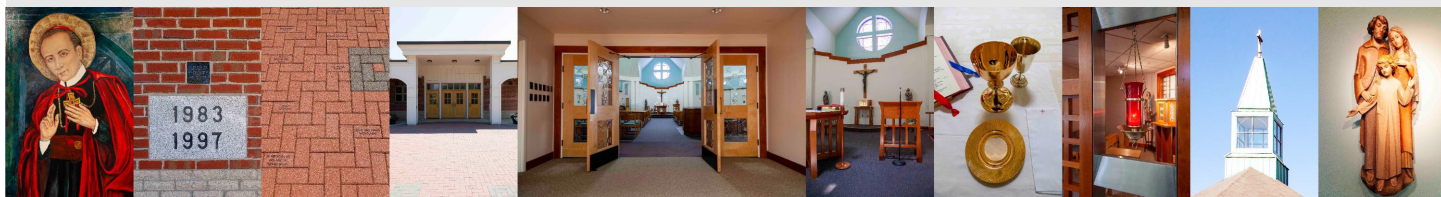


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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



11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 13, 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 are the fruits of Charity? [See answer below.]

ON CHARITY

I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. —John 13:14

The first excerpt below is from the writings of St Vincent de Paul (d. 1660), priest: "Serving the poor is to be our first preference." The second—by way of example—, is from a biography of St Frances of Rome (d. 1440) by Sr. Mary Magdalene Anguillaria which speaks of her remarkable patience and charity.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

EVEN though the poor are often rough and unrefined, we must not judge them from external appearances nor from the mental gifts they seem to have received. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will observe that they are taking the place of the Son of God who chose to be poor. Although in his passion he almost lost the appearance of a man and was considered a fool by the Gentiles and a stumbling block by the Jews, he showed them that his mission was to preach to the poor: He sent me to preach the good news to the poor. We also ought to have this same spirit and imitate Christ's actions, that is, we must take care of the poor, console them, help them, support their cause.

Since Christ willed to be born poor, he chose for himself disciples who were poor. He made himself the servant of the poor and shared their poverty. He went so far as to say



that he would consider every deed which either helps or harms the poor as done for or against himself. Since God surely loves the poor, he also loves those who love the poor. For when one person holds another dear, he also includes in his affection anyone who loves or serves the one he loves. That is why we hope that God will love us for the sake of the poor. So when we visit the poor and needy, we try to be understanding where they are concerned. We sympathize with them so fully that we can echo Paul's words: I have become all things to all men. Therefore, we must try to be stirred by our neighbors' worries and distress. We must beg God to pour into our hearts sentiments of pity and compassion and to fill them again and again with these dispositions.

It is our duty to prefer the service of the poor to everything else and to offer such service as quickly as possible. If a needy person requires medicine or other help during prayer time, do whatever has to be done with peace of mind. Offer the deed to God as your prayer. Do not become upset or feel guilty because you interrupted your prayer to serve the poor. God is not neglected if you leave him for such service. One of God's works is merely interrupted so that another can be carried out. So when you leave prayer to serve some poor person, remember that this very service is performed for God. Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. Since she is a noble mistress, we must do whatever she commands. With renewed devotion, then, we must serve the poor, especially outcasts and beggars. They have been given to us as our masters and patrons.

GOD not only tested the patience of St Frances with respect to her material wealth, but, as I have said before and will reiterate, he also tested her own body in a variety of ways, especially through long and serious illnesses which she had to undergo. And yet no one ever observed in her a tendency toward impatience. She never exhibited any displeasure when she complied with an order, no matter how foolish.

Through the premature deaths of her sons whom she loved dearly, Frances proved her constancy. With peace of soul she always reconciled herself to the will of God and gave him thanks for all that happened. With the same constancy she endured the slander of those who abused and reviled her and her way of life. She did not show the least hint of aversion toward them, even though she knew that they judged her rashly and spoke falsely of her way of life. Rather, returning good for evil, she habitually prayed to God for them.

God had not chosen her to be holy merely for her own advantage. Rather, the gifts he conferred upon her were to be for the spiritual and physical advantage of her neighbor. For this reason he made her so lovable that anyone with whom she spoke would immediately feel captivated by love

for her and ready to help her in everything she wanted. Divine power was present and working in her words, so that in a few sentences she could bring consolation to the afflicted and the anxious, calm the restless, pacify the angry, reconcile enemies and extinguish long-standing hatreds and animosities. Again and again she would prevent a planned revenge from being carried out. She seemed able to subdue the passions of every type of person with a single word and lead them to do whatever she asked.

For this reason people flocked to Frances from all directions, as to a safe refuge. No one left her without being consoled, although she openly rebuked them for their sins and fearlessly reproved them for what was evil and displeasing to God.

Many different diseases were rampant in Rome. Fatal diseases and plagues were everywhere, but the saint ignored the risk of contagion and displayed the deepest kindness toward the poor and the needy. Here empathy would first bring them to atone for their sins. Then she would help them by her eager care, and urge them lovingly to accept their trials, however difficult, from the hand of God. She would encourage them to endure their sufferings for love of Christ, since he had previously endured so much for them.

Frances was not satisfied with caring for the sick she could bring into her home. She would seek them out in their cottages and in public hospitals, and would refresh their thirst, smooth their beds, and bind their sores. The more disgusting and sickening the stench, the greater was the love and care with which she treated them.

She used to go to the Campo Santo with food and rich delicacies to be distributed to the needy. On her return home she would bring pieces of worn-out clothes and unclean rags which she would wash lovingly and mend carefully, as if they were to be used for God himself. Then she would fold them carefully and perfume them.

For thirty years Frances continued this service to the sick and the stranger. While she was in her husband's house, she made frequent visits to Saint Mary's and Saint Cecilia's hospitals in Trastevere, and to the hospital of the Holy Spirit in Sassia and to a fourth hospital in the Campo Santo. During epidemics like this it was not only difficult to find doctors to care for the body but even priests to provide remedies for the soul. She herself would seek them out and bring them to those who were disposed to receive the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist. In order to have a priest more readily available to assist her in her apostolate, she supported, at her own expense, a priest who would go to the hospitals and visit the sick whom she had designated.

MASS INTENTIONS

June 12 (Sat), 4:00 PM	Tommy Sullivan, Jr. (req. by Sullivan family)
June 12, 5:30 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese
June 13 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
June 13, 10:00 AM	Phillip Rawnsley (req. by Aunt Sue)
June 17 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Susan McDonald (req. by Rita Kohari)

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

13 Jun, 11th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Mass

10:00 AM | Mass

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

14 Jun, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

7:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal

15 Jun, TUESDAY

8:00 AM | Red Cross Blood Drive

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

16 Jun, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

17 Jun, THURSDAY

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

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

18 Jun, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

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

19 Jun, 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

Registration Begins this Weekend

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> will be 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 (LIFETEEN) program on Sunday nights, as well as a Middle School (EDGE) program on Monday nights. NOTE: either program will satisfy Sacramental Prep requirements for those who have not yet received Confirmation.

— NOTICE —

- Bishop Libasci has updated the DIOCESAN PANDEMIC PRECAUTIONS: with the exception of the (1) Sign of Peace at Mass, (2) the Offertory Procession, and (3) distribution the Precious Blood at Holy Communion, ALL OTHER PRECAUTIONS HAVE ENDED.
- Permission to offer an OUTDOOR MASS ends this weekend, so the June 12th 4:00 PM Mass will be the last.

On behalf of the parish, I'd like to express my thanks to everyone who supported the outdoor Mass this past year! We were never short of volunteer help whether the weather was good or bad, hot (93°F) or cold (19°F), whether it rained or snowed. THANK YOU!
- CONFESSION, which was moved to Sundays, moves back to Saturday 4:00-5:00 PM.
- We have reopened the CONFESSIONAL in the back of the church.



PLEASE NOTE: The parish now has a HEARING ASSIST SYSTEM. Those in need can request a receiver and earphone from any of the ushers for use during Mass.

FAST 2021

June 25-26, 2021

The FAST FOR SOCIAL ACTION (FAST) is back! We are looking for people—6th Grade through adults—to fast for 30 hours with us, for people to sponsor the participants, and for people to provide other support for the event. We need parishioners to help with:

CHECK IN, GREETERS,
ADULT CHAPERONES, FIRST AIDERS,
DINNER HELPERS, FOOD WEIGH-IN,
FOOD DONATIONS,
BREAK-FAST DINNER HELPERS.

You may sign up on line to volunteer your help or to sponsor anyone fasting:

<https://sjnnh.org/fast-volunteer-form>

Or, by calling the SJN office at (603) 880-4689.

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.

— 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/UCfkbhzv4ygmUOnwnJ5dNvA>

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

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

DIOCESAN QUO VADIS DAYS

June 25 & August 6

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our QUO VADIS DAYS HIKE on June 25 and QUO VADIS DAYS GAME DAY on August 6 to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. QUO VADIS DAYS are led by priests

and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Visit liveinblackandwhite.com to register.

— 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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A. The Fruits of Charity are peace, joy, and mercy.