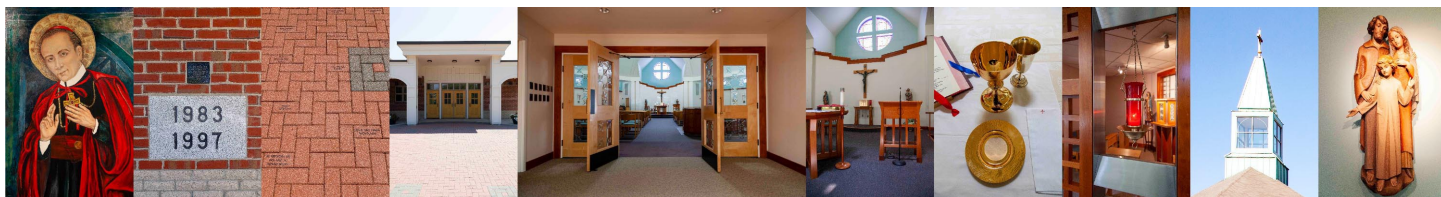


# SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
June 26, 2022

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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 SCANDALS

[Jesus] said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age] and the harvesters are angels." —Mt 13:37-39

The excerpt below is from a letter of St Augustine (d. 430, bishop) to a recent convert to Catholicism, Felicia. The letter is in response to her disillusionment on account of scandals in the Church.



JUDAS BETRAYS JESUS WITH A KISS  
by Duccio di Buoninsegna (d. 1319)

I HAVE no doubt that your heart was troubled both for your own faith and for the weakness or sinfulness of others, since the holy apostle, full of deep feelings of love, admits and says, *Who is weak and I am not weak? Who is scandalized and I do not burn?* (2 Cor 11:29). For that reason I too was saddened and concerned for your salvation in Christ, and I thought that I should send this letter of either consolation or exhortation to Your Holiness, because in the body of Christ, which is his Church and the unity of his members, you have become for us a most true sister who are loved like an honorable member in his body and live along with us by his Holy Spirit.

Hence I counsel you not to be so seriously troubled by these scandals. It was predicted that they were going to come so that, when they came, we would recall that they were predicted and not be deeply upset by them. For the Lord himself predicted them in the gospel in this way: *Woe to the world because of scandals! It is necessary that scandals come, but woe to the person through whom scandal comes!* (Mt 18:7; Lk 17:1) Who are these people but



those of whom the apostle says, *Seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ* (Phil 2:21). There are, therefore, some men who occupy the chairs of shepherds in order to take care of the flocks of Christ, but there are others who sit in them in order to enjoy their own temporal honors and worldly advantages. It is necessary that these two kinds of shepherds continue to exist in the Catholic Church, as some die and others take their place, until the end of the world and until the judgment by the Lord. For, if at the time of the apostles there were such men among the false brethren whom the apostle lamented when he said, *Perils from false brethren* (2 Cor 11:26), and whom he did not expel through pride but endured through patience, how much more is it necessary that they exist in our own time, since the Lord says most clearly concerning the time of this world that is drawing to its end, *Because wickedness will abound, the love of many will grow cold* (Mt 24:12). But what follows ought to console and encourage us. *Whoever perseveres, he says, until the end will be saved* (Mt 24:13; 10:22; Mk 13: 13).

Just as there are good and bad shepherds, so there are also good and bad persons in the flocks. The good are referred to as sheep but the bad are called goats. But they graze, mixed together until the prince of shepherds, who is called the one shepherd (1 Pt 5:4; Jn 10:16), comes and, as he promised, separates like a shepherd the sheep from the goats (Mt 25:32). For he entrusted to us the flock but reserved for himself the separation of the sheep from the goats, because he who cannot make a mistake ought to separate them. For those proud servants who were quick to dare to separate them ahead of time, an action that the Lord reserved for himself, were instead separated themselves from the Catholic unity. For, if they were impure because of their schism, how could they keep their flock pure?

In order, therefore, that we may remain in unity and not abandon the threshing floor of the Lord when we are offended by scandals from the chaff but may rather remain as grain until the end of the winnowing and endure the straw that is crushed by the strong weight of love, our shepherd himself warns us about good shepherds in the gospel. He warns us that we should not place our hope even in them because of their good works but that we should glorify our Father who is in heaven, the one who made them such, and he warns us about bad shepherds, whom he chose to indicate by the terms "scribes" and "Pharisees," those who teach what is right but do what is wrong.

For he speaks in this way about good shepherds. *You are the light of the world. A city set upon a mountain cannot be hidden, nor do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel but on a lampstand in order that it may give light for all who are in the house. In that way let your light shine before men in order that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.* (Mt 15:14-16) But concerning the bad shepherds he warns the sheep when he says, *They sit in the chair of Moses. Do what they say, but do not do what they do. For they talk, but they do not act.* (Mt 23:2-3) After having heard this, the sheep of Christ hear his voice even through the bad teachers and do not

abandon his unity, because the good that they hear them speak does not come from them but from him. And for this reason the sheep graze in security because even under bad shepherds they are fed in the pastures of the Lord. But they do not do the bad actions of the bad shepherds because such actions are not his but theirs. With those whom they see are good, they not merely listen to the good words that they speak, but they also imitate the good actions that they do. *The apostle was one of these; he said, Be imitators of me, as I too am of Christ* (1 Cor 11:1; 4:16). He was a light enlightened by the everlasting light, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he was set upon the lampstand because he gloried in the cross of Christ. For this reason he said, *God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ* (Gal 6:14). And because he did not seek his own interests but those of Jesus Christ, though he exhorted those to whom he gave birth through the gospel to the imitation of himself, he nonetheless severely rebuked those who created schisms over the names of the apostles and reprimanded those who said, *I belong to Paul*. He asked, *Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?* (1 Cor 1:12-13; 3:4)

From this we understand that good shepherds do not seek their own interests but those of Jesus Christ and that, though good sheep imitate the actions of their good shepherds, they nonetheless do not put their hope in those by whose ministry they were gathered into the flock but rather in the Lord by whose blood they were redeemed. In that way, when they happen to come upon bad shepherds preaching Christ's doctrine but doing their own evil deeds, they do what the bad shepherds say, but they do not do what they do. And they do not abandon the pastures of unity on account of the children of iniquity. For, in the Catholic Church, which does not exist only in Africa like the sect of Donatus, but, as was promised, expands and spreads out through all the nations, as the apostle says, *bearing fruit and increasing* (Col 1:6), there are both good and bad people. But people separated from her cannot be good as long as their thoughts are opposed to her. For, though a seemingly praiseworthy manner of life is thought to prove that some of them are good, their very division makes them bad, as the Lord says, *Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters* (Mt 12:30).

For this reason I also exhort you, my rightly respected lady and honorable daughter among the members of Christ, to hold faithfully onto what the Lord has given you and love him and his Church with your whole heart, for he has not permitted you to lose the fruit of your virginity or to perish with the wicked. For, if you left this world separated from the unity of the body of Christ, the preservation of your body's integrity would do you no good. But God who is rich in mercy (Eph 2:4) has done with you what is written in the gospel. When those invited to the dinner by the head of the house excused themselves, he said to his servants, among other things, *Go out into the roads and pathways, and whom ever you find, force them to come in* (Lk 14:18, 23). Although, then, you owe a most sincere love to his good servants by whose ministry you were forced to come in, you ought nonetheless to put your hope

in him who prepared the banquet, about which you too are concerned out of a desire for eternal life and happiness. Entrusting to him your heart, your plan of life, your holy virginity, your faith, hope, and charity, you will not be upset by the scandals that will abound until the end, but you will be safe with solid strength and will be glorious in the Lord through persevering in his unity until the end. But inform me by your reply how you have received this concern of mine for you, which I have taken care to convey to you by what words I could. May God's mercy and grace always protect you.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### **Jun 26, SUNDAY — 13th Week of Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass  
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass  
6:00 PM | \*Sunday Mass (resumes 4 Sep)  
7:00 PM | Adoration

#### **Jun 27, MONDAY**

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

#### **Jun 28, TUESDAY**

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

#### **Jun 29, 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 30, THURSDAY**

10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study  
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

#### **Jul 1, FIRST FRIDAY**

10:00 AM | Food Pantry  
12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Adoration

#### **Jul 2, FIRST SATURDAY**

8:30 AM | Men's Group  
8:30 AM | First Saturday 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 Sunday Mass

### MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Jun 25 (Sat), 5:30 PM</b>	SJN Parishioners
<b>Jun 26 (Sun), 8:00 AM</b>	Carlos Medeiros & family (req. Emily Medeiros)
<b>Jun 26, 10:00 AM</b>	Debbie DeBelis (req. by Jerry & Sheila)
<b>Jun 27 (Mon), 12:15 PM</b>	Allison Lograsso (req. by Mary & John Mann)
<b>Jun 29 (Wed), 12:15 PM</b>	Lawrence Fletcher (req. by Karen Fletcher)
<b>Jul 1 (Fri), 12:15 PM</b>	Elizabeth & Roger Barney (req. by Karen Fletcher)
<b>Jul 2 (Sat), 5:30 PM</b>	Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)

**Jul 3 (Sun), 8:00 AM**

William Fogle (req. by John Mooney)

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

### CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION

25 Jun (Sat), following the 5:30 PM Mass

On June 25, the FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART, parishes throughout the diocese will conduct a CEREMONY OF CONSECRATION AND ENTHRONEMENT TO THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY. In our own parish, it will immediately follow the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass.

Of the devotion to the SACRED HEART of Jesus, Pope Pius XII said the love of God for the world was expressed through Jesus' frail/fragile body since "in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily". DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART is the belief that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus was sent to call sinners to repentance, and through faith and Baptism to new life. There is no sin how often repeated, there is no sin how vile, that will not be forgiven if we accept this call to repentance. Such is God's love for us!

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

K-12 REGISTRATION for the 2022-2023 school year has begun! Please register early to assist us with planning. REGISTRATION can be completed online (<https://sjnnh.org/re-registration2022-23>). HARD COPY FORMS are also available in the church gathering space if preferred.

### CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL

Families looking for a Catholic Middle School education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values are invited to apply to Saint Christopher Academy for the Fall of 2022! Saint Christopher's upper campus serves students in grades 6-to-8 within a caring, joy-filled community. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support the development of students who are well-rounded learners and leaders. To learn more, visit:

SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator LORRICE BEDARD at (603) 882-7442, ext. 310.

### UNICYCLE SCHOOL

Starts 11:00 AM, July 11  
For info, please see Fr. Glasgow

### 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>

### **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>

### **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.

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