

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 5, 2021

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

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

ON WORK

"Do not shun laborious tasks or farming, an occupation ordained by the Most High." —Sir 7:15

Due to the increasing severity of his illnesses, St Francis of Assisi (d. 1226) was urged to codify the *Rule* of his order and submit it for papal approval. Francis complied and submitted a *Rule* in 1221. Though it was not approved on account of its rambling style, it clearly reflected the Saint's thought/ spirituality and the manner of life in the early years (1210-1221) of the Franciscan Order. A revised and simplified *Rule* was approved in 1223. The first excerpt below is taken from St Francis' first *Rule*: Chapter VII, "On the Manner of Serving and Working". The second excerpt, by way of example, is from the life of Brother Giles (d. 1262), foremost amongst the first followers of St Francis.



SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER
by Robert Campin (d. 1444)

It's found in the Fioretti [Lt., Little Flowers], a collection of stories about St Francis and the early Franciscans. Brother Giles worked for his food and shelter, even if he was someone's guest.

"You know well that these very hands have served my needs and my companions. In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" —Acts 20:34-35



Chapter VII: On the Manner of Serving and Working

AND let the friars, who know how to work, work and exercise the same art, which they know, if it has not been contrary to the salvation of [their] soul and one will be able to work at it honestly. For the prophet said: "Laborers, you shall eat of your own fruits; blessed are you and well it shall be for you" (Ps 127:2). And: the Apostle: "Let him who does not want to work, not eat" (cf. 2 Thes 3:10); and: "Let each one remain continually" in that art and office, "in which he was called" (cf. 1 Cor 7:24). And for [their] work let them be able to receive every necessary thing besides money. And when the necessity has arisen, let them go about for alms as the other poor [do]. And let it be licit for them to have iron tools and instruments suitable for their art.

Let all the friars strive to sweat at good works, because it is written: Always do something good, so that the devil may find you occupied. And again: Idleness is the enemy of the soul. For this reason the servants of God ought to always pursue prayer or some good work.

Let the friars beware of themselves, wherever they have been, in hermitages or in other places, that they appropriate no place for themselves nor defend it against another. And whoever has come to them, friend or adversary, thief or brigand, let him be kindly received. And wherever the friars are and in whatever place they have come upon one another, they ought to spiritually and diligently look upon themselves and honor "each other without murmuring" (1 Pet 4:9). And let them beware of themselves, that they not show themselves to be sad outwardly and gloomy hypocrites; but let them show themselves [to be] those [who are] rejoicing in the Lord (cf. Phil 4:4) and cheerful and suitably gracious.

"How Brother Giles Lived by the Labor of His Hands"

WHEN Brother Giles was once living in a convent of the Friars Minor at Rome, he desired, as he had done ever since his entrance into the Order, *to employ himself in manual labor, and thus did he spend his day*. Early in the morning he heard Mass with great devotion: then he went into a forest about eight miles out of Rome, and bringing home a great bundle of wood on his back, he sold it for bread and other provisions. One day as he was bringing home his load of wood, a lady met him and offered to buy it; so, having agreed with her as to the price, he carried it to her house. The lady, notwithstanding the agreement, seeing that he was a religious, gave him much more than she had promised. Then said Brother Giles: "Good lady, I would not have the vice of avarice to gain the mastery of me, therefore I will not take from thee more than we agreed upon." And, instead of taking more than the stipulated sum, he took but half of it, and went his way, leaving the lady in great admiration. Brother Giles always showed the life scrupulous integrity in all his dealings. He helped the laborers to gather the olives and pluck the

grapes. Being one day in the market-place, he heard a man asking another to help him to beat walnuts, offering him reward for so doing; but the other excused himself because the place was far off and difficult to access. Then Brother Giles said to him: "My friend, if thou wilt give me a part of the walnuts, I will come with thee to beat them." So the agreement being made, he went with the man; and first making the sign of the cross, he climbed the high walnut tree, and in great fear began to beat. When he had finished beating, he gathered up more for his share than he knew how to carry; so taking off his habit, and tying the sleeves and the hood, he made a sack of it, and filling it with walnuts, he took it upon his back and carried it to Rome, and with great joy gave the walnuts to the poor for the love of God. When the corn was reaped, Brother Giles went with other poor persons to gather the ears of corn; and if any one offered him a handful of grain, he would say: "Brother, I have no granary wherein to store it, and for the most part, what I gather I give to the poor for the love of God." Brother Giles had little leisure to help others at such times, for he had to fulfill his appointed task, and also to say the canonical hours, and make his mental prayer. When once he went to the fountain of San Sisto to fetch water for the monks of that place, a man asked him some water to drink. Brother Giles answered: "How can I take the vessel half filled to the monks?" On this the man, being angry, spoke many hard and reproachful words to Brother Giles, who returned very sorrowful to the monks. Then borrowing a large vessel, he came back forthwith to the fountain, and finding the man there, he said: "Take, my friend, and drink as much as thy soul desireth, and be not angry that it seemed to me unjust to take a scant measure of water to those holy monks." Then he, being constrained and conscience-stricken by the charity and humility of Brother Giles, acknowledged his fault, and from that day forth held him in great reverence.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 4 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Craig Wilson (req. by Loretta Keaney)
Sep 5 (Sun), 8:00 AM	SJN Parishioners
Sep 5, 10:00 AM	Sean Doherty (req. by mother)
Sep 6 (Mon), 12:15 PM	Deceased clergy of the diocese
Sep 10 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Richard Allen, 4th Anniv. (req. by Linda Allen)

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

5 Sep, SUNDAY — 23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM | Mass

10:00 AM | Mass

6:00 PM | Adoration (until 7:00 PM)

6 Sep, MONDAY — SJN office closed due to the LABOR DAY holiday.

12:15 PM | *No Daily Mass

7 Sep, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

8 Sep, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

6:30 PM | "CATHOLICISM" Series

9 Sep, THURSDAY

10:00 AM | "BLESSED IS SHE" Women's Group

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

10 Sep, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

10:00 AM | Food Pantry (until 12:30)

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

11 Sep, SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group

9:00 AM | Divine Mercy Cenacle (1st & 3rd Sat)

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

4:00 PM | Confession (until 5:00 PM)

5:30 PM | Anticipatory Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

— NOTICE —

The SUNDAY 6:00 PM MASS resumes September 12 following the Labor Day weekend. That weekend, the Sunday HOLY HOUR will revert to 7:00-8:00 PM as well.

We've subscribed to "THE WORD AMONG US" for the next three months, until the new missalettes arrive. Please take a copy. "THE WORD AMONG US" has the Sunday Readings, the Order of Mass, and daily reflections.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Starts 8 and 12 September

The FIRST CLASS for our "Wednesday" 3rd Graders is Sep 8. The FIRST CLASS for all "Sunday" classes (Grades K-5) is Sunday, Sep 12. Books and Lanyards will be distributed.

For families who've not yet registered,

REGISTRATION FORMS (Grades K-High School) are still available online, at the church lobby, or from the SJN Faith Formation Office.

PARENT HANDBOOKS

The prophet Hosea was told: "My people perish for lack of knowledge" (Hos 4:6). Four CATECHETICAL PARENT HANDBOOKS are available on request (Creed, Sacraments, Life in Christ, Christian Prayer). The primary purpose is to help parents talk to their children about the Faith in a systematic way.

DIOCESAN NEWS

FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS (17 Oct 2021, St Joseph Cathedral):

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2021 to attend the FALL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS (St Joseph Cathedral, 17 Oct at 2:00 PM). TO REGISTER: please contact the parish office by 22 Sep. Once registration has been completed by the parish office, all registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. To all you married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this fall's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Catholic Schools of New Hampshire provide a robust education for students of all learning styles. As the 2021-2022 academic year begins, there is a strong need for teachers in several areas. If you know of anyone interested in applying to teach in one of our Catholic Schools, please pass this information along. The Catholic Schools Office will work with certification needs. Interested individuals may complete an inquiry form at <https://nhcatholicschool.com/inquire>. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Zolkos, Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools at (603) 669-3100.

EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS:

The Diocese of Manchester is currently hiring for the following full-time positions to assist the Bishop of Manchester in serving the parishes, schools and institutions of the Catholic Church in New Hampshire:

- Communications Director

- Camps Bernadette & Fatima: Facilities Tech/Carpenter
- Auditor/Field Advocate Coordinator

For more information, please check the diocesan website: <<https://www.catholicnh.org/about/stay-informed/bulletin/>>

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL REQUEST

St Joseph's Hospital, Nashua is seeking volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, tending to the spiritual needs of patients. Point of contact: Tara Collins, Mission Integration and Pastoral Care Office: tacollins@sjnh.org, (603) 884-3306.

HOLY HOUR

HOLY HOUR is scheduled Fridays following the 12:15 PM daily Mass, and Sundays from 6:00 PM (7:00 PM during the school year).

"Visits to the BLESSED SACRAMENT are a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration toward Christ our Lord." —Pope St Paul VI (d. 1987)

SJN MASSES ONLINE

SUNDAY MASS is live streamed at 10:00 AM on YOUTUBE page. To find us, search for:

"SJN Merrimack NH Mass"

DAILY MASSES (Mon, Wed-Fri) are posted to our FACEBOOK page. Go to:

[https:// www.facebook.com/sjnnh](https://www.facebook.com/sjnnh)

PARISH NEWS

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