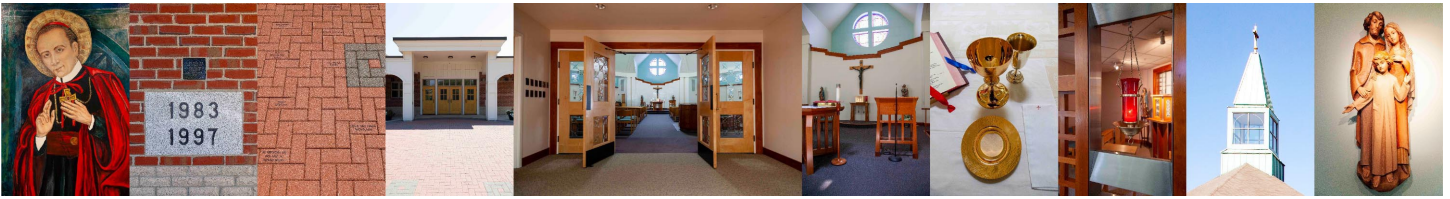


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



September 3, 2023
22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

NICENE CREED

I want to remind you of the gospel I proclaimed to you, which you received and in which you stand firm. Through it you are also being saved, provided that you are holding fast to what I proclaimed to you. If not, then you have believed in vain. —1 Cor 15:1-2

In 325 AD, the Emperor Constantine convened the Council of Nicea in response to conflicts that had arisen within the Church about correct doctrine. Notably, some denied the divinity of Christ (Arianism), others the Holy Trinity (Sabellianism). 318 bishops attended. Expanding upon the Apostles Creed, they clarified several articles of faith. **This Creed [LOWER CASE] was, in turn, precisined [UPPER CASE] at the Council of Constantinople in 387:**

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father BEFORE ALL AGES, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one substance with the Father, through Whom all things came into existence, Who because of us men and because of our salvation CAME DOWN FROM THE HEAVENS, and was incarnate FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE VIRGIN MARY and became man, AND WAS CRUCIFIED FOR US UNDER PONTIUS PILATE, and suffered AND WAS BURIED, and rose again on the third day ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES and ascended to heaven, and SITS ON THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, and will come again WITH GLORY to judge living and dead, OF WHOSE KINGDOM THERE WILL BE NO END; And in the Holy Spirit, THE LORD AND LIFE-GIVER, WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER, WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS TOGETHER WORSHIPED AND TOGETHER GLORIFIED, WHO SPOKE THROUGH THE PROPHETS; IN ONE HOLY CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH. WE CONFESS ONE BAPTISM TO THE REMISSION OF SINS; WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.
Amen.

The first excerpt below is from St Cyril of



Jerusalem's (d. 387) 5th Catechetical Lecture: On the Creed. The second is from St Augustine's (d. 430) On the Creed: A Sermon to Catechumens. Both proclaim, in the words of St Ambrose (d. 397) the Creed to be "the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation, and an ever-present guardian; unquestionably, the treasure of our soul".

BUT in learning the Faith and in professing it, acquire and keep that only, which is now delivered to you by the Church, and which has been built up strongly out of all the Scriptures. For since all cannot read the Scriptures, some being hindered as to the knowledge of them by want of learning, and others by a want of leisure, in order that the soul may not perish from ignorance, we comprise the whole doctrine of the Faith in a few lines. This summary I wish you both to commit to memory when I recite it, and to rehearse it with all diligence among yourselves, not writing it out on paper, but engraving it by the memory upon your heart, taking care while you rehearse it that no catechumen chance to overhear the things which have been delivered to you.

I wish you also to keep this as a provision through the whole course of your life, and beside this to receive no other, neither if we ourselves should change and contradict our present teaching, nor if an adverse angel, transformed into an angel of light (2 Cor 11:14) should wish to lead you astray. For though we or an angel from heaven preach to you any other gospel than that you have received, let him be to you anathema (Gal 1:8-9).

So for the present listen while I simply say the Creed, and commit it to memory; but at the proper season expect the confirmation out of Holy Scripture of each part of the contents. For the articles of the Faith were not composed as seemed good to men; but the most important points collected out of all the Scripture make up one complete teaching of the Faith. And just as the mustard seed in one small grain contains many branches, so also this Faith has embraced in few words all the knowledge of godliness in the Old and New Testaments. Take heed then, brethren, and hold fast the traditions which you now receive, and write them on the table of your heart.

Guard them with reverence, lest per chance the enemy despoil any who have grown slack; or lest some heretic pervert any of the truths delivered to you. For faith is like putting money into the bank, even as we have now done; but from you God requires the accounts of the deposit. I charge you, as the Apostle says, before God who quickens all things, and Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession, that you keep this faith which is committed to you, without spot, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A treasure of life has now been committed to

you, and the Master demands the deposit at His appearing, "which in His own times He shall show, Who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only has immortality, dwelling in light which no man can approach unto; Whom no man has seen nor can see. To Whom be glory, honor and power for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Tim 6:15-16). —St Cyril of Jerusalem



RECEIVE, my children, the Rule of Faith, which is called the Symbol (or Creed). And when you have received it, write it in your heart, and be daily saying it to yourselves; before ye sleep, before ye go forth, arm you with your Creed. The Creed no man writes so as it may be able to be read: but for rehearsal of it, lest haply forgetfulness obliterate what care has delivered, let your memory be your record-roll: what you are about to hear, that are you to believe; and what you shall have believed, that are about to give back with your tongue. For the Apostle says, With the heart man believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For this is the Creed which you are to rehearse and to repeat in answer. These words which you have heard are in the Divine Scriptures scattered up and down: but thence gathered and reduced into one, that the memory of slow persons might not be distressed; that every person may be able to say, able to hold, what he believes. For have ye now merely heard that God is Almighty? But ye begin to have him for your father, when you have been born by the church as your Mother. —St Augustine of Hippo

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sep 3, SUNDAY — 22nd Week of Ordinary Time

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

Sep 4, MONDAY — The parish office is closed in observance of Labor Day.

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

Sep 5, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Sep 6, WEDNESDAY

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

Sep 7, THURSDAY

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

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Sep 8, FRIDAY — Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Eucharistic Adoration

Sep 9, 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

OFFERING

27 Aug '23 (21st Sunday Ordinary Time): \$7,146.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 2 (Sat), 5:30 PM Beverly Wasik (req. by Eleanor Boucher)

Sep 3 (Sun), 8:00 AM Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis);
Laura Sassak (req. by Ben Maccini)

Sep 3, 10:00 AM St John Neumann Parishioners

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

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2023-2024 School Year

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) is at the heart and center of parish life. *Only the LITURGY is more important.* The parish offers:

- **K-thru-5th Grade** program on Sunday mornings,
- **Middle School** on Monday nights, and
- **High School** on Sunday nights.

Please sign up as soon as possible to assist us in planning for the upcoming year. REGISTRATION FORMS and additional information (e.g., dates, Sacraments information) are available in the lobby and on the parish website <SJNNH.ORG>.

NOTE: Diocesan Sacramental Policy—the "Restored Order"—provides for FIRST RECONCILIATION during 2nd Grade, and both CONFIRMATION and FIRST EUCHARIST during 3rd Grade.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "SAFE ENVIRONMENT" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is also offered free of charge to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at:

<https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>

For more information about child safety, visit:
www.catholicnh.org/safety

FALL CONCERT

w/ Paul Koleske

Sep 13 (Wed) at 6:30 PM
Saint John Neumann Church

This is no ordinary concert ...
you'll feel as though you are on a retreat.

Paul is a Catholic inspirational speaker, singer, songwriter, and recording artist. To date, he's conducted retreats and concerts in 119 dioceses across all 50 States (to include earlier this year at St. John Neumann).

National
**EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL**

HAVE YOU HEARD? We are in the midst of a NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL (2022-2025)! The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—THE EUCHARIST. For more information:

eucharisticrevival.org

MINISTRYFAIR



The Parish Council will host a Ministry Fair after all of the weekend Masses Sep 23-24.

41st ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT

Sep 15-17, Camp Fatima

The Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee invites all BOY SCOUTS & GIRL SCOUTS in Grades 6-12, and Adult Leaders, are invited to the 41st ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT Sep 15 (Fri)–Sep 17 (Sun) at Camp Fatima (Gilmanton Iron Works, NH). It is similar to a Camporee. The COST is \$20 per Scout, \$12 per Adult.

REGISTER: <https://2023scoutretreat.eventbrite.com/>

INFO: www.catholicnh.org/scout

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PARISH *online*

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"SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576

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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> and scrolling to the bottom of the homepage and clicking on <ONLINE-DOANATION>.

<https://sjnnh.org/online-donation>

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:

Linda. Sam. Theresa. Joe. Ray. Bob's family.
Christine. Cynthia & Jim. Friends and family of Amy. Susan. Mark. Thanksgiving for Hazel. Karen. a personal intention. Drew. Rachel. Rosemary. Hannah. Bren. Chip. John. Rosemary & family. Bruce & Penny. Rebecca. Jimmy. Carole's daughter. Sandy & Jane & family. Repose of the soul of Ann Marie. Mary. Rick. Sarah. Savannah. Barb. Joe. Helen. Michael's mother. Kim. Dee. Alan. Repose of soul of Mary. Agnes. David. John.

Gardner. June. Thomas. Wendell. Sue. Susan.
Crystal. Ernie. Michelle. Eileen. Joe. Pete.
Kerianne. Lucas. Deb. Julian, Carole & family,
Joe's family. Lexie. Ryan's family in Hawaii. David
& Ryan's families in California. Stanley &
Caroline. Pat. Alan. Terry. Elizabeth. Kim &
Family. Joe. Owen. Elisa M. Sue. Deb. Anthony.
Evalina. Sheila & Jerry. Jan & Dan. Peggy.
Clinton. New moms & babies. Successful, safe start
to school year for all. All who have suffered effects
of natural disasters. And all of our parishioners and
their needs.

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!

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