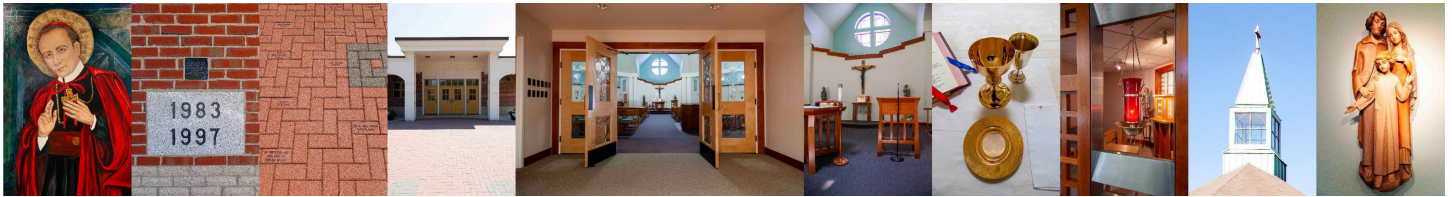


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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 21, 2023

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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.

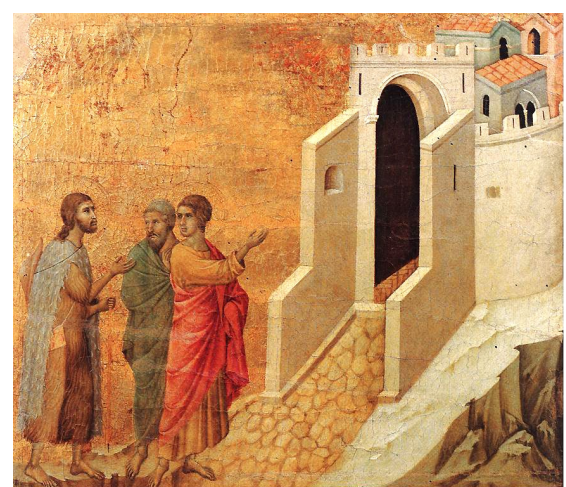
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, he has been raised. —Luke 24:6

The excerpt below, an explanation of the last half of the 5th Article of the Apostles Creed—"He rose again from the dead"—is from St Thomas Aquinas' (d. 1274) Catechetical Instructions. The Resurrection is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ. By dying he destroyed our death, by rising he restored our life! The Resurrection confirms Jesus' works, teachings and divine authority. His death liberated us from sin, his Resurrection opened for us the way to new life [that is, life in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit]. As St Paul writes (1 Cor 15:55-57): "Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."



ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS
by Duccio di Buoninsegna (d. 1319)

"Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, 'Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them." —Luke 24:27-29

WE must necessarily know two things: the glory of God and the punishment of hell. For being attracted by His glory and made fearful by punishments, we take warning and withdraw ourselves from sin. But for us to



appreciate these facts is very difficult. Thus, it is said of God's glory: "But the things that are in heaven, who shall search out?" For those who are worldly minded this is indeed difficult, because "he that is of the earth, of the earth he is, and of the earth he speaketh;" but it is easier for the spiritually minded, because, "he that cometh from above is above all," as is said in the same place. Accordingly, God descended from heaven and became incarnate to teach us heavenly things. Once it was difficult to know about the punishments of hell: "no man hath been known to have returned from hell," as it is said in the person of the wicked. But this cannot be said now, for just as Christ descended from heaven to teach us heavenly things, so also He came back from the region of hell to teach us about it. It is, therefore, necessary that we believe not only that Christ was made man, and died, but also that He arose again from the dead. Therefore, it is said in the Creed: "The third day He arose again from the dead."

We find that many arose from the dead, such as Lazarus, the son of the widow, and the daughter of the Ruler of the synagogue. But the resurrection of Christ differed from the resurrection of these and of all others in four points.

SPECIAL CHARACTER OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

1. Christ's resurrection differed from that of all others in its cause. Those others who arose did so not of their own power, but either by the power of Christ or through the prayers of some Saint. Christ, on the contrary, arose by His own power, because He was not only Man but also God, and the Divinity of the Word was at no time separated either from His soul or from His body. Therefore, His body could, whenever He desired, take again the soul, and His soul the body: "I lay down My life, that I may take it again ... And I have power to lay it down; and I have power to take it up again." Christ truly died, but not because of weakness or of necessity but rather of His own will entirely and by His own power. This is seen in that moment when He yielded up the ghost; He cried out with a loud voice, which could not be true of others at the moment of dying, because they die out of weakness ... For this the centurion said: "Indeed, this was the Son of God." By that same power whereby He gave up His soul, He received it again; and hence the Creed says, "He arose again," because He was not raised up as if by anyone else. "I have slept and have taken My rest; and I have risen up." Nor can this be contrary to these words, "This Jesus hath God raised again," because both the Father and the Son raised Him up, since one and the same power is of the Father and the Son.
2. Christ's resurrection was different as regards the life to which He arose. Christ arose again to a glorious and incorruptible life: "Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father." The others, however, were raised to that life which they had before, as seen of Lazarus and the others.
3. Christ's resurrection was different also in effect and

efficacy. In virtue of the resurrection of Christ all shall rise again: "And many bodies of the saints that had slept arose." The Apostle declares that "Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep." But also note that Christ by His Passion arrived at glory: "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and so to enter into His glory?" And this is to teach us how we also may arrive at glory: "Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God."

4. Christ's resurrection was different in point of time. Christ arose on the third day; but the resurrection of the others is put off until the end of the world. The reason for this is that the resurrection and death and nativity of Christ were "for our salvation," and thus He wished to rise again at a time when it would be of profit to us. Now, if He had risen immediately, it would not have been believed that He died; and similarly, if He had put it off until much later, the disciples would not have remained in their belief, and there would have been no benefit from His Passion. He arose again, therefore, on the third day, so that it would be believed that He died, and His disciples would not lose faith in him.

WHAT WE MAY LEARN FROM THE RESURRECTION

From all this we can take four things for our instruction:

Firstly, let us endeavor to arise spiritually, from the death of the soul which we incur by our sins, to that life of justice which is had through penance: "Rise, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead; and Christ shall enlighten thee." This is the first resurrection: "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection."

Secondly, let us not delay to rise until our death, but do it at once, since Christ arose on the third day: "Delay not to be converted to the Lord; and defer it not from day to day." You will not be able to consider what pertains to salvation when weighed down by illness, and, moreover, by persevering in sin, you will lose part of all the good which is done in the Church, and you will incur many evils. Indeed, the longer you possess the devil, the harder it is to put him away, as St Bede tells us.

Thirdly, let us rise up again to an incorruptible life in that we may not die again, but resolve to sin no more: "Knowing that Christ, rising again from the dead, dieth now no more. Death shall no more have dominion over Him ... So do you also reckon that you are dead to sin, but alive unto God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of iniquity unto sin; but present yourselves to God, as those that are alive from the dead."

Fourthly, let us rise again to a new and glorious life by avoiding all that which formerly were the occasions and the causes of our death and sin: "As Christ is risen from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may walk in newness of life." This new life is the life of justice which renews the soul and leads it to the life of glory.

OFFERING

7 May '23 (6th Sunday of Easter) - \$5,097.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

If early submission doesn't allow us to post the offering in the Sunday Bulletin, it is always posted on the bulletin board opposite the front office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 21, SUNDAY — 7th Week of Easter Season

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

May 22, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

May 23, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

May 24, WEDNESDAY

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

May 25, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group

May 26, FRIDAY — Day of Penance

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
12:15 PM | Daily Mass, followed by Eucharistic Adoration (until 1:45 PM)

May 27, SATURDAY — Vigil, Pentecost Sunday

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

May 20 (Sat), 5:30 PM Michael Perriccio (req. by the Luke Family)
May 21 (Sun), 8:00 AM Donald Ross, Sr. (req. by Maureen Mooney)
May 21, 10:00 AM Leslie Sheehan req. by Robert Sheehan
May 24 (Wed), 12:15 PM Fr. Robert Whitney - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly 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

— PLEASE NOTE —

A change from previous years, the Sunday 6:00 PM

Mass will continue throughout the Summer months.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

This past weekend we kicked off the annual **NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL (NHCA)** an initiative begun last year to help the Diocese expand essential services and ministries across New Hampshire.

Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the **NHCA** materials so that you can learn more about the **NHCA** and how you can participate. The Diocese has set our **PARISH GOAL** at \$48,000, essentially a tithe (10%) of our yearly revenue.



The **NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL (NHCA)** is now the means of funding ministries previously funded through second collections. These second collections have been eliminated or consolidated into the **NHCA**.

What is now funded by the **NHCA**:

- Catholic Charities (The **NHCA** does not fully fund Catholic Charities, but it does aim to cover the 30% of overall Catholic Charities funding the special in-pew collection raised in past years, about \$1.2 million.)
- Parish-to-Parish Support Fund as well as Individual Parish Support
- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarian Fund, Diaconate Formation Program, and Vocations Office
- Priest Retirement
- **PARABLE** Magazine (published monthly)
- Diocesan Missionaries Abroad and Multi-Cultural Ministry in NH
- Catholic University of America (CUA) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)



Together, as the One Body of Christ in New Hampshire—recalling our Lord's words: "*As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me*" (Mt 25:45)—, we can make a difference in both the material and spiritual welfare of many people! TO MAKE A GIFT:

- Return the GIFT ENVELOPE distributed at Mass, or the one you may receive in the mail.
- DONATE ONLINE at the **NHCA website**:
<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

Should you have any questions, please call the **NHCA** office at (603) 663-0170.

LADIES FAITH SHARING GROUP

Beginning this past week, we've begun to journey with the Blessed Mother for the purpose of being led to a closer relationship with her Son, Jesus. The book we will use is Come to Mary's House by Shawn Chapman. Please join us, all are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10896



Annual Father's Day Steak Raffle. Tickets will be offered after all Masses from May 21 thru June 11 (the day of the drawing). Tickets are 1/\$1.00, 6/\$5.00, 15/\$10.00. All funds raised go to support the Youth Activities, Scholarships, and the Food Pantry.

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: Seth, Patty's father, Joe, Liz's father, the soul of MaryAnne, Donna, Eileen, Amy, Thomas, Jane, Diane, Patricia, Carol, Cameron, Allyssa, Rose, Chad, Hannah, Courtney, Thomas, those with brain injuries, our children who have stepped away from the faith, the under-employed and the unemployed, vocations, our parents (especially those who are ailing), our country, and all of our parishioners and their needs.

Saint Francis School CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please join us for the 2nd Annual Saint Francis Charity Golf Tournament held at Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown, NH at 9:00 AM on June 20 (Tuesday). All proceeds will benefit Catholic Education. To learn more and to register, please call (603) 424-3312 or visit:

www.StFrancisSchoolNH.org

+++Calling All High School Students+++

MAGDALEN'S 2023 COLLEGIATE SUMMER PROGRAM July 9-22

Come enjoy two exciting weeks at the college and study with our world-renowned faculty!
REGISTER for our second session (our first session has already sold out) at:

magdalen.edu/summer

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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>.

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