St. John Neumann Catholic Community

Spirituality in the Tradition of St. Francis de Sales

Parish Mission Statement
We, the faithful of St. John Neumann Catholic Community, commit ourselves to celebrating and giving witness to the presence of God in our midst by living the Gospel to its fullest. May we do all things in the spirit of St. Francis de Sales with compassion, humility and gentleness.

Declaración de la Misión
Nosotros, la Comunidad Católica en San Juan Neumann, nos comprometemos a celebrar y dar testimonio de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros viviendo el Evangelio en su plenitud. Que hagamos todas las cosas en el espíritu de San Francisco de Sales con compasión, humildad y mansedumbre.

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Website/Social Media Contacts
www.saintjn.org
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Instagram: sjnreston

Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
Domingo Español: 1:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am
Wednesday: 7:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday: 10:00 – 10:30 am
Also by Appointment

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.”
Matthew 16:18
A Note from the Knights of Columbus

Many thanks to the St. John Neumann family who helped make the K of C Family of Man Council Food Drive a success. Through your generosity, the Knights collected an estimated 2,800 pounds of food and toiletries for the Cornerstones Food Pantry in Reston. Cornerstones estimated the value of the donation to be $4,536. The Knights collected enough food donations to fill six SUVs. They would like to say a special thanks to Council Chaplain Father Don Heet and Father Joe Brennan for delivering a blessing over the food donations.

It is policy at St. John Neumann not to allow unauthorized groups to distribute material on church property. Please inform the front office of any unsolicited material handed to you or placed on your vehicle.

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### How to Report Sexual Abuse:

- If an emergency, call 911
- Child Protective Services; Virginia Dept of Social Services: 800-552-7096
- Victim’s Assistance for Diocese of Arlington: Frank Moncher, 703-841-2530
  [victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org](http://victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org)
- Victim’s Assistance for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales: Kate McCauley, LCSW, 571-766-6840

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**This Sunday's Readings:**

*Isaiah 22:19-23; Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20*

In today’s Gospel we experience Peter firmly identifying Jesus as the “Christ, the Son of the living God.” St. Francis de Sales has much to say about St. Peter:

God does not always choose the holiest to govern and to serve in His Church. Our Lord chose Peter as Chief of the Apostles even though he was subject to many imperfections. Peter, filled with much zeal, was apt to be impetuous. While he followed our Savior with his whole heart, he stumbled many times after his initial calling.

He boasted that he would never abandon Our Lord. Yet, he found himself cursing Him and saying that he never knew Him. That pierced our Lord’s heart!

Yet, Our Lord did not reject Peter, since He was sure that St. Peter had a strong and constant determination to correct himself. Peter ought to have relied on Our Lord’s power than to trust in his own zeal. Peter’s natural disposition to cater to his feelings and desires was in part the cause of his lapses. When we experience certain lapses in our ongoing conversion, we must not abandon our quest for holiness. Like Peter, let us have a strong and constant determination to take the measures needed to correct ourselves. Then we too will receive special favors and blessings on earth and in heaven.

What a great reason to anchor our hope and confidence completely in Our Lord! For even after spending one’s life in horrible crimes and iniquities, one can find forgiveness when one returns to the Source of our Redemption, Christ. We must not listen to the voice that tells us that our faults are unpardonable. We must say boldly that our God died for all. No matter how ungodly one is, he or she will find redemption in our Savior. Let us consider with what patience our divine Savior awaits those who reject Him. Then like Peter, we may say, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” our Redeemer.

*Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales*

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**Daily Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, August 22**
Margaret Rupp †

**Sunday, August 23**
Elvira Rosa Rubio †
Donna Meyer †
Charles and Betty Popovich ††
People of the Parish
Patricia Gander †

**Monday, August 24**
Walter Henry Rupell †

**Tuesday, August 25**
Aruna Demello †

**Wednesday, August 26**
Debbie Cannata †
Paul Pete Taylor †

**Thursday, August 27**
Verne Bossie †

**Friday, August 28**
Angelica Idelson †

**Saturday, August 29**
Donald Boyle †

**Sunday, August 30**
Pamela Doyle-Penne †
Albert Brandenstein †
Adam Stanislawczyk †
Elena Neira †
People of the Parish

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**Sacramental Celebrations**

**Baptisms:** Benjamin William Chaumont, Oliver James Moore

**Marriages:** Caitlyn Wessels and Stephen Despins

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**Prayer Lists**

*Please offer your prayers this week for the following:*

**Sick:** Edward Beitel; Fernando, Joseo, Nayarud, Rodolfo, and Vrigit Guzmán; Regina McCombs; Bruce McCullough; Lori Trumble

**Deceased:** Carol Pilat, mother of Michael

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**Next Sunday's Readings**

Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from God’s Word:

**Jeremiah 20:7-9** It is impossible for Jeremiah to escape because God is stronger than he. The word of God is aflame in the depths of his heart as a devouring fire.

**Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9** My soul is thirsting for You, O Lord, my God. This psalm portrays the psalmist as homesick for the Lord’s sanctuary, confident that enemies will be destroyed, and certain that the King and the King’s followers will triumph.

**Romans 12:1-2** Christian conversion makes every moment of life an act of worship to God, a living liturgical act on the model of Christ offering himself to the Father.

**Matthew 16:21-27** Peter is once again at the center of the narrative. He has just recognized Jesus as Messiah and now refuses to accept that He must suffer His passion and death. In reflecting Peter’s comment as a temptation, Jesus addresses His disciples of every age. His disciples will never taste true life unless they follow their master on the way of the cross.
Stewardship of Treasure:

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Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal

This weekend, August 22-23, our Second Collection will support the annual Mission Cooperative Plan Appeal for our diocese.

Our parish mission organization is Congregation of the Holy Spirit. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters who do not have access to basic pastoral services that support and grow their faith, like Mass, the sacraments, religious education as well as basic needs – like food, shelter and healthcare. You can support these organizations through the Second Collection this weekend. If donating by check, please make your check payable to our parish and put “MCP” in the memo line. Through your support, the MCP Appeal helps these mission organizations form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the global Church. Your generosity is appreciated.

Stewardship Reflection

“Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?” - Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything - God already owns it all. God made everything. All we can do is return a portion of God’s many gifts back to Him. Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

Through your generous sharing, you just may be the answer to someone’s prayer.

2020 Knights of Columbus Council Scholarships

Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council 7566 has selected its three student scholarship recipients. The Council congratulates the following students for their achievements and contributions, awarding each a $1,000 scholarship. All three of this year’s scholarship recipients highlight an important teaching of St. Frances DeSales: “Be Who You Are and Be That Well.”

Mary Katherine McManus graduated this year from South Lakes High School and will attend the University of Virginia. Mary Katherine excelled in academics with a cumulative 4.58 GPA and was a member of the Math Honor Society, which included tutoring other students in math; was a leader her senior year of the Japanese National Honor Society; was a member of Future Business Leaders of America; and was a member of the Business & IT Honor Society. At the parish, Mary Katherine looked for ways she could serve, from being an altar server, to joining a youth group, to being a co-catechist with her mom for several years, to being a catechist. An active Girl Scout for 13 years, she volunteered at Scout events by helping younger troops. She also served her community on numerous occasions, including volunteering at a local nursing home. During 2018, Mary Katherine organized a fundraiser with three other friends and raised over $8,000 for the NephCure Kidney International Fundraiser.

Yara Elias Bawab graduated this year from South Lakes High School and will attend Villanova University. Yara’s academic achievements included being a member of the National Honor Society and the Math Honor Society. She served on the South Lakes Executive Leadership Council and was chosen to be a student speaker and recipient of the Bruce Butler Faculty Leadership Award during graduation. She received her International Baccalaureate diploma with a 4.31 GPA. An active participant in community service, she was an altar server at the parish for eight years, assisted with making a video for new altar server training, and helped with several Faith Formation classes. In addition, Yara tutored a special needs child. She also participated in the BE AMYazing Reston Youth Triathlon, first as a volunteer, then as a chairperson, and finally as a director for the past two years.

Emily Hudenburg is entering her senior year at George Mason University. Emily has made the Dean’s List every semester and is the historian for the Psychology Honor Society at GMU. She has served as a volunteer at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter and as a volunteer teaching assistant at a local elementary school. As a parishioner, Emily realized the Christian value of giving back to those in need. She firmly believes that “doing for the least of my brothers” is a guide for life, not just another slogan. Her educational objective is to become a middle school guidance counselor. Through her own life experiences, she understands the importance of having someone in the school system that you feel comfortable to talk to in time of need. Emily’s desire, commitment, and choice to take the path of helping young people struggling with mental health issues is truly a gift.

Faith Formation Reminder!

Online registration for Fall classes closes on Friday, August 28. Registrations after this date will need to be done in person at the Faith Formation Office with a $25 late fee. Contact the Faith Formation Office at 703-860-2815 for details.
Faith and Racial Equity Program
The SJN Racial Justice Ministry invites you to participate in “Faith and Racial Equity: Exploring Power and Privilege,” an eight-week formation program from JustFaith Ministries. Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, the program invites participants to engage in conversations about race and racism in our world today; encourages honest dialogue about power and privilege and how they contribute to racial disparities; and provides an opportunity to discern practical action steps toward working for racial equity. The course will begin with a retreat on September 12 at 9:00am and continue through weekly sessions ending in early November. The retreat and weekly sessions will be held via Zoom. We will have three small groups: one meeting at 10:00am on Tuesdays, another meeting at 10:00am on Thursdays, and a third meeting at 7:00pm on Thursdays. To sign up, contact Tom and Michele Costello at mgc742@hotmail.com.

Cornerstones Back to School Drive
This activity really needs your support! It’s shaping up to be a challenging year for students in our community. Help us ensure they have the backpacks and supplies needed to succeed this school year. Even though they won’t be traveling to school every day, these children will be carrying their school work and supplies to child care, grandparents, or other family members households, as their parents continue to work during the pandemic. The backpack is like a briefcase in which students can keep their work safe and well organized, as they transition between locations. Funds to purchase backpacks and supplies are sorely needed. So far, we have only reached one tenth of our goal! You can donate online at https://www.cornerstonesva.org/donate-now/ or mail a check payable to Cornerstones to 11150 Sunset Hills Rd., Suite 210, Reston, VA 20190. Please be sure to note in the comments section that your donation is for the Back-to-School Drive! Email Nate (nate.king@cornerstonesva.org) with questions.

Cornerstones Van Next Weekend
Please remember our neighbors in need by dropping off your non-perishable food donations in the back of the Cornerstones’ van that will be in our parking lot next weekend. Their Food Pantry, which serves those in the Herndon and Reston neighborhoods, is always in need of items such as cereals, oatmeal, cooking oil, sugar, flour, dry beans and canned fruits and vegetables.

Our Prayer Boxes Have Been Beautifully Painted!
If you have recently walked along the prayer loop behind the church or stopped by the pollinator garden at the lower parking lot, you will have noticed the beautiful paintings on the prayer boxes.

The boxes were painted in early August by work camper Alex, and they really are works of art. Alex was also responsible for designing the annual tee shirts for our work camp participants.

Thank you, Alex, for sharing with our parish the talent God has given you!

Mass Intentions
Mass Intentions for the first half of 2021 will open on Tuesday, September 8. As an alternative, you can have Mass said as one of the daily Masses at the Oblates Retirement Home in Childs, MD. Mass cards for the deceased as well as for Special Intentions can be obtained at the parish office. They can also be secured online at www.dsaenrollment.com.

Season of Creation
On September 1, the universal Church, along with the Orthodox Church and many of our Christian brothers and sisters across the globe, begins a "Season of Creation" which extends through October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. This is a privileged time for all persons of faith to consider spiritual and corporal acts of mercy towards our common home and all those living in it.

At first these acts are likely to be "simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness (Laudato Si’, no. 230)." Through prayer, discernment, and contemplation of God’s presence in creation, each person will find the Holy Spirit inviting him or her to make further changes in his or her daily lives.” From USCCB Statement

We have many activities planned to celebrate the Season of Creation at St. John Neumann. Check the bulletin in the coming weeks for more information from the Care for our Common Home Ministry.

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