

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

The Christmas season is almost upon us! For many, this is a time of gratitude and thanksgiving. As co-chair of our Forward in Faith Campaign, I am especially grateful for the generosity of my fellow parish family members whose gifts/pledges have brought us to 86% of our \$2,250,000 campaign goal (as of 11-16-19). **We only need another \$315,000 to reach our goal!** And today, I am excited to share some great news that I hope inspires you to help our parish move closer to celebrating our campaign success!

We have an opportunity to receive a **\$25,000 challenge gift!**



If you haven't yet donated, or are considering an additional donation, now is the perfect time to become part of this transformational time in the life of our parish

**Help us we reach 90% of our goal  
by December 31, 2019!**

If our parish can raise the \$90,000 needed to reach 90% of our goal by the end of 2019, we will receive this \$25,000 challenge gift being offered by a fellow parishioner.

**No gift is too small, or too large**

***“For it is in giving that we receive”***

Francis of Assisi

As an estate planning attorney, I also wish to remind you that there are tax advantages to donating to the Forward in Faith Campaign by the end of 2019. In the enclosed document, I have highlighted three simple, but powerful, strategies that will allow you to be a part of this incredible time of growth for our parish, ***while also saving you taxes!*** To benefit from these savings when filing your taxes in 2020, your gift must be made to Saint John Neumann by December 31, 2019\*.

**Without you, we cannot realize our vision of becoming the best manifestation of Christ's Church we can be.** I hope you will join us in expressing your belief in our vision through a gift to the Forward in Faith Campaign.

To make an outright gift or pledge (that can be payable over 3-5 years), you may contact me at my office at 617-472-5151, or the rectory at 508-763-2240 if you prefer to speak with Fr. Greg or Diane Whelan. You can give online by following the Forward in Faith link at **[sjnfreetown.org](http://sjnfreetown.org)** (where you can find information on our campaign, its related projects and gift naming/recognition opportunities).

My warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a blessed Christmas.

Jamie Cody  
Forward in Faith Campaign Co-Chair

**\* To understand and ascertain the specific tax advantages that may be available to you, please consult your tax professional so that your particular situation can be reviewed in light of the gift you are considering.**