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

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#### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**8:00, 10:00A.M.**

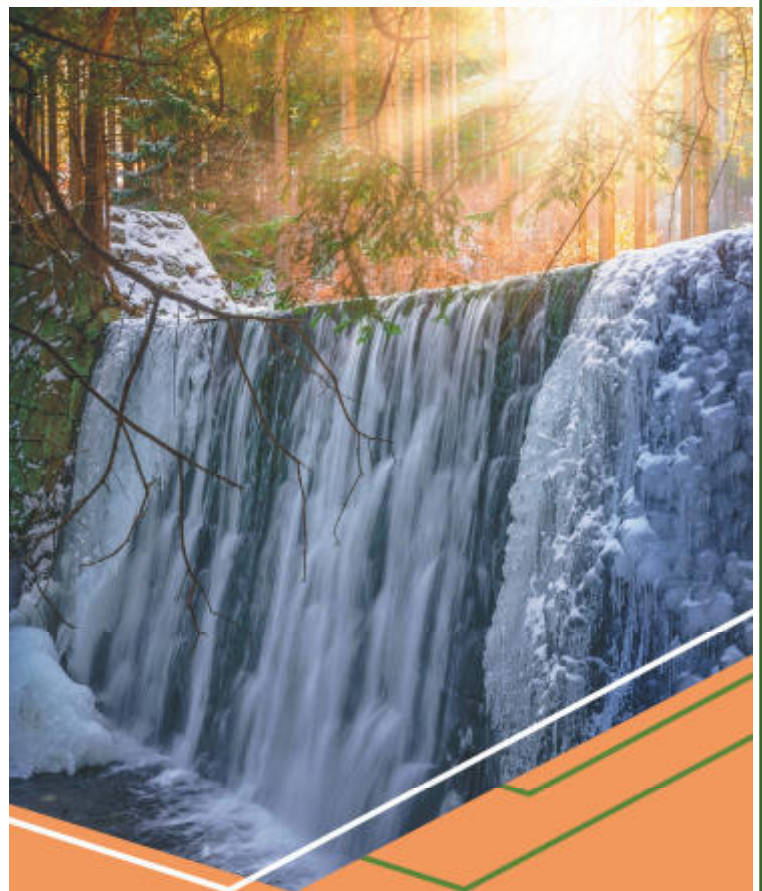
**Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.**

#### **DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday – Thursday: 7:30 A.M.**

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 P.M.**



## **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. - Lk 3:21-22a



## Baptism of the Lord

**January 9, 2022**

**Saturday, Jan. 8: Vigil: Baptism of the Lord**  
4:00PM - Lizotte & Nowicki Families

**Sunday, Jan. 9: Baptism of the Lord**  
8:00AM – June Harriman  
10:00AM – Maria Sousa

**Monday, Jan. 10: Weekday**  
7:30AM – Hilda Jasinski

**Tuesday, Jan. 11: Weekday**  
7:30 AM – Pauline Roy

**Wednesday, Jan. 12: Weekday**  
7:30 AM - Antonio Miguel Jr.

**Thursday, Jan. 13: Weekday**  
7:30 AM – Armand & Gertrude Charpentier

**Saturday, Jan. 15: Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:00PM - Steve & Joanne Brown

**Sunday, Jan. 16: 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:00AM – Broderick William Sylvia  
10:00AM – Austin Lopes

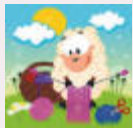


### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**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)**

**Join us on Monday January 10th from 6pm-7pm for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration, Readings, Meditations, and Music in the church.**



### Knitting Circle resumes --

Would you like to learn how to knit or crochet these cold winter months? Make scarves and hats for the homeless?

The Knitting Circle will resume on Saturday mornings for adults at 11 a.m. in the library, starting January 22nd.

Experienced knitters and crochets will be there to teach those who would like to learn and engage in this corporal work of mercy. Yarn and supplies are provided.

### The "J Walkers" have an invitation . . .

The J Walkers are one of the parish's evangelizing faith sharing cell groups and they will soon be picking up with another session on *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)*. This is a morning group and meets Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. to Noon. We will begin the fourth book in a series of eight, but one does not need to have attended the first three to participate. If you would like to learn more about Revelation, the deposit of faith, the mystery and marks of the Church and simple questions of morality with your fellow parishioners, this is a great winter study! Catechisms are available as well as the study guides. Please contact Karen Howard at: [klhoward@aol.com](mailto:klhoward@aol.com) or 508-947-0193 to register and pick up texts.

#### **Begins:**

**January 20th, Thursdays from 11 a.m. to Noon, for seven weeks**



### Do you have a special devotion to Our Lady? A new ministry is starting up . .

Rosary beads were donated to anyone who wanted to make or learn how to make rosaries, and some parishioners have come been coming together to begin a new ministry of making rosaries for our children, for the Armed Forces and for the Family Rosary outreach in North Easton. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the library to determine who is else might be interested, who would like to do what, what day might be good to meet (plan is to meet monthly – most of the work is done in one's home). At the heart of the ministry will be to promote the prayer of the rosary to Our Lady, especially for families. If you have a special devotion to Mary, or would like to see your own prayer life grow, you might want to consider this way of sharing your faith with others. For more information, or if you cannot make the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, but want to participate, contact Karen Howard at [klhoward@aol.com](mailto:klhoward@aol.com) or 508-947-0193.

2021 End of Year end Statements of Donations are available by calling the office at 508-763-2240 or by emailing: [contact@sjnfreetown.org](mailto:contact@sjnfreetown.org)

*Ephesians 4: 15 "Living the truth in Love."*

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

As we were celebrating the arrival of the New Year, a friend of mine remarked that 2021 would better be described as 2020 Part Two. Chuckling, I thought to myself: there's some truth to that. It's as if we've been through a bizarre time warp, some aspects of the last two years seemed to have been never ending, and now all of sudden we've made it to 2022.

All things considered and at the dawn of a new year, we nevertheless look ahead to the good things to come. At St. John Neumann Parish, we have many occasions and opportunities to look forward to. Christ is alive in us and inspires us to build up the kingdom here and now.

As February comes to an end, we will dedicate some time together to celebrate the Forward in Faith Capital Campaign and properly honor the many generous donors who contributed to the renovation of Neumann Hall and to the construction of the Columbarium, the Administrative Offices, and the connector corridor. More details concerning this celebration will be forthcoming. The plan is to share time together in Neumann Hall after the 10am Mass on Sunday February 27. We'll reflect on where we came from and how much has been accomplished, expressing gratitude to all of you who have made it happen.

Beginning on Sunday January 9 our Confirmation candidates begin sessions for the first time in the new meeting rooms in the lower level of Neumann Hall. Our Grades 1-7 Faith Formation Students have been learning in the new space since December. We look forward to celebrating Confirmation and First Communions during the Easter Season this year, and we promise to pray for our youth who are preparing for these Sacraments.

A number of couples in the parish are preparing for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony in 2022, and a few have already booked Neumann Hall as a venue for their receptions. Every time I walk into the Hall and look out the large windows near the deck, I am overwhelmed by the beauty of the site. As a parish, we have a special place to offer. Let's work to make our events at such a marvelous location an opportunity for growth in Christian faith and belonging to Christ's Church.

2022 marks the Fiftieth Anniversary Year of the Priestly Ordination of our beloved Father Richard

Furlong. We are filled with gratitude for his service to our parish and the Church, and we anticipate joyous festivities as a family of faith around the date of his anniversary in May. Maybe we'll give him some extra tickets to the rides at the Lakeside Festival, which will kickoff on the actual date of his anniversary!

Indeed, preparations for the 2022 Lakeside Festival are underway! Our prayers for fair weather during Memorial Day Weekend May 27-30 should begin in earnest. After two years without the Lakeside Festival, I can feel the excitement building for the best year ever! In the coming weeks, we will be recruiting volunteers to contribute time and energy to making the Festival a success. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office. If you are new to the parish and wondering about the benefits of the Festival, ask around. You will hear that the community building and fundraising gains (upwards of \$100k) of the Lakeside Festival are worth the hard work.

Turning to the spiritual side of parish life, our Taize services will be happening as they have in years past: on the First Sunday of Lent, on Palm Sunday, on Pentecost, and on the First Sunday of Advent. The presence of God is palpable on these evenings when we gather to hear the Word of God and meditate with the aid of music.

In 2022 we will continue Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel under the belltower on Mondays and Thursdays from 8am-7pm. This year, I hope to see more and more parishioners make a visit to the Lord Jesus in the Eucharist in the chapel, open Monday-Friday from 8am-7pm. On Mondays, the final hour of Exposition will be in the main church from 6pm-7pm, concluding with Eucharistic Benediction.

On the second Monday of each month, a special program of readings, meditations, and music will enliven the hour before Benediction. Our grace-filled Advent Evening of Adoration in December propels us towards similar hours of adoration and grace in 2022. On all other Mondays, there will be quiet adoration starting at 6pm and Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours at 6:30pm. If you have never participated in Evening Prayer or been to Eucharistic Benediction, come discover these treasures of our Catholic spiritual heritage in 2022! Cheers to a blessed new year!

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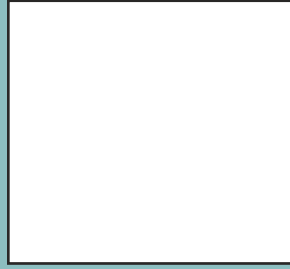
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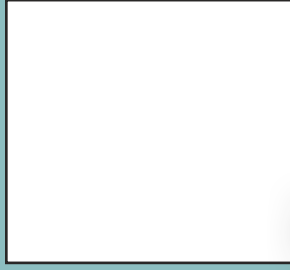
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