



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

Feast of the Holy Family: (Cycle B)

December 28, 2014

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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 28

9:35 AM Anointing of the Sick [Church]
 9:35 AM Adult Education [M/P Room]

Monday, December 29

Office and building closed
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts [FVH]

Tuesday, December 30

Office and building closed

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 PM Mass: Mary, Mother of God, vigil [Church]
 8:00 PM New Year's Eve Get Together [FVH]

Thursday, January 1

10:00 AM Mass: Mary, Mother of God [Church]
 7:30 PM Awaken to Hope Al-Anon [St. Thomas]

Friday, January 2

Office and building closed.
NO weekday Mass
 10:00AM HEN Pantry to 1:00
 6:45 PM Prayer Service
 7:00 PM Adoration continues through the night

Saturday, January 3

8:30 AM Rosary [Church]
 9:00 AM Prayer and reposition [Church]
 3:45 PM Confession [Church]

Sunday, January 4

9:35 AM Religious Ed, grades 1-6 [Ed Hallway]
 9:35 AM Adult Education [M/P Room]
 9:45 AM Parish Rosary [Chapel]
 6:30 PM Knights of Columbus Rosary [Church]
 6:30 PM Neu Waves Gathering [St. Eliz/St. Kath]
 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Business Mtg [FVH]

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Week of: December 29 – January 4

DAY	Scripture Readings		
Mon	1 Jn 2:3-11		Lk 2:22-35
Tue	1 Jn 2:12-17		Lk 2:36-40
Wed	1 Jn 2:18-21		Jn 1:1-18
Thu	Nm 6:22-27	Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21
Fri	1 Jn 2:22-28		Jn 1:19-28
Sat	1 Jn 2:29-3:6		Jn 1:29-34
Sun	Is 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a,5-6	Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 5:00 PM +Jonathan Peters
 Sun 8:30 AM People of St. John Neumann
 Sun 11:00 AM +Michael Sugars

Office and Building Closed

The office will be closed from December 29th to January 5th, and there will be no weekday Mass during this time. Phone messages and e-mail messages will be picked up on a regular basis.

Weekday Mass will resume January 7th.

New Choir CD

St. John Neumann Adult Choir has recorded a new CD of Christmas music! A limited number of CDs are available in the Narthex. The cost is \$10 each. Proceeds will benefit the HEN Pantry.

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

Diocesan Appeal:

We have just been notified that 145 donors from St. John Neumann have responded to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We are now at 128% of our goal of \$17,340 which translates into \$22,153 donated or pledged. This means we will earn back approximately \$5,875 from the appeal once all the pledges are received. It is still not too late to support the Appeal and your parish. Kindly remember our parish receives 20% of each dollar raised up until we reached our goal. After goal, 50% of every dollar raised is returned to us. Once again, thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

\$ WEEKLY FINANCIAL INCOME STATEMENT \$

12/21/14

Sunday/Holy Day Giving:

<u>Envelopes + Loose</u>	=	<u>Collection</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Change</u>
\$7,807 + \$500	=	\$ 8,307		
Faith Direct 12/15/14		\$ 5,220		
		\$13,527	\$9,750	\$3,777

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

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Collection vs.</u>
<u>2014/15YTD</u>	<u>2013/14 YTD</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
\$210,382	\$192,325	\$220,750
		(\$10,368)

Operational: Income* vs. Expenses* as of 11/30/14:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Increase/(Deficit)</u>
November	\$ 35,740	\$ 24,019	\$11,722
Y-T-D Nov.	\$200,758	\$194,311	\$ 6,447

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

Mortgage Reduction:

Upson Property (covered by pledges)

Balance Owed - \$97,000

St. John Neumann Holy Day Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 31: 5:00PM, Mary, Mother of God, Vigil
 (No Nursery)

Thursday, Jan. 1: 10:00AM, Mary, Mother of God,
 (No Nursery) (Holy Day of Obligation)

Ecuador Daycare

Ecuador Daycare Sponsors, please pick up your envelope from the Daycare in the white box on the kiosk in the Narthex. Also be sure to read the latest Daycare bulletin posted on the kiosk wall. It has many photos from various activities over the past couple of months.

Sanctuary Flowers

The sanctuary flower sign up list is up! The prices remain affordable at the bargain rate of \$75 for Altar arrangements and \$30 for statue arrangements. This is a fantastic price for the wonderful arrangements the (all volunteer) Altar Flower Guild provides us with!

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 and there are no fees to join. For more information, please contact: Jaime Quinn (687-2814, sjnliturg@yahoo.com) or Pam Mann (598-2650).

Catholic Women's Organization

Our next CWO meeting will be Monday, **January 12, at 7:00 P.M.** in the multi-purpose room. For more information please call Kathy Schmidt, [804-320-7849](tel:804-320-7849). The members of the CWO would like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and blessed Christmas.

New Year's

All are invited to the St. John Neumann Parish New Year's Party! **8 PM to Midnight December 31st** in **Fr. Val Hall.**

Bring appetizers, desserts, and your favorite beverage to share. Coffee will be provided.

Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up. Judes Ferry Band and dance music, games, glow sticks, and more for the kids.

So put on your dancin' shoes and celebrate with your parish family! Please sign up in the Narthex.

Need help from someone at the church?

Keep in mind when contacting the Deacons that only one of them is on the staff here (Deacon Ed) and he is only employed part time. The other 2 Deacons (Jim and Tom) both have full time jobs and serve on a volunteer basis. Deacon Pat has retired from his duties. If there is something you need help with and would like a quick response, please contact Lee in the office and she will make sure someone who can help will see to it promptly. The telephone number is: 598-3754, email: sjn_general@yahoo.com.

Cookbooks

The Coalition of Powhatan Churches cookbooks are here! This large cookbook contains recipe contributions from churches all over Powhatan County- including St. John Neumann. Each book is \$22 and proceeds benefit the Coalition of Churches. See the books and a payment envelope in the Narthex.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

What do you do with your used printer cartridges? Donate them to the Boy Scouts here at SJN. **A blue collection box** is located next to the recycle bin at the **FVH end of the Education Hallway**. Each cartridge returned provides a few dollars to help with Eagle Scout projects, and Troop activities. Thank you for helping our local Boy Scouts!

Knights of Columbus

Wood deliveries continue. If you have wood to donate, need wood, or know someone who needs wood, Call Jack McNamee at: 678-8462.

The Knight of The Month is: Earnest Barham

The Family of The Month is: Tom and Karen Di Stefano

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

Sunday Hospitality will be starting its next session in February. We are continuing our year long schedule and will have two 6 month rotations to make it easier and to encourage participation.

- This rotation is February through July.
- Next rotation is August through January.

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling"
(1 Peter 4:9)

You need only volunteer for one Sunday a month after either the 8:30 or 11am Sunday morning Mass. Please consider volunteering for this rewarding social ministry, especially if you would like to get to know some of your fellow parishioners a bit better.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

For more details contact Jane & Joe Deso with any questions at 598-8139 or email JRD2872@aol.com

March For Life Rally

IN WASHINGTON DC; Thursday, January 22, 2015

For the 32nd consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 42nd annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Thursday, January 22. Seating on the buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or approved temporary guardian with written permission. There will be a Charter bus at **St John Neumann Church**, bus arrives at 7:30 am for pick-up and departs by 7:45 am, then proceeds to **St Edward Church**, 2700 Dolfield Drive, Richmond, for an 8:15 am pick-up and depart by 8:30 am. Contact Bus Captain Tony Hackenberg @ [804-598-5812](tel:804-598-5812) or ortjhack@hotmail.com. Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location (Father Val Hall at SJN) at least 15 minutes prior to the specific departure time and must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions. Buses will return by 6:30 - 7:00 pm. If you intend to go on the March, please pick up a flyer about the March in the Narthex.

Opportunities Elsewhere in the Community

The Center for Marriage, Family, and Life is hosting the 3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference in the Diocese of Richmond on Saturday, January 10 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center. The day will feature powerful and inspiring talks and breakout sessions, expo area, Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Mass with Bishop DiLorenzo. Catholic speaker, author, and podcaster, Greg Willits will be our keynote speaker. Registration is \$35 for general admission, \$15 for permanent deacons and college students, and free for priests and religious brothers. Learn more and register at www.cdrcmf.org or call [804-622-5109](tel:804-622-5109).



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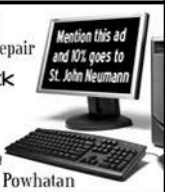
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