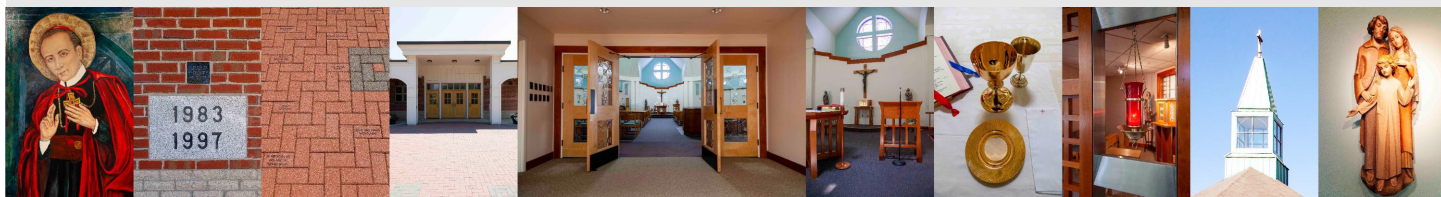


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 25, 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.

ON PRAYER

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.
—Psalm 145:18

The excerpt below is from the "Short Text" of Julian of Norwich's Revelations of Divine Love, Chapter 19. It recounts the 14th (of 16) "showings" she received from God.



CHILDREN AT PRAYER
by Antoine Edouard Joseph Moulinet (d. 1891)

AFTER this our Lord gave a revelation about prayer. I saw two qualities in those who pray, like those I have felt in myself. One is that they do not wish to pray for anything that may be, but only for things which are God's will and his glory. The second thing is that they set themselves strongly and continually to pray for things which are his will and his glory. And that is what I have understood from the teaching of Holy Church. And in this our Lord gave me the same teaching, to have as God's gift faith, hope and love, and hold to them until our lives end. And So we say 'Pater Noster', 'Ave' and the Creed, with devotion, as God may grant. And so we pray for all our fellow Christians, and for all manner of men and women, according to God's will, for we wish that all manner of men and women were in the same state of virtue and grace that we ought to desire for ourselves. But yet, for all this, often we do not trust God almighty fully for it seems to us that, because of our unworthiness, and because we are feeling absolutely nothing, we cannot be certain that he's hearing our prayers. For often we are barren and as dry after our prayers as we were before, and so we feel our folly is the



cause of our weakness; I have felt like this myself.

And our Lord brought all this suddenly into my mind, strongly and vividly, and, as a comfort to me against this kind of weakness in prayers, he said, 'I am the foundation of your prayers: first it is my will that you should have something, and then make you desire it, and then I make you pray for it; and if you pray, then how could it be that you should not have what you pray for?' And thus in his first statement, along with the three which follow, our good Lord shows us something immensely helpful. Where he begins by saying, 'If you pray for it', there he reveals the veer great joy and unending reward that our prayer will receive from him. And where he says next, 'Then how could it be that you should not have what you pray for?', there he gives a serious rebuke, because we do not trust as strongly as we should.

Thus our Lord wants us both to pray and to trust, for the purpose of the preceding statements is to strengthen up against weakness in our prayers.

For it is God's will that we should pray, and he moves us to do so in these preceding words. He wants us to pray with sure trust, for prayer pleases him.

Prayer gives man pleasure in himself and makes him calm and humble, where bore he was contentious and troubled.

Prayer unites the soul to God; for though the soul is always like God in nature and substance, yet because of sin on man's part, it is often in a state which is unlike God. Prayer makes the soul like God; when the soul wills what God wills, it is then in a state like God, as it is like God in nature.

And so God teaches us to pray, and to trust firmly that we shall obtain what we pray for, though everything which is done would be done, even if were never prayed for it. But the love of God is so great that he considers us sharers in his good deed, and therefore he moves us to pray for what it pleases him to do; and for these prayers and for the good will which he grants us, he will reward us and give us an everlasting recompense. And this was shown in these words, 'If you pray for it'. In this statement God revealed to me such great pleasure and so much delight that it seemed as if he was deeply grateful to us for every good deed that we do — and yet it is he who does them — because we entreat him earnestly to do everything that pleases him; as if he said, 'Then what could please me more than to be entreated earnestly, truly and eagerly to do what I wish to do?' And thus prayer makes accord between God and man's soul, though while man's soul is near to God, there is no need for him to pray, but reverently to contemplate what he says. For during all the time of my showing, I was not moved to pray, but always to have this good in mind for my comfort, that when we see God, we have what we desire, and then we do not need to pray. But when we do not see God, then we need to pray because we lack something, and to make ourselves open to Jesus; for when a soul in tempted,

troubled and isolated by distress, then it is time to pray and to make oneself pliable and submissive to God. Unless we are submissive, no kind of prayer can make God bend to us, though his love is always alike; but while man is in a state of sin, he is so enfeebled, so unwise and so unloving, that he can love neither God nor himself.

His worst trouble is blindness, for he cannot see all this. Then the whole love of God almighty, which is ever one, gives him eyes to see himself, and then he supposes that God is angry with him for his sin. And then he is moved to contrition, and by confession and other good deeds to allay God's anger, until he finds rest of soul and ease of conscience. And then it seems to him that God has forgiven his sins and it is true. And then it seems to the soul that God turns towards it, as though it had been in pain or in prison, saying this: 'I am glad you have come to rest, for I have always loved you, and love you now, and you love me.' And thus with prayers, as I have said before, and with other good works that are customarily taught by Holy Church, is the soul united to God.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 24 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Claire Gagnon (req. by Ellie Boucher)
July 25 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Mario Culmone (req. by Peter Maresco)
July 25, 10:00 AM	Amy Senay & Larry O'Kelly (req. by Jerry & Sheila Burnett)
July 26 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Eugene Mooney & Al Poracro (req. by family)
July 28 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese
July 30 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Boris Naptra (req. by wife, Anica)

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

25 Jul, 17th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

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

26 Jul, MONDAY

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

27 Jul, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

28 Jul, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

6:30 PM | "Catholicism" Series

29 Jul, THURSDAY

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

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

30 Jul, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

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

31 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

—NOTICE—

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME will not be held this Monday (Jul 26). Sessions resume next Monday, (Aug 2) at 10:00 AM.

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 can all be found on 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.

NEXT SUNDAY:

Medical Missionaries of Mary (MMM)
MISSION APPEAL

SISTER KATHLEEN ALBEE, MMM associate will be with us the last weekend of July 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. The insert in today's bulletin— "ABOUT US"—is the from the MMM's website.

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.

"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

"CATHOLICISM" SERIES

Cheri Andersen is hosting Bp. Barron's 10-week video-based "CATHOLICISM" series each Wednesday this Summer (6:30 PM, SJN Parish Hall). For more information contact Cheri <youth@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)

PARISH NEWS

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

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<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.

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.

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