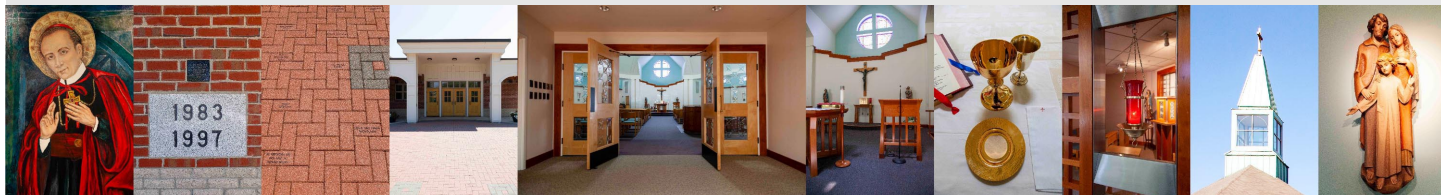


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER May 2, 2021

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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 4:00 PM - 5:30 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

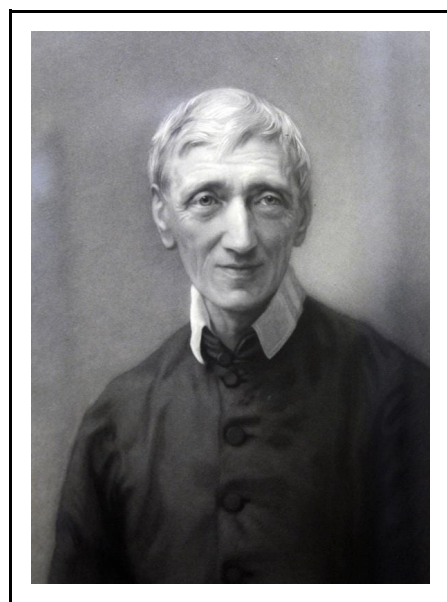
RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ST. JOHN HENRY CARDINAL NEWMAN

Yet when you seek the Lord, your God, from there, you shall indeed find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul. —Deut 4:29

St John Henry Cardinal Newman (d. 1890) was an

Anglican priest who, after studying the writings of the Apostolic Fathers, converted to Catholicism in 1845. He was ordained a Catholic priest the following year. In his 1864 religious biography entitled *Apologia Pro Vita Sua* [Lt., A Defense of One's Own Life] he wrote: "There are but two alternatives, the way to Rome, and the way to Atheism." Such was



his impact on England of his day that Queen Victoria spoke of him as "Our Cardinal". Pope Leo XIII raised Newman to the rank of Cardinal in 1879, but granted his request to remain a priest rather than become a bishop (as was customary at the time). He was beatified in 2010 and canonized in 2019. The quotes below are from his many works.

- GOD has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission; I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in a great work; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.



- I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared: "Go down again—I dwell among the people.
- May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
- To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.
- Dear Lord ... shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul ... Let me thus praise You in the way You love best, by shining on those around me.
- Prayer is to the spiritual life what the beating of the pulse and the drawing of the breath are to the life of the body.
- I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain.
- God knows what is my greatest happiness, but I do not. There is no rule about what is happy and good; what suits one would not suit another. And the ways by which perfection is reached vary very much; the medicines necessary for our souls are very different from each other. Thus God leads us by strange ways; we know He wills our happiness, but we neither know what our happiness is, nor the way. We are blind; left to ourselves we should take the wrong way; we must leave it to Him.
- When you feel in need of a compliment, give one to someone else.
- God has created me to do Him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission.
- Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need.
- A man would do nothing if he waited until he could do it so well that no one could find fault.
- There are wounds of the spirit which never close and are intended in God's mercy to bring us nearer to Him, and to prevent us leaving Him by their very perpetuity. Such wounds then may almost be taken as a pledge, or at least as a ground for a humble trust, that God will give us the great gift of perseverance to the end. This is how I comfort myself in my own great bereavements.
- Learn to do thy part and leave the rest to Heaven.

- We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe.
- You must be patient, you must wait for the eye of the soul to be formed in you. Religious truth is reached, not by reasoning, but by an inward perception. Anyone can reason; only disciplined, educated, formed minds can perceive.
- All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful, all that is beneficent, be it great or small, be it perfect or fragmentary, natural as well as supernatural, moral as well as material, comes from God.
- To be deep in history, is to cease to be Protestant.
- God created you to do him some particular service. He has given some work to you that he has not given to another. You have your mission. You shall do good.
- How can we understand forgiveness if we haven't recognized the depth of our sin?
- A cloud of incense was rising on high; the people suddenly all bowed low; what could it mean? The truth flashed on him, fearfully yet sweetly; it was the Blessed Sacrament - it was the Lord Incarnate who was on the altar, who had come to visit and bless his people. It was the Great Presence, which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be—holy.
- It is mutual respect which makes friendship lasting.
- Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather fear that it shall never have a beginning.
- Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on.
- We should ever conduct ourselves towards our enemy as if he were one day to be our friend

MASS INTENTIONS

May 1 24 (Sat), 4:00 PM	Mark & Ruth Kenna (req. by family)
May 1, 5:30 PM	Ginny Early - LIVING INTENTION (req. by friends)
May 2 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
May 2, 10:00 AM	Julian Kravitz (req. by family); Eric Pearson (req. by Douglas Davidson)
May 2, 6:00 PM	John Meyer - LIVING INTENTION (req. by family)
May 6, 12:15 PM	Lucille DuBois (req. by Sandra Towne)

*No daily Masses 3-5 May

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).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

2 May, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00 AM | Mass
10:00 AM | Mass
4:00 PM | Confessions (until 5:30 PM)
6:00 PM | Mass
7:00 PM | Adoration (until 8:00 PM)

3 May, MONDAY

12:15 PM | *NO DAILY MASS

4 May, TUESDAY

8:00 AM | Red Cross Blood Drive (until 1:30 PM)
12:15 PM | *NO DAILY MASS
7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

5 May, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
12:15 PM | *NO DAILY MASS

6 May, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "Blessed Is She" Women's Group
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

7 May, FIRST FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry (until 12:30)
12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by Adoration)

8 May, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Outdoor Mass
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

(3-year) are complete. Please consider helping discern the needs of the parish. The behind-the-scenes ministry takes only a few hours each month (the council does not meet during the Summer months), and can make a positive impact on the entire parish. Your parish needs you!

A representative of the Parish Council will be on hand after every Mass in the foyer if you are interested. You can also email Steve and Lisa DeBernadinis at: thedfamily4nh@gmail.com.

SAINT ANDREW DINNERS

Have you ever thought about the Priesthood? St. Andrew was the first of the Apostles to hear Jesus' call to follow Him. If you are a young man considering a vocation to the priesthood or who would simply like some help hearing the Lord's call in your life, join us for two upcoming ST. ANDREW DINNERS featuring a delicious meal, witness from one of our two newly ordained priests, Fr. Josh Livingston and Fr. Ryan Amazeen, prayer, and conversation:

May 17 (Monday), 6:00 PM
ST. MARTIN CHURCH
(120 Maple St., Somersworth)

For additional information and/or to RSVP, please contact: Fr. Charles Pawlowski, Assistant Director of Vocations cpawlowski@rcbm.org or (603) 448-1262.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
Council #10896

The Knights are again offering a \$1,000.00 SCHOLARSHIP this year to a current St John Neumann parishioner and High School Senior who will be going on to further their education.

To obtain an APPLICATION, email either Cheri Andersen (SJN Youth Minister) at candersen@sjnnh.org —or— Tom Davis (Grand Knight) at tfdpad67@comcast.net.

Applications are due back by Saturday, May 8.

SJN PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Do you feel the Lord is calling you? Can you help? The SJN Parish Council is looking for a few more members since some of the current member's terms

RICE BOWLS

If you haven't had the opportunity to return your Rice Bowl, please do so as soon as possible.

— NOTICE —

The 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS is live streamed on YOUTUBE. To find our channel, search for "SJN Merrimack NH Mass". Or, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfkbhzhv4yg9mUOnwnJ5dNvA>

The 12:15 PM DAILY MASS (Mon, Wed-Fri) is posted to our FACEBOOK page:

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

PARISH INFORMATION

WE LOVE BEING IN TOUCH WITH YOU! Now you can keep in touch with us via email and/or text

messaging:

Visit > <https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>
Text > "SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576 (message and data rates may apply)

Choose to get updates from parish groups you're interested in. Unsubscribe anytime.

DIOCESAN NEEDS:

- The Diocese of Manchester is looking for a qualified MULTI- PARISH/SCHOOL BOOKKEEPER to work part-time up to 29 hours per week. If you know of someone who you believe may be qualified and interested, please have them contact Christine Bogacz, at 603-663-0118 or cbogacz@rcbm.org.
- The Diocese is also seeking a part-time DONATIONS RECORDER for the Development and Communications Department. The qualified candidate will work with the Assistant Director of Development to accurately and efficiently record donations. Requirements for this position include; acute attention to detail, ability to work independently, experience with multiple computer software programs and the ability to learn new programs as needed. This is a remote position and it is required that the candidate have access to computer equipment and reliable internet service. This part time position will start as a temporary position but may become permanent in the future. The hours for this position are flexible but will need to be set and within the regular business hours of 8-4:30. Interested and qualified candidates should send resume to Giselle North, gnorth@rcbm.org.

CCNH ANNUAL APPEAL

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. —(Mt 25:40)

The annual Catholic Charities NH (CCNH) Appeal was last weekend (COVID precautions did not allow for the appeal in 2020). Our financial support helps Catholic Charities NH provide support/services for those most in need. 8.2% NH residents live in poverty. 1-in-5 NH children are growing up in low-income households.

St Louis Guanella said, *"The heart of a Christian who thinks and feels cannot pass by the hardships and deprivations of the poor without stopping to help!"* We are all asked, according to our means, to support CCNH's mission to help those most in

need. *Whatever financial help we can offer is deeply appreciated!* Information about CCNH and donation envelopes can be found in the church foyer.

— AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. Go to:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0370038>

and add "Saint John Neumann Parish" as your charity of choice. 0.5% of every purchase is donated by Amazon.com to the SJN FOOD PANTRY.

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