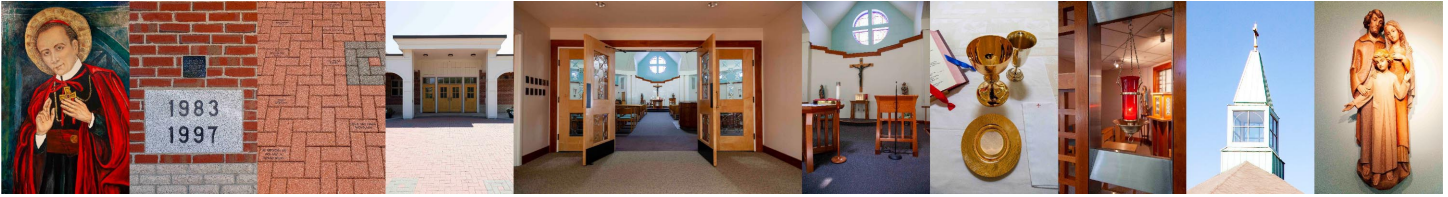


**SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH**  
708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



June 18, 2023  
11th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

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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

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**CONFESSION**

Saturday ..... 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
And before/after daily Mass, or by appointment.

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**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.

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**ON HOLINESS**

Be holy, for I am holy. —Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet 1:16

The excerpt below is from the opening paragraphs of Pope Francis' 19 Mar 2018 Apostolic Exhortation, "ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD".



FRA ANGELICO [detail]  
by Paul Hippolyte Flandrin (d. 1902)

FRA ANGELICO (d. 1455) was beatified by Pope St John Paul II in 1982 without a miracle attributed to his intercession. When asked why, the pope pointed to FRA ANGELICO'S art saying, "These are his miracles!" His true name was Brother John of Fiesole, O.P. but he was popularly known as FRA ANGELICO [Lt., Angelic Friar] due to the highest integrity of his life and the almost divine beauty of his paintings, particularly those of the Blessed Mother. His motto was, "Whoever does the work of Christ, ought always to stay close to Christ." It is said that he never handled a brush without fervent prayer and he wept when he painted a crucifix.

10. THE LORD CALLS. With this Exhortation I would like to insist primarily on the call to holiness that the Lord addresses to each of us, the call that he also addresses, personally, to you: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev 11:44; cf. 1 Pet 1:16). The Second Vatican Council stated this clearly: "Strengthened by so many and such great means of salvation, all the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord—each in his or her own way—to that perfect holiness by which the Father himself is perfect".
11. "Each in his or her own way" the Council says. We should not grow discouraged before examples of holiness that appear unattainable. There are some testimonies that may prove helpful and inspiring, but that we are not meant to copy, for that could even lead us astray from the one specific path



that the Lord has in mind for us. The important thing is that each believer discern his or her own path, that they bring out the very best of themselves, the most personal gifts that God has placed in their hearts (cf. 1 Cor 12:7), rather than hopelessly trying to imitate something not meant for them. We are all called to be witnesses, but there are many actual ways of bearing witness. Indeed, when the great mystic, Saint John of the Cross, wrote his *Spiritual Canticle*, he preferred to avoid hard and fast rules for all. He explained that his verses were composed so that everyone could benefit from them "in his or her own way". For God's life is communicated "to some in one way and to others in another".

12. Within these various forms, I would stress too that the "genius of woman" is seen in feminine styles of holiness, which are an essential means of reflecting God's holiness in this world. Indeed, in times when women tended to be most ignored or overlooked, the Holy Spirit raised up saints whose attractiveness produced new spiritual vigor and important reforms in the Church. We can mention Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Saint Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux. But I think too of all those unknown or forgotten women who, each in her own way, sustained and transformed families and communities by the power of their witness.
13. This should excite and encourage us to give our all and to embrace that unique plan that God willed for each of us from eternity: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1:5).
14. **FOR YOU TOO.** To be holy does not require being a bishop, a priest or a religious. We are frequently tempted to think that holiness is only for those who can withdraw from ordinary affairs to spend much time in prayer. That is not the case. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves. Are you called to the consecrated life? Be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by laboring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Are you in a position of authority? Be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain.
15. Let the grace of your baptism bear fruit in a path of holiness. Let everything be open to God; turn to him in every situation. Do not be dismayed, for the power of the Holy Spirit enables you to do this, and holiness, in the end, is the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life (cf. Gal 5:22-23). When you feel the temptation to dwell on your own weakness, raise your eyes to Christ crucified and say: "Lord, I am a poor sinner, but you can work the miracle of making me a little bit better".

In the Church, holy yet made up of sinners, you will find everything you need to grow towards holiness. The Lord has bestowed on the Church the gifts of scripture, the sacraments, holy places, living communities, the witness of the saints and a multifaceted beauty that proceeds from God's love, "like a bride bedecked with jewels" (Isa 61:10).

16. This holiness to which the Lord calls you will grow through small gestures. Here is an example: a woman goes shopping, she meets a neighbor and they begin to speak, and the gossip starts. But she says in her heart: "No, I will not speak badly of anyone". This is a step forward in holiness. Later, at home, one of her children wants to talk to her about his hopes and dreams, and even though she is tired, she sits down and listens with patience and love. That is another sacrifice that brings holiness. Later she experiences some anxiety, but recalling the love of the Virgin Mary, she takes her rosary and prays with faith. Yet another path of holiness. Later still, she goes out onto the street, encounters a poor person and stops to say a kind word to him. One more step.
17. At times, life presents great challenges. Through them, the Lord calls us anew to a conversion that can make his grace more evident in our lives, "in order that we may share his holiness" (Heb 12:10). At other times, we need only find a more perfect way of doing what we are already doing: "There are inspirations that tend solely to perfect in an extraordinary way the ordinary things we do in life". When Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn van Thuân was imprisoned, he refused to waste time waiting for the day he would be set free. Instead, he chose "to live the present moment, filling it to the brim with love". He decided: "I will seize the occasions that present themselves every day; I will accomplish ordinary actions in an extraordinary way".
18. In this way, led by God's grace, we shape by many small gestures the holiness God has willed for us, not as men and women sufficient unto ourselves but rather "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet 4:10). The New Zealand bishops rightly teach us that we are capable of loving with the Lord's unconditional love, because the risen Lord shares his powerful life with our fragile lives: "His love set no limits and, once given, was never taken back. It was unconditional and remained faithful. To love like that is not easy because we are often so weak. But just to try to love as Christ loved us shows that Christ shares his own risen life with us. In this way, our lives demonstrate his power at work—even in the midst of human weakness".

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#### OFFERING

Corpus Christi (11 Jun '23) — \$6,792.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

The offering is posted on the BB opposite the front

office.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Jun 18, SUNDAY** — 11th 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 19, MONDAY**

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

**Jun 20, TUESDAY**

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

**Jun 21, WEDNESDAY** — St Aloysius Gonzaga

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 22, THURSDAY**

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

**Jun 23, FRIDAY** — Day of Penance

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

**Jun 24, 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 17 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Ruth Kenna (req. by Mark & Joanne Kenna)
Jun 18 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Mary John Kimble (req. by Joan Mooney)
Jun 18, 10:00 AM	Daniel Bonenfant - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Diane Bonenfant)
Jun 23 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Fr. Robert Whitney - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)
Jun 24 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Marie Bozzuto (req. by John & Karen Bozzuto)
Jun 25 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Paul Philp (req. by Bob & Denise Fregault)
Jun 25, 10:00 AM	George & Eva Dishong (req. by Linda Bonczar)

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10896**

The Knights of Columbus want to Congratulate this

year's Winners of the Fathers Day Steak Raffle, a \$50.00 Gift Card to the Flying Butcher:

Roger Blais & Ron Porio

Thank you to all that supported this year's Raffle! Because of your Generosity, we were able to raise over \$550.00 to support the SJN Food Pantry, Knights Scholarships and other Charities.

### PRAYER LINE MINISTRY

To add someone to the prayer line, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, [tschmitt@sjnnh.org](mailto: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, Nate, Jan & Bill, Thomas, Joe, Michael, Sue, Fr. Grace, our children who have stepped away from the faith, our parents (especially those who are ailing), vocations, and all of our parishioners and their needs.

### 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
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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>

### 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!

### 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>

### SAINT CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY

St Christopher Academy is currently interviewing for NEW TEACHERS to fill open positions for Fall of 2023 on both the Lower Campus (Grades PreK-5) and the Upper Campus (Grades 6-8)! For more information, visit the school website:

[SaintChrisAcademy.org/apps/pages/Employment](https://SaintChrisAcademy.org/apps/pages/Employment)

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### SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE Volunteer Opportunities

Saint Gianna's Place is a home for women in unexpected pregnancies located in Southern NH. There are many VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES for Catholic women: teaching weekly classes, cleaning, babysitting, transportation, substitute help, office help, providing dinner, and more. To learn more, visit their website:

[www.StGiannasPlace.org](http://www.StGiannasPlace.org)

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### CRAFTERS NEEDED

The Parish of the Resurrection (449 Broad St, Nashua) is looking for CRAFTERS for their JINGLE BELL FAIR & HOLIDAY CELEBRATION to be held on 18 Nov 2023. Cost is \$40.00/space. For more information or for an application, please call the Resurrection parish office at (603) 882-0925.

## PARISH *online*

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

<https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>

— or texting —

"SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576

(message/data rates may apply)

**INSTAGRAM:** [instagram.com/sjnmerrimack](https://www.instagram.com/sjnmerrimack)

**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](http://SJNNH.ORG)> and scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on <ONLINE-DOANATION>.

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