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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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

Matthew 16:24

Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”
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
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• Victim’s Assistance for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales: Kate McCauley, LCSW, 571-766-6840

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the parish, I extend our gratitude and appreciation to Chris Schroeder, Catherine Crawford, Giuseppe Rossi, and Chris Booker whose service on the Pastoral Council comes to an end. A special note of thanks as they agreed to stay on several months longer due to the pandemic. This allowed more time with the selection process for new members.

I am delighted to announce beginning September 1, parishioners Mark Mechler, Celeste Jaramillo, Tim Robinson, and Ellen Sheets will be joining the Pastoral Council for a three-year term. Thanks to all who expressed interest in serving.

Mark and his wife Michelle have been in the parish for the past nine years. Recently retired, he has helped with decorating the church for Christmas. He has also been a van driver for Hypothermia.

Celeste who is originally from Ecuador is fairly new to the parish. She brings with her a wealth of pastoral experience. Celeste is looking forward to participating in the different ministries and sharing her knowledge and experience with the Council especially in regards to our Spanish community.

Tim Robinson and his wife Michelle have been in the parish for the past nine years. Recently retired, he has helped with decorating the church for Christmas. He has also been a

van driver for Hypothermia.

Ellen Sheets and her family have been parishioners for the past 24 years with the exception of five years living abroad for work assignments. She has been involved in different ministries in the parish including as a faith formation catechist. Ellen looks forward to contributing to the Council as an “empty nester.”

In regards to the parish Finance Council, many thanks and appreciation go out to Frank Francois and Greg Corliss for their years of service and sharing their expertise in helping the parish be good stewards. I am happy to announce that Joe Burke, a parishioner since 2005 will be joining the Council and thank him for his willingness to serve.

Effective September 1, our Parish Communications Manager, Megan Rogers will also be the editor of our weekly Bulletin. I want to express our gratitude to Ludy Rauber for her hard work and dedication as the editor these past eight years. Though Ludy is leaving this position, she will be remaining on staff and assisting with clerical work in the finance office. The Bulletin has seen a number of changes and enhancements over the years that Ludy has been at the helm. Again, many thanks to both Ludy and Megan during this time of transition.

Live Jesus,

Fr. Joe
This Sunday’s Readings:
Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

In today’s Gospel Jesus challenges us to lose our life in order to find it. St. Francis de Sales speaks of losing our life so as to find it in Christ through a change of heart.

To lose our life in this sense is to let go of our unhealthy, self-centered loves. That may cause us to suffer. Yet, we must not be disturbed at our imperfections, for holiness consists in letting go of them. How can we abandon them unless we see and overcome them? Our victory consists in being conscious of them and not consenting to them.

As long as we live, we will feel the stirrings of anger and attachments. They ought not to surprise us, for these emotions of the heart are spontaneous natural inclinations. It is not these that we wish to uproot. Holiness does not consist in feeling nothing! What we need to uproot are those actions that are consequences of these emotions, like those murmurings that dissipate our energy, and that we willingly nurture in our heart for days.

To the extent that our beloved Jesus lives in your heart, your whole being will be turned away from a culture that has so often deceived you. Dead to your old life, you will find a new life in Christ. The stars do not stop shining in the sun’s presence. Rather the sunlight is so bright that they are hidden within the sunlight. So, too, we no longer live by ourselves when we live Jesus, for our life is hidden in Christ with God.

Whoever wins your heart has won you wholly. While our heart is the source of our actions, it must be instructed on how it ought to act. If you live Jesus in your heart, you will soon live Him in all your outward ways. As if holding your heart, soul, and will in your own hands, dedicate and consecrate them to God. Little by little as we change the orientation of our heart, we find our true life in living Jesus. We come to love what God loves. Then, like Mary, we can say, “My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord!”

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

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

**Ezekiel 33:7-9** When an army sets siege to a city, the besieged must set up watch at every strategic point. The task of the watchman is to alert the citizens. To ignore his signal is to risk defeat.

**Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9** If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts. One focus of today’s readings is “hearing” or “listening.” We are to listen to one another and to the community. God listens to us. We also must constantly give ear to God’s word; we must constantly “hear His voice.”

**Romans 13:8-10** Love, the new law of Christ, knows no limits. The Christian must never falter before the debts which love imposes.

**Matthew 18:15-20** In order to shed light upon the internal relationships of the community, the evangelist determines what conduct must be followed toward the brothers and sisters who provoke scandal. Everything must be done to bring them back in to the communion of the Church, for the efficaciousness of its prayer depends upon its internal cohesion around Christ.

Daily Mass Intentions

**Saturday, August 29**
Donald Boyle †

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

**Monday, August 31**
Bill Hutnick †

**Tuesday, September 1**
John O’Hara †

**Wednesday, September 2**
John, Aurora and Michael Wagner †††

**Thursday, September 3**
Andrew Earl Schantz †

**Friday, September 4**
Roberto Incer †

**Saturday, September 5**
People of the Parish †

**Sunday, September 6**
Florence Pritchard †
Kathy Bucco †
Feliciano Menendez †
Michelle Estrada Ortez †
Lenny Mathey †

Sacramental Celebrations
**Baptisms:** Parker Scott DiOrio, Finn Patrick McMurtry

Prayer Lists
Please offer your prayers this week for the following:

**Sick:** Fernando, Joselo, Nayrud, Rodolfo, and Vrigit Guzmán, Joy Mulata

**Deceased:** Edward Beitel, father of Edward; Isabel Gorski, mother of Isabel McGrath; Francisco Belaunde Terry, uncle of Antonio Pastor

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Stewardship Reflection

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”

We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Second Collections

Next weekend, we will be collecting for The Catholic University of America. As the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, founded and sponsored by the bishops of the country with the approval of the Holy See, The Catholic University of America is committed to being a comprehensive Catholic and American institution of higher learning, faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 12 schools.

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.

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.

Faith and Racial Equity Program Showing “Just Mercy” via Zoom

The SJN Racial Justice Ministry invites you to a showing of the award-winning 2019 film, Just Mercy, on Friday, September 11, at 6:30pm via Zoom. It tells the true story of Walter McMillian, a Black man convicted and sentenced to death in Alabama in 1988 for a crime he did not commit.

This is the first of a series of events in our fall program, “Healing Division: Exploring Issues of Racial Justice in Our Society and Our Church.” Two weeks later, on Friday, September 25, at 7:00pm, we’ll host a talk by Fr. Tuck Grinnell, “The Virus of Racism,” also via Zoom.

Please RSVP to racial.justice.sjn@gmail.com so we can send you the Zoom link.

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.

St. Augustine

New Series For Young Adults!

Our parish young adults are excited to kick off the year once again! We are starting the year with a new series, “A Biblical Walk Through the Mass” by Dr. Edward Sri. We will come to understand why the Mass is structured the way it is, and to be able to dive deeper and appreciate the Eucharist even more. All young adults are welcome to join. The study will begin September 1 and will proceed every Tuesday from 7:30-9:00pm.

We will start by meeting virtually, via Zoom. If you would like information on how to join, email Eric Munoz at emunoz@saintjn.org.

Monthly Prayer Vigil

Please join us next Saturday, September 5, for our parish Prayer Vigil for Peace, Life, and Justice. We’ll celebrate the Season of Creation (from September 1st to October 4th) and pray for the Pope’s intention for September, “that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.” The vigil is 4:00-4:45pm via Zoom. We'll pray the Scriptural Rosary for Justice and Peace, reflect on God’s Word in Scripture, and offer our intentions to our merciful Savior. If you're not already on our prayer vigil email list, RSVP to Ken Fredgren at fredgren.k@gmail.com or Bob More at rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com so we can send the Zoom link for the vigil.
Thank You For Your Generous $4,500 to Helping Hungry Kids!
One of the recipients of our Annual Car Raffle proceeds, Helping Hungry Kids, is an all-volunteer program providing weekend food bags and snacks to Fairfax County elementary school children who might otherwise go hungry. Here is part of the thank you letter we received from them:

“Due to the support from compassionate donors like yourself, HHK is able to truly make a difference in our students’ lives. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, HHK is assisting the needy school children in our community thanks to the generous support of you and others.

Dogwood Elementary reached out to us early on after schools were shut down, to see if we could try and continue making bags for their students. Dogwood is a Title I school and has a large community of students in need. HHK gives 160 weekend food bags/week to Dogwood through the school year, and that only serves half the school each week. We have been using the remainder of our inventory, along with other donations Dogwood is receiving, and have been able to help provide 300 bags on Fridays at Dogwood. They are a “grab-n-go” site for Fairfax County meals, so the students can get their meals, and take a bag of food for the weekend.

Please know that your support is both appreciated and put to good use at this critical time.”

Help Wanted!!
St. John Neumann Preschool is in need of substitute teachers for the school year. If you love working with young children and have a flexible schedule, we’d love to have you join us. Hours are 9:00am–12:30pm and this is a paid position.

Health and safety guidelines for the pandemic are on our website: https://saintjn.org/preschool/ If interested, please email the Preschool Director, Kathy Dallessandro at Preschool@saintjn.org.

Fellowship Square Needs Volunteers in Reston
This year, Fellowship Square is celebrating 60 years of support to various communities. Their mission is to provide affordable housing and services for older adults. The foundation has residences in several locations, two of which are in Reston. These Fellowship Houses are in Lake Anne and Hunters Woods. Each month the Fellowship Houses receive food donations for residents from local retailers, government agencies and other nonprofit organizations.

Both the Lake Anne and Hunters Woods locations are in need of additional volunteers for food delivery. These volunteers would help to sort food donations and deliver these to the doors of the residents’ apartments. The donations may be heavy, and this role requires physical activity such as walking, bending, stooping, reaching and lifting objects up to 25 pounds.

If you are interested in more information about the volunteer opportunities and guidelines, visit their web site at www.fellowshipsquare.org/volunteers.

FRESHFARM Reston Farmers Market
It appears that the Wednesday afternoon Farmers Market held from 3:00 to 7:00pm in our lower parking lot is continuing to be of great interest to both our parishioners and neighbors! With nineteen merchants, there are certainly some wonderful items for everyone.

You may not be aware that you can do a little “mind-shopping” ahead of time by visiting their website and checking out each of the vendors so you know what they are providing! Visit https://www.freshfarm.org/markets/reston.

Cornerstones Van This 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 this 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.

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.

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