

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 23, 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.

LEST IT FALL

It shall come to pass [that] I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. —Joel 3:1 [quoted by St Peter, Acts 1:17]

The images below depict the dreams of Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) in which he saw St Francis of Assisi (d. 1226)—and five years later St Dominic Guzman (d. 1221)—reaching up to support the tottering Church lest it fall to ruins. The first excerpt is from St Bonaventure's (d. 1274) Life of St Francis. The second is from Jacobus de Vorigagin's Golden Legend, a popular collection of stories of the saints first published in the mid-13th century.



DREAMS OF POPE INNOCENT III
by Giotto (d. 1337)

NOW when the servant of Christ perceived that the number of the Brethren was gradually increasing, he wrote for himself and for his Brethren a Rule for their life, in simple words. Herein the observance of the Holy Gospel was set as the inseparable foundation, and some few other points were added that seemed necessary for a consistent manner of life. But he was fain that what he had written should be approved by the Supreme Pontiff, wherefore he purposed to approach the Apostolic See



with that his company of simple men, relying only on the divine guidance. God from on high had regard unto his desire, and fortified the minds of his companions, that were afeared at the thought of his simpleness, by a vision shown unto the man of God after this wise. It seemed unto him that he was walking along a certain road, near by which stood a very lofty tree. When he had drawn nigh unto it, and was standing beneath it, wondering at its height, on a sudden he was so raised on high by the divine might as that he touched the top of the tree, and bent down its highest branches unto its roots right easily. The portent of this vision Francis, filled with the Spirit of God, understood to refer unto the stooping of the Apostolic See unto his desire; wherefore he was gladdened in spirit, and his Brethren were strengthened in the Lord, and thus he set forth with them on the journey.

Now when he had come unto the Roman Curia, and had been introduced into the presence of the Supreme Pontiff, he expounded unto him his intent, humbly and earnestly beseeching him to sanction the Rule aforesaid for their life. And the Vicar of Christ, the lord Innocent III, a man exceeding renowned for wisdom, beholding in the man of God the wondrous purity of a simple soul, constancy unto his purpose, and the enkindled fervor of a holy will, was disposed to give unto the suppliant his fatherly sanction. Howbeit, he delayed to perform that which the little poor one of Christ asked, by reason that unto some of the Cardinals this seemed a thing untried, and too hard for human strength. But there was present among the Cardinals an honor-worthy man, the lord John of Saint Paul, Bishop of Sabina, a lover of all holiness, and an helper of the poor men of Christ. He, inflamed by the Divine Spirit, said unto the Supreme Pontiff, and unto his colleagues: "If we refuse the request of this poor man as a thing too hard, and untried, when his petition is that the pattern of Gospel life may be sanctioned for him, let us beware lest we stumble at the Gospel of Christ. For if any man saith that in the observance of Gospel perfection, and the vowing thereof, there is contained aught that is untried, or contrary unto reason, or impossible to observe, he is clearly seen to blaspheme against Christ, the author of the Gospel." When these arguments had been set forth, the successor of the Apostle Peter, turning unto the poor man of Christ, said: "Pray unto Christ, my son, that He may shew us His will through thee, and when we know it more surely, we will more confidently assent unto thy holy desires."

Then the servant of God Almighty, betaking himself wholly unto prayer, gained by devout intercession that which he might set forth outwardly, and the Pope feel inwardly. For when he had narrated a parable of a rich King that had of free will espoused a fair woman that was poor, and how the children she bare shewed the likeness of the King that begat them, and so were brought up at his table, even as he had learnt this of the Lord—he added, as an interpretation thereof: "It is not to be feared that the sons and heirs of the everlasting King will perish of hunger, even they that have been born of a poor mother in the likeness of the King, Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, and that shall themselves beget sons through the

spirit of Poverty in a little poor Religion. For if the King of heaven hath promised an everlasting kingdom unto them that follow Him, how much more shall He provide for them those things that He bestoweth alike on the good and on the evil?" When the Vicar of Christ had diligently hearkened unto this parable, and the interpretation thereof, he marveled greatly, and perceived that Christ had of a truth spoken through a man. Moreover, he maintained, by the inspiration of the Divine Spirit, that a vision that at that time was shown unto him from heaven would be fulfilled in Francis.

For in a dream he saw, as he recounted, the Lateran Basilica about to fall, when a little poor man, of mean stature and humble aspect, propped it with his own back, and thus saved it from falling. "Verily," saith he, "he it is that by his work and teaching shall sustain the Church of Christ." From this vision, he was filled with an especial devotion unto him, and in all ways disposed himself unto his supplication, and ever loved the servant of Christ with an especial affection. Then and there he granted his request, and promised at a later day to bestow yet more upon him.

He sanctioned the Rule, and gave him a command to preach repentance, and made all the lay Brethren that had accompanied the servant of God wear narrow tonsures, that they might preach the word of God without hindrance

IN September 1215 [St] Dominic accompanied Bishop Fulk of Toulouse to the Lateran Council, to be convened in Rome in November, where he sought approval from Pope Innocent III for his new Order. Innocent was not convinced of the need for another formal order. There already existed too many orders that were poorly organized and prone to abuses, and the conciliar fathers were inclined to restrict new foundations to the two established orders [i.e., Benedictines and Augustinians] ... [However].

One night in a vision Innocent saw the Lateran Basilica about to fall when suddenly Dominic threw himself against the building to steady it.

This vision persuaded the pontiff that Dominic's Order was pleasing to heaven and would become one of the most powerful supporters of the church. Calling Dominic to him the next day, Innocent gave his initial approval and promised to confirm the Order at a later time. Dominic was to return to France and with his brothers choose an existing and approved Rule. Innocent approved the new Order in a communication addressed to "Master Dominic and the Brothers Preachers".

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 23 SUNDAY — 30th Week of Ordinary Time
8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Adoration

Oct 24, MONDAY
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Oct 25, TUESDAY
7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Oct 26, WEDNESDAY
9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Oct 27, THURSDAY
10:00 AM | Women's Bible Study
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Oct 28, FRIDAY — SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles
10:00 AM | Food Pantry
12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Adoration
5:00 PM | TRUNK OR TREAT (thru 7:00 PM)

Oct 29, 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

OFFERTORY

Oct 9, '22 — \$5,309.00
Oct 16, '22 — \$6,251.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 22 (Sat), 5:30 PM St John Neumann Parishioners
Oct 23 (Sun), 8:00 AM Deb Matswon-Champagne (req. by Susan Coker)

Oct 23, 10:00 AM Fr. Robert Whitney - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)

Oct 24 (Mon), 12:15 PM Richard Blais (req. by Deborah Blais)

Oct 26 (Wed), 12:15 PM Marie Duffey (req. by Catherine Meyers)

Oct 28 (Fri), 12:15 PM Russell Gloyeske (req. by Ethnea Daniels)

Oct 29 (Sat), 5:30 PM St John Neumann Parishioners
Oct 30 (Sun), 8:00 AM Margaret Mann (req. by John & Mary Mann)

Oct 30, 10:00 AM Deborah Matson-Champagne (req. by the Sheehan Family)

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

TRUNK OR TREAT Friday, October 28, 2022

Join us for a fun trick-or-treating activity. Choose to participate in one of two ways (or both!):

- Dress in costume and come for trick-or-treating.
- Decorate the trunk or tailgate of your vehicle and distribute your candy to the trick-or-treaters.

PRIZES will be awarded for:

- CARS: Best Candy, Most Creative, and Best Catholic theme
- COSTUMES: Most Original, Best Homemade, and Best Catholic theme.

Arrive as early as 5:00 PM to set up cars and decorations. Trick-or-treating begins at 6:00 PM.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation

31 Oct, Vigil Mass 5:30 PM
1 Nov, Holy Day Masses 12:15 and 7:00 PM

ALL SOULS

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
2 Nov, Masses 12:15 and 7:00 PM

CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

The CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE is always looking for new members. If you play an instrument, or love to sing, please consider joining us. We rehearse Monday nights, and sing at Mass typically two Sunday evening Masses, as well as Christmas and Easter. For more information, please reach out to Heather at heathermb769@gmail.com, or at (609) 930-2543. COME AND JOIN US!

THURSDAY MORNING WOMEN'S GROUP

This group of women meets Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM to grow deeper in faith through friendship, conversation, and shared reading. Our next session will begin on Oct 13 and continue through January. We'll be reading and discussing DWELL: A STUDY ON THE EUCHARIST. This is

a study by BLESSED IS SHE. For more information about this 15-session study, visit: <<https://blessedishe.net/product/dwell-blessed-conversations-eucharist/>>. If you are interested in joining us, we would be delighted to welcome you! Please contact Claire Bryson at cbryson@sjnnh.org.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS
Day Away Volunteer Lunch Assistant

St John Neumann (SJN) Day Away is seeking friendly VOLUNTEERS to assist with assembling boxed (or bagged) lunches that consist of fresh fruit, a prepared salad, a protein (e.g, sandwich, wrap or cup of hot soup), a snack, a beverage, and dessert. All food and supplies are provided by Day Away. LUNCH ASSISTANTS will be working in the parish kitchen and assisting with serving lunch. All LUNCH ASSISTANTS are welcomed to eat lunch prior to providing a simple cleanup. Our LUNCH ASSISTANTS prefer to work as a team with a minimum of two lunch assistants at a time.

ORIENTATION to the N.H. state food handling and storage regulations is provided along with guidance on proper use of the individual sinks for hand washing, food prep and dishwashing.

SPECIAL ATTIRE: Includes a wide hair band or scarf to pull hair back and off the collar. Gloves (vinyl or nitrile) are provided & required to be worn while handling/preparing food. Surgical mask (during COVID) is required of all food establishment workers when around food to be served to others.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- 1 or 2 Thursdays each month (NOTE: Some months have a 5th Thursday to be covered)
- 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM

For more information, email Kathy Hopkins, RN, Director of SJN Day Away or call 603-880-4689.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To add someone to the prayer line, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. Please pray for:

Priscille, Diane, Paul, George, Kevin, Patrick, Kim, Joe, Deneen, Eric, Phyllis, Jim, Natalie, Tammy, Cheryl, Rob, Julia, Allan, Jamie, David, Claudette, Steve, Gina, Mike, Ray, Thomasina, Milli, Tracie, Maureen, Don, Kim, Tim, Sam, Max, Jess, Rebecca, Daphne, Lynne, Jerry, Barbera, Elaine's family, the people affected by Hurricane Ian (especially Cindy,

Bob, Tucker (service dog), Pam, Annmarie, and Brian and his family), and all of our parishioners' needs.

SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE

ST. GIANNA'S is a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson, NH. **Their ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN is Oct 1-thru-Oct 23.** Our financial support is greatly appreciated, and helps to defray the costs day-to-day operations and educational programs offered to the young mothers. **If you would like to help, simply take home a BABY BOTTLE, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the church lobby. Thank you!**

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>

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