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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.**

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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.

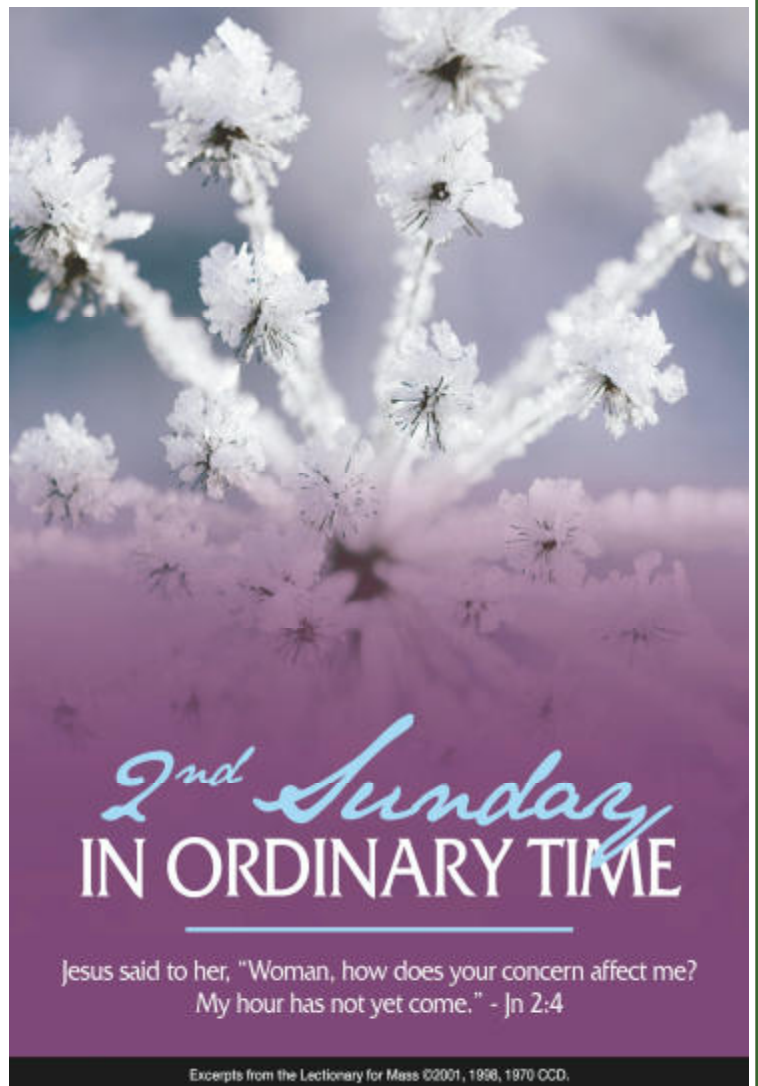
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 – 3:45 P.M.





2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 16, 2022

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

Monday, Jan. 17: *Weekday*
7:30AM – Antonio Miguel Jr.

Tuesday, Jan. 18: *Weekday*
7:30 AM – Ann Worsley

Wednesday, Jan. 19: *Weekday*
7:30 AM - Arlene das Neves

Thursday, Jan. 20: *Weekday*
7:30 AM – George & Ida Manny

Saturday, Jan. 22: *Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*
4:00PM - Aurel Bourgeois, Frank DeTerra Sr & Frank De Terra Jr.

Sunday, Jan. 23: *3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time*
8:00AM – Raymond Hayden
10:00AM – Faria & Medeiros Families

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)



Every Monday (except the 2nd Monday of the month) Evening Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed together at 6:30 during the 6-7pm Holy Hour in the church.

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.

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

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 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 25th 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 18th meeting, but want to participate, contact Karen Howard at 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

Ephesians 4: 15 “Living the truth in Love.”

From the Pastor's Desk.....

In my previous assignment in North Attleborough, annually I was invited to a memorial prayer service for the unborn at the parish cemetery. We gathered around a stone marker donated by the Knights of Columbus to commemorate the loss of life of our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, before their births. Children lost to miscarriages and accidents and those lost to abortion were remembered and prayed for. The parents and friends of the parents of these little ones were remembered and prayed for. In what was always an emotional moment, we would hear the testimony of a parent or parent's friend who made the devastating decision to procure an abortion and has since found forgiveness and healing in Christ.

The tenderness of our gatherings at the cemetery in memory of the unborn was palpable. And it is with the Spirit of God's tender mercy that we must approach the annual remembrances surrounding the anniversary of the January 22, 1973 Supreme Court companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, which legalized abortion throughout the United States. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. For Catholics in the United States, January 22 is designated as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and/or almsgiving. Political action has a lasting impact if the more fundamental conversion of heart is also achieved through prayer.

With so many factors of the complicated national scene out of our control, the conversion of our own hearts through prayer, study and charitable action is of

primary concern. Let's remind ourselves of the Catholic teaching regarding abortion. The Catechism is clear: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of their existence, a human being must be recognized as having rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life" (CCC 2270). Since the beginning of Christianity, the disciples of Jesus have affirmed that procuring an abortion is seriously contrary to the moral law. One of the earliest Christian documents, the *Didache*, spells out that one should not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish. The seriousness of an abortion is further illustrated by the canonical penalty of excommunication imposed on those who formally cooperate in an abortion (CCC 2271-2272). What might seem like a harsh consequence has been implemented to bring to light the irreparable harm done to the innocent life lost, as well as to the parents and the whole society. This excommunication can be lifted by a priest during the Sacrament of Confession.

Admittedly this is a hard teaching for many Americans in 2022, including many Catholics. Perhaps one's own difficult personal experiences make this doctrine even more painful to consider. Taking into account the varied personal and societal responses we experience regarding the Church's pro-life teaching, we seek conversion through Christ. Christ is the Divine Physician, whose mission is to heal and build up. Like an earthly physician, sometimes Jesus has to shed light on what is painful in order to bring health and life. The medicine of his tender mercy in the Sacrament of Confession and in the Sacrament of the Eucharist binds up our wounds and brings new life. His presence to us in daily personal prayer, ensures that in a weary world we remain ambassadors of his tender mercy.

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.

"Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
Mark 10:14

At St. John Neumann Parish we all work together to protect our children. Please visit the Diocesan Safe Environment page for information on how we protect the faithful, and the steps involved to minister, work, or volunteer in the Diocese.

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

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