

SAINT JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 10, 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.

TO FLY AND BE AT REST

You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
—Eph 4:32

While we have numerous outlines of homilies delivered by St Anthony of Padua (d. 1231), we have only one sermon recorded as it was actually delivered by the Saint. The exact date/occasion is uncertain, but we do know it was addressed to the monks of the Abbey of St Martin [Limoges, France] ca. 1226. It is a reflection on the beauty of the monastic vocation, a call by God to leave the world and to live entirely for Him. Scripture references added.



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA [detail]
by Raphael (d. 1520)

WHO will give me wings like a dove, and I will fly and be at rest! (Ps 54:7). Such is the cry of a soul that is weary of this world and longs for the solitude and peace of the cloister life. It is of the religious life that the Prophet Jeremias spoke when he said:

"Leave the cities, ye that dwell in Moab, and dwell in the rock; and be ye like the dove that maketh her nest in the mouth of the hole in the highest place" (Jer 48:28).

Leave the cities, that is, the sins and vices which dishonor, the tumult which prevents the soul from raising herself to God, and, often, even from thinking of him. Leave the cities, for it is written:

"I have seen iniquity and contradiction in the city. Day and night shall iniquity surround it upon its walls; and in the midst thereof are labor and injustice. And usury and deceits have not departed from its streets" (Ps 54:10-12).



There is to be found iniquity against God and man; contradiction against the preacher of truth; labor in the ambitious cares of the world; injustice in its dealings; knavery and usury in its business transactions.

Ye that dwell in Moab, that is in the world which is seated in pride as the city of Moab. All is pride in the world: pride of the intellect, which refuses to humble itself before God; pride of the will, which refuses to submit to the will of God; pride of the senses, which rebel against reason and dominate it. But to leave the world, live remote from the tumult of cities, to keep oneself unspotted from their vices, is not sufficient for the religious soul. Hence the Prophet adds: **Dwell in the rock**. Now this rock is Jesus Christ. Establish yourself in him; let him be the constant theme of your thoughts, the object of your affections. Jacob reposed upon a stone in the wilderness, and while he slept he saw the heavens opened and conversed with angels, receiving a blessing from the Lord (cf. Gen 28:11-16). Thus will it be with those who place their entire trust in Jesus Christ. They will be favored with heavenly visions; they will live in the company of angels, they will be blessed as Jacob was, **to the north and south, to the east and west** (Gen 28:14). To the north, which is the divine breath mortifying the flesh with its **concupiscences**;

N.B., concupiscence as described in 1 John— "For all that is in the world, sensual lust, enticement for the eyes, and a pretentious life, is not from the Father but is from the world" (2:16)—, is a consequence of Original Sin.

to the east, which is the light of faith and the merit of good works; to the south, which is the full meridian splendor of wisdom and charity; to the west, which is the burial of the old man with his vices. But as to the soul which does not repose upon this rock, it cannot expect to be blessed by the Lord.

And be ye like the dove that maketh her nest in the mouth of the hole of the highest place. If Jesus Christ is the rock, the hole of the rock, in which the religious soul is to seek shelter and take up her abode, is the wound in the side of Jesus Christ. This is the safe harbor of refuge, to which the Divine Spouse calls the religious soul when he speaks to her in the words of the Canticle:

"Arise, my love, my beautiful one, and come, O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock. in the deep hollow of the wall" (Cant 2:13-14).

The Divine Spouse speaks of the numberless clefts of the rock, but he also speaks of the deep hollow. There were, indeed, in his body numberless wounds, and one deep wound in his side; this leads to his heart, and it is hither he calls the soul he has espoused. To her he extends his arms, to her he opens wide his sacred hide and divine heart, that she may come and hide therein. By retiring into the clefts of the rock the dove is safe from the pursuit of birds of prey, and, at the same time, she prepares for herself a quiet refuge where she may calmly repose and

coo in peace. So the religious soul finds in the heart of Jesus a secure refuge against the wiles and attacks of Satan, and a delightful retreat. But we must not rest merely at the entrance to the hole in the rock, we must penetrate its depths. At the mouth of the deep hollow, at the mouth of the wound in his side we shall, indeed, find the precious blood which has redeemed us. This blood pleads for us and demands mercy for us. But the religious soul must not stay at the entrance. When she has heard, and understood, the voice of the divine blood, she must hasten to the very source from which it springs, into the very innermost sanctuary of the heart of Jesus. There she will find light, peace, and ineffable consolations.

And be ye like the dove that maketh her nest in the deep hollow of the rock. The dove builds her nest with little pieces of straw she gathers up here and there. And how are we to build an abode in the heart of Jesus? This Divine Savior, who so mercifully gives us the place wherein we are to make our abode, furnishes us at the same time with the materials with which to construct it. O religious soul, dove beloved of Christ, behold those little pieces of straw which the world tramples under its feet. They are the virtues practiced by thy Savior and thy Spouse, of which he himself has set thee an example: humility, meekness, poverty, penance, patience and mortification. The world despises them as useless pieces of straw; nevertheless, they will be for thee the material wherewith to construct thy dwelling-place, for ever, in the profound hollow of the rock, in the heart of Jesus.

MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 9 (Sat), 5:30 PM	Nancy Zlotek (req. by Sheryl Gottwald)
Oct 10 (Sun), 8:00 AM	David Belhumeur (req. by family)
Oct 10, 10:00 AM	Donald Davidson (req. by Natale family)
Oct 10, 6:00 PM	SJN Parishioners
Oct 15 (Fri), 12:15 PM	Maria-Enzo Teresa Baffoni (req. by 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). Masses with no intention are offered for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

10 Oct, SUNDAY — 28th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 AM | Mass
10:00 AM | Mass
6:00 PM | Mass

7:00 PM | Adoration (until 8:00 PM)

11 Oct, MONDAY — Columbus Day holiday. SJN offices closed.

12:15 PM | *NOTE: No Daily Mass

12 Oct, TUESDAY

7:00 PM | Scout Meeting

13 Oct, WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM | Faith Sharing

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

14 Oct, THURSDAY

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

12:15 PM | Daily Mass

15 Oct, FRIDAY (Day of Penance)

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

12:15 PM | Daily Mass (w/ Adoration)

16 Oct, FIRST SATURDAY

8:30 AM | Men's Group

9:30 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 | Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL SOULS OFFERING

All Souls is November 2. It is customary to offer prayers for family members and to remember them at Mass throughout the whole of the month. 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.

PARISH NEWS

The parish uses Flocknotes to keep members updated. To receive emails and/or text messages, see below. Unsubscribe any time. Choose to get updates from just the groups you're interested in.

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

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

YARN MINISTRY UPDATE

As of September 29th we began meeting every other Wednesday, 9:30-11:00 AM. Our next gathering is October 13th. We are in dire need of new members so we can continue to serve the needs of the community. Please join us!

Also, our supply closet is empty! DONATIONS are needed and very much appreciated. There is a drop-off bin in the coat closet marked "Yarn". For

a prayer shawl, 2-3 "Pounder" skeins are needed. Please help us out. With cold weather around the corner, requests will be great. Without your generosity, we could not exist. THANKS you for your support!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know? The Diocese of Manchester requires all those who work with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and camps to complete "SAFE ENVIRONMENT" training. This training teaches adults to recognize and report suspected abuse and boundary violations. Training is also offered free of charge to all NH Catholic adults and is available online at:

<<https://manchester.cmgconnect.org>>

For more information about child safety, visit www.catholicnh.org/safety.

SJN MASSES CONTINUE 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>

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. 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!

FACILITATOR COUPLES NEEDED

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part-time Facilitator Couples for our DIOCESAN ENGAGED COUPLE COURSES, which may occur remotely or in-person. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply for these positions; training will be provided. Couples will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend

experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE program. Applications should be sent to Giselle North at gnorth@rcbm.org. For more information and the full job description: www.catholicnh.org/employment.

HOLY HOUR

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

RESPECT LIFE CONTEST



The New Hampshire KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is once again sponsoring a STUDENT RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST. The contest is open to any Junior High (grades 6-8) and Senior High (grades 9-12) student in New Hampshire. The New Hampshire Knights of Columbus will provide up to six cash awards of \$100 each. Visit www.catholicnh.org/koc-respectlife for more information.

SAINT GIANNA'S PLACE "Baby Bottle Campaign"

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE—a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in Hudson—will be holding a "BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN". Our doors have now been open for two years and we've been able to offer a loving, supportive home to 15 women and many babies and children during this short time! Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of the day-to-day operations and educational programs we offer to our moms. If you would like to help, simply take home a Baby Bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin in the entrance of the church by October 23rd.

ST. GIANNA'S PLACE is in need of prayer warrior volunteers! From the comfort of your home, we need folks to pray for our moms and babies. Please fill out the tag attached to the Baby Bottle and return it to the bin. Someone will then contact you to be part of our new prayer warrior ministry. With your support, we can change mothers' and their babies' lives through the love and care of this community. THANK YOU!

— AMAZON SMILE —

Please consider supporting our St John Neumann FOOD PANTRY whenever you purchase items through AMAZON.COM. This past quarter (Apr-Jun) we received \$102.45 from the AmazonSmile Foundation. To participate, go to:

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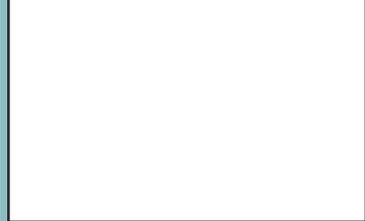
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