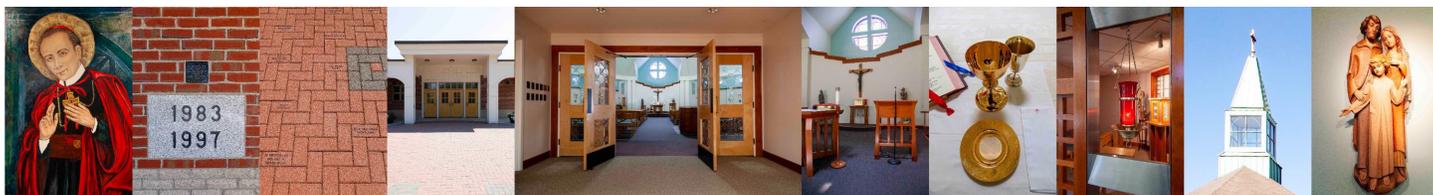


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
July 3, 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

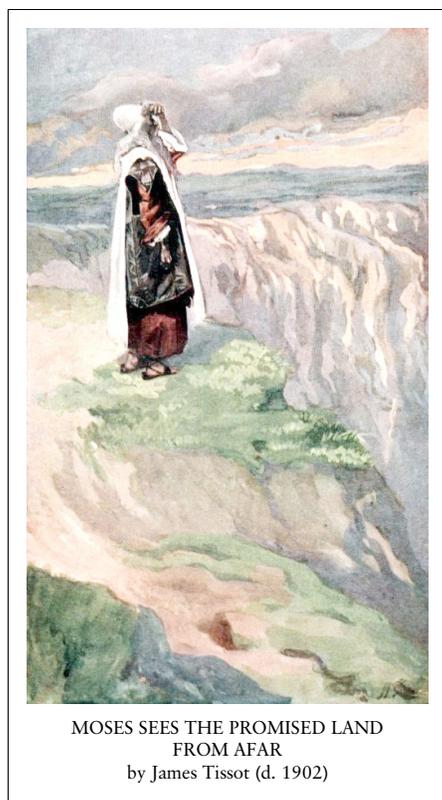
RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ON PRAYER

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. —Rom 12:12

The first excerpt is from a homily by St John Chrysostom (d. 407, bishop). The second is from Tertullian's (d. 240, priest) treatise On Prayer. Both

regard prayer as the supreme good. For Chrysostom, it is the longing for God, a love too deep for words, a gift of God's grace. For Tertullian, it has all power concerning our eternal good. Prayer can do no evil. In the words of St Gregory of Nyssa, "By prayer we can be with God!"



MOSES SEES THE PROMISED LAND
FROM AFAR
by James Tissot (d. 1902)

**PRAYER and
converse with God
is a supreme good:
it is partnership
and union with**

God. As the eyes of the body are enlightened when they see light, so our spirit when it is intent on God, is illumined by his infinite light. **I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods but continuous throughout the day and night.**

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God, not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit



that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

Prayer is the light of the spirit, true knowledge of God, mediating between God and man. The spirit, raised up to heaven by prayer, clings to God with the utmost tenderness; like a child crying tearfully for its mother, it craves the milk that God provides. It seeks the satisfaction of its own desires, and receives gifts outweighing the whole world of nature.

Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador. It gives joy to the spirit, peace to the heart. I speak of prayer, not words. It is the longing for God, love too deep for words, a gift not given by man but by God's grace. The apostle Paul says: We do not know how we are to pray but the Spirit himself pleads for us with inexpressible longings.

When the Lord gives this kind of prayer to a man or woman, he gives him riches that cannot be taken away, heavenly food that satisfies the spirit. One who tastes this food is set on fire with an eternal longing for the Lord: his spirit burns as in a fire of the utmost intensity.

Practice prayer from the beginning. Paint your house with the colors of modesty and humility. Make it radiant with the light of justice. Decorate it with the finest gold leaf of good deeds. Adorn it with the walls and stones of faith and generosity. Crown it with the pinnacle of prayer. In this way you will make it a perfect dwelling place for the Lord. You will be able to receive him as in a splendid palace, and through his grace you will already possess him, his image enthroned in the temple of your spirit.

PRAYER is the spiritual offering which has abolished the ancient sacrifices. "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?" says the Lord. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams; I have no desire for the fat of lambs or the blood of bulls and of goats. Who looked for these from your hands?" We learn from the gospel what God has asked for. "The hour will come," we are told, "when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. God is spirit, and so this is the kind of worshiper he wants."

We are the true worshipers and the true priests: praying in spirit, we make our sacrifice of prayer in spirit, an offering which is God's own and acceptable to him. This is the offering which he has asked for, and which he has provided for himself. This is the sacrifice, offered from the heart, fed on faith, prepared by truth; unblemished in innocence, pure in chastity, garlanded with love, which we must bring to God's altar, in a procession of good works, to the accompaniment of psalms and hymns. It will obtain for us from God all that we ask.

What will God deny to a prayer which

proceeds from spirit and truth, seeing it is he who demands it? How great are the proofs of its efficacy which we read and hear and believe. The old prayer, no doubt, brought deliverance from fire, wild beasts and hunger, and yet it had not received its form from Christ: how much more fully efficacious then is Christian prayer!

It does not station the angel of the dew in the midst of the fire, nor block the mouths of lions, nor transfer to the hungry the peasants' dinner. It has no special grace to avert the experience of suffering, but it arms with endurance those who do suffer, who grieve, who are pained. It makes grace multiply in power, so that faith may know what it obtains from the Lord, while it understands what for God's name's sake it is suffering.

In the past prayer induced plagues, put to flight the hosts of the enemy, brought on drought. Now, however, the prayer of righteousness turns aside the whole wrath of God, is concerned for enemies, makes supplication for persecutors. Is it surprising that it knows how to squeeze out the waters of heaven, seeing it did have power even to ask for fire and obtain it? **Prayer alone it is that conquers God.** But it was Christ's wish for it to work no evil: he has conferred upon it all power concerning good.

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And so its only knowledge is how to call back the souls of the deceased from the very highway of death, to straighten the feeble, to heal the sick, to cleanse the devil-possessed, to open the bars of the prison, to loose the bands of the innocent. It also absolves sins, drives back temptations, quenches persecutions, strengthens the weak-hearted, delights the high-minded, brings home wayfarers, stills the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, rules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports the unstable, upholds them that stand.

The angels too pray, all of them. The whole creation prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray, and

bend their knees, and in coming forth from their stalls and lairs look up to heaven, their mouth not idle, making the spirit move in their own fashion. Moreover the birds taking flight lift themselves up to heaven and instead of hands spread out the cross of their wings, while saying something which may be supposed to be a prayer. What more then of the obligation of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed: to him be honor and power for ever and ever.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jul 3, SUNDAY — 14th 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

Jul 4, MONDAY — Offices closed in observance of the July 4th holiday

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

Jul 5, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Jul 6, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

Jul 7, THURSDAY

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

Jul 8, FRIDAY

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

Jul 9, 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

Jul 2 (Sat), 5:30 PM Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Jul 3 (Sun), 8:00 AM William Fogle (req. by Joan Mooney)
Jul 3, 10:00 AM Fran Ryan (req. by Sue Willard)
Jul 6 (Wed), 12:15 PM Carlos Medeiros (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Jul 9 (Sat), 5:30 PM Russell & Cathie Kasmar (req. by family)
Jul 10 (Sun), 8:00 AM Hank Syseskey (req. by Elaine Syseskey)
Jul 10, 10:00 AM Deborah DeBelis (req. by John & Ann Gillespie)

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).

LAST WEEK

19 July (Corpus Christi), \$6,811.00
26 July (13th Sunday Ordinary Time), \$4,438.00
Capital Improvements, \$839.25
Peter's Pence, \$502.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

UNICYCLE SCHOOL

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

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

15 July (Friday), 6:00 PM

Join your St John Neumann parish family on July 15 (Friday) at 6:00PM to watch the NASHUA SILVER KNIGHTS take on the New Britain Bees at Nashua's Holman Stadium (67 Amherst St.). Our group will be seated together. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Any questions, please contact Claire Bryson, cbryson@sjnnh.org.

To receive a DISCOUNTED TICKET PRICE of \$7.00/ticket use the following link (or QR code below). NOTE: the password is "SJNNH":

<https://gr1.glitnirticketing.com/grticket/web/loggingroup1.php>



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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.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL New Diocesan Initiative

If you haven't already done so, please consider supporting the diocese's first annual NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL (NHCA). It replaces 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. 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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