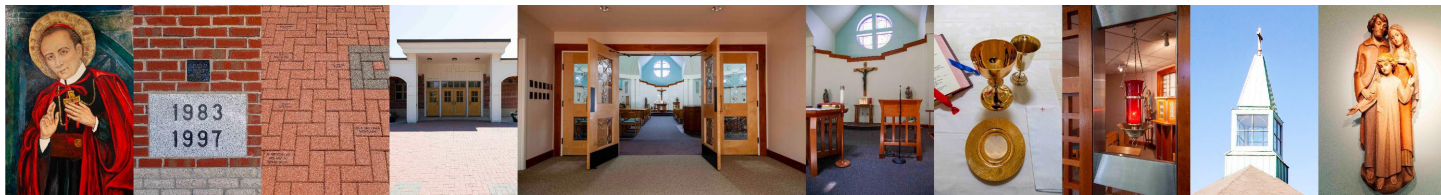


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



October 15, 2023
28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Twentieth 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

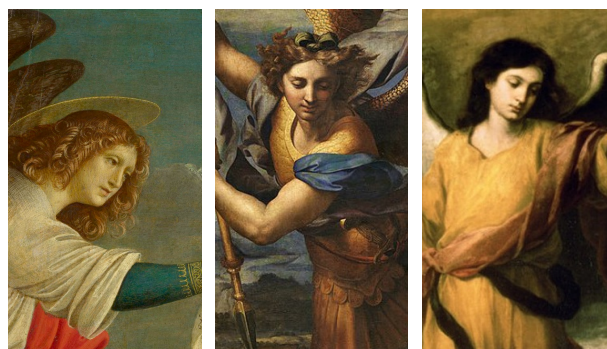
RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. For information, please call the office.

ON ANGELS

For he hath given his angels charge over thee; to keep thee in all thy ways. —Ps 91:11

The Catechism (#336) affirms that from the beginning of life until death human life is surrounded by a Guardian Angel's watchful care and intercession: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he saves them." In the words of St Basil (d. 379), "Beside every believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading them to life." Guardian Angels assist in our prayer and transmit our petitions to God. They do more than protect and console, however, they also reprimand us when we sin, exhorting us to penance.

The first excerpt below is from a *Life* of St Bernard of Clairvaux (d. 1153). The second is a summary of St Thomas Aquinas' (d. 1274) teaching on the role/activity of Angels and demons in our life.



ARCHANGELS GABRIEL, MICHAEL and RAPHAEL [detail]
by Gaudenzio Ferrari, Raffaello Sanzio, and Bartolomé Esteban Murillo

WHILE St. Bernard was in the church one night at matins, he had a vision, in which God made known to him the manner in which the religious were saying their prayers. He saw the angel guardians of the monks standing near them with pens in their hands. Some of these angels wrote in letters of gold, and others in letters of silver. Some were writing with common ink, and others with water, while a few stood sorrowfully, and did not write anything at all in their books.

As the Saint was gazing in wonder



at the vision, and pondering in his mind what it signified, an angel said to him: "The religious whose guardian angels are writing in letters of gold are those who say their prayers with great attention, and are full of Divine love. Those whose angels are writing in silver letters love God well, and pray with great attention, but are less fervent and less perfect than the others. Those whose guardian angels are writing with ink have, indeed, a certain desire to please God, but there is not much fervor in their souls; while those whose angels are writing with water are honoring God only with their lips; their hearts are far from Him, and are full of distractions. Those beside whom the angels are standing with sad countenances, and are writing nothing in their books, have already lost the grace of God, and their prayers are only a mockery of Him."

The holy man made known to them in the morning what he had seen. Those who were fervent were encouraged to persevere, and those who had become negligent were aroused to serve God more faithfully.

ANGEL GUARDIANS

1. IT is fitting that changeable and fallible human beings should be guarded by angels, and thus steadily moved and regulated to good.
2. St Jerome, in his commentary on Matthew 8:10, says, "The dignity of human souls is great, for each has an angel appointed to guard it." God's providence extends, not only to mankind as a whole, but to individual human beings. Each human being has, by God's loving providence, his own guardian angel.
3. It seems that the office of being guardians to men belongs to the lowest order of heavenly spirits, that is, the ninth order, the order of Angels.
4. Each human being, without exception, has a guardian angel as long as he is a wayfarer, that is, during his whole earthly life. In heaven a man will have an angel companion to reign with him, but not a guardian; no guardian is needed when the guarded journey has been successfully completed. In hell, each man will have a fallen angel to punish him.
5. Each human being has his guardian angel from the moment of his birth, and not, as some have taught, only from the moment of baptism.
6. The guardian angel is a gift of divine providence. He never fails or forsakes his charge. Sometimes, in the workings of providence, a man must suffer trouble; this is not prevented by the guardian angel.
7. Guardian angels do not grieve over the ills that befall their wards. For all angels uninterruptedly enjoy the beatific vision and are forever filled with joy and

happiness. Guardian angels do not will the sin which their wards commit, nor do they directly will the punishment of this sin; they do will the fulfillment of divine justice which requires that a man be allowed to have his way, to commit sin if he so choose, to endure trials and troubles, and to suffer punishment.

ANGELE DEI

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love commits me here,
ever this day,
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.



THE ASSAULTS OF BAD ANGELS ON MEN

1. TO tempt means one of two things: (a) to make a test or trial; thus "God tempted Abraham" (Gen. 22:1); (b) to invite, incite, or allure someone to sin. It is in the second sense of the word that the fallen angels tempt human beings. God permits this assault of the demons upon men, and turns it into a human opportunity and benefit; God gives to men all requisite aid to repulse the assaults of demons, and to advance in grace and merit by resisting temptation.
2. To the devil (who is the fallen Lucifer, now Satan) belong exclusively the plan and campaign of the demons' assaults upon mankind.
3. In one way the devil is the cause of every human sin; he tempted Adam and thus contributed to the fall which renders men prone to sin. But, in a strict sense, diabolical influence does not enter into every sin of man. Some sins come of the weakness of human nature and from inordinateness of appetites which the sinner freely allows to prevail.
4. Angels cannot perform miracles; therefore demons cannot. But demons can do astonishing things, and can occasion real havoc.
5. When the assault of demons is repulsed, the devil is not rendered incapable of further attack. But it seems that he cannot return immediately to the assault, but only after the lapse of a definite time. God's mercy as well as the shrewdness of the tempter, seems to promise so much.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 15, SUNDAY — 28th Week of Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
 10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
 6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
 7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Oct 16, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Oct 17, TUESDAY

6:00 PM | YOUTH & ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Oct 18, WEDNESDAY

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)

10:30 AM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

6:30 PM | Grief Share w/ Deacon Lester

7:00 PM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series

Oct 19, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away

10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

5:30 PM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series

Oct 20, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

10:30 AM | ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"

12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Eucharistic Adoration

Oct 21, 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

8 Oct '23 (27th Sunday Ordinary Time)
offering posted on BB adjacent to front office

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 14 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Brighton Penkacik (req. by Doug Davidson)
Oct 15 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Pat Davis (req. by Gerry & MJ Dube)
Oct 15, 10:00 AM	Hedy Smith (req. by Doug Davidson)
Oct 15, 6:00 PM	Joe Oertel - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Agatha Connelly)
Oct 16 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Mable M. Robarge (req. by Bill & Kim Robarge)
Oct 20 (Fri), 12:15 PM	In reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (req. by Ken Fox)
Oct 21 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Norbert J. Higgins (req. by John & Mary Mann)
Oct 22 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Eugene Mooney - 7th Anniv. (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Oct 22, 10:00 AM	Emmett Briggs - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)
Oct 22, 6:00 PM	Leslie C. Robarge (req. by Bill & Kim Robarge)

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



The annual 40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign to end abortion runs from Sep 27-to-Nov 5. *The theme of the campaign is "LOVE THEM BOTH"—both the parents considering abortion and their fragile unborn children.*

Please consider praying peacefully with other NH Catholics, Christians, and people of good will on the public sidewalk outside PLANNED PARENTHOOD (24 Pennacook St, Manchester). The Prayer Volunteers offer an hour of prayer between the hours of 7:00 AM-7:00 PM weekdays or weekends as a witness to the beauty and sacredness of life, particularly the life of our tiniest neighbors—the unborn. For questions: Agatha (a SJN parishioner) or call at (603) 320-1472.



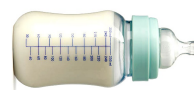
PARISH HARVEST DINNER

Oct 21, following the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass

TICKETS (\$2/individual, \$5/family) available
after Sunday Masses Oct 7 & 14

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

ALL SOULS is November 2. It is customary to offer prayers for family members and to remember them at Mass throughout the whole of the month. Special envelopes are available in the foyer if you would like to have family members remembered at Mass throughout November. You may place the envelopes in the Collection Basket.



ST GIANNA'S PLACE is a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson—will be holding a "BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN" on Oct 14-15. 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 entrance of the church by Nov 5. Our doors have now been open for nearly five

years, and we've been able to offer a loving, supportive home to 30 women and many babies/children during this time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer our moms. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies lives through the love and care of this community. **THANK YOU!**

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Trinity High School will host a OPEN HOUSE for 8th Graders on Oct 19 at 7:00 PM. DISCOVER THE DIFFERENCE AT TRINITY! We offer several options for TUITION ASSISTANCE to assist families. *All future students in attendance will be entered into a raffle to win \$1,000 off tuition.* To RSVP, please contact our Admissions Office at (603) 668-2910 ext. 220 or admissions@trinity-hs.org.

"JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST"

This year is the YEAR OF THE PARISH, the second year of the three-year EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. The parish will offer a 7-session study entitled, "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" three times (3x) during the course of the year (Autumn, Winter, Spring) AND on multiple days/times so everyone has the opportunity to participate. For day/time, please see the weekly schedule.

"GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY"

No matter what your age, we have a Bible Study for you. KIDS gather together in one place, PARENTS/ ADULTS in another. Both will learn the same story of SALVATION HISTORY ... simultaneously at their respective level. Youth/ Adult, Tuesdays at 6:00 PM; Adults, Fridays at 10:30 AM.

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:

Helen. Family of Bob. Ryan. Bill. Jane. Kim. Roy.
Rose. Nancy. Family of Robb. Barney. Magie.
Norman. Linda. Cindy. Sheila. Heather & Baby.
Joe. Laura & Joe. Bonnie. Kerstin. Lucy. Frank.
The Bielecki Family & all of their departed souls.
For those who've suffered the loss of a loved ones.
Thanksgiving for Joe & Nancy. For a return to the
Faith of those who have fallen away.

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)

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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>.

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

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