



Parish & Ministry Guide

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

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ST. JOHN NEUMANN CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Location:** 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston, VA 20191
- Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Telephone:** Parish Office: 703-860-8510, en español 703-860-8511
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Religious Education: 703-860-2815
FAX: 703-860-2136
- Email:** info@saintjn.org
- Website:** www.saintjn.org
- Social Media:** www.facebook.com/sjnreston
Instagram: sjnreston
- Mass Schedule:**
- Saturday:** 5 p.m.
- Sunday:** 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5 p.m.
2 p.m. (en español)
- Daily:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:10 p.m. (except during the summer months)
- Holy Days:** To be announced in weekly bulletin and website.
- Baptism:** Preparation class monthly; registration required.
Contact the Religious Education Office for details.
- Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 10 a.m., also by appointment.
- Marriage:** Preparation at least six months before marriage date.
Contact the Parish Office to be referred to a Priest/Deacon.
- Sick/Hospitalized:** Call the office to make arrangements for the Anointing 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

(Please use the 703 area code for all numbers)

CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. Joseph T. Brennan, OSFS 860-8510

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Donald J. Heet, OSFS 860-8510

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS 860-8510

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Director of Music J.J. Mitchell 390-2352

Coordinator of Liturgy Tricia Russman 860-6151

Music & Liturgy Administrator Amelia Gil-Figueroa 860-6150

FAITH FORMATION

Director Jean Lupinacci 390-2340

Coord. for Grades Pre-K-5 Phil Prinzivalli 860-6156

Coord. for Grades 6-8 Angela Davis 390-2345

Youth & Young Adult Minister Eric Muñoz 860-6141

Administrative Assistant Silvia Bustamante 390-2348

Office Coordinator Betsy Puzzanghero 860-6155

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Director Jo-Ann Duggan 860-6149

PRESCHOOL

Director Kathy Dallessandro 860-6158

Parish Mission Statement

*We, the faithful of
St. John Neumann Catholic Church,
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

David Braun	Linda Ferguson (Chair)	Thomas Flynn
Colin Frosch	Flor Graves	Fredis Guillen
Chris Hyland	Dan Rode	Tricia Russo
Lourdes Sandoval	Liz Skarlatos	Jennie Uhl (Vice Chair)
Joe Brennan, OSFS (Pastor)	Jo-Ann Duggan (Ex-Officio)	

Finance Council

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

Joe Burke	Cathy Cain	Dean Guerro (Chair)
Paula Kramp	Amy Persil	Tim Robinson
Chris Schroeder		
Joe Brennan OSFS (Pastor)	Dave Anderson (Ex-Officio)	Patty Kwapniewski (Ex-Officio)

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

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.

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 44 years, the parish has grown from the initial 800 families to over 2,400 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 work of God—and to help 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 Church.

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 a "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 p.m. Sunday

Paul Hanover, sjncontempchoir@gmail.com

Choir — Festival

9:30 a.m. Sunday

J.J. Mitchell, jmitchell@saintjn.org

Choir — Spanish

2 p.m. Sunday

Rudy Amaya, 703-371-7591

Women's Ensemble

5 p.m. Saturday

Nikki Rosengren, nprosngnr@gmail.com

Worship Ministries — Prayer

Adoration

Second Thursday

Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org

Contemplative Prayer Weekdays

Janet Broderick, broderickjmb@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer Evenings

Marie Kordes, mzkordes@comcast.net

Legion of Mary (English)

Angelo Schiavone,

angeloschiavone193@gmail.com

Legion of Mary (Spanish)

Rosario Zelaya, charito.zelaya@icloud.com

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Itzel Cooper, itzelsaez@yahoo.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

J.J. Mitchell, jmitchell@saintjn.org

Worship Ministries — Liturgy

Altar Servers	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Art and Environment Committee	Richard Russo, hybridia@aol.com
Baptismal Garments	Nancy Morales, moralesnak@gmail.com
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Eucharistic Ministers at Mass	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound	Friday after 9 a.m. Mass Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Funeral Reception Committee	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Holy Housekeepers	Claire Burchell, burchelc@verizon.net
Lectio for Lectors and Others	Fr. Don Heet, dheet@saintjn.org
Linen Committee	Kathie Opiola, jao@aol.com
Ministers of the Word	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Sound System	J.J. Mitchell, jmitchell@saintjn.org
Stations of the Cross/ Soup Supper	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Ushers	Tricia Russman, prussman@saintjn.org
Video Recording of Masses	Fr. Don Heet, dheet@saintjn.org
Wedding Coordinators	Claire Gazlay, j-c-gazlay@outlook.com
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	Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Adapted Religious Education	George Dellagiarino, della1234@comcast.net
Bible Study/Catholic Apologetics Class	Tuesday, 7 p.m. Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Branching Out (6-8 Grade Youth Ministry)	Angela Davis, adavis@saintjn.org
Cursillo	Peter Roth, peterthroth@gmail.com Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Faith Formation, Pre-K-5	Phil Prinzivalli, pprinzivalli@saintjn.org
Little Rock Scripture Study	Michelle Lawrence, runnergirl107@hotmail.com
RCIA	Rose Bennett, rose.benett8@verizon.net
Road to Emmaus	Monday, 10 a.m. Louis Wise, wiselouis@gmail.com
Rooted (6-8 Grade Faith Formation)	Angela Davis, adavis@saintjn.org
Salesian Spirituality	Carol Swiger, clswiger@aol.com
Touchstones Senior Men's Faith Sharing Group	Second and Fourth Thursdays, 10 a.m. Dennis Fargo, dennis.fargo@gmail.com
Welcome Home (Returning Catholics)	Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@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 p.m. Dennis Fargo, dennis.fargo@gmail.com
Always Our Children	Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Boy Scout Troop 124	Monday, 7 p.m. Randy Jones, leaders.reston124@troopmaster.email
Coffee after 7:30am Mass and 9:30am Mass	Patty Kwapniewski, pkwapniewski@saintjn.org
Coffee after 9:00am Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	Claire Burchell, burchelc519@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus	Dave Bermingham, GrandKnight@kofc7566.us
Mothers' Group	Sarah Norman, momsgroup@saintjn.org
Movie Night for Adults	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Movie 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
Recovery & Addiction Ministry	Susan Infeld, RN, sinfeld@saintjn.org
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
Car Raffle	Mary Beth Morrow, mb_morrow@msn.com
Care for our Common Home	Janet Broderick, brodericktj6@gmail.com Ed Sabo, ed.sabo56@gmail.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, 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 Anne Booker, bookercazet@gmail.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
Health Ministry	Susan Infeld, RN, sinfeld@saintjn.org
Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Week	Pam Dister, snhypo@gmail.com Joe Burke, snhypo@gmail.com
Just Faith	Tom Costello, tmcostello_20171@yahoo.com Michele Costello, mgc742@hotmail.com
Meals Ministry	Diane Trentacoste, dftbiz@gmail.com
Niño Jesus — Scholarship support of Sister Parish	Jack Gazlay, ninojesus@saintjn.org Flor Graves, florch2304@gmail.com
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
Social Action Linking Together (SALT)	Bob Stewart, grobertystewart1@gmail.com
Shelter Meals	Michele Costello, mgc742@hotmail.com
Samaritans	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Social Justice	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Tea Party at Hunters' Woods	Gail Schlett, unitedgail@comcast.net
The Closet	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Virginia Catholic Conference	Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com
Welcome the Stranger	Joe Duffy, jvduffy@aol.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 that 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. Just 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 more effectively manage its cash flow. To set up electronic donations, please visit the Stewardship page of our website at Giving>Managing Electronic Contributions, 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's Office of Child Protection (to report and get support):
703-841-3847 or www.arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection/.

Please visit saintjn.org/action/ for more help.

Preschool

Serving the community by working closely with families to build strong connections to our faith and church community, we commit to providing a loving and nurturing environment in which Catholic values are taught and integrated into the daily lives of our young students.



Our half-day Preschool serves children ages 2^{1/2} to 4 years old. For a tour or more information, please contact the Preschool Director, Kathy Dallessandro at preschool@saintjn.org or 703-860-6158.

The Preschool offers partial scholarships for families who do not have the financial ability to pay full tuition for our program. If you would like to donate to our Scholarship fund and become a Tuition Angel, please send a check made out to St. John Neumann with "Preschool Scholarship Fund" in the memo line to the Parish office.

