

# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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## TRINITY SUNDAY June 12, 2022

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Outdoor) ..... 4:00 PM  
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

Sunday ..... 4:00 PM - 5:30 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.

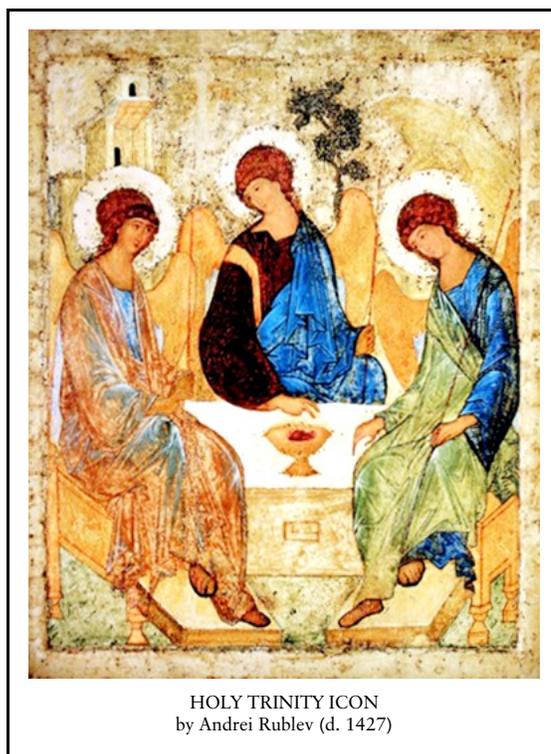
### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

## FATHER, SON, and HOLY SPIRIT

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the holy Spirit be with all of you. —2 Cor 13:13

The excerpts below (delivered on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, 7 Jun 2009 and 30 May 2010, before the noonday recitation of the Angelus) are two of the eight reflections on the Holy Trinity that Pope Benedict XVI gave during his pontificate.



HOLY TRINITY ICON  
by Andrei Rublev (d. 1427)

DEAR Brothers and Sisters,

After the Easter Season which culminated in the Feast of Pentecost, the liturgy provides for these three Solemnities of the Lord: today, Trinity Sunday; next Thursday, Corpus Christi which in many countries, including Italy, will be celebrated next Sunday; and finally, on the following Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each one of these liturgical events highlights a perspective by which the whole mystery of the Christian faith is embraced: and that is, respectively the reality of the Triune God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the divine and human center of the Person of Christ. These are truly aspects of the one mystery of salvation



which, in a certain sense, sum up the whole itinerary of the revelation of Jesus, from his Incarnation to his death and Resurrection and, finally, to his Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today we contemplate the Most Holy Trinity as Jesus introduced us to it. He revealed to us that God is love "not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance" (Preface). He is the Creator and merciful Father; he is the Only-Begotten Son, eternal Wisdom incarnate, who died and rose for us; he is the Holy Spirit who moves all things, cosmos and history, toward their final, full recapitulation. Three Persons who are one God because the Father is love, the Son is love, the Spirit is love. God is wholly and only love, the purest, infinite and eternal love. He does not live in splendid solitude but rather is an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated. To a certain extent we can perceive this by observing both the macro-universe: our earth, the planets, the stars, the galaxies; and the micro-universe: cells, atoms, elementary particles. The "name" of the Blessed Trinity is, in a certain sense, imprinted upon all things because all that exists, down to the last particle, is in relation; in this way we catch a glimpse of God as relationship and ultimately, Creator Love. All things derive from love, aspire to love and move impelled by love, though naturally with varying degrees of awareness and freedom. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps 8: 1) the Psalmist exclaims. In speaking of the "name", the Bible refers to God himself, his truest identity. It is an identity that shines upon the whole of Creation, in which all beings for the very fact that they exist and because of the "fabric" of which they are made point to a transcendent Principle, to eternal and infinite Life which is given, in a word, to Love. "In him we live and move and have our being", St Paul said at the Areopagus of Athens (Acts 17: 28). The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved. Borrowing an analogy from biology, we could say that imprinted upon his "genome", the human being bears a profound mark of the Trinity, of God as Love.

The Virgin Mary, in her docile humility, became the handmaid of divine Love: she accepted the Father's will and conceived the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. In her the Almighty built a temple worthy of him and made her the model and image of the Church, mystery and house of communion for all human beings. May Mary, mirror of the Blessed Trinity, help us to grow in faith in the Trinitarian mystery.

DEAR Brothers and Sisters,

After the Easter Season that ended last Sunday with Pentecost, the Liturgy has returned to "Ordinary Time". This does not mean, however, that Christians must be less any committed: indeed, having entered divine life through the sacraments, we are called daily to be open to the action of divine Grace, to progress in love of God

and of neighbor. This Sunday of the Most Holy Trinity, in a certain sense sums up God's revelation which was brought about through the Paschal Mysteries: Christ's death and Resurrection, his Ascension to the right hand of the Father and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The human mind and language are inadequate to explain the relationship that exists between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; yet the Fathers of the Church sought to illustrate the mystery of the Triune God by living it with deep faith in their own lives.

The divine Trinity takes up his abode in us on the day of our Baptism: "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". Every time we sign ourselves with the sign of the Cross we remember God's name in which we were baptized. With regard to the sign of the Cross a theologian, Romano Guardini, remarked: "We do it before praying so that ... we may put ourselves spiritually in order; focus thoughts, heart and will on God; after praying, so that what God has given us may remain within us. It embraces the whole being, body and soul ... and everything is consecrated in the name of the Triune God. "The sign of the Cross and the name of the living God therefore contain the proclamation that generates faith and inspires prayer. And just as in the Gospel Jesus promises the Apostles that: "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth" (Jn 16: 13), so it happens in the Sunday Liturgy, from week to week, when priests dispense the bread of the Word and of the Eucharist. The Holy Curé d'Ars also reminded his faithful of this. "Who welcomed your soul", he asked, "at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest."

Dear friends, let us make our own the prayer of St Hilary of Poitiers: "Keep uncontaminated this upright faith that is in me and, until my last breath, grant me likewise this voice of my conscience, that I may be ever faithful to what I professed in my regeneration when I was baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary, the first creature to be fully inhabited by the Blessed Trinity, let us ask her protection and help to make good progress on our earthly pilgrimage.

"To harbor no envy, no anger, no resentment against an offender is still not to have charity for him. It is possible, without any charity, to avoid rendering evil for evil. But to render spontaneously good for evil, such belongs to a perfect spiritual love." —St Maximus the Confessor (d. 662)

## LAST WEEK

7th Sunday of Easter (25 May 2022), \$9,792.00

Pentecost Sunday (2 Jun), \$5,383.00

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Jun 12, SUNDAY — 11th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass

10:00 AM | Sunday Mass

6:00 PM | \*Sunday Mass (resume 4 Sep)

7:00 PM | Adoration

**Jun 13, MONDAY**

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

**Jun 14, TUESDAY**

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

**Jun 15, WEDNESDAY**

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

10:30 AM | "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"

6:30 PM | "Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"

**Jun 16, THURSDAY**

10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

**Jun 17, FRIDAY**

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Adoration

**June 17, 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 Sunday Mass

## MASS INTENTIONS

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| Jun 11 (Sat), 5:30 PM  | Amanda Morales (req. by Marylou Lonsdale)  |
| Jun 12 (Sun), 8:00 AM  | Pat Davis (req. by Durkee family)          |
| Jun 12, 10:00 AM       | Deborah J. DeBelis                         |
| Jun 15 (Wed), 12:15 PM | Carlos Medeiros (req. by Emily Medeiros)   |
| Jun 16 (Thu), 12:15 PM | Lawrence Fletcher (req. by Karen Fletcher) |
| Jun 19 (Sun), 8:00 AM  | Alex Jarry (req. by Maureen Mooney)        |
| Jun 19, 10:00 AM       | Debbie DeBelis (req. by Aunt Una)          |

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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).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU for the remembrances from all at Saint John Neumann. I enjoyed this wonderful Parish Family for the past 40 years! It was a joy to come in everyday and see what was on the agenda. I will miss everyone, but it was time to move on.

God bless,  
EILEEN BUCKLEY

## NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL New Diocesan Initiative

The first annual NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL (NHCA) is a new diocesan initiative which will replace a number of second collections throughout the year. Its purpose is to support Catholic Charities NH, the education of our seminarians, Catholic Schools, and evangelization through Parable magazine, and more. Please keep Bp. Libasci and the diocese in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>



CONGRATULATIONS to this year's recipient of the Knights of Columbus Council #10896 Academic Scholarship: **CLAIRE DESROSIERS**

## WHAT IS A LAY CARMELITE?

Have you ever felt a hunger and thirst for deeper holiness? Have you ever felt a desire to love God more and to serve Him more faithfully in your daily life? Do you love and honor Our Lady? If so, perhaps God is calling you to ministry in the Church as a LAY CARMELITE. For more INFORMATION on how to become a LAY CARMELITE, please contact: Simone Corrigan, (603) 598-8388 or Elaine Bienvenue, (603) 437-8307.

## FIAT DAYS & QUO VADIS DAYS VOCATION CAMPS

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for your life! HIGH SCHOOL AGE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN (ages 14-18) ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR

UPCOMING VOCATION CAMPS to look at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun.

**FIAT DAYS (July 25-28) for young women.**

**QUO VADIS DAYS (August 8-12) for young men.**

These are overnight camps held at Magdalen College (Warner, NH) and are led by priests, sisters, and seminarians from the diocese. The camps include a full schedule of hiking, swimming, canoeing, sports and games, daily Mass and prayer, and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. **The cost, \$50, will be covered by the parish.** For more information or TO REGISTER: <liveinblackandwhite.com> or contact Ms. Becky Vinson in the Vocations Office at 603-663-0153 or [rvinson@rcbm.org](mailto:rvinson@rcbm.org).

## **ONLINE** *giving*

St John Neumann Parish offers ONLINE GIVING for families to easily give one-time as well as recurring donations. You can make a secure donation via Electronic Check or Debit/Credit Card by visiting the parish website <SJNNH.ORG> and scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on <ONLINE-DOANATION>.

<https://sjnnh.org/online-donation>

Plus, if you choose to set up a recurring gift, you'll be prompted via email to create an online DONOR ACCOUNT. Provided by eCatholic (the same company that hosts our parish website), online giving makes for efficient record-keeping and communication with the parish office.

To learn more about the possibilities of donating without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes, visit the parish website.

### AMAZON SMILE

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. To participate, 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.

## **ST FRANCIS CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Please join us for our 1st Annual St Francis Charity Golf Tournament held at Hood Kroft Country Club in Derry, NH at 10:00 AM on June 17th

(Friday). All proceeds will benefit Catholic education. To learn more or to register, please visit: [www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org](http://www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org) or call (603) 424-3312.

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