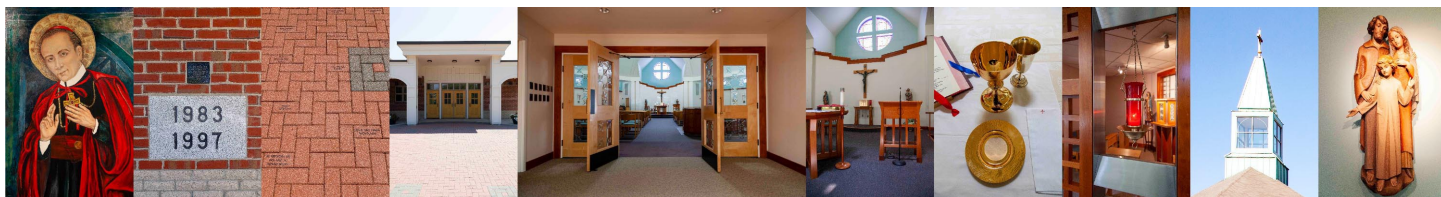


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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CORPUS CHRISTI

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Anticipatory) 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM
Sunday 10:00 AM
Sunday 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.

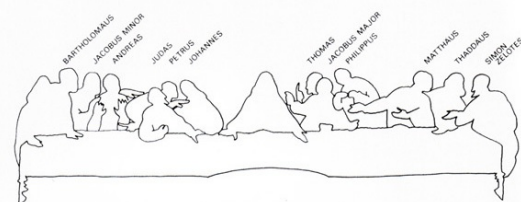
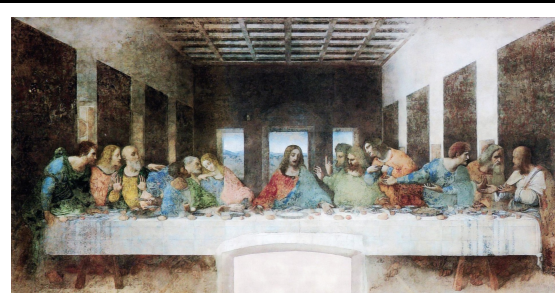
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

MEMORIAL OF CHRIST'S PASSION

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. —John 6:51

The excerpt below is from a homily by St John Chrysostom (d. 407). St Paul warned of received holy communion in an unworthy manner (see 1 Cor 11:27). Worthy reception requires that we be in a state of grace and have observed the Eucharistic Fast. Moreover, we must always approach the table of the Lord with a humble/contrite heart: "My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit; a contrite and humble heart, O God, you will not scorn" (Ps 51:19).



THE LAST SUPPER
by Leonardo da Vinci (d. 1519)

THINK how strong is your own anger against His betrayer, against those who crucified Him. Take care lest you yourself should become guilty of the Body and Blood of Christ. They put that Sacred Body to death; but you, and this after so many kindnesses received from Him, receive this Body into an evil soul. It was not enough that He became man, that He was struck in the face, that He was slaughtered, but He also commingles Himself with us; and this not alone through faith. He has in very deed made us His own Body. Who should be more free from sin than one who partakes of such a sacrifice? As spotless as the sunbeam should be the hand that breaks that Body, the mouth that is to be filled with this spiritual Fire, the tongue that is stained by this awesome Blood! Consider



with what honor you have been honored; at what Table you feast. That which the Angels tremble to behold, and dare not gaze upon because of Its flashing brightness. It is with This we are nourished, to This we are joined; made one Body and One Flesh with Christ.

Let us then not hold this honor lightly: we who have been held worthy of such honor. You see how eager infants are for the maternal breast, how thirstily they drink from it? Let us with a like eagerness approach this Table, and to the breast of the Spiritual Chalice. Let us with even more eagerness drink deep, like infants at the breast, of the love of the Spirit; and let it be our one grief that we should be deprived of this Food. These gifts set before us do not come from human power. He Who then made them at that Supper, the Same now makes what is here before us. We who minister, hold but the place of servants; it is He who consecrates, He who changes them.

Therefore let there be no Judas present; no lover of silver. If there be any one who is not a disciple, let him withdraw; the Table does not receive such as these. For He says: I make the Pasch with my disciples. And This is the same Table, and upon it there is no less than there was upon That. It is not as though Christ had wrought at that Table, and man at This. It is He who prepared this Table also. This church is that Upper Room where they then were; it was from here they went forth to the Mount of Olives. Let us go forth, to the hands of the poor; for there is the Mount of Olives: the multitude of the poor are as olive trees planted in the House of God, from which drops the oil that is profitable to us Above; which five virgins had, and the five others who had it not perished for want of it. Having it, we too may enter in, so that with our lamps burning brightly we may draw near to the Bridegroom. Receiving it let us go forth from here. Let no one who is inhuman be present, no one who is cruel and without mercy, no one at all that is unclean.

What I am saying, I say to you also who minister, as well as to those who are ministered to. For it is necessary that I also address myself to you; that you may distribute the sacred gifts with great caution. For your punishment is not light should you, knowingly, admit anyone to the Communion of this Table whom you know to be unworthy of it. His blood will be required at thy hand (Ezek 33:8). And even though he were a general, or a governor, or even he who wears the crown, should he draw near unworthy, forbid him: for higher is your authority than his. For if a spring of pure water were placed in your care for your flock, and you saw a sheep coming, with its mouth smeared with mud, you would not let it put down its mouth to dirty the well. Now you have been given charge of a well, not of water, but of Blood and the Spirit; and should you see someone draw near who is soiled with sin, a more grievous thing than clay or mud, and you are not moved to wrath, and you do not drive him away, how do you deserve to be forgiven? It was for this God honored you with this dignity: that you might exercise judgment in these things. This is your office; this is your own security; this is your whole crown: not that you may go about clothed in a shining white habit.

And how, you may ask me, can I know about this

person or that person? I am not speaking of those you do not know, but of those you do know. And shall I say something more serious? It is not as dreadful to be possessed by evil Spirits, such as those of whom Paul speaks, as to tread Christ under foot, and to hold the blood of the testament unclean, and offer an affront to the Spirit of grace (Heb 10:29). He who has sinned, and comes to Holy Communion, is lower than one possessed by a demon. For those who are afflicted by an evil spirit are not on that account punished. But these others, should they come, unworthy, to the altar, they are handed over to everlasting punishment.

Let us drive away not these only, but all without exception whom we see draw near who are unworthy. Let no Judas receive, lest he suffer as Judas did. This Gathering is also the Body of Christ. Watch therefore, you who fulfill the office of deacon in these Sacred Mysteries, that you do not provoke the anger of the Lord by not purifying His Body: that you do not give a sword in place of food. And though such a one should approach the altar out of ignorance, exclude him, and be unafraid. Be in fear of God, not of man. For if you fear a man, you will be laughed at, even by him. But if you fear God, you will have the respect of men. Yet, if you do not dare to do this, then bring them to me. I shall not suffer that this be even attempted. I would lay down my life first, before I would present the Lord's Blood to one who was unworthy of It; and pour out my own blood rather than give this Fearful Blood contrary to what is fitting.

But if you do not know who is unworthy, though exercising much care, then there is no fault on your part. For what I am saying is about those who are well known. If we correct those, God will soon disclose those we do not know. But if we do not disturb those who are known to be unworthy, why should God make the others known to us? I say these things to you, not to drive these away, not simply to cut them off, but that we may lead them to do what is right, that we may take care of them. For by doing this God will be gracious to us, and we shall find many who will then receive worthily. And for our own zeal, and because of our care for the souls of others, our reward shall be very great.

And to this may we all attain, by the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING

28 May '23 (7th Sunday of Easter) - \$8,244.00

Online Giving (May) - \$5,357.00

4 Jun '23 (Trinity Sunday) - \$8,264.00

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 BB opposite the front office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jun 11, SUNDAY — Corpus Christi / 9th Week of Ordinary Time

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

Jun 12, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jun 13, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Jun 14, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:00 AM | Ladies Faith Sharing Group
10:30 AM | "The Eucharist in Scripture" Video Series
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jun 15, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jun 16, FRIDAY — Day of Penance

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

Jun 17, SATURDAY

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

Jun 10 (Sat), 5:30 PM | St John Neumann Parishioners
Jun 11 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Richard Maloon (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Jun 11, 10:00 AM | Kay Weeks (req. by family)
Jun 16 (Fri), 12:15 PM | Lawrence Fletcher (req. by Karen Fletcher)
Jun 17 (Sat), 5:30 PM | Ruth Kenna (req. by Mark & Joanne Kenna)
Jun 18 (Sun), 8:00 AM | St John Neumann Parishioners
Jun 18, 10:00 AM | Daniel Bonenfant - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Diane Bonenfant)
Jun 18, 6:00 PM | Deceased diocesan clergy

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

FOOD PANTRY

The St John Neumann Food Pantry is in need of CANNED GOODS. There is a limit at this time on the amount we can purchase from the Food Bank, so any donation would be appreciated!

TOTUS TUUS

For those entering
GRADES 1-6
July 24-28 (Mon-Fri)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

For those entering
GRADES 7-12
July 23-27 (Sun-Thu)
6:30-8:30 PM

Cost \$20

This Summer, the parish will host TOTUS TUUS, a Summer Catechetical Program, conducted by a team of four college-age teachers (2 men, 2 women) for youth entering Grades 1-6 and 7-12. The team will conduct a 5-day Catechetical Program similar to Vacation Bible School. The week will be filled with faith, fun, and friendship. There are messy games and crazy skits. Team members will provide an authentic Christian witness to the youth.

The mission of TOTUS TUUS is to inspire a true longing for holiness, the love of God. Translated from the Latin, TOTUS TUUS means "Totally Yours". It was Pope St John Paul's papal motto, and it signified his desire to give himself entirely to Jesus through Mary, the supreme model of faith and the love of God.

For more information or TO REGISTER, go to:

<https://sjnnh.org/totus-tuus-registration>

SCAM ALERT

Should you receive a text/email purportedly from St John Neumann parish staff requesting gift cards, it is a SCAM! For more information on internet scams or to file a report, go to the FBI INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER:

<https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>

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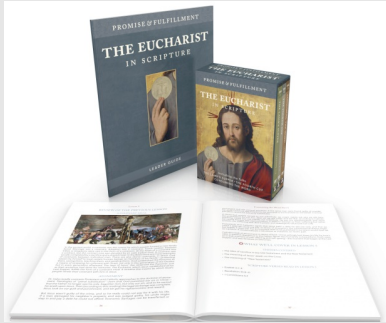


Annual Father's Day Steak Raffle.

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.

The Knights of Columbus want to congratulate ELIZABETH BRYSON for being awarded their annual \$1,000.00 "Knights Scholarship".

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE



Discover God's plan as it is expressed through the Bible and Mass. Built around three of Dr. Scott Hahn's foundational talks: The Lamb's Supper, The Fourth Cup, and Consuming the Word, THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE examines the biblical foundations of the Eucharist and explores the Church's liturgy as the original context for the books of the bible. We will begin this 6-week study May 31 (Wed) at 10:30 AM. For more info contact Cheri Andersen at <youth@sjnnh.org> or visit the St Paul Center website:

stpaulcenter.com/the-eucharist-our-source-summit

NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

This past month 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. The Diocese has set our PARISH GOAL at \$48,000, essentially a tithe (10%) of our yearly revenue.



TO MAKE A GIFT:

Return the GIFT ENVELOPE distributed at Mass, or the one you may receive in the mail. Or, DONATE ONLINE at the NHCA website:

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

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: Diane, Rose, Chad, Hannah, Courtney, Thomas, Roberta, Helen, Sarah's daughter, Charlotte, Pat & family, Denise, Charlene, Tom, Guido, Hannah, Paula, Allen, Sue, Susan, Dan, Dean, Bob, expectant mothers, our children who have stepped away from the faith, vocations, our parents (especially those who are ailing), our country, and all of our

parishioners and their needs.

PARISH *online*

For monthly parish updates, subscribe via FLOCKNOTES by going to:

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FACEBOOK (for daily Mass):

[facebook.com/St John Neumann-Merrimack](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnNeumannMerrimack)

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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