Parish & Ministry Guide

St. John Neumann Catholic Community
11900 Lawyers Road
Reston, Virginia 20191
703-860-8510

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Location: 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM;
              Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
              Mon.–Thurs. (bi-lingual 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
Telephone: Parish Office: 703-860-8510
            Emergency/After Hours: 703-860-8510 x167 or
            703-701-6619
            Liturgy/Music Ministries: 703-860-1236
            Religious Education: 703-860-2815
            FAX: 703-860-2136
Website: www.saintjn.org
Social Media: www.facebook.com/sjnreston
             Instagram: sjnreston

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
       1:30 pm (Spanish Mass)
Weekday: Monday thru Friday 9:00 am
          Wednesday 7:00 pm

Holy Days: To be announced in weekly bulletin & website

Baptism: Preparation class monthly; registration required.
Reconciliation: Saturday, 10:00 am
               Also by appointment
               Communal – seasonal
Marriage: Preparation at least 6 months before marriage date.
Sick/Hospitalized: Call the office to make arrangements for
                  the Sacrament of the Sick or to be put on
                  the Friday Communion call list.
Registration: Fill out a Family Registration Form available at the Office,
             the Welcome Desk after weekend Masses, or on our
             website.
# Parish Staff

## CLERGY
**Pastor**
Rev. Joseph T. Brennan, OSFS 860-8510

**Parochial Vicars**
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**Custodian**
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## LITURGICAL MINISTRY
**Director of Music**
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Marylee Nicholas 860-6150

## FAITH FORMATION
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Megan Gibson 860-6156

**Coord. 6-8**
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Eric Munoz 860-6141

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**Admin. Assistant**
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## OUTREACH
**Director of Outreach**
Jo-Ann Duggan 860-6149
Parish Mission Statement

We, the faithful of Saint 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.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council is the principal planning body for St. John Neumann. Its 12 members, who serve three-year terms, function as advisers to our pastor on all aspects of parish life. sjn.pc@saintjn.org

Chris Booker  Catherine Crawford  Margaret Emerson
Peter Flynn   Jim Gilstrap    Kirsten Hope
Carol Raphael Giuseppe Rossi Lourdes Sandoval (Secretary)
Jim Schopper  Chris Schroeder (Chair) Mary Townsend
            Mickie Abatemarco and Greg Corliss (Ex-Officio)

Finance Committee

The Finance Council provides advice and counsel to our pastor about the financial aspects of the operation of the parish in keeping with the church’s code of Canon Law. sjn.fc@saintjn.org

Nelson Alvarado Tony Cancelosi Greg Corliss
Frank Francois (Chair) Dean Guerro Paula Kramp
John McCarthy Amy Persil
St. John Neumann Parish:  
Past, Present and Future

As the number of families and Catholics in Reston and the surrounding area increased dramatically in the late 1970s, Bishop Thomas J. Welsh realized the need for a second Catholic parish in Reston.

And so, on July 5, 1979, Bishop Welsh created our parish and named it after St. John Neumann, a member of the Redemptorist Order and the fourth bishop of Philadelphia (1852 to 1860). This saintly priest, who died while walking in heavy snow to visit a sick parishioner, was canonized on June 19, 1977.

St. John Neumann was founded to serve the people of South Reston and parts of Herndon, Vienna and Fairfax, with the ministry of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales.

For the first three years, while preparation and construction of the new Church was underway, weekend Masses were celebrated on Sunday mornings in the theater in the Hunters Woods Center and daily Mass was celebrated in parishioners’ homes. The first rectory was located at 11901 Blue Spruce Road.

On June 28, 1982, the 550 seat church was dedicated. It is located on the 18 acres of parish property off Lawyers Road. Within three years, the $1.1 million debt was amortized and plans were made to expand the parish facilities. The parish center and rectory were built during 1990-91, at a cost of $3 million. The generosity of the parishioners was again evident as St. John Neumann completed a major expansion of the church in 2004 to better serve our community.

In 40 years, the parish has grown from the initial 800 families to nearly 4,000 families. The Oblates’ decision to come to St. John Neumann means that the order has made a commitment to staff the parish with its own Oblate priests.

At the same time, and in keeping with the spirit of Vatican II, major roles in the administration of St John’s are shared with members of the laity. Thus lay persons serve in several pastoral and administrative positions. The Staff, Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council advise the Pastor in major areas of policy and planning.
The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

The Oblates trace their roots to the dream of St. Francis de Sales.

It was a dream born of a conviction - that all people, of every social stratum, of every position, of every job, talent, or condition were called to holiness. St. Francis de Sales did it by his preaching, his teaching, and by his writings.

He wanted to found an order that would be dedicated to carrying on this work after his death, but he died without seeing this dream fulfilled. It was years later in 1873, the Father Louis Brisson founded the Oblates for the sole purpose of spreading the spirit and doctrine (“the dream”) of St. Francis de Sales.

Fr. Brisson sent the first Oblate to White Plains, New York, in 1893. From that time on the Oblates gradually spread throughout North America while at the same time expanding throughout Europe, Africa, South America and India.

In the United States, they have worked in every apostolate where a need was manifested. They opened schools, staffed parishes, established retreat houses, and built summer camps. At the same time, the Oblates have witnessed their Christian faith by living and working in the inner-city neighborhoods and serving as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, on college campuses and as military chaplains.

The Oblates first came to Virginia in 1956 when then Bishop Russell of Richmond asked them to staff Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Vienna. In 1964, Bishop Ireton High School was opened and began operation under the direction of the Oblates. Then, four years after the Oblates took over St. John Neumann parish, Bishop Welsh asked them to open and staff another high school, named Paul VI.

The Oblates’ presence in this diocese keeps alive the dream of St. Francis de Sales - to teach and preach the word of God - and to help people to know God by means of the gentle Salesian spirituality.
Salesian Founders

The two portraits at the entrance to the church are St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. They were the founders of Salesian Spirituality: the spirituality that animates St. John Neumann Catholic Community.

St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622
(Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Founder, Missionary)

St. Francis de Sales had an optimistic concept of God and man, and as a result there was a quiet joyfulness in his soul. His religious spirit sparkled with supernatural joy. The reflection of his joyful nature extends down to us in our own every day, ordinary, physical and psychological life as well.

He had a fine sense of humor, which was often revealed in his words. His education, and his knowledge of psychology, fueled a deep desire that we develop and preserve a joyful state as well. It was St. Francis de Sales’ mission to break new ground in the idea of religious joy. He shed light on the joyful character of Catholic devotion. His preaching emphasized that preservation of a joyful temperament was a moral duty and he denounced sadness as an “exceptionally dangerous condition.”

St. Francis de Sales does not want us to give way to anxiety or depression. If the soul is humble, or even just a beginner in humility, it will not be surprised if it falls once in a while. God Himself is not astounded or angry at our failures because He knows we are weak. As St. Francis de Sales tells, “You have only to return to the good as soon as you notice you have strayed from it. Remain true to this and you will always live really happily.”

St. Jane de Chantal 1572-1641
(Wife and Mother, Widow, Founder)

Jane met Francis in 1604. They immediately established a bond of friendship that was to produce a Gospel-based spirituality that vibrantly endures to this day. Together they founded the Order of the Visitation in 1610. Like Francis, Jane was a good spiritual guide. She directed the members of the order and was sought out by many people.

A combination of humanness and holiness like Francis and Jane exemplified can help us strengthen our souls and grow in spirituality. While devotion to God was always Jane and Francis’ primary goal, they always recognized the necessity of working in the real world with real and fallible people. They wanted devotion to be appealing to others. Consequently, they had little time for harsh asceticism, which only served to put people off.

“We cannot always offer God great things, but at each instant we can offer little things with great love.”
Worship

Acknowledging that the heart of parish life is the celebration of the Eucharist, from which flows our worship, sacraments and prayer, we commit to engaging all parishioners to more fully participate in worship.

**Worship Ministries – Music**

Choir - Children
- PreK – Grade 2, Grades 3-6 and Grades 6-12
  Heather Smith, youthchoirs@saintjn.org

Choir - Contemporary
  5pm Sunday
  Paul Hanover, sjncontempchoir@gmail.com

Choir – Festival
  9:30am Sunday
  CJ Capen, cjcapan@saintjn.org

Choir – Schola
  11:30am Sunday
  CJ Capen, cjcapan@saintjn.org

Choir – Spanish
  1:30 pm Sunday
  Grace Duran, grzd001@gmail.com

Women’s Ensemble
  5:00pm Saturday
  Nikki Rosengren, nprosngrn@gmail.com

**Worship Ministries – Prayer**

Adoration
  Second Thursday
  Patty Bartnick, pbartnick@saintjn.org

Contemplative Prayer Weekdays
  Janet Broderick, broderickjmb@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer Evenings
  Catherine Cain, cpcain50@gmail.com

Prayer Chain
  Mary Steen, msteen@saintjn.org

Prayer Vigil for Peace
  Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com
  Ken Fredgren, fredgren.k@gmail.com

Taize
  CJ Capen, cjcapan@saintjn.org
Worship Ministries – Liturgy

Altar Servers
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Baptismal Garments
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Children’s Liturgy of the Word
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Eucharistic Ministers at Mass
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Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound
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Family Mass
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Funeral Reception Committee
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Holy Housekeepers
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Legion of Mary (Spanish)
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Sound System
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Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper
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Ushers & Youth Ushers
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Video Recording of 9:30 Mass
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Wedding Coordinator
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Welcome Desk/Mass Greeters
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Formation

Recognizing each person’s call to be a disciple of Christ, we commit to fostering lifelong engagement and formation that flows reciprocally from womb to tomb.

Adapted Religious Education  George Dellagairino,
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Companions on the Journey  Thursday, 7:30pm
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Cursillo  Bob Trainor, btrainor71@cox.net

Faith Formation, Pre-K-5  Megan Gibson, mgibson@saintjn.org

Faith Formation, Grades 6-8  Angela Davis, adavis@saintjn.org

Little Rock Scripture Study  Janet Broderick, brodericktj6@gmail.com

RCIA  Rose Bennett, rose.bennett8@verizon.net

Road to Emmaus  Monday, 7:00pm
John White, whitejohnb99@gmail.com

Salesian Spirituality  Carol Swiger, clswiger@aol.com

Welcome Home (Returning Catholics)  Mickie Abatemarco,
mabatemarco@saintjn.org

Youth Ministry (High School)  Eric Munoz, emunoz@saintjn.org
Community

Believing that community begins with hospitality and welcome for all, we commit to encountering intercultural, intergenerational, and diverse groups as we foster the engagement of all in the parish.

50+ Club
Carol Raphael@drcarol@gmail.com

Boy Scout Troop 124
Monday, 7:00pm
David Shacochis, daveshac@gmail.com

Coffee after 7:30 Mass
Patty Kwapniewski,
And 9:30 Mass
pkwapniewski@saintjn.org

Knights of Columbus
Chris Gallagher, GrandKnight@kofc7566.us

Mothers' Group
Sarah Norman, momsgroup@saintjn.org

Movie Night for Adults
Mary Zane, mpz_06@verizon.net
Diana Glod, diana530@verizon.net

Movie Night for Kids
Vicki Martinson,
martinsonvicki@gmail.com

Praying College Moms
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Prison Ministry/Kairos for Men
Pat Schambach, pat.schambach@gmail.com

Prison Ministry/Kairos for Women
Barbara Emery, memery1@gmail.com

Shawl Ministry
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Young Adult Ministry
Eric Munoz, saintjnya@gmail.com
Service

Responding to the call to be a people of mercy and justice through compassionate service, we commit to incorporating Catholic Social Teaching as a living part of our faith and service, bringing the Gospel to bear on the issues of the day and the challenges of our community.

Card Ministry                     Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Care for our Common Home          Janet Broderick, brodericktj6@gmail.com
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Carpenter Shelter                Rita Schoka, ritaschoka@comcast.net
Cornerstones - Backpacks          Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Cornerstones - Birthday Gifts     Linda Preston, lmpreston1@gmail.com
Cornerstones – Christmas "Angel Tree Gifts" Maura and Joe Burke,
                                    burkejoesam@gmail.com,
                                    maura_burke@hotmail.com
Cornerstones – Christmas "Gifts for Kids" Mary Kay Crain, crain3106@outlook.com
Cornerstones – Monthly Food Collection Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Cornerstones – Thanksgiving Baskets Pat Hancock, Pattihanck@aol.com
Divorced and Separated Ministry   Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Emergency Assistance             Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Grade School Mentoring at Hunters' Woods

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Hyothermia Prevention

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Shelter Week

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Meals Ministry

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Pax Christi

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Pro-Life Ministry

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Samaritans

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So Others Might Eat (SOME)

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Social Justice

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Tea Party at Hunters' Woods

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The Closet

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Welcome the Stranger

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**Stewardship**

Answering the call to be good stewards of the parish facilities, finances and human resources, we commit to empowering the community to pray, grow and serve.

Landscape Committee  
Mark Gosselin, mgosselin@saintjn.org

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Electronic donations or e-giving, allows you to schedule donations on a recurring basis which best suits your income stream. In addition to scheduling your Sunday donations, you can also designate amounts to be given for the special collections taken throughout the year. You enter the amount you want to give, and when you want to give, from your checking account, savings account or your credit card.

E-giving saves you the effort of writing a check each week while helping St. John Neumann manage its cash flow more effectively. To set up electronic donations, please visit the Stewardship page of our website at www.saintjn.org/stewardship.