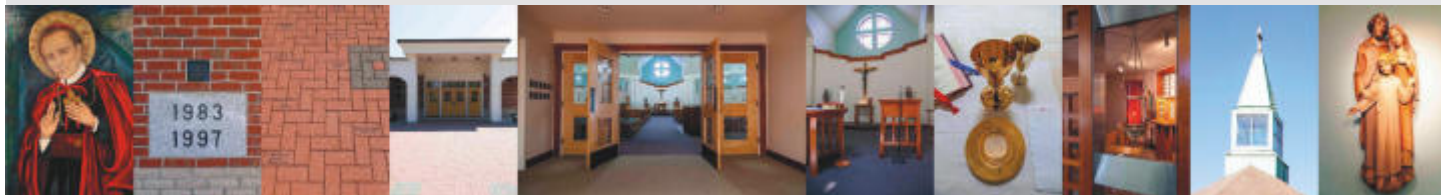


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Outdoor) 4:00 PM
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

Sunday 4:00 PM - 5:30 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." —John 6:35

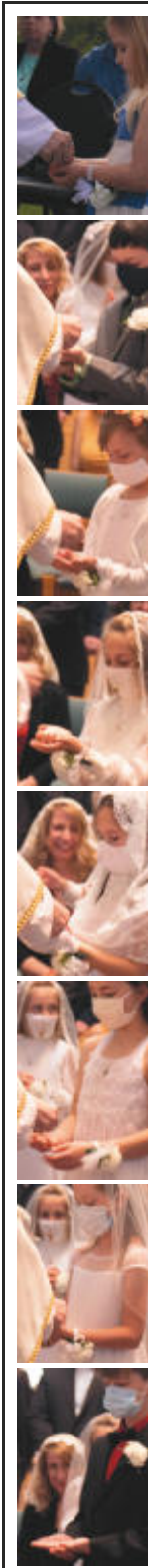
The excerpt below is from St Augustine's (d. 430) Sermon 272 on the Holy Eucharist. He urges the newly-baptized to "receive the Sacrament in such a way that [they] always fix [their] hearts on what's above." And he is anxious to identify the spiritual fruit that all should seek/obtain from receiving Holy Communion. Namely, the grace/ means to make progress in the love of God and neighbor. Baptism bestows the divine life of grace; the Eucharist sustains and perfects it ... for those, that is, who receive it worthily.

I HAVEN'T forgotten my promise. I had promised those of you who have just been baptized a sermon to explain the sacrament of the Lord's table, which you can see right now, and which you shared in last night. You ought to know what you have received, what you are about to receive, what you ought to receive every day. That bread which you can see on the altar, sanctified by the word of God, is the body of Christ. That cup, or rather what the cup contains, sanctified by the word of God, is the blood of Christ. It was by means of these things that the Lord Christ wished to present us with his body and blood, which he shed for our sake for the forgiveness of sins.

If you receive them well, you are yourselves what you receive.

You see, the apostle says, We, being many, are one loaf, one body (1 Cor 10:17). That's how he explained the sacrament of the Lord's table; one loaf, one body, is what we all are, many though we be.

In this loaf of bread you are given



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clearly to understand how much you should love unity. I mean, was that loaf made from one grain? Weren't there many grains of wheat? But before they came into the loaf they were all separate; they were joined together by means of water after a certain amount of pounding and crushing. Unless wheat is ground, after all, and moistened with water, it can't possibly get into this shape which is called bread. In the same way you too were being ground and pounded, as it were, by the humiliation of fasting and the sacrament of exorcism. Then came baptism, and you were, in a manner of speaking, moistened with water in order to be shaped into bread. But it's not yet bread without fire to bake it. So what does fire represent? That's the chrism, the anointing. Oil, the fire-feeder, you see, is the sacrament of the Holy Spirit.

Notice it, when the Acts of the Apostles are read; the reading of that book begins now, you see. Today begins the book which is called the Acts of the Apostles. Anybody who wishes to make progress has the means of doing so. When you assemble in church, put aside silly stories and concentrate on the scriptures. We here are your books. So pay attention, and see how the Holy Spirit is going to come at Pentecost. And this is how he will come; he will show himself in tongues of fire. You see, he breathes into us the charity which should set us on fire for God, and have us think lightly of the world, and burn up our straw, and purge and refine our hearts like gold. So the Holy Spirit comes, fire after water, and you are baked into the bread which is the body of Christ. And that's how unity is signified.

Now you have the sacraments in the order they occur. First, after the prayer, you are urged to lift up your hearts; that's only right for the members of Christ. After all, if you have become members of Christ, where is your head? Members have a head. If the head hadn't gone ahead before, the members would never follow. Where has our head gone? What did you give back in the creed? On the third day he rose again from the dead, he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father. So our head is in heaven. That's why, after the words "Lift up your hearts," you reply, "We have lifted them up to the Lord."

And you mustn't attribute it to your own powers, your own merits, your own efforts, this lifting up of your hearts to the Lord, because it's God's gift that you should have your heart up above.

That's why the bishop, or the presbyter who's offering, goes on to say, when the people have answered "We have lifted them up to the Lord," why he goes on to say, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God," because we have lifted up our hearts. Let us give thanks, because unless he had enabled us to lift them up, we would still have our hearts down here on earth. And you signify your agreement by saying, "It is right and just" to give thanks to the one who caused us to lift up our hearts to our head.

Then, after the consecration of the sacrifice of God, because he wanted us to be ourselves his sacrifice, which is indicated by where that sacrifice was first put, that is the sign of the thing that we are; why, then after the

consecration is accomplished, we say the Lord's Prayer, which you have received and given back. After that comes the greeting, "Peace be with you," and Christians kiss one another with a holy kiss. It's a sign of peace; what is indicated by the lips should happen in the conscience; that is, just as your lips approach the lips of your brothers or sisters, so your heart should not be withdrawn from theirs.

So they are great sacraments and signs, really serious and important sacraments. Do you want to know how their seriousness is impressed on us? The apostle says, Whoever eats the body of Christ or drinks the blood of the Lord unworthily is guilty of the body and blood of the Lord (1 Cor 11:27).

What is receiving unworthily? Receiving with contempt, receiving with derision.

Don't let yourselves think that what you can see is of no account. What you can see passes away, but the invisible reality signified does not pass away, but remains. Look, it's received, it's eaten, it's consumed. Is the body of Christ consumed, is the Church of Christ consumed, are the members of Christ consumed? Perish the thought! Here they are being purified, there they will be crowned with the victor's laurels. So what is signified will remain eternally, although the thing that signifies it seems to pass away.

So receive the sacrament in such a way that you think about yourselves, that you retain unity in your hearts, that you always fix your hearts up above.

Don't let your hope be placed on earth, but in heaven. Let your faith be firm in God, let it be acceptable to God. Because what you don't see now, but believe, you are going to see there, where you will have joy without end

MASS INTENTIONS

June 5 (Sat), 4:00 PM	Joe Thomas (req. by wife)
June 5, 5:30 PM	Martin Ondus (req. by Ellie Boucher)
June 6 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
June 6, 10:00 AM	Ginny Early (req. by friends)
June 7, 12:15 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese.

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).

WEEKLY CALENDAR

6 Jun, 10th Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM | Mass
10:00 AM | Mass
4:00 PM | Confessions (until 5:30 PM)
6:00 PM | Adoration (until 7:00 PM)

7 Jun, MONDAY

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

8 Jun, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

9 Jun, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

10 Jun, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "Blessed Is She" Women's Group
12:15 PM | Daily Mass

11 Jun, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry (until 12:30)
12:15 PM | Daily Mass (followed by Adoration)

12 Jun, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group
8:45 AM | First Saturday Rosary
9:00 AM | First Saturday Mass
9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)
9:30 AM | Widow's Group (2nd Sat of month)
4:00 PM | Outdoor Mass
5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

The parish would like to recognize those students graduating from High School this year at the 10:00 AM Mass on June 13. Please submit names to our Youth Minister, Cheri Andersen at candersen@sijnh.org.

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2021-2022 School Year

Registration Begins this Weekend

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) is at the heart and center of parish life. Only the LITURGY is more important.

- Diocesan Sacramental Policy—the "Restored Order"—now provides for First Reconciliation during 2nd Grade, and both Confirmation and First Eucharist during 3rd Grade. The parish offers a K-thru-5th Grade program, much like previous years, on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons.
- <REGISTRATION FORMS> will be available online and from the SJN Faith Formation Office. TO COMPLETE REGISTRATION,

parents are asked to attend any of the short FAITH FORMATION BRIEFING offered after all of the weekend Masses in August, or to meet with Fr. Glasgow separately.

- The parish offers a High School (LIFETEEN) program on Sunday nights, as well as a Middle School (EDGE) program on Monday nights. NOTE: either program will satisfy Sacramental Prep requirements for those who have not yet received Confirmation.



The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
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FATHER'S DAY STEAK RAFFLE

The Knights are holding their Annual Fathers' Day STEAK RAFFLE this year! Raffle tickets are available after all of the weekend Masses. All funds raised by the Council go to support the youth activities, scholarships and the SJN Food Pantry!

— NOTICE —

- The SUNDAY 6:00 PM MASS is discontinued during the Summer months, beginning MEMORIAL DAY weekend (May 30). It will resume the Sunday following the LABOR DAY weekend (Sep 13).
- CONFESSION remains the same, Sunday 4:00-5:30 PM and before/after daily Mass.
- The SUNDAY HOLY HOUR moves to 6:00-7:00 PM for the Summer months.
- The parish has a HEARING ASSIST SYSTEM. Those in need can request a receiver and earphone from any of the ushers for use during Mass.

FAST 2021

June 25-26, 2021

The FAST FOR SOCIAL ACTION (FAST) is back! We are looking for people—6th Grade through adults—to fast for 30 hours with us, for people to sponsor the participants, and for people to provide other support for the event. We need parishioners to help with:

CHECK IN, GREETERS,
ADULT CHAPERONES, FIRST AIDERS,
DINNER HELPERS, FOOD WEIGH-IN,
FOOD DONATIONS,
BREAK-FAST DINNER HELPERS.

You may sign up on line to volunteer your help or to sponsor anyone fasting:

<https://sjnnh.org/fast-volunteer-form>

Or, by calling the SJN office at (603) 880-4689.

PARISH INFORMATION

WE LOVE BEING IN TOUCH WITH YOU! Now you can keep in touch with us via email and/or text messaging:

Visit > <https://SJNMERRIMACK.flocknote.com>

Text > "SJNMERRIMACK" to 84576 (message and data rates may apply)

Choose to get updates from parish groups you're interested in. Unsubscribe anytime.

— NOTICE —

The 10:00 AM SUNDAY MASS is live streamed on YOUTUBE. To find our channel, search for "SJN Merrimack NH Mass". Or, go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfkbhzv4yg9mUOnwnJ5dNvA>

The 12:15 PM DAILY MASS (Mon, Wed-Fri) is posted to our FACEBOOK page:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh>

DIOCESAN FIAT DAYS

July 30

Do you want to say "yes" to God's plan for your life? You are invited to attend our FIAT DAYS on July 30th to spend time with other young women your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. FIAT DAYS is led by the vocations team of the diocese and the Daughters of Mary Mother of Healing Love of Manchester, NH. It includes a schedule of Mass and prayer, activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Visit liveinblackandwhite.com to register.

DIOCESAN QUO VADIS DAYS

June 25 & August 6

Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend our QUO VADIS DAYS HIKE on June 25 and QUO VADIS DAYS GAME DAY on August 6 to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having lots of fun. QUO VADIS DAYS are led by priests

and seminarians of the diocese and includes a variety of games, prayer, other activities and opportunities to grow in friendship with the Lord and with each other. Visit liveinblackandwhite.com to register.

— AMAZON SMILE —

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