

Parish & Ministry Guide

St. John Neumann Catholic Community
11900 Lawyers Road
Reston, Virginia 20191
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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 4:00 PM;
Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM;
Mon.–Thurs. (bi-lingual 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM)
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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](https://www.instagram.com/sjnreston)
Twitter: [@RestonST](https://twitter.com/RestonST)

Mass Schedule:
Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm
2:00 pm (Spanish Mass)
Daily: Monday thru Friday 9:00 am

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 six 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

Rev. Donald J. Heet, OSFS 860-8510

Rev. Michael C. Vannicola, OSFS 860-8510

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Coord. 6-8 Angela Davis 390-2345

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Admin. Assistant Betsy Puzanghero 860-6155

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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	Margaret Emerson (Secretary)	Linda Ferguson
Flynn (Vice-Chair)	Thomas Flynn	Peter Flor Graves
Chris Hyland	Carol Raphael	Giuseppe Rossi
Chris Schroeder	Mickie Abatemarco and Gerard Eldering (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	Dean Guerro (Chair)	Dave Anderson (Ex-Officio)
Joe Burke	Paula Kramp	Joe Brennan, OSFS (Pastor)
John McCarthy	Amy Persil	Patty Kwapniewski (Ex-Officio)

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)

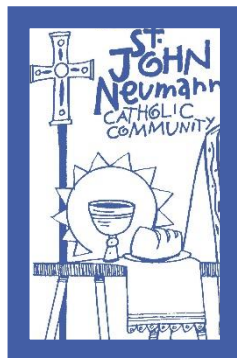
Jane met Francis in 1604. They immediately established a bond of friendship that was to produce a Gospel-based spirituality that vibrantly endures to this day. Together they founded the Order of the Visitation in 1610. Like Francis, Jane was a good spiritual guide. She directed the members of the order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

Choir – Spanish

1:30 pm Sunday

Freddy Guillen, freddy.guillen@hotmail.com

Women's Ensemble

5:00pm Saturday

Nikki Rosengren, nprosngrn@gmail.com

Worship Ministries – Prayer

Adoration

Second Thursday

Tricia Russman, prussman@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, cjcapen@saintjn.org

Worship Ministries – Liturgy

Altar Servers	<u>Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Baptismal Garments	Nancy Morales, <u>moralesnak@gmail.com</u>
Children’s Liturgy of the Word	Chris Overton, <u>chris.overton86bears@gmail.com</u>
Eucharistic Ministers at Mass	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Friday after 9:00 am Mass Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Family Mass	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Funeral Reception Committee	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Holy Housekeepers	Claire Burchell, <u>burchellc@verizon.net</u>
Legion of Mary (English)	Angelo Schiavone, <u>angeloschiavone193@gmail.com</u>
Legion of Mary (Spanish)	Marlen Romero, <u>marlenromero0326@gmail.com</u>
Linen Committee	Catherine Crawford, <u>catherine.l.crawford@gmail.com</u>
Liturgy Committee	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Ministers of the Word	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Sound System	CJ Capen, <u>cjcapen@saintjn.org</u>
Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper	Jo-Ann Duggan, <u>jduggan@saintjn.org</u>
Ushers & Youth Ushers	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Video Recording of Masses	Fr. Don Heet, <u>dheet@saintjn.org</u>
Wedding Coordinator	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>
Welcome Desk/Mass Greeters	Tricia Russman, <u>prussman@saintjn.org</u>

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, della1234@comcast.net
Companions on the Journey	Thursday, 7:30pm John Young, jhy11571@aol.com
Cursillo	Bob Trainor, btrainor71@cox.net
Faith Formation, Pre-K-5	Thomas Patchan, tpatchan@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, drkarol@gmail.com
Boy Scout Troop 124	Monday, 7:00pm Dan Ambrose,
Coffee after 7:30 Mass And 9:30 Mass	Patty Kwapniewski, pkwapniewski@saintjn.org
Knights of Columbus	John Moran, 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	Liz Hild, lizhild2411@gmail.com
Prison Ministry/Kairos for Men	Pat Schambach, pat.schambach@gmail.com
Prison Ministry/Kairos for Women	Barbara Emery, memery1@gmail.com
Shawl Ministry	Teresa Westhues, twesthues@yahoo.com
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 Ed Sabo, saboedward@aol.com
Caring & Sharing	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Carpenter Shelter	Rita Schoka, ritaschoka@comcast.net
Cornerstones - Backpacks	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Cornerstones - Birthday Gifts	Linda Preston, lm Preston1@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, Pattihack@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	Kathy Fredgren, fredgren.kathy@gmail.com
Hyothermia Prevention Shelter Week	Pam Dister, pjdister@cox.net Joe Burke, burkejoesam@gmail.com
Meals Ministry	Diane Trentacoste, dftbiz@gmail.com
Nino Jesus – Scholarship support of Sister Parish	Damian Gullo, dtgreston@gmail.com Jack Gazley, ninoJesus@saintjn.org
Pax Christi	Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com
Pro-Life Ministry	Bill Eager, artbyeager@gmail.com
Racial Justice Ministry	Bob More, racial.justice.sjn@gmail.com
Samaritans	Bettine Montgomery, ehmontgomery@verizon.net
Social Justice	Katherine Lins, sjn.socialjustice@gmail.com
Tea Party at Hunters' Woods	Gail Schlett, unitedgail@comcast.net
The Closet	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Voices	Tom Costello,
Welcome the Stranger	John White, sjnwelcome@gmail.com

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

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How to Make Electronic Contributions

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/stewardshi/online-giving.

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