

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 1, 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.

LIFE IN CHRIST

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. —John 15:5

The first excerpt below is from a treatise entitled Christian Perfection by St Gregory of Nyssa (d. 394). Sanctifying Grace—a participation in the divine life—is given to us at Baptism. In consequence, as St Paul writes: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:20). To be worthy of this, we must daily examine our thoughts, words, and deeds to see whether they're directed towards Christ or away from him. For God's grace to bear fruit in our lives, we must be ever willing to be led by [and to cooperate with] the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16).

The second excerpt, by way of example, is from the life of St John Vianney (d. 1859).



THE LAST SUPPER [detail]
by Juan de Juanes (d. 1579)

The Christian Is Another Christ

MORE than anyone, St Paul understood who Christ is and those requirements needed by the person named after him. Paul spoke of what he himself had accomplished and accurately imitated him in a manner to show the Lord expressed in his own person. By careful imitation Paul became a model so that it is no longer he who is perceived as living and speaking, but Christ who lives in him. Knowing his own blessings, that good man said You seek proof that Christ is speaking in me and, elsewhere, It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me.

Paul's words show us the significance of Christ's name, when he said that Christ is the power and wisdom of God. But he also called Christ: peace; the inaccessible light where God dwells; our sanctification and



redemption; the great high priest; our Passover and our sacrifice of expiation; the brightness of glory; the very image of God's substance; the creator of the ages; our spiritual food and drink; the rock and the water; the foundation of faith; the chief cornerstone; the image of the great and invisible God; the head of his body, the Church; the first-born of the new creation and the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep; the first-born from the dead, the first-born among many brothers; the mediator between God and man; the only-begotten Son crowned with honor and glory; the Lord of glory; the beginning of all things; the King of justice, but not only of justice but also the King of peace and the King of all things, the King whose kingdom is boundless.

Paul gave all these names to Christ and many others too: so many that they cannot easily be counted. But they are all related, and if you understand the meaning of each of them on its own and put those meanings together then you will come to understand the full meaning of that one word "Christ" and that will show you—as far as the human soul is able to comprehend it—God's inexpressible greatness.

The good Lord has granted us the privilege of sharing in this, the greatest, most divine and chief of all names, so that, honored by the name of Christ, we are called "Christians." So then we must ensure that in us are seen all the meanings of the name of Christ, so that our title is not false and meaningless but is borne out by our lives.

Christ Should Be Manifest in Our Whole Life

The life of the Christian has three distinguishing aspects: deeds, words and thought. Thought comes first, then words, since our words express openly the interior conclusions of the mind. Finally, after thoughts and words, comes action, for our deeds carry out what the mind has conceived. So when one of these results in our acting or speaking or thinking, we must make sure that all our thoughts, words and deeds are controlled by the divine ideal, the revelation of Christ. For then our thoughts, words and deeds will not fall short of the nobility of their implications.

What then must we do, we who have been found worthy of the name of Christ? Each of us must examine his thoughts, words and deeds, to see whether they are directed toward Christ or are turned away from him. This examination is carried out in various ways. Our deeds or our thoughts or our words are not in harmony with Christ if they issue from passion. They then bear the mark of the enemy who smears the pearl of the heart with the slime of passion, dimming and even destroying the luster of the precious stone.

On the other hand, if they are free from and untainted by every passionate inclination, they are directed toward Christ, the author and source of peace. He is like a pure, untainted stream. If you draw from him the thoughts in your mind and the inclinations of your heart, you will show a likeness to Christ, your source and origin, as the gleaming water in a jar resembles the flowing water from which it was obtained.

For the purity of Christ and the purity that is manifest in our hearts are identical. Christ's purity, however, is the fountainhead; ours has its source in him and flows out of him. Our life is stamped with the beauty of his thought. The inner and the outer man are harmonized in a kind of music. The mind of Christ is the controlling influence that inspires us to moderation and goodness in our behavior. As I see it, Christian perfection consists in this: sharing the titles which express the meaning of Christ's name, we bring out this meaning in our minds, our prayers and our way of life.

AS a child of four years-of-age, Saint John-Marie Vianney's (d. 1859) most treasured possession was a rosary. His sister, who was eighteen months younger, coveted it.

One day, she insisted—demanded—he give it to her. The young boy, full of grief, ran to his mother. Gently, but firmly, she bade him give the beads to his younger sister. Jean-Marie, though bathed in tears, immediately surrendered his precious rosary. In return, his mother gave him a small wooden statue of Our Lady. The crude image had long stood on the mantelpiece of the kitchen chimney. What joy! "Oh! how I loved that statue," he said seventy years later, "neither by day or by night would I be parted from it. I should not have slept had I not had it beside me in my little bed. The Blessed Virgin was the object of my earliest affections; I loved her even before I knew her."

One evening the four-year-old Jean-Marie left the house unnoticed. As soon as his mother became aware of his absence, she called him. No answer. With mounting anxiety she looked for him throughout the house, then in the yard, and finally in the stable. What she found surprised and humbled her. There, in a corner of the stable, among the animals, was her little boy on his knees praying with folded hands before his little statue of Our Lady. She bent down and picked him up and pressed him to her heart. "Here you are, my darling! Why hide yourself when you want to pray? You know we all say our prayers together."

MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 31 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Rana Delacruse — LIVING INTENTION (THANKS-GIVING)
Aug 1 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Robert McAuliffe (req. by Robert & Sandra Courage)
Aug 1, 10:00 AM	Robert DeMilia (req. by mother)
Aug 2 (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

1 Aug, SUNDAY — 18th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Mass
10:00 AM | Mass
6:00 PM | Adoration (until 7:00 PM)

2 Aug, MONDAY

10:00 AM | CHILDREN'S STORY TIME
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal

3 Aug, TUESDAY

8:00 AM | Red Cross Blood Drive
7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

4 Aug, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
12:15 PM | Daily Mass
6:30 PM | "CATHOLICISM" Series

5 Aug, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "BLESSED IS SHE" Women's Group
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

6 Aug, FIRST FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

7 Aug, FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
8:45 AM | Rosary
9:00 AM | FIRST SATURDAY MASS
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

MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM)

SISTER KATHLEEN ALBEE, MMM associate is with this weekend on behalf of the MMM to appeal for assistance to continue their work throughout the world. MISSION APPEALS were cancelled last year due to COVID19.

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.

Please sign up as soon as possible to assist us in planning for the upcoming year. Classes this year will be held in person every other week. Families can choose Sunday morning sessions or Wednesday afternoons. MORE INFORMATION: dates, Sacrament information, and REGISTRATION FORM go to our website <SJNNH.ORG>.

- <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 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. For more info, email Claire at cbryson@sjnnh.org.

HOLY HOUR

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

"Visits to the BLESSED SACRAMENT are a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord." —Pope St Paul

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. For more information, contact Fr. Glasgow, <pastor@sjnnh.org>.

SJN MASSES ONLINE

SUNDAY MASS is live streamed at 10:00 AM on YOUTUBE page. To find us, search for:

"SJN Merrimack NH Mass"

DAILY MASSES (Mon, Wed-Fri) are posted to our FACEBOOK page. Go to:

[https:// www.facebook.com/sjnnh](https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh)

PARISH NEWS

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Visit > <https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>

Text > "SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576 (message and data rates may apply)

EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS

www.catholicnh.org/about/stay-informed/bulletin

The DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER is currently hiring for multiple full-time positions to assist the Bishop of Manchester in serving the parishes, schools and institutions of the Catholic Church in New Hampshire.

**"REST AND RENEW"
YOUNG ADULT RETREAT**

All YOUNG ADULTS aged 21-35 are invited to join us for a retreat at Camp Marist (Effingham, NH) 10-12 September for a time of rest, reflection, prayer and socializing. The deadline for REGISTRATION is Friday, September 3. For more information or to REGISTER visit:

yaretreat2021.eventbrite.com

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