

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 25, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Outdoor) 4:00 PM
Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday [Labor Day thru Memorial Day] 6:00 PM
Daily (Mon, Wed-Fri) 12:15 PM

CONFESSION

Sunday 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Parents must attend a Parent Baptism Class before the baptism of their child. The class is offered the first Sunday of each month following the 10:00 AM Mass.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the office at least six months prior to the wedding date. The diocese requires Marriage Prep.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND AND SICK, ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the office to request home or hospital visitation.

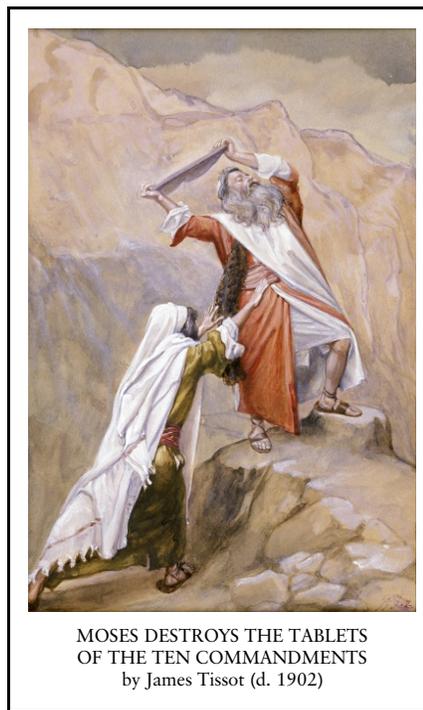
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

"Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against your own people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." —Lev 19:18

The first excerpt below is from St Augustine's (d. 430) Tractate 65 on John. The second is from Pope Benedict XVI's Angelus address of 4 Nov 2012, St Peter's Square. Both speak of Jesus' Last Supper Discourse in which he gives his disciples—and us—a new commandment (John 13:34): "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Such love is impossible without the help of God's grace.



MOSES DESTROYS THE TABLETS
OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
by James Tissot (d. 1902)

BUT wasn't this commandment already part of the ancient law of God, where it is written You shall love your neighbor as yourself ? (Lev 19:18b).

Why, then, is it called a new one by the Lord, when it is really so old?

Is it new because he has divested us of our old humanity and clothed us with the new? It is true that love renews those who listen to it (or rather, those who act in



obedience to it) but it is that particular love which the Lord distinguished from all carnal affection by adding love one another as I have loved you.

This is the love that renews us, making us new men, heirs of the New Testament, singers of the new song. It was this love, my beloved brethren, that renewed the patriarchs and prophets of old, and later renewed the blessed apostles. This is the love that is now renewing the nations, and from among the universal race of man, which overspreads the whole world, is making and gathering together a new people, the body of the newly-married spouse of the only-begotten Son of God.

Of her the Song of Songs says, Who is she who is coming up, clothed in white? (Son 8:5). Clothed in white because she has been renewed; and how else can she have been renewed but by the new commandment?

Because of this, the members of the people of God have a mutual interest in one another; and if one member suffers then all the members suffer with it; and if one member is honored then all the members rejoice with it. For this they hear and this they observe: I give you a new commandment: love one another: not as people who pretend to love in order to corrupt one another, nor indeed as people love one another genuinely but in a human way.

Rather, they love one another as those who belong to God. All of them are children of the Most High and consequently brethren of his only Son. They share with each other the love with which he leads them to the end that will bring them fulfillment and the true satisfaction of their real desires. For when God is all in all, there is no desire that is unfulfilled.

This love is bestowed on us by him who said, Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. He loved us so that we should love one another. By loving us he bound us to one another in mutual love, and by this gentle bond united us into the body of which he is the most noble Head.

POPE BENEDICT XVI

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel (Mark 12:28-34) offers us Jesus' teaching on the greatest commandment, the commandment of love, which is two-fold: love of God and love of neighbor. The Saints, who we have recently celebrated together in a single solemn Feast are precisely those who, trusting in God's grace, tried to live according to this fundamental law. In fact, those who live a profound relationship with God, just as a child becomes capable of loving, starting from a good relationship with his mother and father, may put the commandment of love fully into practice. St John of Avila, who I recently proclaimed a Doctor of the Church, writes at the beginning of his Treatise on the Love of God: "the cause", he says, "that mostly pushes our hearts to love of God is considering deeply the love that He had for us ...

This, beyond any benefit, pushes the heart to love; because he who gives something of benefit to another, gives him something he possesses; but he who loves, gives himself with everything he has, until he has nothing left to give." Before being a command—love is not a command—it is a gift, a reality that God allows us to know and experience, so that, like a seed, it can also germinate within us and develop throughout our life.

If the love of God has planted deep roots in a person, then he is able to love even those who do not deserve it, as God does us. Fathers and mothers do not love their children only when they deserve love; they always love them, though of course, they make them understand when they are wrong. We learn from God to seek only what is good and never what is evil. We learn to look at each other not only with our eyes, but with the eyes of God, which is the gaze of Jesus Christ. A gaze that begins in the heart and does not stop at the surface, that goes beyond appearances and manages to capture the deepest aspirations of the other: waiting to be heard, for caring attention, in a word: love. But the opposite is also true: that by opening myself to another, just as he or she is, by reaching out, by making myself available, I am also opening myself to know God, to feel that he is there and is good. Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable and are mutually related. Jesus did not invent one or the other but revealed that they are essentially a single commandment and did so not only through the Word, but especially with his testimony: the person of Jesus and his whole Mystery embody the unity of love of God and neighbor, like the two arms of the Cross, vertical and horizontal. In the Eucharist he gives us this two-fold love, giving himself, because, nourished by this Bread, we love one another as he has loved us.

Dear friends, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, we pray that every Christian may know how to show his/her faith in the one true God with a clear witness to love of neighbor.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our young parishioners who received FIRST HOLY COMMUNION last weekend:

Jaiden Goffin, Vivian Carlton, Cayden Griffin, Maria Romero

And who received the SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Evan Bernasconi, Sophia Brickner, Lachlan Gill, Jaiden Goffin, Samantha Burke, Evalina Garruba, Jaela Pellerin, Charley Pyle, Nicolette Carlton,

Vivian Carlton, Natlaie Faucher, Grayson Faucher, Jackson Griffin, Cayden Griffin, Hannah Griffin, Benjamin Hamm, Lanai Hickman, Jordan Houde, Joshua Houde, Reagan Pepin, Riley Pepin, Ryan Quinn, Ryland Raudelunas, Maria Romero, Bret Vietry, Cooper Young, San Zerega, Ann Zerega

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 24 (Sat), 5:30 PM	SJN Parishioners
Oct 25 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Gene Schmitt (req. by Alverta & Willie Pelletier)
Oct 25, 10:00 AM	Matthew Harris (req. by Jerry & Sheila Burnett); Robert Lacy (req. by Jerry & Sheila Burnett)
Oct 26 (Mon), 12:00 PM	Connelly Family (living intention)

The Code of Canon Law confirms the practice of offering Mass(es) for particular intentions is ancient: "The Christian faithful who give an offering to apply the Mass for their intention contribute to the good of the Church and by that offering share its concern to support its ministers and works" (945 §2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BISHOP EMERITUS ODORE J. GENDRON 13 Sep 1921-16 Oct 2020

On October 16, 2020, Bishop Emeritus Odore J. Gendron, 7th BISHOP OF MANCHESTER, was called to his rest and to the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the Sacraments. At 99 years old, and having just entered his 100th year last month, Bp. Gendron was the oldest bishop in the United States. Bp. Gendron had been receiving supporting care at Mount Carmel Rehabilitation and Nursing Center for several years.

Odore J. Gendron was born on September 13, 1921 in Manchester, New Hampshire and was ordained a priest on May 31, 1947 by the Most Reverend Matthew F. Brady, D.D., Fifth Bishop of Manchester, at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Manchester. Father Gendron studied at St Charles College, Sherbrooke, PQ, Canada and completed his ecclesiastical studies at St Paul's Seminary in Ottawa, PQ, Canada.

Fr. Gendron was assigned as associate pastor of Guardian Angel Parish in Berlin in June 1947 and then as associate pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Lebanon in December 1952. In May 1960, Fr. Gendron was assigned as associate pastor of St Aloysius Parish in Nashua.

In April 1965, Bishop Ernest J. Primeau, D.D.,

S.T.D. appointed Fr. Gendron as pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Pittsfield. In 1966, he became Diocesan Vicar for Religious for the French-Speaking Communities of Women. In September 1967, Bp. Primeau appointed Fr. Gendron pastor of St Augustin Parish in Manchester where he served until February 1971 when he resigned the pastorate to become Diocesan Vicar for Religious full time. On December 22, 1970, Pope Paul VI named Fr. Gendron a Prelate of Honor with the title of Reverend Monsignor. In April 1972 he was named the first Episcopal Vicar for Religious in the Diocese of Manchester. In January 1974 he became the first Episcopal Vicar for Clergy in the Diocese of Manchester. On December 12, 1974 he was appointed by Pope Paul IV as Bishop for the Diocese of Manchester. The Episcopal Ordination and Installation as Bishop took place on February 3, 1975.

The Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester presided at a MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL at St Joseph Cathedral in Manchester on October 22, 2020 at 10:00AM. The RITE OF COMMITMENT was celebrated after the Mass at The Cathedral Bishops' Cemetery in Manchester, NH.

ADULT CONFIRMATION MASS Sunday, 1 Nov at 2:00 PM

The fall Diocesan Confirmation Mass for adults will take place at ST JOSEPH CATHEDRAL (145 Lowell St, Manchester) on Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 PM. **NOTE: If you're 18 years-of-age or older and you've not yet receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see Fr. Glasgow. The deadline to register is October 26.**

— NOTICE —

- Due to the Saturday 4:00 PM Outdoor Mass, CONFESSION has moved temporarily to Sundays following the 10:00 AM Mass = 11:00/:15 AM - 1:00 PM.
- The Sunday 10:00 AM Mass continues to be LIVE STREAMED at:

<https://www.facebook.com/112258683764613/live/>

- The 12:15 daily Mass is posted Monday, and Wednesday thru Friday to:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh>

- PLEASE NOTE: the 4:00 PM Outdoor Mass

affords the greatest pandemic precautions for those most at risk.

VIRTUAL VOCATION DINNERS

The Lord is continuing to call! We would like to invite men and women in our diocese who are considering a vocation in the Church or would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, to a virtual evening of prayer and conversation with the Vocations Team of the Diocese of Manchester. For more information and to REGISTER: <liveinblackandwhite.com>.

- Virtual **St Andrew Dinner** w/ MEN OF ALL AGES: Friday, November 13, 7:00 PM.
- Virtual **Miriam Dinner** w/ WOMEN OF ALL AGES: Friday, November 20, 7:00 PM.

Be a Faithful Catholic Citizen: VOTE!

www.catholicnh.org/voting

The obligation to participate in political life is rooted in our baptismal commitment to follow Jesus Christ and to bear Christian witness in all we do." —US Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (No. 13).

A new VOTING PAGE has been set up on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org/voting as a central portal for information on the mechanics of registration and voting, and on the issues that Catholics should consider before they cast their votes. It contains links to the NH Secretary of State's Elections Division and also to the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) on Faithful Citizenship, which includes a number of prayer resources as well.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP) Practitioner Education Scholarship

Limited scholarship funds are available for those seeking certification to instruct others in the practice of NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP). Upon completion, scholarship recipients will support their Deanery's efforts to instruct engaged couples and others seeking to learn NFP. Applications must be received by October 31, 2020. For further information, contact Derek McDonald, Director of Family Life Ministries; Respect Life, at 663-0171 or dmcDonald@rcbm.org.

FACILITATOR COUPLES NEEDED

The DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER is seeking part time FACILITATOR COUPLES for our DIOCESAN ENGAGED COUPLE COURSES, which may occur remotely or in-person. Couples in who have been married at least five years are encouraged to apply. Training will be provided. Couples will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE program. Interested parties may visit the following link for more information and the full JOB DESCRIPTION:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/employment/>

or download the full job description there. Applications should be sent to Giselle North at gnorth@rcbm.org by October 31st, 2020.

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