

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
August 10, 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.

ON FAITH

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. —Mark 16:16

Faith alone opens the heart to God. Hebrews describes what authentic faith does, not what it is in itself. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1-2). That is, through faith God

guarantees the blessings to be hoped for from Him, providing evidence in the gift of faith that what He promises will eventually come to pass. The excerpt below, taken from The Catechetical Lectures of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386) describes faith as both an assent to revealed truth, and as gift bestowed by God. Italics added.



JESUS STILLS THE STORM
by Bernhard Plockhorst (d. 1907)

Mark 4:37-41

A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "WHY ARE YOU TERRIFIED? DO YOU NOT YET HAVE FAITH?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

CATECHETICAL LECTURE V: Of Faith

4. THE lesson also which was read today invites you to the *true faith*, by setting before you the way in which you also must please God: for it affirms that *without faith it is impossible to please Him* (Heb 11:6). Faith is an eye that enlightens every conscience, and imparts understanding; for the Prophet says, and if you believe not, you shall not understand.
5. There is much to tell of faith, and the



whole day would not be time sufficient for us to describe it fully. At present let us be content with Abraham only, as one of the examples from the Old Testament, seeing that we have been made his sons through faith. He was justified not only by works, but also by faith: for though he did many things well, yet he was never called the friend of God, except when he believed. Moreover, his every work was performed in faith.

7. This faith if we keep we shall be free from condemnation, and shall be adorned with all kinds of virtues. For so great is the strength of faith, as even to buoy men up in walking on the sea. Peter was a man like ourselves, made up of flesh and blood, and living upon like food. But when Jesus said, *Come* (Mt 14:29), he believed, and walked upon the waters, and found his faith safer upon the waters than any ground; and his heavy body was upheld by the buoyancy of his faith. But though he had safe footing over the water as long as he believed, yet when he doubted, at once he began to sink: for as his faith gradually relaxed, his body also was drawn down with it. And when He saw his distress, Jesus who remedies the distresses of our souls, said, *O thou of little faith, wherefore did you doubt* (Mk 14:31)? And being nerved again by Him who grasped his right hand, he had no sooner recovered his faith, than, led by the hand of the Master, he resumed the same walking upon the waters: for this the Gospel indirectly mentioned, saying, when they had gone up into the ship. For it says not that Peter swam across and went up, but gives us to understand that, after returning the same distance that he went to meet Jesus, he went up again into the ship.

10. For the name of Faith is in the form of speech one, but has two distinct senses. *For there is one kind of faith, the dogmatic, involving an assent of the soul on some particular point: and it is profitable to the soul, as the Lord says: He that hears My words, and believes Him that sent Me, has everlasting life, and comes not into judgment* (Jn 5:24): and again, *He that believes in the Son is not judged, but has passed from death unto life*. Oh the great loving-kindness of God! For the righteous were many years in pleasing Him: but what they succeeded in gaining by many years of well-pleasing, this Jesus now bestows on you in a single hour. For if you shall believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved, and shall be transported into Paradise by Him who brought in there the robber. And doubt not whether it is possible; for He who on this sacred Golgotha saved the robber after one single hour of belief, the same shall save you also on your believing.

11. *But there is a second kind of faith, which is bestowed by Christ as a gift of grace. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit: to another faith, by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing* (1 Cor 12:8-9). This faith then which is given of grace

from the Spirit is not merely doctrinal, but also works things above man's power. *For whosoever has this faith, shall say to this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place, and it shall remove* (Mk 11:23). For whenever any one shall say this in faith, believing that it comes to pass, and shall not doubt in his heart, then receives he the grace. And of this faith it is said, *If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed* (Mt 17:20). *For just as the grain of mustard seed is small in size, but fiery in its operation, and though sown in a small space has a circle of great branches, and when grown up is able even to shelter the fowls* (Mt 13:32); so, likewise, faith in the swiftest moment works the greatest effects in the soul. For, when enlightened by faith, the soul has visions of God, and as far as is possible beholds God, and ranges round the bounds of the universe, and before the end of this world already beholds the Judgment, and the payment of the promised rewards. Have thou therefore that faith in Him which comes from your own self, that you may also receive from Him that faith which works things above man.

Our door is faith; if it is strong enough, the whole house is safe. —St Ambrose, bishop (d. 397)

You, the Lord is saying, must surrender everything but your faith: money, body, even life itself. For faith is the head and the root; keep that, and though you lose all else, you will get it back in abundance. —St John Chrysostom, bishop (d. 407)

The true believer practices what he believes. But of those who pay only lip service to faith, Paul has this to say: They profess to know God, but they deny him in their works. Therefore James says: Faith without works is dead. —Pope St Gregory the Great (d. 604)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Aug 10, SUNDAY — 19th 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 11, MONDAY — St Clare, Virgin

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

Aug 12, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scouts

Aug 13, WEDNESDAY — St Bernard, Abbot

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

Aug 14, THURSDAY — St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

9:00 AM | Day Away

12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by ADORATION)

5:30 PM | Holy Day Vigil Mass

Aug 15, FRIDAY — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry

12:15 PM | Holy Day Mass

7:00 PM | Holy Day Mass

Aug 16, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group

9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)

5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

OFFERING

Aug 3, '25 (18th Sunday OT): \$8,415.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

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)
Aug 11 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Joseph Keaney (req. by Loretta Keaney)
Aug 13 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Manuel Teves' Family (req. by Adviges Silva)
Aug 14 (Thu), 5:30 PM	Gerald Bosak, Sr. (req. by Steve & Lisa Beradinis)
Aug 15 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Terry Robinson (req. by Mary McConnell)
Aug 15, 7:00 PM	George Ritz (req. by family)
Aug 16 (Sat), 5:30 PM	James Gallagher (req. by Tom & Cindy Sullivan)
Aug 17 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Hugh Moran (req. by Jim, Jan, Emily & Martin Moran)
Aug 17, 10:00 AM	Jeanne Willhelm (req. by Robert Sheehan)
Aug 17, 6:00 PM	James MacDonald - LIVING INTENTION (req. by Connelly 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

Holy Day of Obligation ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY August 15 (Friday), 2025

14 Aug (Vigil Mass) 5:30 PM
15 Aug (Holy Day Mass) 12:15 PM
15 Aug (Holy Day Mass) 7:00 PM

DAY AWAY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

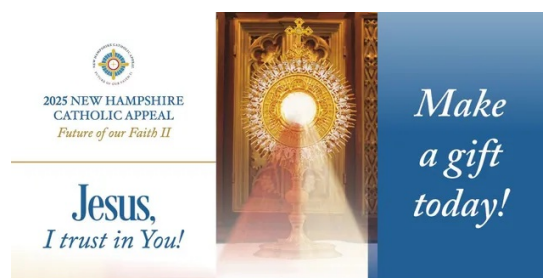
St John Neumann DAY AWAY resumed its regular indoor program on Thursday, 20 October 2022, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. We are seeking caring people to join our ALL-VOLUNTEER staff, who provide a safe, loving and stimulating environment for program participants who are living with the early stages of dementia. 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. 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. Alan. Jay. Ron. Deb. Michele. Chip. Tracy. Crystal & Robert. Carolyn. Michelle. Jess. 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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