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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

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

(Closed holidays)

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

8:00, 10:00A.M.

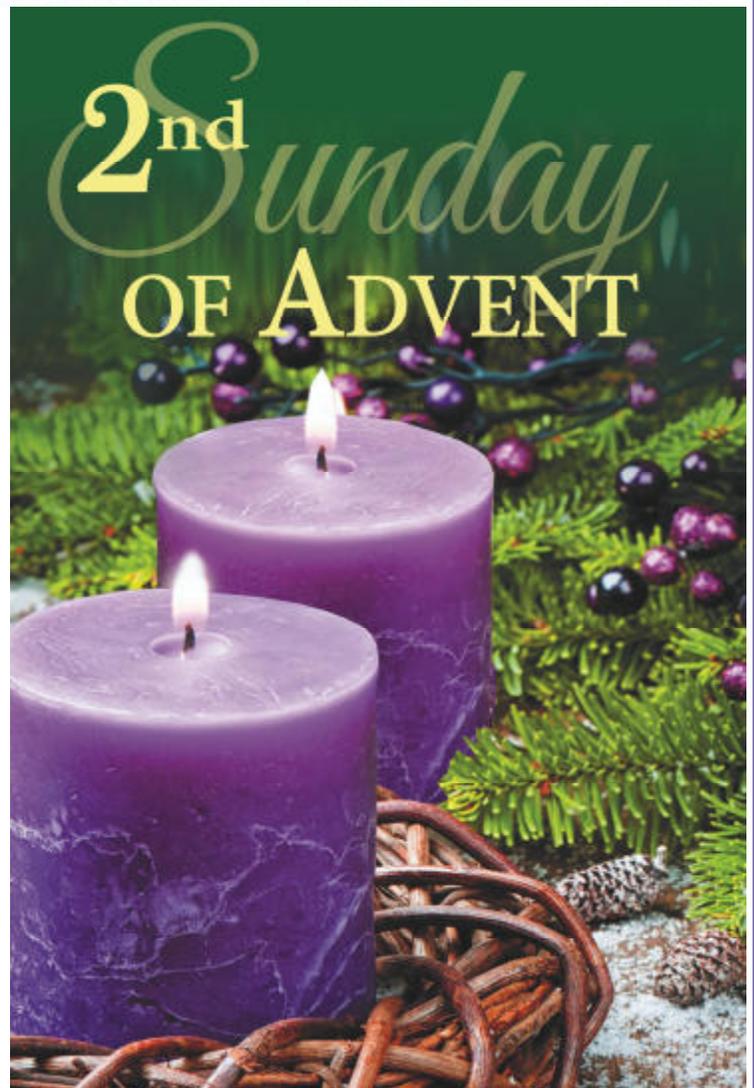
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 P.M.





Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

Saturday, Dec. 4: *Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent*
4:00PM – Gertrude Charpentier

Sunday, Dec. 5: *Second Sunday of Advent*
8:00AM – Fr. Stan Kolasa
10:00AM – Armand & Anne Coelho & Kenneth Bock

Monday, Dec. 6: *Advent Weekday*
7:30AM – Anthony Bove

Tuesday, Dec. 7: *Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*
7:30 AM – Onil Couture

Tuesday, Dec. 7: *Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
5:30 PM – People of the Parish

Wednesday, Dec. 8: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:30 AM - People of the Parish
5:30 PM - People of the Parish

Thursday, Dec. 9: *Advent Weekday*
7:30 AM – Butch Silva

Saturday, Dec. 11: *Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent*
4:00PM – Lillian Hathaway

Sunday, Dec. 12: *Third Sunday of Advent*
8:00AM – People of the Parish
10:00AM – Lisa Bumanglang

Annual Collection

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Annual Collection. We received a total of \$32,145.00 this year. If you have not made your annual collection to the parish and would still like to, there is still time to do so, simply use the envelope that was mailed to you or you can donate online.

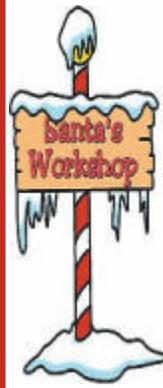


O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Won't you come ?

Monday, December 13th
6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for Advent Hymns,
Readings and Meditations
during Eucharistic Exposition



ATTENTION PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN !!!!

SJN Youth Ministry will be holding a Santa's Workshop **TODAY**, December 5th from 9:00am to 12:00pm in Neumann Hall. Your children will be able to go Christmas Shopping and the Youth Ministry members will help them with the shopping and wrapping of the gifts purchased. So, have your child bring their list and a check and we will help them with the rest.



WREATH PICKUP

Please stop by Neumann Hall to after all masses to pickup your wreath/centerpiece if you placed an order.

Thank You for your continued support !!!



The New Bedford Deanery priests are hosting an Advent Penance Service at 6:30PM on Tuesday December 14 at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Various priests from the area will be available for Confession, a sure way to prepare the way for the Lord in our hearts this Advent Season.



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 !!!

Do you or someone you know need assistance this holiday season? If so, please call the rectory office at 508-763-2240 or send an email Diane at contact@sjnfreetown.org All correspondence is kept strictly confidential.

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Soon after receiving my assignment to St. John Neumann Parish in April, I called Father Greg to see if he was willing to show me around. Generously, with little notice, he welcomed me for a short tour. Obviously, we were taken aback by the beauty of the place. But since it was a blustery, snowy spring day, our windswept visit to campus didn't allow much time to soak it all in.

A subsequent visit in early summer provided a more contemplative atmosphere to consider what my new assignment would entail. The sky was a piercing blue and Long Pond splendidly calm. I was with a priest mentor for the day, who had traveled in from out of town. I wanted him to see for himself how awesome this place is. He and I arrived incognito. We parked in the large lot and walked over to the church doors to find them locked. Hmm ... I wanted to get in. Looking around, it was at this point that I noticed the cornerstone at the base of the belltower-1988-the year of my birth! Then I saw the chapel entrance.

We entered. We genuflected. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed for adoration. Eucharistic Adoration every Monday and Thursday in Mary, Mother of All Nations Chapel from 8am to 7pm! We knelt down and remained with the Lord. I sensed Jesus' goodness surrounding my vocation at that moment. With my mentor present, a priest whom I have known since I was a kid at the military base in Italy, the Eucharistic Lord was blessing my past. Bringing my worries and hopes for the future, Jesus in the quiet of the chapel was drawing me into the blessings of a new assignment. Afterwards, my mentor and I walked down and sat on a bench under the pines near the water. He looked over to me and said, "Jack you are being assigned to a wonderful parish. With Eucharistic

Adoration as part of the parish life, Jesus will take care of you." And He has.

During the last three months, the blessing of having the chapel open Monday-Friday from 8am-7pm with Eucharistic Exposition on Mondays and Thursday has only become more evident. While making my personal visits to the chapel, I'm edified to see people I recognize and visitors from the area taking time to stop and pray. Married couples coming together. Moms with their fidgety young children during the day. Parents with their teenage children after school. The Eucharistic Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle everyday and in the monstrance on Mondays and Thursdays is a source of abundant strength to those who come to adore. Have you considered making a visit to Jesus in our chapel during the week? Advent would be an opportune time to make adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist a part of your weekly routine, even if it is only for a five or ten minute visit. If you are unsure what to do, remember that prayer is a conversation. Speak to Jesus about what it is that you are thinking and feeling. Prayer is a time to rest with God. Be still. Let yourself and your loved ones be blessed and loved by the personal presence of Jesus. Take up the challenge to make a visit for at least ten minutes a week and you will see the spiritual benefits in your life, believe me.

If you really want to ramp up the spiritual blessings, consider volunteering for a set hour of adoration each Monday or each Thursday. During Eucharistic Exposition we must always have at least one person in the chapel, so we maintain a schedule of volunteers with assigned hourly time slots. We are always looking for more adorers. For Mondays contact Marlene by phone 508-763-2569. For Thursdays contact Karen by email klhoward@aol.com. Come let us adore Him!

WeShare (Online Giving)

If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit www.sjnfreetown.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.



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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

The schedule for Masses on Christmas will be as follows:

Christmas Eve: **4:00PM, 6:00PM**

Christmas: **Midnight, 10:00AM**



The schedule for Masses for January 1st for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God will be as follows:

December 31st: Vigil Mass at 4:00PM

January 1st: 9:00 AM



Holy Baptism

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

Jaxon Luis Ayers

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



Troop and Pack 333 to share Peace Light

Troop 333 invites you to bring the Peace Light to your home for Christmas this year. At the 4:00 Mass on December 11th, Boy Scouts will be sharing candles lit from the candles in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. You may bring a candle from home or take an extinguished taper home to light your own candles, infused with the light from Bethlehem. Troop and Pack 333

Sorting of Gifts—December 19th

Sorting of Gifts – It is once again breathtaking to see how our parish realizes the true meaning of Christmas by giving to those in need. We thank you for your support.

All the presents under our Giving Tree have to find their place in the Church so that we can deliver them. We will be making up food baskets, stringing ornaments, redecorating the tree and wrapping more gifts. We will be doing this on Sunday December 19th after the 10:00 mass.

It is important that all gifts are returned by December 12th so that we can plan for and purchase any unreturned gift items. Come and share this afternoon with us. It is truly an amazing event. Lots of hands make little work. Thanks!!!



Christmas Flowers



Contributions are now being received for Christmas Flowers in memory of departed loved ones and as thank offerings. A Memorial Book will be available in the Narthex for the Christmas Season.

A member of the Liturgical Committee will be in the Narthex to accept donations for the Christmas Flowers. You may use your envelope from your collection envelopes or one of your own. Please remember to note the names of those you'd like remembered.

This year's cost of a Poinsettia is \$12.00. You can donate one flower in someone's memory or several flowers.



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)



2021 Marian Medal

Recipient

Congratulations to **George Gagnon** who is St. John Neumann's 2021 Marian Medal Recipient.

This medal is awarded each year to one parishioner from each parish in the Fall River Diocese. Recipients are chosen by the pastor and have offered life-long service to the local parish community.

George has a long history of service at St. John Neumann including serving in different capacities in committees throughout the years. George has been and always is at the ready to render help with his resources and his talents. These are just a few of the many ways George has been of service to our community and making his deserving of the honor which is the Marian Medal.

Bishop da Cunha will award the Marian Medals at ceremonies on December 5th at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River.

Thank you, George, for your service and especially your witness to Christ in our parish community.

May God bless you with ever-increasing faith.

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.



Daily Mass

No School = No Daily Mass

(Weather related)

Piety doesn't require needless risk. We cannot guarantee a plowed parking lot in time for Mass.

And, a "Mass-no-matter-what" policy seems to encourage needless driving and pedestrian slipping risk.



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.



Fellowship through Fun

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].

For more information, email: sjncouples@gmail.com

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

Volunteer Opportunity: Are you looking for ways to give back to the community? Catholic Social Services may be the answer. We need volunteers to help serve guests at our Soup Kitchen in New Bedford, as well as cooks and food preparers. We also need volunteers who can help clients with translation and document preparation at our food pantry. 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 for more information.

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



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