

Parish & Ministry Guide

**St. John Neumann
Parish
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 Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM;

Telephone: Parish Office: 703-860-8510, en español 703-860-8511
Emergency: 571-464-3603
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
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:10pm

Holy Days: To be announced in weekly bulletin & website

Baptism: Preparation class monthly; registration required.

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 10:00 am, also by appointment

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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Deacon John A. Wagner jwagner@saintjn.org

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Custodian Douglas Alvarado 860-8510

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Coordinator of Liturgy Tricia Russman 860-6151

Music Librarian Amelia Gil-Figueroa 860-6150

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Director Mickie Abatemarco 390-2340

Coord. Pre-K-5 Thomas Patchan 860-6156

Coord. 6-8 Angela Davis 390-2345

Youth & Young Adult Minister Eric Muñoz 860-6141

Admin. Assistant Silvia Bustamante 390-2348

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

Margaret Emerson (Chair)	Linda Ferguson	Peter Flynn
Thomas Flynn	Jim Gilstrap	Flor Graves
Chris Hyland	Celeste Jaramillo	Mark Mechler
Carol Raphael (Secretary)	Tim Robinson	Ellen Sheets (Vice Chair)

Joe Brennan, OSFS (Pastor) Mickie Abatemarco (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	Dave Anderson (Ex-Officio)	Joe Brennan OSFS (Pastor)
Joe Burke	Dean Guerro (Chair)	Paula Kramp
Patty Kwapniewski (Ex-Officio)	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 original 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 over 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 Neumann 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, that Fr. 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 inner-city neighborhoods and serving as chaplains in hospitals, prisons, 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 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 us, "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)

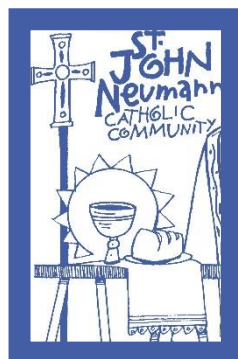
Jane met Francis in 1604. They immediately established a bond of friendship that was to produce a Gospel-based spirituality that vibrantly endures to this day. Together, in 1610, they founded the Order of the Visitation, a religious order for women. Like Francis, Jane was a good spiritual guide. She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

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

5:00pm Sunday
Paul Hanover, sjncontempchoir@gmail.com

Choir – Festival

9:30am Sunday
CJ Capen, cjcapen@saintjn.org

Choir – Spanish

2:00 pm Sunday
Jose Enock Martinez, 571-241-5102

Women's Ensemble

5:00pm Saturday
Nikki Rosengren, nprosngm@gmail.com

Worship Ministries – Prayer

Adoration

Second Thursday
Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org

Contemplative Prayer Weekdays

Contemplative Prayer Evenings

Janet Broderick, broderickjmb@gmail.com
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

Taizé

CJ Capen, cjcapen@saintjn.org

Worship Ministries – Liturgy

Altar Servers	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Baptismal Garments	Nancy Morales, moralesnak@gmail.com
Children’s Liturgy of the Word	Chris Overton, chris.overton86bears@gmail.com
Eucharistic Ministers at Mass	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Friday after 9:00 am Mass Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Family Mass	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Funeral Reception Committee	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Holy Housekeepers	Claire Burchell, burchelc@verizon.net
Legion of Mary (English)	Angelo Schiavone, angeloschiavone193@gmail.com
Legion of Mary (Spanish)	Maggis Duron, Maggisgdd@gmail.com
Linen Committee	Kathie Opiola, jaao@aol.com
Liturgy Committee	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Ministers of the Word	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Sound System	CJ Capen, cjcapen@saintjn.org
Stations of the Cross/ Soup Supper	Jo-Ann Dugan, jduggan@sainjn.org
Ushers & Youth Ushers	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Video Recording of Masses	Fr. Don Heet, deheet@saintjn.org
Wedding Coordinators	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Welcome Desk/Mass Greeters	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org

Formation

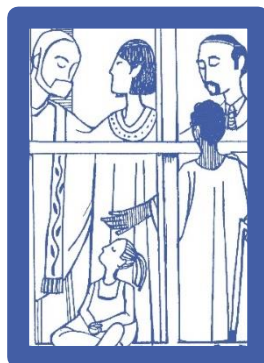
Recognizing each person's call to be a disciple of Christ, we commit to fostering lifelong engagement and formation that flows reciprocally from womb to tomb.



Adult Small Faith Group	Mickie Abatemarco, mabatemarco@saintjn.org
Adapted Religious Education	George Dellagiarino, della1234@comcast.net
Road to Emmaus	Monday 10:00am Louis Wise, wiselouise@gmail.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
Library of Faith Book Study	Thursday, 10:00am and 7:00pm Mickie Abatemarco, mabatemarco@saintjn.org
Little Rock Scripture Study	Michelle Lawrence, runnergirl107@hotmail.com
RCIA	Rose Bennett, rose.bennett8@verizon.net
Salesian Spirituality	Carol Swiger, clswiger@aol.com
Welcome Home (Returning Catholics)	Mickie Abatemarco, mabatemarco@saintjn.org
Youth Ministry (High School)	Eric Muñoz, emunoz@saintjn.org

Community

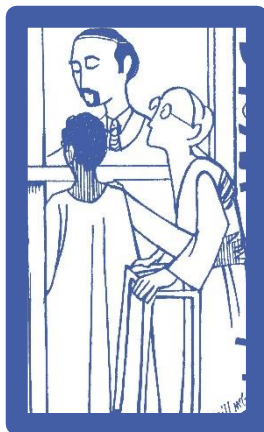
Believing that community begins with hospitality and welcome for all, we commit to encountering intercultural, intergenerational, and diverse groups as we foster the engagement of all in the parish.



Action Committee	First and Third Thursdays, 7:00pm Jessica McInerney, jrhansmac@gmail.com
50+ Club	Carol Raphael, drcarol@gmail.com
Boy Scout Troop 124	Monday, 7:00pm Dan Ambrose leaders.reston124@troopmaster.email
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 Movie	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Night for Kids	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Praying College Moms	Liz Hild, lizhild2411@gmail.com
Prison Ministry/Kairos for Men	Pat Schambach, pat.schambach@gmail.com
Prison Ministry/Kairos for Women	Pat Schambach, pschambach@verizon.net
Shawl Ministry	Teresa Westhues, twesthues@yahoo.com
Young Adult Ministry	Eric Muñoz, 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	Mary Schopper, mary.schopper@gmail.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, sjnhypo@gmail.com Joe Burke, sjnhypo@gmail.com
Meals Ministry	Diane Trentacoste, dftbiz@gmail.com
Nino Jesus – Scholarship support of Sister Parish	Damian Gullo, dtgreston@gmail.com Jack Gazley, ninohesus@saintjn.org
Pax Christi	Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com
Pro-Life Ministry	Bill Eager, artbyeager@gmail.com
Racial Justice Ministry	Tom Costello, tmcostello_20171@yahoo.com
SALT	Bob Stewart, grobertystewart1@gmail.com
Samaritans	Bettine Montgomery, ehmontgomery@verizon.net
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Tea Party at Hunters' Woods	Gail Schlett, unitedgail@comcast.net
The Closet	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Virginia Catholi Conference	Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com
VOICE	Linda Ferguson, Lferguson191@gmail.com
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.

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/stewardship/online-giving.



How to Report Sexual or Other Forms of Abuse

Emergency, call 911

Fairfax County Police: (703) 691-2131

Loudoun County Police: (703) 777-1021

Arlington County Police: (703) 558-2222

Fairfax County Child Protective Services Hotline: (703) 324-7400

Virginia Child & Adult Protective Services: (800) 552-7096 or
(703) 228-1500

Diocese of Arlington Office of Victim Assistance: Dr. Frank Moncher,
(703) 841-2530, victimassistance@arlingtondiocese.org

Victim's Assistance for the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales: Kate
McCauley, LCSW, (571) 766-6840, katemccauleylcsw@gmail.com

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