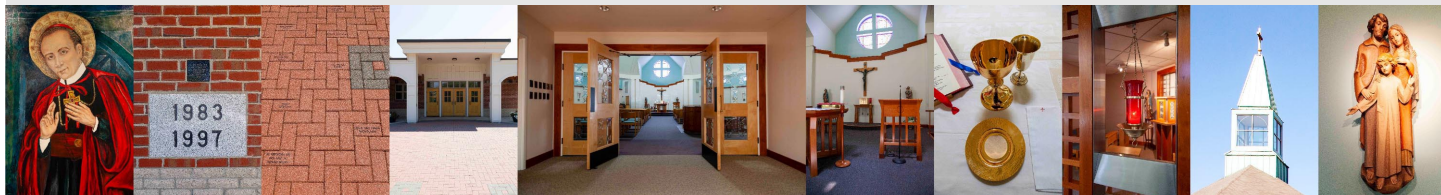


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 4, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday 4:00 PM - 5:00 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.

Q. What is final perseverance? [See answer below.]

FAITH'S GOAL

Taste and see the goodness of the LORD (Ps 34:9).

The first excerpt below is from St Catherine of Siena's (d. 1380) dialogue On Divine Providence. The second is from St Augustine's (d. 430) autobiography entitled Confessions. Faith is necessary for salvation, and it is a gift of God. As St Augustine says, "You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness; you flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness." God's purpose and faith's goal? As St Catherine said: "I tasted and I saw ... you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself."



RESURRECTION OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER
by Vasily Polenov (d. 1927)

ETERNAL God, eternal Trinity, you have made the blood of Christ so precious through his sharing in your divine nature. You are a mystery as deep as the sea; the more I search, the more I find, and the more I find the more I search for you. But I can never be satisfied; what I receive will ever leave me desiring more. When you fill my soul I have an even greater hunger, and I grow more famished for your light. I desire above all to see you, the true light, as you really are.

I have tasted and seen the depth of your mystery and the beauty of your creation with the light of my understanding. I have clothed myself with your likeness and have seen



what I shall be. Eternal Father, you have given me a share in your power and the wisdom that Christ claims as his own, and your Holy Spirit has given me the desire to love you. You are my Creator, eternal Trinity, and I am your creature. You have made of me a new creation in the blood of your Son, and I know that you are moved with love at the beauty of your creation, for you have enlightened me.

Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For you are a fire ever burning and never consumed, which itself consumes all the selfish love that fills my being. Yes, you are a fire that takes away the coldness, illuminates the mind with its light and causes me to know your truth. By this light, reflected as it were in a mirror, I recognize that you are the highest good, one we can neither comprehend nor fathom. And I know that you are beauty and wisdom itself. The food of angels, you gave yourself to man in the fire of your love.

You are the garment which covers our nakedness, and in our hunger you are a satisfying food, for you are sweetness and in you there is no taste of bitterness, O triune God!

URGED to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance the innermost places of my being; but only because you had become my helper was I able to do so. I entered, then, and with the vision of my spirit, such as it was, I saw the incommutable light far above my spiritual ken and transcending my mind: not this common light which every carnal eye can see, nor any light of the same order; but greater, as though this common light were shining much more powerfully, far more brightly, and so extensively as to fill the universe. The light I saw was not the common light at all, but something different, utterly different, from all those things. Nor was it higher than my mind in the sense that oil floats on water or the sky is above the earth; it was exalted because this very light made me, and I was below it because by it I was made. Anyone who knows truth knows this light.

O eternal Truth, true Love, and beloved Eternity, you are my God, and for you I sigh day and night. As I first began to know you, you lifted me up and showed me that, while that which I might see exists indeed, I was not yet capable of seeing it. Your rays beamed intensely on me, beating back my feeble gaze, and I trembled with love and dread. I knew myself to be far away from you in a region of unlikeness, and I seemed to hear your voice from on high: "I am the food of the mature: grow, then, and you shall eat me. You will not change me into yourself like bodily food; but you will be changed into me."

Accordingly I looked for a way to gain the strength I needed to enjoy you, but I did not find it until I embraced the mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who is also God,

supreme over all things and blessed for ever. He called out, proclaiming I am the Way and Truth and the Life, nor had I known him as the food which, though I was not yet strong enough to eat it, he had mingled with our flesh, for the Word became flesh so that your Wisdom, through whom you created all things, might become for us the milk adapted to our infancy.

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

A. The Church teaches that without the grace of FINAL PERSEVERANCE [that is, dying in a state of grace] no one can be saved. It is a gift of God and cannot be obtained through human effort. If, then, we cannot merit FINAL PERSEVERANCE through good works [i.e., a good man may fall away and a wicked man, by the mercy/grace of God be converted at the last moment of their lives] how is it that we may hope to gain this most necessary grace? St Thomas Aquinas said: "We beg in prayer things that we do not merit, since God hears sinners who beseech pardon of their sins. We know God hears sinners, otherwise it would have been useless for the publican to say, 'O God, by merciful to me a sinner' (Luke 18:13). So too, we beg of God in prayer the grace of FINAL PERSEVERANCE for ourselves or for others, although it does not fall under merit." St Alphonsus Liquori, too, said FINAL PERSEVERANCE is granted only to those who ask/beseech it of God: "All those who are in heaven are there because they prayed, they asked for perseverance. All those who are in hell are there because they did not pray and they did not ask the Lord for the grace of FINAL PERSEVERANCE."

MASS INTENTIONS

July 3 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Belen Torres (req. by Rita Geringer)
July 4 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Amy Senay & Larry O'Kelley (req. by Jerry & Sheila Burnett)
July 4, 10:00 AM	Ginny Early (req. by Michael & Jeanne Donnelly)
July 5 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese

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

4 Jul, 13th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Mass

10:00 AM | Mass

6:00 PM | Adoration (until 7:00 PM)

5 Jul, MONDAY — SJN office closed in observance of the July 4th holiday

12:15 PM | *No daily Mass

7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal

6 Jul, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

7 Jul, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

8 Jul, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "Blessed Is She" Women's Group

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

9 Jul, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry (until 12:30)

12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by Adoration)

10 Jul, 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 | Confession (until 5:00 PM)

5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2021-2022 School Year

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) is at the heart and center of parish life. Only the LITURGY is more important.

- Diocesan Sacramental Policy—the "Restored

Order"—now provides for FIRST RECONCILIATION during 2nd Grade, and both CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST during 3rd Grade. The parish offers a K-thru-5th Grade program, much like previous years, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.

- <REGISTRATION FORMS> are available online and from the SJN Faith Formation Office. TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION, parents are asked to attend any of the short FAITH FORMATION BRIEFING offered after all of the weekend Masses in August, or to meet with Fr. Glasgow separately.
- The parish offers a High School program on Sunday nights, as well as a Middle School program on Monday nights.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME



Join us on Monday mornings July 12 thru August 23 at 10:00 AM for a CHILDREN'S STORY TIME. During the first four sessions, we'll be focusing on *St Joseph*. The remaining sessions will be on *prayer*. We will meet in the Parish Hall and, weather permitting, also gather outside. Please bring a beach towel for the outdoor portion of our gatherings. SIGN UP by emailing Claire at cbryson@sjnh.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY HIKE

10 July

YOUTH MINISTRY HIKE (grades 6-12) with Sean & Rachel 10:00 AM-1:30 PM on Saturday, July 10th. FREE if you sign up with Cheri <youth@sjnh.org> by Wednesday, July 7th. Otherwise you'll need to pay \$4 online at Miller State Park website. See our YOUTH MINISTRY WEBPAGE <sjnh.org/youth-ministry> for more information.

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME"

16 July

Let's get together a SJN group (for all parishioners) & enjoy a fun night of baseball at HOLMAN STADIUM on Friday, July 16th at 6:00 PM! Sign up with Cheri <youth@sjnh.org> by Friday, July 9th, for \$6 group outing rate. See our "NEWS/UPDATES WEBPAGE" <sjnh.org/news-updates> for more details. PLEASE NOTE: *Youth Ministry will pay for first 9*

youth that sign up!

“CATHOLICISM”

Cheri Andersen will host Bp. Barron’s 10-week video-based “Catholicism” series. Date/time TBD. Sign up is desired but not required (it’ll help for planning purposes). For more information contact Cheri <youth@sjnnh.org>.

RCIA

What is the RCIA? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for non-Catholic adults seeking to convert to Catholicism or who just want to learn more about the Catholic faith. It is also for anyone baptized Catholic as an infant but who never received religious instruction or the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist.

We hope to offer RCIA this year beginning late-September. Should you have an interest in participating, please contact Fr. Glasgow.

HOLY HOUR

"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" —Mt 26:40

HOLY HOUR is scheduled twice each week: on Fridays following the 12:15 PM daily Mass, and on Sundays from 6:00 PM (7:00 PM during the school year).

"The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world ... Let Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is he who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: he is God with us. Seek him without tiring, welcome him without reserve, love him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever." —Pope St John Paul II

— NOTICE —

- With the end of most COVID precautions (i.e., the end of the 4:00 PM Outdoor Mass), CONFESSION has moved back to Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM. We are using the Confessional once again.
- The **Sunday 10:00 AM Mass** is live streamed on [YOUTUBE.COM](https://www.youtube.com). **Daily Masses** (Mon, Wed thru Fri) are posted to our [FACEBOOK.COM](https://www.facebook.com) page.

To find us on YOUTUBE, search for: "SJM Merrimack NH Mass".

To find us on FACEBOOK, go to:
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