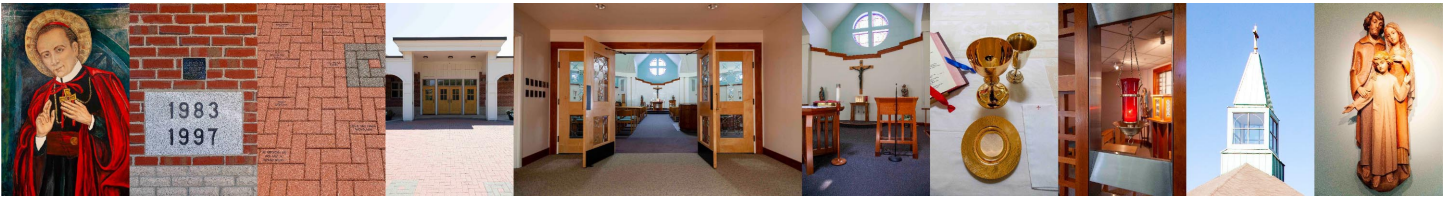


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



October 22, 2023
29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Twenty-First 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.

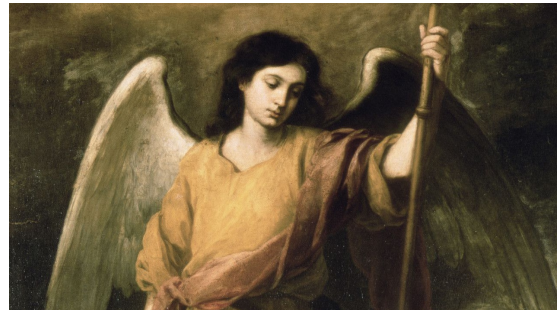
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ANGELIC MANNERS

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. —Psalm 1:1-2

The following excerpt is from a sermon by St Anthony of Padua (d. 1231) in which he relates the nine orders of Angels with Christian life.



THE ARCHANGEL RAPHAEL [detail]
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (d. 1682)

THERE are nine orders [of Angels], which we will arrange in three orders of three:

In the first order are ANGELS, ARCHANGELS and VIRTUES.

The ANGELS representing obedience to the commandments, the ARCHANGELS the keeping of the counsels, and the VIRTUES the miracles of a holy life. You belong to the ANGELIC ORDER when you obey the Lord's commands. Thus the prophet Malachi says: "The lips of a priest shall keep knowledge, etc." (Mal 2:7). You belong to the order of ARCHANGELS when you strive to fulfil not only the commandments, but also the counsels of Jesus Christ. Whence Isaiah counsels: "Take counsel, gather a council" (Isa 16:3). You belong to the choir of VIRTUES when you shine with the wonders of a holy life. Whence it says in John: "He that believeth in me, the works that I do he also shall do; and greater than these shall he do" (John 14:12).

What the Lord does in us with our cooperation is greater than everything he does without us; that a just man is made from a wicked one is greater than all heaven and earth and the rest. Those things pass away, but this remains; and in them there is



only God's work, but in this there is also his image. And though he created the angels, it seems a greater thing to justify sinners than to create just men; for though each manifests an equal power, this shows a greater mercy.

In the second order are PRINCIPALITIES, POWERS and DOMINATIONS. Note that there are three things in us which we should control: our thoughts, our eyes and our tongue.

Principalities subdue the evil spirits, and we should subdue evil THOUGHTS, which are set alight by evil. Whence John says in the Apocalypse: "I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand; and he laid hold of the dragon, the old serpent, which is the devil, and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years" (Rev 20:1-2). The angel is the just man, who comes down from heaven when he strives to shape his way of life, as he lives on earth, according to the purity of heaven. The key is discretion, with which the just man closes and opens the abyss of thought. He "closes" when he restrains them, he "opens" them when he judges them. The chain in his hand is penance in his works. A chain holds fast, and holds by means of many links. When contrition is linked to confession, confession to satisfaction, and satisfaction to love of neighbor, there is made a great chain with which the just man can bind the dragon, the old serpent who is the devil and Satan. "Dragon" denotes the spirit of pride, "serpent" the thoughts of poisonous lust, "devil" avarice; and Satan, the adversary, the malice of discord. The just man subdues pride by contrition of heart, lust by confession, avarice by satisfaction and almsdeeds, and discord by love of neighbor. "For a thousand years" means final perseverance.

Again, we ought to have power over our EYES, which are like the robbers who had stolen a little maid out of the land of Israel (cf. 2 Kg 5:2), that is, modesty from the mind of the just man. We should say with Job: "I made a covenant with my eyes, that I would not so much as think upon a virgin" (Job 31:1). In Genesis, the Lord says to Cain: "If thou do well, shalt thou not receive? But if ill, shalt not sin henceforth be present at the door? But the lust thereof shall be under thee, and thou shalt have dominion over it" (Gen 4:7). "Sin at the door" is the concupiscence of the flesh in the eyes. If we exercise power over them, our carnal appetite will be under us, being subject to the yoke of reason.

Again, we should have dominion over our TONGUE, which is talkative and wandering, not bearing to be quiet, not able to abide still at home; now abroad, now in the streets, now lying in wait at the corners (Prov 7:11-12). Otherwise, as James says, "It defiles the whole body and inflames the wheel of our nativity, and kindles a great wood" (Jas 3:6,5).

In the third order are THRONES, CHERUBIM and SERAPHIM.

We are THRONES when we humble ourselves within ourselves, and judge ourselves. Whence it says in the psalm: "Give to the king thy judgment, O God" (Ps 71:2). God gives his judgment to the king—that is, to the just

man—that he may judge himself, so that God may not find anything to condemn in him. The Apostle says, "If we should judge ourselves, we should not be judged" (1 Cor 11:31). O God, give me your judgment, that I may make your judgment my own, and in making my own judgment, I may escape yours! "It is fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb 10:31).

Again, CHERUBIM represent the fulness of knowledge, which is charity. Whoever has this is full, and knows how he should walk. We are Cherubim, then, when we do good with charity. Whence it says in Ezekiel: "One cherub stretched out his arm from the midst of the cherubims to the fire that was between the cherubims: and he took and put it into the hands of him that was clothed with linen" (Ezek 10:7). Note that in this text cherubim are referred to once in the singular and twice in the plural, because charity is threefold: to yourself, to God and to your neighbor. You who are a cherub as to yourself, then, should stretch out the hand of holy working from the midst of the cherubim (the charity of God) towards the fire of a holy life, which is between the cherubim (holy and charitable men), and of that fire (the example of a holy life) give to the man clothed in linen (any faithful Christian, clad in the faith of the Lord's Incarnation). As the Apostle says, "As many of you as have been baptized in Christ have put on Christ" (Gal 3:27). Unless you are first a cherub in yourself, you cannot stretch out your hand from the midst of the cherubim to the fire which is between the cherubim; so begin with your own charity first, and then you can have charity for others.

Again, SERAPHIM means "burning". We are Seraphim when we are on fire with compunction, overflowing with tears for the upper and the nether watery ground (cf. Judg 1:14-15). "I am come to cast fire on the earth, and what will I, but that it be kindled!" (Luke 12:49) says the Lord, that it may melt what is frozen. Whence the Bride says in Canticles: "My soul melted when my beloved spoke" (Cant 5:6).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 22, SUNDAY — 29th 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 23, MONDAY

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

Oct 24, TUESDAY

6:00 PM | YOUTH & ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"
7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Oct 25, 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 26, 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 27, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
10:30 AM | ADULT "Great Adventure Bible Study"
12:15 PM | Daily Mass w/ Eucharistic Adoration

Oct 28, 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

15 Oct '23 (27th Sunday Ordinary Time): \$5,236.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Oct 25 (Wed), 12:15 PM	John Botelho - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Lucia Pacheco)
Oct 26 (Thu), 12:15 PM	John Botelho - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Lucia Pacheco)
Oct 27 (Fri), 12:15 PM	John Botelho - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Lucia Pacheco)
Oct 29 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Jay Drouin (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Oct 29, 10:00 AM	Danté Guglielmi (req. by Larena & Patrick Bates)

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

**Trunk
or
Treat**

Following classes on Sunday, Oct 29, we are hosting a TRUNK-OR-TREAT in the parking lot behind the Parish Hall. To include hot dogs &

chips. You can participate in one of two ways (or both!):

- Dress in costume and come for trick-or-treating.
- Decorate the trunk or tailgate of your vehicle and distribute your candy to the trick-or-treaters.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is the process of formation offered to those who seek to become Catholic. It is also for those baptized Catholic but not raised in the faith. We will meet beginning Saturday, 21 Oct following the 5:30 PM Mass.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation, Nov 1

Mass will be offered at 12:15 and 7:00 PM.



ALL SOULS

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
2 Nov

Mass will be offered at 12:15 PM and 5:30 PM.

Both Masses will be offered
for the intentions of those attending.

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.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

The NH Food Bank has none of the following items this year. If you are able to help, our Food Pantry needs the following items by Nov 15 to be of use in the annual Thanksgiving baskets we distribute:

Canned Cranberry Sauce + Canned Peas +
Canned Green Beans + Canned Mushroom Soup
+ Large Boxes of Stuffing Mix + Large Boxes of
Mashed Potatoes + Large Jar of Applesauce + and
Canned Pumpkin.



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.**

"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:

Those in our Grief Share Group. Catherine. 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. Michelle. Thanksgiving for Jerry. Jennifer. Marina & Chris. Mel & her student. Steve & family. Jan. Jeanne. Victoria. Christina. Brian. Pat & James. Riley. Ian. Thanksgiving for Joe & Nancy. Those who stepped away from the faith. Vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs.

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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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