

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
November 2, 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 at 5:00 PM, prior to the 6:00 PM 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 MIRACLES

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. —Ps 77:11

The following is taken from St Augustine's (d. 430) The City of God. He describes two cities: the Earthly City, and the City of God. He says Christians live in this world but they are not part of this world. They are present here as strangers sojourning in a foreign country, enjoying the blessings the world has to offer, but always ready to move on. Heaven is the Christians true home, and it is to heaven that his affections/loyalties should be directed. In the excerpt below, Augustine addresses the reality/purpose of miracles (both biblical and recent), namely, to testify to Jesus Christ. He goes on to recount scores of miracles he has either heard of or personally witnessed.

The second excerpt recounts a miracle at the St Sixtus Convent in Rome during the early years of the Dominican Order.

BOOK XXII, Chapter VIII.
 Of Miracles Which Were Wrought That the World Might Believe in Christ, and Which Have Not Ceased since the World Believed

WHY, they say, are those miracles, which you affirm were wrought formerly, wrought no longer? I might, indeed, reply that miracles were necessary before the world believed, in order that it might believe. And whoever now-a-days demands to see prodigies that he may believe, is himself



ST. PETER CURING THE LAME
BEGGAR
 by Bernardo Strozzi (d. 1644)

Acts 3:1-10

NOW Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, [rise and] walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.



a great prodigy, because he does not believe, though the whole world does. But they make these objections for the sole purpose of insinuating that even those former miracles were never wrought. How, then, is it that everywhere Christ is celebrated with such firm belief in His resurrection and ascension? How is it that in enlightened times, in which every impossibility is rejected, the world has, without any miracles, believed things marvelously incredible? Or will they say that these things were credible, and therefore were credited? Why then do they themselves not believe? Our argument, therefore, is a summary one—either incredible things which were not witnessed have caused the world to believe other incredible things which both occurred and were witnessed, or this matter was so credible that it needed no miracles in proof of it, and therefore convicts these unbelievers of unpardonable scepticism. This I might say for the sake of refuting these most frivolous objectors. But we cannot deny that many miracles were wrought to confirm that one grand and health-giving miracle of Christ's ascension to heaven with the flesh in which He rose. For these most trustworthy books of ours contain in one narrative both the miracles that were wrought and the creed which they were wrought to confirm. The miracles were published that they might produce faith, and the faith which they produced brought them into greater prominence. For they are read in congregations that they may be believed, and yet they would not be so read unless they were believed. For even now miracles are wrought in the name of Christ, whether by His sacraments or by the prayers or relics of His saints; but they are not so brilliant and conspicuous as to cause them to be published with such glory as accompanied the former miracles. For the canon of the sacred writings, which behooved to be closed, causes those to be everywhere recited, and to sink into the memory of all the congregations; but these modern miracles are scarcely known even to the whole population in the midst of which they are wrought, and at the best are confined to one spot. For frequently they are known only to a very few persons, while all the rest are ignorant of them, especially if the state is a large one; and when they are reported to other persons in other localities, there is no sufficient authority to give them prompt and unwavering credence, although they are reported to the faithful by the faithful.

The miracle which was wrought at Milan when I was there, and by which a blind man was restored to sight, could come to the knowledge of many; for not only is the city a large one, but also the emperor was there at the time, and the occurrence was witnessed by an immense concourse of people that had gathered to the bodies of the martyrs Protasius and Gervasius, which had long lain concealed and unknown, but were now made known to the bishop Ambrose in a dream, and discovered by him. By virtue of these remains the darkness of that blind man was scattered, and he

saw the light of day.

AS the number of his brothers and communities increased, St Dominic constantly traveled among them to encourage community members in their undertakings. After stays in Paris and Prouille he returned to Rome in January 1218. The eloquent preaching of the friars in Italy had attracted much attention — they are said to have been the first religious to preach publicly in Bologna — and admiration for them increased when it was learned that they were disciples of Dominic, whose fame had by this time spread throughout the country.

One of the most compelling events in the infant days of the Dominican Order was the miraculous feeding of the brothers at St Sixtus Convent in Rome. It not only reveals Dominic's profound faith and deep confidence in God's help but also illustrates the true spirit of poverty. Because the friars had given all they had to the poor, they had no food for themselves, so two were sent into the city to beg. At the end of the day they had received nothing. When they returned to the refectory, an ample supply of bread appeared at Dominic's intercession. Two angels carrying loaves of bread in two white cloths that hung from their shoulders miraculously appeared in the refectory and began to serve the brothers, beginning with the youngest member of the community. When the last loaf was placed in front of Dominic, the angles disappeared. Since then Dominican priories and convents have commemorated this miracle by serving meals first to the younger members of the Order.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Nov 2, SUNDAY [All Souls] — 31st Week in Ordinary Time

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

Nov 3, MONDAY

12:15 AM | Daily Mass

Nov 4, TUESDAY — St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

6:00 PM | "Matthew" 24-part Video Series
7:00 PM | Scouts

Nov 5, WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM | Yarn Ministry
10:30 AM | "What We Believe: the Beauty of the Catholic Church" Video Series
12:15 AM | Daily Mass
6:30 PM | "What We Believe: the Beauty of the Catholic Church" Video Series
6:30 PM | Grief Share

Nov 6, THURSDAY

9:00 AM | Day Away
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

*Adoration follows the daily Mass until
8:00 PM

Nov 7, FRIDAY

10:00 AM | Food Pantry
10:30 AM | "Matthew" 24-part Video-Series
12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by ADORATION)

Nov 8, SATURDAY

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

OFFERING

Oct 19, '25 (29th Sunday OT): \$5,012.00

Oct 26, '25 (30th Sunday OT): \$6,866.00

THANK YOU for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 1 (Sat), 9:00 AM	Carlos Medeiros & Family (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Nov 1, 5:30 PM	Joseph Casper (req. by Mike & Linda Marolla)
Nov 2 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Harper Moyski (req. by Annunciation School)
Nov 2, 10:00 AM	Fletcher Merkel (req. by Annunciation School)
Nov 2, 6:00 PM	All Souls
Nov 3 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Holy Souls (req. by Adviges Silva)
Nov 5 (Wed), 12:15 PM	Donald Paup (req. by the Connelly Family)
Nov 6 (Thu), 12:15 PM	Henrique Silva (req. by Adviges Silva)
Nov 7 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Carlos Medeiros (req. by Emily Medeiros)
Nov 8 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Oscar Ocana (req. by Rita Gehringer)
Nov 9 (Sun), 8:00 AM	Pat Davis (req. by Tom Davis)
Nov 9, 10:00 AM	Walter Fritz (req. by Steve & Lisa Beradinis)
Nov 9, 6:00 PM	Cynthia Gavert (req. by the Gavert 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

NOTE: Since the Commemoration of ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (Nov 2) falls on Sunday this year, it takes precedence over the regular Sunday (31st Sunday of Ordinary Time) prayers/readings.

5th SEMINARIAN BRUNCH FUND RAISER

Nov 8 (Sat), 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

You are invited to our 5th annual SEMINARIAN BRUNCH FUNDRAISER from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (Sat, Nov 8), at the Manchester Country Club in Bedford, NH. Very Rev. Christopher M. Martel, Director of Vocations, is hosting. Great food, live music, silent and live auction items, a new vocations video, and much much more. Sponsorships are available and individual tickets are \$125 per person. For more information on the fundraiser or to sign up to attend the brunch, please visit:

liveinblackandwhite.com

The diocese spends \$500,000+ on tuition and room and board for our seminarians each year. The annual NH Catholic Appeal provides about half of what we need each year, so we need your support.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Due to shortages at the NH Food Bank, the St John Neumann Food Pantry needs help filling their Thanksgiving Baskets. They are asking for our help in providing the following:

Cans of Pumpkin + Green Beans + Cake Mix + French Fried Onions + Large Boxes of Instant Potatoes + \$25 Market Basket Gift Cards

They are appreciative of your support!

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

It is customary to offer prayers for family members and to remember them at Mass throughout the whole of November, beginning with the Feast of All Souls (Nov 2). 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We will sing as a CHOIR for the Solemnity of Christ the King (34th—and last—Sunday of the Liturgical Year). We will hearse that Sunday (Nov 23) immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass, and then sing for the 10:00 AM Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Whether you've had experience singing in a choir or not, you are welcome to join with us to praise God in song. For more info, please contact Artie Carew: music@sjnnh.org.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL OPEN GYMS "Come Hoop with Us"

St John Neumann, Fridays at 6:00 PM

High School boys from any parish are invited to come to basketball open gyms weekly.

Come and get ready for school tryouts or learn about joining a CYO High School basketball team this winter or just come with friends and have fun! Open gyms run throughout October and November.

CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE

The Parish Council is hosting a CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKET RAFFLE to help raise funds for parish youth to attend the Life Team Summer Camp in Georgia next summer, and for parish facility capital improvements. We'd love for families or groups to participate by donating an item or themed Gift Basket or an item that can be raffled off. Ideas include:

Cozy Winter Nights (e.g., hot cocoa, blankets, candles, books) + Family Game Night (board games, popcorn, snacks) + Baking Fun (mixes, utensils, sprinkles, recipe cards) + Holiday Cheer (Christmas décor, ornaments, treats) + Self-Care & Relaxation (lotions, candles, bath salts).

If you'd like to donate an item or basket be sure to include a label with the theme and a list of the contents. If you have any questions or need ideas, please reach out to Rachel Maccini at rachelmaccini@gmail.com or another Parish Council member.

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. Past and current members of Grief Share Ministry. Priscilla. Dean. Abbey. Lynne. Miriam. Mike. Dick. Meredith. Jeanine. Gardner. Family & Friends of Paul. Jay. Alan. Frank.

Rob. Tom. Rob. Don. Lavoie Family. Lynne. Chase. Nathan. Ramona. Lisa. Joe. Winnifred. June. Dan. Miller Family. Clyde. Claire. Dennis. Sue. Helen. Elaine. John. Cam. Steve. Emily. Macy. Vivian. Milly. Lenard. Wendy. Jody. Stephan. Tommy. Dave. Jenny. Abby. Ann. Ashley & Mia. Karen. Roselle. Walter. Natalie. George & Martha. Jim. John. Kim. Diocesan clergy. Those who have no one to pray for them. Family and friends who have stepped away from the faith. Vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. All of our parishioners and their needs.

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