]
- 10:00 AM Happy Homemakers [St. Elizabeth]
- 7:00 PM Immaculate Conception Mass [Church]

Wednesday, December 9

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 9:30 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
- 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]
- 6:00 PM Family Praise Choir [Church]
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir practice [Church]

Thursday, December 10

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]
- 12:00 PM Communal Penance Service [Church]
- 6:15 PM Boy Scout Leader meeting [St. Katherine]
- 7:00 PM Boy Scout Committee Meeting [St. Katherine]
- 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

Friday, December 11

- 9:00 AM Weekday Mass [Chapel]
- 10:00 AM Powhatan Food Pantry to 1:00 PM
- 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]

Saturday, December 12

- 8:30 AM Rosary and end of Adoration [Church]
- 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]
- 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, December 13

- 9:30 AM Religious Ed Family Day [FVH]
- 9:35 AM Bible Study Adult Education [Library]
- 9:40 AM Breaking Open The Word [M/P Room]
- 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM Directory Pictures [M/P Room]
- 6:30 PM NeuWaves gathering [Education Hall]

Please note that Fr. Lewis will be out of town and there will be **NO weekday Mass on December 16 and 17.**

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: December 7 – December 13

DAY WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon	Is 35:1-10	Lk 5:17-26
Tue	Gn 3:9-15,20	Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Wed	Is 40:25-31	Mt 11:28-30
Thu	Is 41:13-20	Mt 11:11-15
Fri	Is 48:17-19	Mt 11:16-19
Sat	Zec 2:14-17	Lk 1:26-38
Sun	Zep 3:14-18a	Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat	5:00 PM	+ Richard and Scott Richard Shaw
Sun	8:30 AM	People of St. John Neumann
Sun	11:00 AM	+ Bruce Wright

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.

Financial Corner

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? By supporting Saint John Neumann through Faith Direct, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions.

You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **VA609**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

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

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$ 11/29/15

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

		Current <u>Budgeted</u>	Collection vs. <u>Budgeted</u>
2014/15 YTD	2013/14 YTD	\$212,500	(\$29,456)
\$183,044	\$175,525		

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 10/31/2015:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
October	\$ 36,432	\$ 44,378	(\$ 7,946)
YTD Oct.	\$157,023	\$173,073	(\$16,050)

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

Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed – \$48,000



Saint John Neumann is Living Our Mission.

Find out more at:

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

Christmas Season Mass Intentions

The envelopes are now available to submit your Mass intentions for the Christmas season. Intentions will be listed in the Christmas Memorial insert in the Christmas Order of Worship; envelopes will be placed on the Altar during the Christmas Season in honor of your offering. *(Please make checks to Fr. Lewis.)*

Christmas Pageant



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Our Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be at 5:00pm. If you would like to help, or your child would like to participate in the Pageant, please sign up in the Narthex or contact Mary Cleary. There will be a rehearsal **Sunday, 12/20 after the 8:30am Mass** in the Sanctuary. **If you do not come to the rehearsal, you cannot be in the pageant.** We will be getting everyone's costume set as well as staging everyone. We cannot do this at the Christmas Mass. If you cannot come to the rehearsal, you will need to see Mary Cleary on your own, to get the costume settled and learn what is expected.

Knights' Corner

Knight of the Month – Michael Solzbach
Family of the Month – BSA Troop #832

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, **January 24th** we will have our annual Chili Cook-off. This year we are going to shake things up and try a new format...The Chili Cook-off will be held during the AFC and NFC championship games (2 weeks before the Superbowl). We will be renting a DirectTV satellite dish and purchasing a big screen TV. Two football pools will occur (\$10 per square, one pool for each game) with cash prizes for each quarter of both games and the raffle winner (each purchase of a football pool ticket earns one raffle ticket entry) will take home the big screen TV! If you are not bringing Chili to enter in the contest, we ask that each family bring a dish to share or contribute a nominal \$5 fee to off-set the cost of the food/snacks/drinks. Football pool ticket sales have started! Questions can be directed to Grand Knight Bob Post (repostiii@verizon.net or [804-310-9157](tel:804-310-9157)) or DGK Jim Stage (jimmystage13@hotmail.com or [804-598-0515](tel:804-598-0515))

Boy Scout Troop 832 Celebrates 25 Years

Our Boy Scout Troop, 832, will be 25 years old on December 1, 2015. A reunion and celebration has been planned for current and former scouts, their families and adult leaders. It will be held on **December 19 from 3 to 6 PM at the Heart of Virginia Council Scout Reservation** (Cub Adventure Camp Dining Hall) in Goochland, VA. It's on Route 634 (Maidens Road), about a mile north of the James River.

A BBQ/beef brisket dinner will be served. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Pre-school children will be admitted free charge. If there are any SJN parishioners who would like to attend, make your check payable to BSA Troop 832 and write "Anniversary" on the memo line. Give your check to Tony Hackenberg or leave it in the Knights Mailbox in the Mail/Copy Room.

For more information email Tony Hackenberg at troop832powhatan@gmail.com or call him at 804-339-0267.

Ladies of Grace

Santa Claus will be visiting St. John Neumann! The Ladies of Grace will host Santa with a breakfast on December 20th between the Masses. Breakfast Pricing: Child \$5, Adult \$7, Family \$25. Picture with Santa \$5 each, digital image emailed to you. Since there is only a small amount of time between the Masses, an appointment is encouraged to make sure you get to see Santa. Funds raised will benefit the MJ's Zipshirt ministry.



Care Notes

We now have *CareNotes* available free of charge in the Narthex. *CareNotes* are compact, 5 x 7 inch eight-page full color booklets offering strength, help and healing for those who are hurting or facing tough life choices, including our teens. If you have a need or interest you don't see covered by our *CareNotes*, please let Deacon Jim Tubbs know. He will find help for you. And if you would like to contribute to this new ministry of help and healing, please see Deacon Jim as well.

It is time for a new Parish Directory! Parishioner Allen Dodd has graciously offered to coordinate this project and take the photographs. We are hoping to have all parishioners participate! You can sign up Right NOW! We will continue to have appointments over the next couple of months with times available from 10AM to 8PM, on weekdays and weekends (as possible-including after Masses). **Sign up soon**, as the good spots fill up fast! To sign up for an appointment, please use this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c45ada92fa7fc1-family/32786518>.

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced that an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy will be celebrated between December 8, 2015 and November 20, 2016. If you would like to see resources and information on this, please visit: www.cdryearofmercy.org. The Diocesan Door of Mercy will open at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart on Dec. 20th just before the 11:00AM Mass. All are welcome to attend.

FLOWER SIGN-UPS

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex this weekend for those wishing to donate flowers for the Altar, Blessed Mother or St. Joseph statues.

The SJN Altar Flower Guild will be responsible for designing the altar and statue flower arrangements for the parish as well as coordinating the special liturgical decorations through the year. In this way we can ensure arrangements are appropriate for the time and space, while providing a savings to parishioners who wish to donate flowers.

Altar arrangements \$75; statue arrangements \$30.

If you would like to learn how to arrange flowers and be able to design the flowers you are donating, please join the Altar Flower Guild. The Guild is open to anyone. For more information, please contact Jaime Quinn (687-2814, sjnliturg@yahoo.com).

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. You can find more information about the coalition at: www.coalitionofpowhatanchurches.com.

➤ **Commonwealth Catholic Charities** has worked to alleviate human suffering and restore hope, dignity and opportunities of Virginia's residents since 1923. The mission of CCC is to provide quality, compassionate human services to all people, especially the most vulnerable, **regardless of faith**. The office in Richmond offers services for children, elderly, counseling, resettlement, and housing issues. Please see: www.cccofva.org for more information. You can also call: (804) 285-5900.

➤ Does the way you live your life and especially your marriage give praise and glory to God? Let God transform your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are on 19-21 Feb in Herndon or 22-24 Apr in Fredericksburg. For more information or to apply, visit our website at www.renewmarriage-vasouth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or [757-483-3209](tel:757-483-3209)

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