

# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
August 8, 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

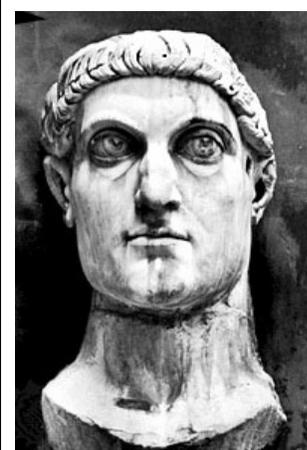
RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

Q. What does the inscription "IHS" signify?  
[Answer below.]

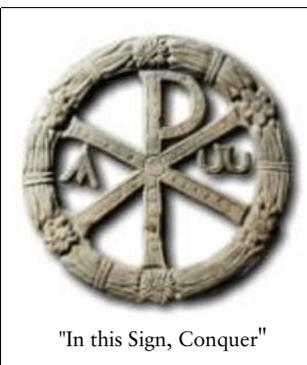
## IN HOC SIGNO VINCES

"What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us."  
—Rom 8:35, 37

IN his *Vita Constantini*, Eusebius of Caesarea (c. 260-341), a Christian bishop, relates the conversion of the Emperor Constantine. At noon, the day before the Battle of the Milvian Bridge (28 Oct 312), while Constantine was praying to the god of his father, he, and his whole Army, saw a cross over the sun with the inscription, IN HOC SIGNO VINCES (In this Sign, Conquer). In a dream that night, Christ appeared to Constantine with the same sign. He was commanded to make a likeness of the sign, and to use it as a safeguard in all engagements against the enemy. The sign combines the Greek letters chi (X) and rho (P), the first two letters of *Christos*, the Greek word for Christ. Constantine was victorious, and he immediately announced his conversion to Christianity. The following is excerpted from Eusebius' *Vita Constantini*.



Constantine (c. 274-337)



"In this Sign, Conquer"

BEING convinced that he needed more powerful aid than his military forces could afford him, [the Emperor Constantine] sought Divine assistance. He considered on what god he might rely for protection and



assistance. While engaged in this enquiry, the thought occurred to him, that, of the many emperors who had preceded him, those who had rested their hopes in a multitude of gods, and served them with sacrifices and offerings, had in the first place been deceived by flattering predictions, and oracles which promised them all prosperity, and at last had met with an unhappy end, while not one of their gods had stood by to warn them of the impending wrath of heaven; while one alone had pursued an entirely opposite course, who had condemned their error, and honored the one Supreme God during his whole life, had found him to be the Savior and Protector of his empire, and the Giver of every good thing. [This was Constantine's father.]

Reflecting on this, and well weighing the fact that they who had trusted in many gods had also fallen by manifold forms of death, without leaving behind them either family or offspring, stock, name, or memorial among men: while the God of his father had given to him, on the other hand, manifestations of his power and very many tokens: and considering further that those who had already taken arms against the tyrant, and had marched to the battlefield under the protection of a multitude of gods, had met with a dishonorable end; reviewing, all these considerations, he judged it to be folly indeed to join in the idle worship of those who were no gods, and, after such convincing evidence, to err from the truth; *and therefore felt it incumbent on him to honor his father's God alone.*

Accordingly, he called on [God] with earnest prayer and supplications that he would reveal to him who he was, and stretch forth his right hand to help him in his present difficulties. *And while he was thus praying with fervent entreaty, a most marvelous sign appeared to him from heaven, the account of which it might have been hard to believe had it been related by any other person.* But since the victorious emperor himself long afterwards declared it to the writer of this history, when he was honored with his acquaintance and society, and confirmed his statement by an oath, who could hesitate to accredit the relation, especially since the testimony of after-time has established its truth? *He said that about noon, when the day was already beginning to decline, he saw with his own eyes the trophy of a cross of light in the heavens, above the sun, and bearing the inscription, "In this sign, conquer."* At this sight he himself was struck with amazement, and his whole army also, which followed him on this expedition, and witnessed the miracle.

He said, moreover, that he doubted within himself what the import of this apparition could be. And while he continued to ponder and reason on its meaning, night suddenly came on; *then in his sleep the Christ of God appeared to him with the same sign which he had seen in the heavens, and commanded him to make a likeness of that sign which he had seen in the heavens, and to use it as a safeguard in all engagements with his enemies.*

At dawn of day he arose, and communicated the marvel to his friends: and then, calling together the workers in gold and precious stones, he sat in the midst of them, and described to them the figure of the sign he had seen, bidding them represent it in gold and precious stones. And

this representation I myself have had an opportunity of seeing.

The emperor constantly made use of this sign of salvation as a safeguard against every adverse and hostile power, and commanded that others similar to it should be carried at the head of all his armies.

These things were done shortly afterwards. But at the time above specified, being struck with amazement at the extraordinary vision, and resolving to worship no other God save Him who had appeared to him, he sent for those who were acquainted with the mysteries of His doctrines, and enquired who that God was, and what was intended by the sign of the vision he had seen. They affirmed that He was God, the only begotten Son of the one and only God: that the sign which had appeared was the symbol of immortality, and the trophy of that victory over death which He had gained in time past when sojourning on earth. They taught him also the causes of His advent, and explained to him the true account of His incarnation. Thus he was instructed in these matters, and was impressed with wonder at the divine manifestation which had been presented to his sight. Comparing, therefore, the heavenly vision with the interpretation given, he found his judgment confirmed; and, in the persuasion that the knowledge of these things had been imparted to him by Divine teaching, he determined thenceforth to devote himself to the reading of the Inspired writings.

- A. The letters IHS are the first three letters of the name/title Jesus Christ in Greek capital letters: IHCOUC (the older form of the Greek sigma "S" resembling our "C"). As IHS it has taken on various meanings:
1. **Iesus Hereteros Soter** (Gk: Jesus our Savior)
  2. **Iesus Hominum Salvator** (Lt: Jesus Savior of Man), popularized by St. Bernadine of Siena in the 14th c.
  3. **In Hac Salus** (Lt: Safety in this, i.e. the cross)
  4. **In Hoc Signo** [Vinces] (Lt: In this sign [you will conquer]), from the vision/promise received by Constantine before his victory at the Mulvian Bridge, AD 313
  5. **I Have Suffered.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

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| Aug 7 (Sat), 5:30 PM | Tom Vennard (req. by Boucher family); John & Lorraine Berube (req. by Mark & Joanne Kenna) |
| Aug 8 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Roy Jacobus (req. by Jerry &   |

Aug 8, 10:00 AM Sheila Burnett  
Robert McAuliffe (req. by  
Joan & Red Powell)  
Aug 9 (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

#### 8 Aug, SUNDAY — 18th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

#### 8 Aug, MONDAY

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

#### 10 Aug, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

#### 11 Aug, WEDNESDAY

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

#### 12 Aug, THURSDAY

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

#### 13 Aug, FIRST FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

#### 14 Aug, FIRST 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.

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](mailto: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 VI (d. 1987)

### 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

**WE LOVE BEING IN TOUCH WITH YOU!** You can keep in touch with us via email and/or text messaging. Unsubscribe anytime. Choose to get updates from parish groups you're interested in:

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

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

### **THE MESSY FAMILY PROJECT VIDEO SERIES**

Mike & Alicia Hernon of THE MESSY FAMILY PROJECT have dedicated themselves to strengthening Catholic marriage & family life. They recently shared their wisdom with a group of New Hampshire couples just like you, and here's great news: we've repurposed the talks so that even more people can benefit. So, ready to enrich your family? Register for an upcoming weekly email series featuring special talks from Alicia & Mike. Visit [www.catholicnh.org/video-series](http://www.catholicnh.org/video-series) to sign up for free!

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS**

[www.catholicnh.org/about/stay-informed/bulletin](http://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  
Sep 10-12 (Register by Sep 3)**

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](http://yaretreat2021.eventbrite.com)

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