



Parish & Ministry Guide

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

11900 Lawyers Road
Reston, Virginia 20191
703-860-8510

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Parish Registration: Complete the SJN Family Registration form, available [on our website](#), the Parish Office, or the Welcome Desk.

Parish Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Telephone: Parish Office: 703-860-8510, español 703-860-6144
Emergency: 571-464-3603
Faith Formation: 703-860-2815
FAX: 703-860-2136

Email: info@saintjn.org

Website: saintjn.org

Social Media: facebook.com/sjnreston
Instagram: [sjnreston](https://www.instagram.com/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. (español)

Daily: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.
Wednesday and Friday, 12:10 p.m. (Sept-May)

Holy Days: Announced in weekly bulletin and website.

Baptism: Preparation classes held monthly (*second Thursday in English and first Sunday in Spanish*); call Faith Formation Office to register (required).

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 Eucharist for the Homebound list.

Parish Staff

(Please use the 703 area code for all numbers)

CLERGY

Pastor

V. Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS 860-8510

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Donald J. Heet, OSFS 860-8510

Rev. Sleeve Raju Kala, OSFS 860-8510

Permanent Deacons

Deacon Atanacio Sandoval

asandoval@saintjn.org

Deacon John A. Wagner

jwagner@saintjn.org

ADMINISTRATION

Office Administrator Patty Kwapniewski 860-6147

Office Secretary Mary Steen 860-8510

Hispanic Coordinator Celia Sandoval 860-6144

Director of Communications Elizabeth Wright 390-2353

Accountant Julie Borrer 860-6142

Bookkeeper Jules Cornette 860-6167

Parish Nurse Susan Infeld, RN 390-2349

Facilities Manager Nelson Alvarez 390-2343

Custodian Alfredo Jimenez 860-8510

Custodian Hever Melgar 860-8510

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Director of Music J.J. Mitchell 390-2352

Coordinator of Liturgy Jay Cuasay 860-6151

Music Associate Danielle Fant 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

OUTREACH

Director Jo-Ann Duggan 860-6149

PRESCHOOL

Director Kathy Dallessandro 860-6158

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Past, Present and Future

As the number of families and Catholics in and around Reston increased dramatically in the late 1970s, Bishop Thomas J. Welsh recognized 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 just two years earlier 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 Community Center and daily Mass was celebrated in parishioners' homes. The first rectory was located at 11901 Blue Spruce Road.

On June 28, 1982, our original 550-seat church (now the Chapel), was dedicated. Growth in the Reston area continued at an amazing rate, and soon attendance exceeded the 550-seat worship area. In 1996, it was decided that a new and larger worship space, classrooms, and offices were needed, and a groundbreaking ceremony was held on October 6, 2002. The new sanctuary was dedicated on May 23, 2004. The parish has now grown from the initial 800 families to over 2,500 families and continues to grow!

Since our inception, the Oblates have committed to staff the parish with its own priests, which means, as parishioners, we enjoy Salesian Spirituality threaded through all we do here at SJN.

In keeping with the spirit of Vatican II, major roles in the administration of St. John Neumann are shared with members of the laity. The Staff, Finance Committee, and the Pastoral Council advise the Pastor in major areas of policy and planning. All parishioners are encouraged to have a voice and be an active part of our present and future.

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

sjn.pc@saintjn.org

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

Liz Skarlatos (Chair)	Antony Davies (Vice Chair)	
Crystal Bahr	Fredis Guillen	Barbara Smith
David Braun	Veronica Pereyra	Jason Wright
Ingrid Braun	Dan Rode	Noelle Xelowski
Bobby Coughlan	Lourdes Sandoval	
Jo-Ann Duggan (Ex-Officio)	Michael S. Murray, OSFS (Pastor)	

Finance Council

sjn.fc@saintjn.org

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.

Dean Guerro (Chair)	Joe Burke	Cathy Cain
Paula Kramp	Amy Persil	Tim Robinson
Chris Schroeder	Michael S. Murray, OSFS (Pastor)	
Julie Borrer (Ex-Officio)	Patty Kwapniewski (Ex-Officio)	



The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

oblates.org

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 call all people to holiness — through the gentleness of Salesian spirituality.

Salesian Spirituality

V + J, *Vive Jesu* (Live Jesus)

Welcome to Salesian Spirituality! *Vive Jesu*, or Live Jesus, is the Oblate motto. It was the guiding principle in the life of St. Francis DeSales and appeared on his own coat of arms. Salesian Spirituality is a way of living the Gospel as learned, lived, and shared by [St. Francis de Sales](#) (1567–1622) and St. Jane de Chantal (1572–1641).

Salesian Spirituality is characterized by what Francis called “the little virtues” such as gentleness, patience, and humility and the idea that all people are called to holiness.

This spirituality is a practical, intentional way of living a devout life by doing all through love and nothing through force. Salesian Spirituality teaches us to engage in heart-to-heart relationships with God and others. It encourages us to embrace fully the present moment and to not look forward to the future with anxiety but to place the future in God’s loving providence.



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



St. Jane de Chantal,
1572-1641
Founder

Jane met Francis in 1604.

They immediately established a bond of friendship that produced 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.

Francis and Jane’s humility and holiness serves as an example to guide us in strengthening our souls and growing in spirituality.

On the two pillars in our narthex are the portraits of St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal reminding us of our own draw to Salesian Spirituality and the mission to “Live Jesus” in our daily life, allowing Jesus to live in us and through us. May Salesian Spirituality guide each of us at St. John Neumann to become a holy whole, person.



Stewardship at SJN

*"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as
good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1 Peter 4:10)*

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord through our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

As St. Francis de Sales said, "To love our neighbor in charity is to love God in man." The following information helps guide us in ways we can share God's gifts to enrich each other, our community, and ourselves.

Stewardship of Treasure

Online contributions allow parishioners to schedule donations one-time or on a recurring basis. The benefit of recurring online contribution is that it allows parishioners the flexibility and convenience of aligning a giving schedule with their family income flow. Recurring online giving also saves time for the steward, eliminating the need to remember envelopes each week and allows SJN to more effectively manage its financial resources and stewardship for the greater good of the entire parish.

In addition to scheduling your Sunday donations, you can also designate amounts to be given for the special collections taken throughout the year or support service funds for the various outreach ministries we support.

To set up online donations, please visit our website at saintjn.org/stewardship/online-giving or scan the QR below.

SJN Online Giving

We are grateful for your dedication and generosity. Thank you for financially supporting our vibrant parish community.



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 (ARE)

George Dellagiarino,
della1234@comcast.net

Branching Out (6-8 Grade Youth Ministry)

Angela Davis, adavis@saintjn.org

Cursillo

Peter Roth, peterroth@gmail.com
Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org

Faith Formation, Grades K-5

Phil Prinzivalli, pprinzivalli@saintjn.org

Little Rock Scripture Study

Michelle Lawrence,
runnergirl107@hotmail.com

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

Mark Mechler, mechler926@gmail.com

Road to Emmaus, Mondays at 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 Group, Second and Fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Dennis Fargo, dennis.fargo@gmail.com

Welcome Home (Returning Catholics)

Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org

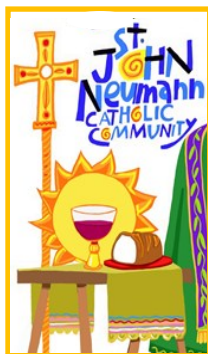
High School Youth Ministry (High School)

Eric Muñoz, emunoz@saintjn.org



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 — 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, nprosngrn@gmail.com

Worship Ministries — Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration

Second Thursday of Each Month
Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org

Contemplative Prayer

Weekdays

Janet Broderick,
broderickjmb@gmail.com

Evenings

Marie Kordes, mzkordes@comcast.net

Legion of Mary (English)

Angelo Schiavone,
angeloschiavone193@gmail.com

Legion de Maria (español),

Rosario Zelaya,
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English Communication Liaison

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	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Art and Environment Committee (<i>Decorating and beautification</i>)	Richard Russo, hybridia@aol.com
Baptismal Garments	Nancy Morales, moralesnak@gmail.com
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound (<i>Fridays after 9 a.m. Mass</i>)	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Funeral Reception Committee	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Holy Housekeepers	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Lectio for Lectors and Others	Fr. Don Heet, dheet@saintjn.org
Linen Committee	Kathie Opiola, jaao@aol.com
Ministers of the Word (Lectors)	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper (<i>Lent</i>)	Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org
Ushers	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org
Livestream Mass Recording	Fr. Don Heet, dheet@saintjn.org
Wedding Coordinators	Claire Gazlay, j-c-gazlay@outlook.com
Welcome Desk/Mass Greeters	Jay Cuasay, jcuasay@saintjn.org



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, broderickjmb@gmail.com

Ed Sabo, ed.sabo56@gmail.com

Carpenter Shelter

Rita Schoka, ritaschoka@comcast.net

Cornerstones — Backpacks

Jo-Ann Duggan, jduggan@saintjn.org

Cornerstones — Birthday Gifts

Linda Preston, lp Preston1@gmail.com

Cornerstones — Christmas Angel Tree Gifts

Maura & 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 Van for 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 (January)

Pam Dister, sjnhypo@gmail.com

Joe Burke, sjnhypo@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 in Ecuador

Jack Gazlay, ninojesus@saintjn.org

Dave Anderson,

daveanderson.va@gmail.com

Celia Sandoval, csandoval@saintjn.org

Pax Christi

Bob More, rmore.paxchristi@gmail.com

Pro-Life Ministry

Bill Eager, artbyeager@gmail.com

Racial Justice Ministry

Chris Offen, offen4@aol.com

Shelter Meals

Michele Costello, mgc742@hotmail.com

Samaritans

Katherine Lins,

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Mother's Day Tea Party at Hunters Woods Fellowship House

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



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 Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.*

John Dister, jmdister@gmail.com

Always Our Children

Jean Lupinacci, jlupinacci@saintjn.org

Scout Troop 124, *Mondays at 7 p.m.*

Randy Jones,
leaders.reston124@troopmaster.email

Sunday Hospitality, *(Following 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass)*

Patty Kwapniewski,
pkwapniewski@saintjn.org

Coffee Social, *(Following 9 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)*

Claire Burchell, burchelc519@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus Family of Man Council 7566, kofc7566.us

John Yesford,
GrandKnight@kofc7566.us

Prison Ministry/Kairos for Men Pat Schambach (Mr.),

pat.schambach@gmail.com

Prison Ministry/Kairos for Women

Pat Schambach (Mrs.),
pschambach@verizon.net

Recovery & Addiction Ministry, *(Al-Anon and Alateen on Fridays at 7 p.m.)*

Susan Infeld, RN, sinfeld@saintjn.org

Young Adult Ministry

Eric Muñoz, saintjnya@gmail.com



St. John Neumann Catholic Preschool

saintjn.org/preschool

St. John Neumann Preschool provides a loving and nurturing environment in which Catholic values are taught and integrated into the daily life of our young students.

Our half-day preschool program, serving children ages 2-1/2 to 4 years old, is designed to prepare young children for their educational future. Early literacy and mathematics materials are used in all classrooms. Additionally, our unique location, backed by acres of woods, provides students with hands-on exploration of God's creation and novel ways to explore the wonders of STEM learning. Age-appropriate elements of religious education are incorporated into monthly themes, and all classes attend monthly chapel time. Play is also encouraged, as all forms of play promote cognitive, social, and emotional opportunities to learn.

For a tour or more information, please contact the Preschool Director, Kathy Dallessandro at preschool@saintjn.org or 703-860-6158.

The Preschool's Tuition Angel program offers partial scholarships for families who do not have the financial ability to pay full tuition for our preschool program. If you would like to donate to our scholarship fund and become a Tuition Angel, please scan the QR code.



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 arlingtondiocese.org/Child-Protection.

Please visit saintjn.org/action for more help.



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

- St. Francis de Sales -

SJN Snapshot Sign Up

A weekly email update on everything happening around St. John Neumann that week. Distributed every Friday morning at 9 a.m.



SJN Newsletter Sign Up

A monthly digital newsletter with articles, written by staff and parishioners on Salesian Spirituality, Catholicism, and other culturally interesting topics for our parishioners. The newsletter is distributed at 9 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month, September through May, with one summer issue in July.

