

18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
August 3, 2025

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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

THE SOWER

The following, excerpted from Saint Augustine's (d. 430) *Sermon 22* on the New Testament, is the Saint's explanation of the Parable of the Sower and the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares [weeds].

ON the words of the Gospel, Matthew 13:19 , etc., where the Lord Jesus explains the parables of the sower.

1. Both yesterday and today you have heard the parables of the sower, in the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do ye who were present yesterday, recollect today. Yesterday we read of that sower, who when he scattered seed, some fell by the way side, which the birds picked up; some in stony places, which dried up from the heat; some among thorns, which were choked, and could not bring forth fruit; and other some into good ground, and it brought forth fruit, a hundred, sixty, thirty fold. But today the Lord has again spoken another parable of the sower, who sowed good seed in his field. While men slept the enemy came, and sowed tares upon it. As long as it was only in the blade, it did not appear; but when the fruit of the good seed began to appear, then appeared the tares also. The servants of the householder were offended, when they saw a quantity of tares among the good wheat, and wished to root them out, but they



PARABLE OF THE SOWER
by Jean Francois Millet (d. 1875)

Be you changed while you may: turn up with the plow the hard ground, cast the stones out of the field, pluck up the thorns out of it. Be loathe to retain that hard heart, from which the word of God may quickly pass away and be lost. Be loathe to have that lightness of soil, where the root of charity can take no deep hold. Be loathe to choke the good seed which is sown in you by my labors, with the lusts and the cares of this world. For it is the Lord who sows; and we are only His laborers. But be you the "good ground. —St Augustine (d. 430)



were not suffered to do so; but it was said to them, Let both grow together until the harvest. Now the Lord Jesus Christ explained this parable also; and said that He was the sower of the good seed, and He showed how that the enemy who sowed the tares was the devil; the time of harvest, the end of the world; His field the whole world. And what says He? In the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, to burn them, but gather the wheat into My barn. Why are you so hasty, He says, you servants full of zeal? You see tares among the wheat, you see evil Christians among the good; and you wish to root up the evil ones; be quiet, it is not the time of harvest. That time will come, may it only find you wheat! Why do ye vex yourselves? Why bear impatiently the mixture of the evil with the good? In the field they may be with you, but they will not be so in the barn.

2. Now ye know that those three places mentioned yesterday where the seed did not grow, the way side, the stony ground, and the thorny places, are the same as these tares. They received only a different name under a different similitude. For when similitudes are used, or the literal meaning of a term is not expressed, not the truth but a similitude of the truth is conveyed by them. I see that but few have understood my meaning; yet it is for the benefit of all that I speak. In things visible, a way side is a way side, stony ground is stony ground, thorny places are thorny places; they are simply what they are, because the names are used in their literal sense. But in parables and similitudes one thing may be called by many names; therefore there is nothing inconsistent in my telling you that that way side, that stony ground, those thorny places, are bad Christians, and that they too are the tares. Is not Christ called the Lamb? Is not Christ the Lion too? Among wild beasts, and cattle, a lamb is simply a lamb, and a lion, a lion: but Christ is both. The first are respectively what they are in propriety of expression; the latter both together in a figurative sense. Nay much more; besides this it may happen that under a figure, things very different from one another may be called by one and the same name. For what is so different as Christ and the devil? Yet both Christ and the devil are called a lion. Christ is called a lion: The Lion has prevailed of the tribe of Judah; and the devil is called a lion: Do you not know that your adversary the Devil walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour? Both the one and the other then is a lion; the one a lion by reason of His strength; the other for his savageness; the one a lion for His prevailing; the other for his injuring. The devil again is a serpent, that old serpent; are we commanded then to imitate the devil, when our Shepherd told us, Be wise as serpents, and simple as doves?
3. Accordingly I yesterday addressed the way side, I addressed the stony ground, I addressed the thorny places; and I said, Be changed while ye may: turn up with the plough the hard ground, cast the stones out of the field, pluck up the thorns out of it. Be loth to retain

that hard heart, from which the word of God may quickly pass away and be lost. Be loth to have that lightness of soil, where the root of charity can take no deep hold. Be loth to choke the good seed which is sown in you by my labors, with the lusts and the cares of this world. For it is the Lord who sows; and we are only His laborers. But be ye the good ground. I said yesterday, and I say again today to all, Let one bring forth a hundred, another sixty, another thirty fold. In one the fruit is more, in another less; but all will have a place in the barn. Yesterday I said all this, today I am addressing the tares; but the sheep themselves are the tares. O evil Christians, O you, who in filling only press the Church by your evil lives; amend yourselves before the harvest come. Say not, I have sinned, and what has befallen me? God has not lost His power; but He is requiring repentance from you. I say this to the evil, who yet are Christians; I say this to the tares. For they are in the field; and it may so be, that they who today are tares, may tomorrow be wheat. And so I will address the wheat also.

4. O you Christians, whose lives are good, you sigh and groan as being few among many, few among very many. The winter will pass away, the summer will come; lo! The harvest will soon be here. The angels will come who can make the separation, and who cannot make mistakes. We in this time present are like those servants of whom it was said, Will You that we go and gather them up? for we were wishing, if it might be so, that no evil ones should remain among the good. But it has been told us, Let both grow together until the harvest. Why? For you are such as may be deceived. Hear finally; Lest while you gather up the tares, you root up also the wheat with them. What good are you doing? Will ye by your eagerness make a waste of My harvest? The reapers will come, and who the reapers are He has explained, And the reapers are the angels. We are but men, the reapers are the angels. We too indeed, if we finish our course, shall be equal to the angels of God; but now when we chafe against the wicked, we are as yet but men. And we ought now to give ear to the words, Wherefore let him that thinks he stands, take heed lest he fall. For do ye think, my Brethren, that these tares we read of do not get up into this seat? Think ye that they are all below, and none above up here? God grant we may not be so. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you. I tell you of a truth, my Beloved, even in these high seats there is both wheat, and tares, and among the laity there is wheat, and tares. Let the good tolerate the bad; let the bad change themselves, and imitate the good. Let us all, if it may be so, attain to God; let us all through His mercy escape the evil of this world. Let us seek after good days, for we are now in evil days; but in the evil days let us not blaspheme, that so we may be able to arrive at the good days.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug 3, SUNDAY — 18th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Sunday Mass
10:00 AM | Sunday Mass
6:00 PM | Sunday Mass
7:00 PM | Eucharistic ADORATION

Aug 4, MONDAY — St John Vianney, Priest

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

Aug 5, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts

Aug 6, WEDNESDAY — Transfiguration of the Lord

12:15 AM | Daily Mass
8:30 AM | Yarn Ministry
10:30 AM | Introduction to Prayer
6:30 PM | Introduction to Prayer

Aug 7, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by ADORATION)

Aug 8, FRIDAY — St Dominic, Priest

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

Aug 9, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 2 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Rick Boucher, Jr. (req. by Ellie Boucher)
Aug 2, 6:00 PM	Fr. John Nepil - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Deacon Andy & Betty Usera)
Aug 3 (Sun), 10:00 AM	Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Aug 4 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Lauren Weinstock - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Denise Weinstock)
Aug 6 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Jeanne Weinstock (req. by Denise Weinstock)
Aug 7 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Gertrude M. Cook (req. by Kathleen & Butch)
Aug 9 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Ann Genewicz (req. by Anne Delaney)
Aug 10 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Debbie Fraise (req. by the Pinelles)
Aug 10, 10:00 AM	Norman Carpenter (req. by David & Rita Wadleigh)
Aug 10, 6:00 PM	Christian Usera (req. by Deacon Andy & Betty Usera)

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).

OFFERING

20 Jul '25 (16th Sunday OT): \$4,648.00

27 Jul '25 (17th Sunday OT): \$6,057.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAY AWAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

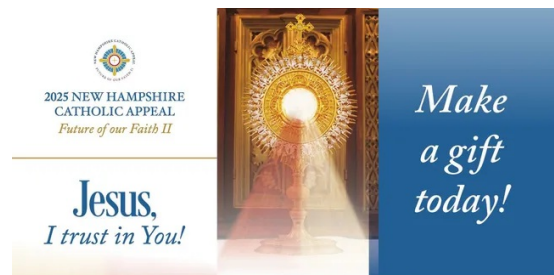
St John Neumann DAY AWAY resumed its regular indoor program on Thursday, 20 October 2022, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are seeking caring people to join our ALL-VOLUNTEER staff, who provide a safe, loving and stimulating environment for program participants who are living with the early stages of dementia. We offer a wide variety of roles to choose, including:

- 1:1 Participant Companion VOLUNTEERS: [Morning Team: 8:30 AM-12:30 PM] or [Afternoon Team: 11:30 AM-3:15 PM]
- Craft Assistant: [9:45-11:15 AM]
- Lunch Assistants: [11:00 AM-1:00 PM]

The best volunteers are friendly listeners, who enjoy being with the elderly and learning about all that's meaningful in their lives. If you wish to learn more about the VOLUNTEER roles and orientation training, please contact:

Kathy Hopkins, RN, M.Ed
Director
E-mail: dayaway@sjnnh.org



Catholic Appeal



TO MAKE A GIFT:

Return the Gift ENVELOPE available at Mass or the one you received in the mail. Or, to donate ONLINE: <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

To date, the parish has donated or pledged \$38,953! Should you have any questions, please call the NHCA office at (603) 663-0170.



FIRST THURSDAYS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Beginning this September we will offer an extended period of EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION on the FIRST THURSDAY of each month from the end of the 12:15 PM daily Mass until 8:00 PM. We are asking for volunteers to commit to spending one hour in adoration. For more information, please contact Cheri' at adult@sjnnh.org.

Keep the date open:
PARISH PICNIC
Following the 10:00 AM Mass
on Sunday, September 7

PARISH PRAYER LINE

To add someone contact Teri at the parish office:
(603) 880-4689, tschmitt@sjnnh.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our past and present youth volunteers and students. Our new parish Homebound Outreach program volunteers. Geoff. Clay. Fran. Gisella & Family. David. Kathleen. Barbara. Marie. Betsy. Patricia. Hilda. Andrew. Pat. Carol. Helen. Carol. Barbara. Ann. Vivian. Brycian. Laura. Ellie. Tom & Paris. John. Mariellen & Peter. Russ. Paula. Annie. Mark. Mary. Jim & Family, Family of Victor, Martha, Mary, John, Christina's mother, John, Jim, Ben & Ashley. George. Aiden. Wendy. Sue. Thanksgiving for Jim. Bernie. Deacon John. Davy. Vince. Peg. Bob. Brandy. Roselle. Jan. Pat. George. Family of Rebecca. Soul of Chris's mom. Tre's grandmother. Celina. Sue. Family of Pam. Family of Archie. Family of Barb. Rob. Brenda. Maria. Ruthann. Caitlin. Soul of Sarah & her family. Safe summer travels. Family & friends of those affected by Texas flooding. Family and friends who have stepped away from the faith. Vocations. All of our parishioners and their needs.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING (NFP)

NFP is just what it sounds like, a 100% natural way for spouses to plan the size of their family. It is an

extremely effective method for achieving, or temporarily avoiding, pregnancy, depending on the couple's situation and intent. To learn more or to find an instructor near you, please visit CatholicNH.org/NFP.

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>.

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