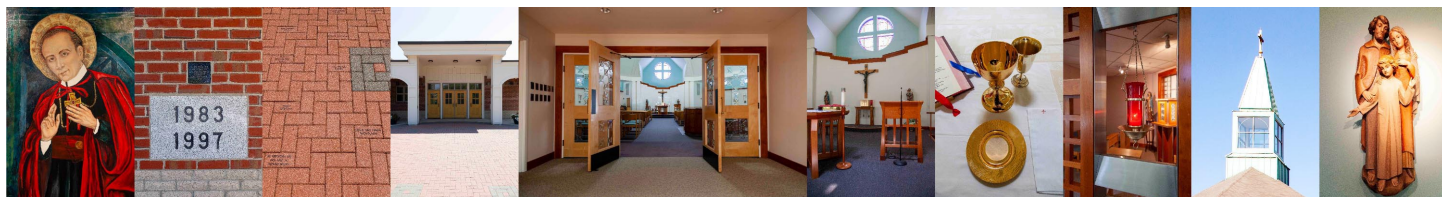


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
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October 29, 2023
30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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 SACRIFICE

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? —Micah 6:6, 8

The first excerpt below is from St Augustine's (d. 430, bishop) *City of God*. To give ourselves fully to God requires sacrifice on our part, uniting our sacrifices with those of Christ's. The second excerpt is from the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Q/A form of the Catechism. And the third, by way of example, are quotes from St Therese of Lisieux (d. 1897).

Who is Jesus to me?
Jesus is the Word made Flesh.
Jesus is the Bread of Life.
Jesus is the Victim offered for our sins
on the cross.
Jesus is the sacrifice offered at holy Mass
for the sins of the world and for
mine.
Jesus is the Word to be spoken.
Jesus is the Truth to be told.
Jesus is the Way to be walked.
Jesus is the Light to be lit.
Jesus is the Life to be lived.
Jesus is the Love to be loved.

St [Mother] Teresa of Calcutta (d. 1997)

EVERY work that effects our union with God in a holy fellowship is a true SACRIFICE; every work, that is, which is referred to that final end, that ultimate good, by which we are able to be in the true sense happy. As a consequence even that mercy by which aid is given to man is not a SACRIFICE unless it is done for the sake of God. SACRIFICE, though performed or offered by man, is something divine; that is why the ancient Latins gave it this name of "SACRIFICE," of something sacred. Man himself, consecrated in the name of God and vowed to God, is therefore a SACRIFICE insofar as he dies to the world in order to live for God. This too is part of mercy, the mercy that each one has for himself. Scripture tells us: Have mercy on your soul by pleasing God (Sir 30:24).

Works of mercy, then, done either to



ourselves or to our neighbor and referred to God are true SACRIFICES. Works of mercy, however, are performed for no other reason than to free us from wretchedness and by this means to make us happy, and we cannot be happy except through the good of which Scripture speaks: It is good for me to cling to God (Ps 28:22). It clearly follows that the whole redeemed city, that is, the assembly and fellowship of the saints, is offered to God as a universal SACRIFICE through the great high priest, who in the nature of a slave offered even himself for us in his passion, in order that we might be the body of so great a head. He offered this nature of a slave; he was offered in that nature, because in that nature he is the mediator, in that nature he is the high priest, in that nature he is the SACRIFICE.

The Apostle urges us to present our bodies as a living SACRIFICE, holy and pleasing to God, and as our spiritual worship (Rom 12:1), and not to follow the pattern of this world but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds and hearts, so that we may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect, the total SACRIFICE that is ourselves. By the grace of God that has been given me, he says (Rom 12:3-6): I say to all who are among you: Do not think more highly of yourselves than you should, but judge yourselves with moderation according to the measure of faith God has given to each of you. As we have in the same body many members, yet all the members do not have the same functions, we are many, but are one body in Christ; we are each of us members of one another, having different gifts according to the grace that has been given us.

This is the SACRIFICE of Christians, the many who are one body in Christ. This is the SACRIFICE which the Church celebrates in the sacrament of the altar, that sacrament known to the faithful; in that sacrament it is made clear to the Church that in the SACRIFICE she offers, she herself is offered.

281. In what way does the Church participate in the eucharistic SACRIFICE? —CCC 1368-1372, 1414

In the Eucharist the SACRIFICE of Christ becomes also the SACRIFICE of the members of his Body. **The lives of the faithful, their praise, their suffering, their prayers, their work, are united to those of Christ.** In as much as it is a SACRIFICE, the Eucharist is likewise offered for all the faithful, living and dead, in reparation for the sins of all and to obtain spiritual and temporal benefits from God. The Church in heaven is also united to the offering of Christ.

429. How does the Church nourish the moral life of a Christian? —CCC 2030-2031, 2047

The Church is the community in which the Christian receives the Word of God, the teachings of the “Law of Christ” (Gal 6:2), and the grace of the sacraments. **Christians are united to the**

Eucharistic SACRIFICE of Christ in such a way that their moral life is an act of spiritual worship; and they learn the example of holiness from the Virgin Mary and the lives of the Saints.

443. What is the meaning of the words of our Lord, “Adore the Lord your God and worship Him alone” (Matthew 4:10)? —CCC 2095-2105, 2135-2136

These words mean to adore God as the Lord of everything that exists; to render to him the individual and community worship which is his due; to pray to him with sentiments of praise, of thanks, and of supplication; **to offer him SACRIFICES, above all the spiritual SACRIFICE of one’s own life, united with the perfect SACRIFICE of Christ;** and to keep the promises and vows made to him.

522. How does one bear witness to the truth? —CCC 2471-2474, 2505-2506

A Christian must bear witness to the truth of the Gospel in every field of his activity, both public and private, and also if necessary, with the SACRIFICE of his very life. Martyrdom is the supreme witness given to the truth of the faith.

"My whole strength lies in prayer and SACRIFICE, these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far better than words, I know it by experience."

"Miss no single opportunity of making some small SACRIFICE, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love."

"I prefer the monotony of obscure SACRIFICE to all ecstasies. To prick up a pin for love can convert a soul."

"Prayer and SACRIFICE can touch souls better than words."

"Much later, when I understood what perfection was, I realized that to become a saint one must suffer a great deal, always seek what is best, and forget oneself. I understood that there were many kinds of sanctity and that each soul was free to respond to the approaches of Our Lord and to do little or much for Him. In other words, to make a choice among the SACRIFICES He demands."

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Story of a Soul

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Oct 29, SUNDAY — 30th 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 30, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Oct 31, TUESDAY

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

Nov 1, WEDNESDAY — Solemnity of All the Faithful Departed (All Saints), **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

9:30 AM | Knitting Group (meets every other Wednesday)
10:30 AM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series
12:15 PM | ***Holy Day Mass**
6:30 PM | Grief Share w/ Deacon Lester
7:00 PM | ***Holy Day Mass**
7:00 PM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series

Nov 2, THURSDAY — The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

9:00 AM | Day Away
10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group
12:15 PM | ***All Souls Day Mass**
5:30 PM | ***All Souls Day Mass**
5:30 PM | "Jesus and the Eucharist" Video Series

Nov 3, FRIDAY

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

Nov 4, SATURDAY — St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:30 AM | 1st Saturday Rosary
9:00 AM | 1st Saturday Mass
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

22 Oct '23 (29th Sunday Ordinary Time):
Offering posted on BB outside front office.

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 29 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Jay Drouin (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Oct 29, 10:00 AM | Dante Guglielmi (req. by Larena & Patrick Bates)
Nov 1 (Wed), 12:15 PM | Leslie Casavant (req. by Bill & Kim Robarge)
Nov 1, 7:00 PM | Earl Stimon (req. by Sandy Towne)
Nov 3 (Fri), 12:15 PM | In reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart (req. by Ken Fox)
Nov 5 (Sun), 8:00 AM | Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Nov 5, 10:00 AM | Shirley Casavant (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

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.

RICA

The 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 following the Saturday 5:30 PM Mass.**

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 PARENT-ODD (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

The parish is offering 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 above.



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.
Vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs.

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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-
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