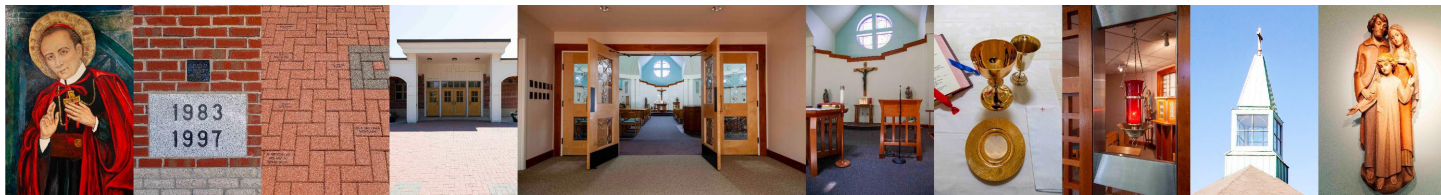


SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH
708 Milford Rd (Rte 101A), Merrimack, NH 03054 — SJNNH.ORG



June 2, 2024
CORPUS CHRISTI
Second 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

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.

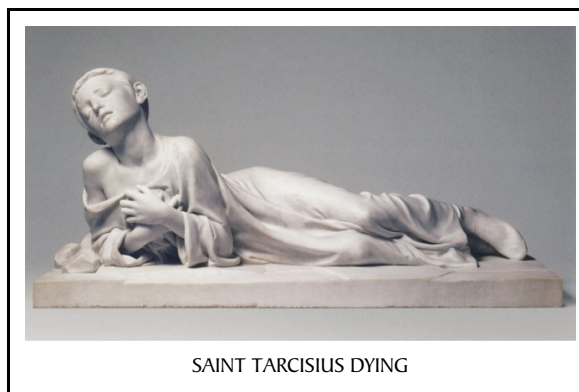
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

BOY-MARTYR

I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. —Phil 1:20

On 4 Aug 2010 Pope Benedict spoke to Altar Servers, boys and girls, who'd come on pilgrimage to Rome from all across Europe accompanied by a statue of St Tarcisus, boy-martyr of the Eucharist.



by Alexandre Falguière (d. 1900)

SAINT TARCISIUS DYING

DEAR Altar Servers, dear friends, dear pilgrims, welcome to Rome! How many of you there are! The statue of St TARCISIUS has come to us after a long pilgrimage. Let us greet it festively today, glad at being able to become better acquainted with this figure of the early Church.

The hope that I express to all is that this statue, may become a reference point for Altar Servers, boys and girls, and for all who wish to follow Jesus more closely.

May they all be able to look at this strong and courageous boy and renew their commitment to friendship with the Lord, to learn to live with him always, following the path he points out to us with his word and the witness of so many Saints and Martyrs whose brothers and sisters we have become through Baptism.

Who was Saint TARCISIUS? We do not have much information about him. We are dealing with the early centuries of the Church's history or, to be more precise, with the third century. It is said that he was a boy who came regularly to the Catacombs of St Calixtus (Pope, 218-222 AD) here in Rome and took his special Christian duties



very seriously. He had great love for the Eucharist and various hints lead us to conclude that he was presumably an acolyte, that is, an altar server. Those were years in which the Emperor Valerian was harshly persecuting Christians who were forced to meet secretly in private houses or, at times, also in the Catacombs, to hear the word of God, to pray and to celebrate Holy Mass. Even the custom of taking the Eucharist to prisoners and the sick became increasingly dangerous. One day, when, as was his habit, the priest asked who was prepared to take the Eucharist to the other brothers and sisters who were waiting for it, young TARCISIUS stood up and said: "Send me!" This boy seemed too young for such a demanding service! "My youth," TARCISIUS said, "will be the best shield for the Eucharist." Convinced, the priest entrusted to him the precious Bread, saying: "TARCISIUS, remember that a heavenly treasure has been entrusted to your weak hands. Avoid crowded streets and do not forget that holy things must never be thrown to dogs nor pearls to pigs. Will you guard the Sacred Mysteries faithfully and safely?" "I would die," Tarcisio answered with determination, "rather than let go of them." As he went on his way he met some friends who approached him and asked him to join them. As pagans they became suspicious and insistent at his refusal and realized he was clasping something to his breast that he appeared to be protecting. They tried to prize it away from him, but in vain; the struggle became ever fiercer, especially when they realized that TARCISIUS was a Christian; They kicked him, they threw stones at him, but he did not surrender. While TARCISIUS was dying a Pretoria guard called Quadratus, who had also, secretly, become a Christian, carried him to the priest. TARCISIUS was already dead when they arrived but was still clutching to his breast a small linen bag containing the Eucharist. He was buried straight away in the Catacombs of St Calixtus.

Pope Damasus had an inscription carved on St TARCISIUS' grave; it says that the boy died in 257. The Roman Martyrology fixed the date as 15 August. In the same martyrology a beautiful oral tradition is also recorded:

It claims that the Most Blessed Sacrament was not found on St TARCISIUS' body, either in his hands or his clothing. It explains that the consecrated Host which the little Martyr had defended with his life, had become flesh of his flesh thereby forming, together with his body, a single immaculate Host offered to God.

Dear ALTAR SERVERS, St TARCISIUS' testimony and this beautiful tradition teach us the deep love and great veneration that we must have for the Eucharist: it is a precious good, a treasure of incomparable value; it is the Bread of life, it is Jesus himself who becomes our nourishment, support and strength on our daily journey and on the open road that leads to eternal life; the Eucharist is the greatest gift that Jesus bequeathed to us.

I am addressing those of you who are present here and, through you, all the altar servers of the world! Serve Jesus

present in the Eucharist generously. It is an important task that enables you to be particularly close to the Lord and to grow in true and profound friendship with him. Guard this friendship in your hearts jealously, like St TARCISIUS, ready to commit yourselves, to fight and to give your lives so that Jesus may reach all peoples. May you too communicate to your peers the gift of this friendship with joy, with enthusiasm, without fear, so that they may feel that you know this Mystery, that is true and that you love it! Every time that you approach the altar, you have the good fortune to assist in God's great loving gesture as he continues to want to give himself to each one of us, to be close to us, to help us, to give us strength to live in the right way. With consecration, as you know, that little piece of bread becomes Christ's Body, that wine becomes Christ's Blood. You are lucky to be able to live this indescribable Mystery from close at hand! Do your task as altar servers with love, devotion and faithfulness; do not enter a church for the celebration with superficiality but rather, prepare yourselves inwardly for Holy Mass! Assisting your priests in service at the altar helps to make Jesus closer, so that people can understand, can realize better: he is here. You collaborate to make him more present in the world, in every day life, in the Church and everywhere. Dear friends! You lend Jesus your hands, your thoughts, your time. He will not fail to reward you, giving you true joy and enabling you to feel where the fullest happiness is. St TARCISIUS has shown us that love can even bring us to give our life for an authentic good, for the true good, for the Lord.

Martyrdom will probably not be required of us, but Jesus asks of us fidelity in small things, inner recollection, inner participation, our faith and our efforts to keep this treasure present in everyday life. He asks of us fidelity in daily tasks, a witness to his love, going to church through inner conviction and for the joy of his presence. Thus we can also make known to our friends that Jesus is alive. May the example of St TARCISIUS impel us every day to love Jesus and to do his will, as did the Virgin Mary, faithful to her Son to the end. Thank you all once again! May God bless you in these days and I wish you a good journey home!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jun 2, SUNDAY — Corpus Christi

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass

10:00 AM | Sunday Mass

6:00 PM | Sunday Mass

7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Jun 3, MONDAY — St Charles Lwanga and Companions (martyrs)

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

6:15 PM | Monday Women's Group

Jun 4, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Jun 5, WEDNESDAY — St Boniface (bishop, martyr)

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

10:30 AM | "EPIC: The Early Church" Study

12:15 PM | Daily Mass
 6:00 PM | "EPIC: The Early Church" Study
 6:30 PM | Grief Share

Jun 6, THURSDAY

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

Jun 7, FRIDAY — Sacred Heart

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
 12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jun 8, SATURDAY — Immaculate Heart of Mary

8:30 AM | Men's Group
 9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
 9:30 AM | WOMEN'S BLESSED BRUNCH
 4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)
 5:30 PM | Anticipatory Sunday Mass

OFFERING

19 May '24 (Pentecost), \$6,556

26 May '24 (Trinity Sunday):

posted on BB opposite front office

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Jun 1 (Sat), 9:00 AM	Robert White - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Robert Sheehan;
Jun 1, 5:30 PM	Gary Rowe (req. by Rita Geringer)
Jun 2 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Jun 2, 10:00 AM	Deacon John Martin - LIVING INTENTION (req. by the Connelly Family)
Jun 2, 6:00 PM	Carlos Medeiros (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Jun 3 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Carolyn Frarias (req. by Denis & Claudette Odesse)
Jun 4 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Paula Super (req. by Denis & Claudette Odesse)
Jun 5 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Joseph Keaney (req. by Loretta Keaney)
Jun 6 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Deninis Carreiro (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Jun 7 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Toneila Jinenez (req. by Eleanor Boucher)
Jun 8 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Dave Benson (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Jun 8, 10:00 AM	M. Karen Dill (req. by John & Mary Mann)
Jun 8, 6:00 PM	2024 Graduates - LIVING INTENTION

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



GRADUATION MASS

June 9, 10:00 AM

If you have a teen that is graduating HS and can attend the GRADUATION MASS (10:00 AM Mass on June 9), please email Cheri (youth@sjnnh.org) so preparations can be done for this Mass.

Please indicate which High School your teen is graduating from, along with plans for the upcoming year (e.g. attending college, entering military service, etc.) and, if possible, attach a photo.

THURSDAY WOMEN'S GROUP

The Thursday Morning Women's Group invites women of all ages and stages to join us for a new series beginning on June 6th. We will be reading and discussing WOMEN OF THE CHURCH: What Every Catholic Should Know by Bronwen McShea. Our group meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. Please email Claire at cbryson@sjnnh.org should you have any questions. All are welcome!

BLESSED BRUNCH – WOMEN'S BRUNCH

June 8 (Saturday) from 9:30-11:00, SJN Parish Hall ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to join us for our June BLESSED BRUNCH! Please email Claire (cbryson@sjnnh.org) to RSVP.

TOTUS TUUS

After a wildly successful first year, **TOTUS TUUS will return to St John Neumann this Summer (July 7-12)**. All youth, Grades 1-12 are encouraged to attend this very special week led by a team of college aged young adults.

- **Rising 1st thru 6th Graders** will gather during the daytime Monday-Friday (July 8-12) from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM for songs, games, Mass, lots of learning and lots of fun.
- **Rising 7th-12th Graders** will gather in the evenings Sunday-Thursday (July 7-11) from 6:30-8:30 PM for fellowship: socializing, play, music, snacks and prayer: Adoration, Evening prayer, Confession and more.

Please email Claire (cbryson@sjnnh.org) with any questions. Sign up form is available in the gathering space and online

at SJNNH.ORG.

To add someone to the PRAYER LINE, please contact Teri at the parish office: (603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org. PLEASE PRAY FOR:

For those in our Grief Share Ministry (Sheryl, Mike, Samantha, Don, Angela, John, Jo, Diane, Cheryl, Theresa, Priscilla), Cindy & Family. Jim. Leon. Diane. Chase. Thomas. Rita. Soul of Christopher and Thomas. Red. Timmy. Andres. Caitlin. Hazel. Dean. Alyssa. Rose. Angelo. Sue. Maria Elena. Margaret. Sue. Phyllis. Jake. Roseanne. Steve. Kathleen. Tom. Cheri'. Tracy. Robert. Patti. Pat. Eileen. Richard. Tom. David. Beverly. Barbara. Carter Family. Avery. Vivian. Melanie. Tony. Steve. Ed. Brandy & Family. Theresa. Eileen. Betty. Andy. Peter. Ken. Gay. Joe. Jan. Margaret. Noah. Soraia. Mark. Thanksgiving for Riley. Ruff. Nate. Ginny. Jim & his mother. Dave. Joe. Jen & Joe. Sue. Diane. Paul. Sue. Kathleen's granddaughter. Jay. All our priests. Holy Souls in Purgatory. Those that have stepped away from the faith. For vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs.

**St Joseph Cathedral
CATHEDRAL GIFT SHOP
145 Lowell St, Manchester**

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and during the entire month the GIFT SHOP is offering 15% off Sacred Heart of Jesus related items! For more information call 603-622-6404, or go to: stjosephcathedralnh.org/giftshop. Hours:

9:00 AM until 2:00 PM (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri)
9:00 AM until 5:30 PM (Wed)
9:00 AM until 3:30 PM (Sat)

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-DONATION>.

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

PARISH *online*

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

<https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>

— or texting —
"SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576
(message/data rates may apply)

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2024 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

This past weekend 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. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the NHCA materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. The Diocese has set our PARISH GOAL at \$47,000, essentially a tithe (10%) of our yearly revenue.

Copies of the Annual Report of the 2023 NH Catholic Appeal are available in the foyer. It is also posted online:

[https://www.catholicnh.org/about/
get-involved/giving/nhca/](https://www.catholicnh.org/about/get-involved/giving/nhca/)

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