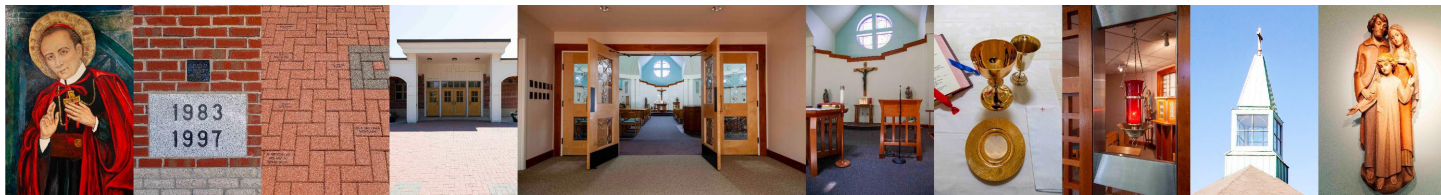


**SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH**  
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July 7, 2024  
14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

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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.

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**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.

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**ON PRAYER**

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. —Heb 4:16

The first excerpt below is from St Thomas Aquinas' (d. 1274) Catechetical Instructions which details the three good effects of prayer. The second, on the practice of prayer, is from St John Vianney's (d. 1855) Instructions on the Catechism.

IT MUST be noted that prayer brings about three good effects.

FIRST, prayer is an efficacious and useful remedy against evils. Thus, it delivers us from the sins we have committed: *"Thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin. For this shall every one that is holy pray to Thee in a seasonable time"* (Ps 31:5). The thief on the Cross prayed and received forgiveness: *"This day thou shalt be with Me in paradise"* (Luke 23:43). Thus also prayed the Publican, and "went down to his home justified" (Luke 18:14). Prayer, also, frees one from the fear of future sin, and from trials and sadness of soul: *"Is any one of you sad? Let him pray"* (Jas 5:13). Again it delivers one from persecutors and enemies: *"Instead of making me a return of love, they detracted me, but I gave myself to prayer"* (Ps 18:4). In the SECOND place, prayer is efficacious and useful to obtain all that one desires: *"All things whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive"* (Mark 11:24). When our prayers are not heard, either we do not persevere in prayer, whereas *"we ought always to pray, and not to faint,"* (Luke 18:1) or we do not ask for that which is more conducive to our salvation. "Our good Lord often does not give us what we wish," says St Augustine, "because it would really be what we do not wish for." St Paul gives us an example of this in that he thrice prayed that the sting of his flesh be removed from him, and his prayer was not heard (2 Cor 7:7). THIRDLY, prayer is profitable because it makes us friends of God: *"Let my prayer be directed as incense in Thy sight"* (Ps 111:2).

OUR CATECHISM teaches us, my children, that prayer is an elevation, an application of our mind and of our heart to God, to make known to Him our wants and to ask for His assistance. We do not see the good God, my children, but He sees us, He hears us, He wills that we should raise towards Him what is most noble in us — our mind and our heart. When we pray with attention, with humility of mind and of heart, we quit the earth, we rise to Heaven, we penetrate into the Bosom of God, we go and converse with the angels and the saints. It was by prayer that the saints reached Heaven: and by prayer we too shall reach it. Yes, my children, prayer is the source of all graces, the mother of all virtues, the efficacious and universal way by which God wills that we should come to Him. He says to us: *"Ask, and you shall receive."* None but God could make such promises and keep them. See, the good God does not say to us, "Ask such and such a thing, and I will grant it;" but He says in general: *"If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it you."* O my children! ought not this promise to fill us with confidence, and to make us pray fervently all the days of our poor life? Ought we not to be ashamed of our idleness, of our indifference to prayer, when our Divine Savior, the Dispenser of all graces, has given us such touching examples of it? For you know that the Gospel tells us He prayed often, I and even passed the night in prayer? Are we as just, as holy, as this Divine Savior? Have we no graces to ask for? Let us enter into ourselves; let us consider. Do not the continual needs of our soul and of our body warn us to have recourse to Him who alone can supply them? How many enemies to vanquish the devil, the world, and ourselves. How many bad habits to overcome, how many passions to subdue, how many sins to efface! In so frightful and painful a situation, what remains to us, my children? The armor of the saints: prayer, that necessary virtue, indispensable to good as well as to bad Christians ... Within the reach of the ignorant as well as the learned, enjoined to the simple and to the enlightened, it is the virtue of all mankind; it is the science of all the faithful! Everyone on the earth who has a heart, everyone who has the use of reason ought to love and pray to God; to have recourse to Him when He is irritated; to thank Him when He confers favors; to humble themselves when He strikes. See, my children, we are poor people who have been taught to beg spiritually, and we do not beg. We are sick people, to whom a cure has been Promised, and we do not ask for it. The good God does not require of us fine prayers, but prayers which come from the bottom of our heart. St Ignatius was once traveling with several of his companions; they each carried on their shoulders a little bag, containing what was

most necessary for them on the journey. A good Christian, seeing that they were fatigued, was interiorly excited to relieve them; he asked them as a favor to let him help them to carry their burdens. They yielded to his entreaties. When they had arrived at the inn, this man who had followed them, seeing that the Fathers knelt down at a little distance from each other to pray, knelt down also. When the Fathers rose again, they were astonished to see that this man had remained prostrate all the time they were praying: they expressed to him their surprise, and asked him what he had been doing. His answer edified them very much, for he said: "I did nothing but say, Those who pray so devoutly are saints: I am their beast of burden: O Lord! I have the intention of doing what they do: I say to Thee whatever they say." These were afterwards his ordinary words, and he arrived by means of this at a sublime degree of prayer. Thus, my children, you see that there is no one who cannot pray and pray at all times, and in all places; by night or by day; amid the most severe labors, or in repose; in the country, at home, in traveling. The good God is everywhere ready to hear your prayers, provided you address them to Him with faith and humility.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR

Jul 7 SUNDAY — 14th Week of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass

10:00 AM | Sunday Mass

6:00 PM | Sunday Mass

7:00 PM | Eucharistic Adoration

Jul 8, MONDAY

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

6:15 PM | Monday Women's Group

Jul 9, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts Meeting

Jul 10, WEDNESDAY

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

10:30 AM | "HEBREWS" Bible Study

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

6:00 PM | "HEBREWS" Bible Study

Jul 11, THURSDAY — St Benedict, Abbot

9:00 AM | Day Away

10:00 AM | Thursday Women's Group

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jul 12, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

Jul 13, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group

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

30 Jun '24 (13th Sunday Ordinary Time):  
posted on BB opposite front office.

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Jul 6 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Larry Hardy (req. by Judy Hardy)
Jul 7 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Lon Woods (req. by Maureen Mooney)
Jul 7, 10:00 AM	Pia Costas (req. by Alejandra)
Jul 7, 6:00 PM	Michael Lafleur (req. by family)
Jul 8 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Carlos Medeiros (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Jul 10 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Urania Tabicas - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Natalia Botelho)
Jul 11 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Urania Tabicas - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Natalia Botelho)
Jul 12 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Urania Tabicas - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Natalia Botelho)
Jul 13 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Bruce Rountree, Christine Perez (req. by Chris Rountree)
Jul 14 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Petra Rivero Misione, Casimiro Armanda Lavadores (req. by Alejandra)
Jul 14, 10:00 AM	Amelia Lennon - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Linda Ray)
Jul 14, 6:00 PM	Rita Brands (req. by Roy Family)

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**

### FOR HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Join us to read and discuss the ENDOW STUDY: "CREATED FOR COMMUNITY", where we'll talk about who God calls us to be as women and what that looks like in our day to day lives. This is a great opportunity to grow in relationship with God and friends. **We will meet Sundays (June 30th-August 11th) from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM.** The group will be led by Elizabeth Bryson (a sophomore at Franciscan University) and Katie Oslin. Cost is \$20. To sign up, email [cbryson@sjnnh.org](mailto:cbryson@sjnnh.org)

### TOTUS TUUS

For those entering  
GRADES 1-6  
July 8-12 (Mon-Fri)  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

For those entering  
GRADES 7-12  
July 7-11 (Sun-Thu)  
6:30-8:30 PM

Cost \$20

This Summer, the parish will host TOTUS TUUS, a Summer Catechetical Program, conducted by a team of four college-age teachers (2 men, 2 women) for youth entering Grades 1-6 and 7-12. The team will conduct a 5-day Catechetical Program similar to Vacation Bible School. The week will be filled with faith, fun, and friendship. There are messy games and crazy skits. Team members will provide an authentic Christian witness to the youth.

The mission of TOTUS TUUS is to inspire a true longing for holiness, the love of God. Translated from the Latin, TOTUS TUUS means "Totally Yours". It was Pope St John Paul's papal motto, and it signified his desire to give himself entirely to Jesus through Mary, the supreme model of faith and the love of God.

For more information or TO REGISTER, go to:

<https://sjnnh.org/totus-tuus-registration>

### HEBREWS: The New & Eternal Covenant

Embark on an 8-week tour of the "Holy of Holies" of Biblical theology. The book of Hebrews is a little catechism, steeped in truths that are foundational to our Catholic Faith. Sessions are offered beginning June 19 on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM and again at 6:30 PM. For more information, contact Cheri' at [adult@sjnnh.org](mailto:adult@sjnnh.org).

### **SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

Did you know that 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.catholnh.org/safety](http://www.catholnh.org/safety).

### CREATION CARE

The opening words of Pope Francis 24 May 2015 encyclical "LAUDATO SI' mi' Signore" [Lt., Praise be to you, my Lord]:

In the words of this beautiful canticle, St Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs." This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

### WIDOW/WIDOWERS GROUP

We meet the 2nd Saturday of the month in Room #3 at 9:30 AM. POC: Tricia Mroz @ 889-4474. We are here:

- o To provide emotional, spiritual and practical support to the Men and Women who have lost a spouse or significant other.
- o To directly offer education and other services to the widowed and their families during the grieving period following this catastrophic loss;
- o To connect survivors to essential resources conducive to positive growth.

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

Margaret. Noah. Soraia. Mark. Thanksgiving for Riley. Margaret. Russ. Nate. Ginny. Jim & his mother. Dave. Joe. Jen & Joe. Sue. Diane. Paul. Sue. Kathleen's granddaughter. Jay. Sue. Joe. Tara.

Russ. John. Doug. Karen. Fran. Derrick. Jen. Lisa.  
Bob. Sue. Peg. Paul. Mike & family. Larry. Steve.  
Jessica. Theresa. Nancy. Mary. Joe. Maria. Ryan.  
Maria. Mona Lisa. Family of Larry. Family of  
Dolores. Russ. Special intention. Thanksgiving for  
Caitlin. All our priests. Eucharistic Procession  
heading to Indianapolis. Holy Souls in Purgatory.  
Those that have stepped away from the faith. For  
vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs.

## **ONLINE***giving*

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

### **NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024**

This past month 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.



#### **TO MAKE A GIFT:**

Return the GIFT ENVELOPE distributed at Mass, or the one you may receive in the mail. Or, DONATE ONLINE at the **NHCA** website:

<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

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