



# St. John Neumann Church

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## Welcome to St. John Neumann Parish.

Thank You for joining us in worship today.  
We hope you will join us on the spiritual journey,  
in ministry to all God's people. Please contact  
the parish office for information on how to  
register as a member of our parish.

### PARISH OFFICE / RECTORY 508-763-2240

[contact@sjnfreetown.org](mailto:contact@sjnfreetown.org)

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

(Closed holidays)

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### MAINTENANCE AND FACILITIES

Manny Sousa/ Raymond Bedard /Raymond Galuska

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

8:00, 10:00A.M.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 A.M.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 P.M.



### 32<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."

- Mk 12:42-43



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 7, 2021

**Saturday, Nov. 6:** Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00PM – Joseph Morris

**Sunday, Nov. 7:** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM – Eric Johnson

10:00AM – Isabel Andrade & Ronald Lyonnais

**Monday, Nov. 8:** Weekday  
7:30AM – Eugene Surprenant

**Tuesday, Nov. 9:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
7:30 AM – Patrick Gregorek

**Wednesday, Nov. 10:** Saint Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church  
7:30 AM - Onil Couture

**Thursday, Nov. 11:** Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop  
7:30 AM – Manuel Luis & Lucia Medeiros

**Saturday, Nov. 13:** Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:00PM – People of the Parish

**Sunday, Nov. 14:** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00AM – William & Lillian Arruda  
10:00AM – Eric Johnson & Alice & Gerard Bernier

### Annual Collection

Annual Collection Letters were mailed at the beginning of October. If you have not made your annual collection to the parish as of yet, please consider doing so using the envelope that was mailed.

We have received \$ 23,895.00 to date. Last year's collection total was \$ 45,357.00

New to the parish ? Welcome !!

Consider officially registering in the parish.  
Registration forms can be found in the narthex, by calling the parish office or on our website,  
[www.sjnfreetown.org](http://www.sjnfreetown.org)



### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mary, Mother of All Nations Chapel is now open on Weekdays from 8:00 am to 7:00pm for private prayer

Eucharistic Adoration is available on Mondays & Thursdays from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.  
(excluding holidays)



Memorial Prayer Service for our Beloved Dead: At 6pm on Monday November 15, we'll be gathering for a special prayer service during Eucharistic Exposition. We will read the names of person's whose funerals we've celebrated at SJN in the last year, and special prayers and readings will be offered for everyone whose names have been recorded in the Memorial Book in the Narthex. Please take a moment to write the names of your deceased loved ones in the Memorial Book.



On Wednesday, November 24th, bring your family together to join our parish family's celebration of Thanksgiving. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00PM.

Everyone is asked to bring a bag of non-perishable food which will be carried up to the altar as our offertory procession. This will be donated to families who are in need.

Every Eucharist we celebrate is a "thanksgiving." But tonight we join our prayers with all the people of our nation to remember the blessings for which we should be all grateful.



### GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

The youth ministry will again be participating in the gift card fundraiser. Orders forms can be found in the Narthex or you may call the rectory office at 508-763-2240 and we can email you the forms or send you the link to order online.

Through these fundraisers we are able to support the Youth Ministry of our parish. We would like to Thank You in advance for your continued support !!!



## From the Pastor's Desk.....

My maternal grandfather, Daniel Ray Paul, was of Italian descent. His grandparents, Santo and Santina, immigrated from Italy to Des Moines, Iowa at the turn of the 20th century. Many Italian-American families trace their roots to Southern Italy: Calabria, Sicily, etc. My ancestors however came from a small border region in Northern Italy: Friuli. Of all places in the world, my dad's Air Force career brought us back to Friuli for five years when he was assigned to Aviano Air Base in Italy. During those years we often visited the village where my great-great grandmother grew up, and we were able to spend time with our Italian relatives.

Of course, we visited the village cemetery to hear the stories of past generations, pray for them, and piece together the family tree. Albina was the relative who always offered a warm welcome and showed us around. She tragically had lost her husband at an age too young, and affectionately brought us to his resting place in the cemetery. She remarked how respectful and dignified his funeral had been. At an earlier visit, Albina had shared with me that although raised Catholic, she had been an atheist for quite some time. So I wondered...what kind of funeral did her husband have? I think she noticed my quizzical expression and so admitted that she had arranged for him to have a Catholic funeral.

Albina, the atheist, confessed that there is no funeral as beautiful as the Catholic funeral. It's true. As Catholics we should be proud of the love and honor we have for our beloved dead. The funeral Mass is a noble expression of deep love and respect. The liturgical gestures, the prayers, the incense, the music all come together in an impactful way. The simple but meaningful burial services we conduct at cemeteries and columbaria provide a lasting way to commend the faithful departed to Almighty God, reminding us that we belong first and foremost to God.

In November we make a special effort to bring our Catholic tradition of praying for and honoring the dead to the forefront of our daily lives. All Souls Day on November 2 initiates our journey. The Vatican offers a plenary indulgence to those who visit a cemetery and pray for the souls in purgatory on any day during November. We know by faith that although gone from this world, the deceased are alive in the Lord. The dead are purified of their sins and weaknesses and propelled towards the fullness of God's life by our prayers and by our acts of faith, hope, and love. Please take a moment to write the names of your deceased loved ones in our Memorial Book in the Narthex, and let's preserve the spiritual treasure of our Catholic respect and intercession for the dead by joining us for a memorial prayer service for the faithful departed from 6pm to 7pm on Monday November 15.



### WREATH SALE

The Youth Ministry will be holding their annual wreath sale. Orders will be taken after all Masses on Nov. 20th & 21st and on the weekend of Nov. 27th & 28th.

Through these fundraisers we are able to give the Christine Coons Scholarship Award and supply materials and snacks for our meetings and our other hosted events. We would like to Thank You in advance for your continued support !!!

All orders will be available for pick-up after all Masses on Dec. 4th & 5th.



Many thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and services to the barn sale and our Christmas Bazaar making both events very successful.

These events would not be possible without your participation and for that we thank each and every one of you who helped in any way to make these events a success. God Bless you always.

## **Amazon Smile Supports St. John Neumann Church**

If you already shop at Amazon.com, please consider logging in via [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and designating St. John Neumann Church, East Freetown as your charity. Our parish will receive 0.5% of your purchase. Prices and prime benefits are not effected when you use Amazon Smile.



We are looking for people to join the prayer chain here at our parish. If you are interested in sharing your faith through prayer for the sick of our parish, please contact Rachel Constant at 508-995-4269.

Anyone can volunteer for this ministry as there are no other commitments except praying for our brothers and sisters.

### *You are cordially invited to our Advent Taize' service*



*Come, sink more deeply into the Father's MYSTERY,  
be enlightened by his crucified and risen WORD  
!and burn with the FIRE of their love*

*Sunday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m. in  
the church*

The St. Vincent de Paul members here at SJN would like to thank all those who gave generously through Holy Day collections as well as other donations to the collection basket and parish office throughout the year.

Please know that we have put the funds to good use, supporting several families and individuals in need in the local community. Please know that you are making a difference. May God bless you for your generosity!

#### **Bereavement Support:**

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Fall. For more information , contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111

The Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools Alliance is pleased to announce that Father Robert J. Spitzer will present "There is Scientific Evidence of the Existence of God".

DATE: Thursday, November 18, 2021

TIME: 7PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION: Bishop Connolly Auditorium  
373 Elsbree Street  
Fall River, MA

COST: FREE

RSVP: [info@catholicsa.org](mailto:info@catholicsa.org)

WHO: This event is open to the public and is ideal for all students in grades 6 – 12, parents, grandparents, friends, and college students.

This presentation is designed to answer questions from students in middle school and older as research has shown that the average age for when a child decides against religion is 13 years old. Most parents or teachers are not equipped to answer questions from their children when they ask about myths learned either from their friends or the internet.

Substantial time will be allocated for Q&A to ensure understanding and clarity from all audience participants. Also, available online, Father Spitzer's Credible Catholic modules are designed to help address challenges facing students when it comes to the formation of their faith.

Join us for this exciting event with Father Spitzer!

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** will be celebrated with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries (including first year) during 2022. This celebration will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 3pm at St. Mary Cathedral in Fall River. If you would like an invitation, please contact the parish office by November 17th.

Our Parish is committed to providing a safe place for all the faithful. Therefore, we follow a strict policy of The Essential Three for all who minister, work or volunteer in our parish. We ask for your cooperation and support. The safety of our community depends on all of us doing our part.

<https://www.fallriverdiocese.org/office-of-safe-environment/>

Are you interested in the columbarium? Not sure of the cost associated with purchasing a niche? If you would like more information on the columbarium, please call Diane at 508-763-2240 or send an email to contact@sjnfreetown.org. There are also pamphlets available in the narthex.

### Sign up to receive texts from us with important parish news and information

**TEXT: SJNFREETOWN to 84576 or call the office and we can add you using an email address or cell number**

### WeShare (Online Giving)

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit [www.sjnfreecommunity.org](http://www.sjnfreecommunity.org) and click on "Donate Online". With WeShare, you can set up a recurring weekly or monthly transactions using your checking, savings or credit card. Any questions about WeShare, please contact the parish office at 508-763-2240.

**Volunteer Opportunity:** Catholic Social Services is looking for Portuguese speaking volunteers in the Fall River Office to serve as translators/interpreters for our clients. If you or someone you know is looking for a way to give back and serve the community, call Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 Ext. 1111

We have a ministry whose mission is to reach out to those who are unwell or mourning the loss of a loved one. If you know someone who would benefit from receiving a cheery note or card, please call the rectory office at 508-763-2240 or Trudy Medeiros at 508-287-7495.

If anyone is homebound or in a nursing home and would like the bulletin mailed to them, please contact the parish office.

Looking to get out of the house, meet people, and make new friends? Check out the **St. John Neumann Couples Club!**

We provide the opportunity to enjoy the company of other married couples in a primarily social setting. An entertainment committee arranges activities throughout the year, including dinners, concerts, bowling, tours, etc. Membership dues are \$25.00 per couple per year [\$12.50/year for individuals]. Email: For more information, email: [sjncouples@gmail.com](mailto:sjncouples@gmail.com)



### Holy Baptism

We welcome the following children into our community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

AJ Nunes Docanto

James Adam Anderson

May they grow in their awareness of the Lord's great love for them and celebrate that love in the Lord's family.



### Guide to Bringing Young Children to Mass

We say with Jesus, "let the children come..."

It is a holy form of discipline to bring children and help them learn the importance of worshipping, listening, praying and receiving the Lord into their lives.

Don't take to heart annoying looks from others if your child acts up! They should be more understanding of the challenge you have in bringing your children to celebrate.

If your child is cranky, restless or crying, please don't leave! Try the following:

- Walk the perimeter of the church and view the beautiful windows while Mass is going on!
- Bring the fussy child by the Baptism font to be soothed by the flowing water
- Walk around the foyer listening to Mass until the child is calm.

### To The Members of our Parish

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing.

Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

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