

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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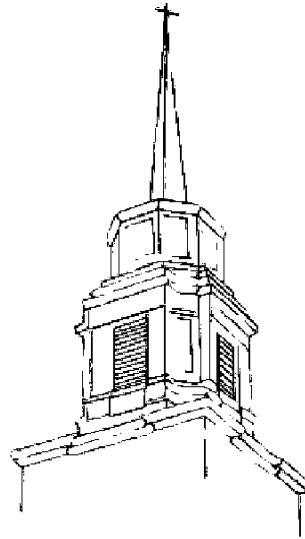
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MASS SCHEDULE

Lord's Day Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:15 & 7:15 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10:15 am,
12:15 pm & 7:15 pm

Weekdays

Monday-Friday 6:15 pm

SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jon 3:1-5, 10

1 Cor 7:29-31

Mk 1:14-20

Worship Hymnal #1116

Parish Website

www.stjohnsworcester.org
www.stjohnsfoodforthe poor.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mon.-Thurs.. 6:45 pm

Saturday- 3 pm

Holy Days

Vigil 6:15 p.m.

Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the parish office at
least one year prior to planned date
of marriage

Sacrament of Baptism

Please contact Deacon Paul for
an appointment

Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the parish office for
a priest

**Monthly Mass for Healing
Followed by the Celebration
Of the**

Sacrament of the Sick

4th Tuesday of the month
6:15 pm

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 20, 2018

4:15 PM **Peg and Bill McKenna (23rd Anniv.)**

req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 21, 2018:

8:00 AM **Joseph Mastrovito**, req. by family;

Eddie Gannon, req. by family

10:15 AM **Michael V. Tynan**, req. by Frank Carroll and family; **Theresa Kelly (1st. Anniv.)**

req. by family

12:15 PM **John and Helen Rosseel**, req. by family;

Francesca Luca, req. by family

7:15 PM **Dufrense, Grygorowicz and Mazur families,**

req. by family

Monday, January 22, 2018

6:15 PM **Cristina Olivo and Victor Canizares,**

req. by Family

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe; Patricia Gaudette (Month's Mind),**

req. by Family

Thursday, January 25, 2018

6:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Friday, January 26, 2018

6:15 PM **Hon. Paul V. Mullaney**, req. by Brian Carroll and Family

Saturday, January 27, 2018

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Anthony Thompson (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara

Sunday, January 28, 2018:

8:00 AM **James Vincent Powers**, req. by family

10:15 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini** req. by family

12:15 PM **Jonathan Young**, req. by Dianne Gustowski,

Viriglio Ramos, req. by friends

7:15 p.m. **Dennis Cashman**, req. by family

The Rosary is prayed each weekday **beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.**

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Gospel passage presents another account of the call of the first disciples. We heard John's account last week, this week we hear from Mark, who includes James along with Peter, Andrew and John. In repeating another call story the liturgy asks us to focus more seriously on the call of the Lord in our own lives. Mark's account makes clear the urgency that our response must have. Peter and Andrew "abandoned their nets and followed him." James and John "left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed." The authentic response to God's call is to leave everything and everybody. God is, always, first in the life of the disciple. Responding to God's call, then, is a challenging endeavor.

In my homily last week I made a passing reference to what President Trump had reportedly said about Haiti and its people. The reference merely provided context for my actual point which was a statement from a woman in the Boston Haitian community: "I don't have time to be angry," she said, "I have too much work to do." This quintessential Haitian stance also captures what is necessary for all of us to respond fruitfully to the Lord's call. The responses that I received were disconcerting. Some were positive and some were negative. Nothing disconcerting or unusual or unhealthy there. The disconcerting aspect was that the responses seemed to be based on the commentators' feelings about Trump and not on the woman's response.

There are so many things in life which capture our attention and seek our loyalty. Many of them are good and worthy. They can build up the common good. They can help to contribute to the quality of life for our sisters and brothers. They can bring entertainment and happiness. And they are all of secondary importance. Disagreement and division are a part of life, of course. Yet, the disagreements and divisions that we experience today, in so many arenas, have seemingly become intractable. I believe that the number one reason for this terrible situation is that we have often given primary place to the things which are secondary.

Mark's recounting of the call of the first disciples is direct, even stark. This makes the point. I must be first and foremost a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is his teaching and example, his guidance and grace which demand primary attention and loyalty from us. Still, there will be disagreements and divisions which will develop. However, with Jesus in his rightful, primary place in our lives, it will be easier to remember that we don't have time for anger, he has given us too much to do.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Dominus secus mare*, Mt. 4, 18. 19; Ps. 18
Op.: # 617 Sing Praise to God
Ps.: # 1116, Ps. 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Gospel Acc.: # 208
Prep.: # 766 You Walk along Our Shoreline
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: *Venite post me*, Lc. 4, 22
774 Two Fishermen
Cl.: # 720 The Kingdom of God

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 22—RCIA in the 7 PM rectory.

January 23—Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 29—The Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "The Shepherd Who Didn't Run, Fr. Stanley Rother, Martyr from Oklahoma" by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.

February 16—Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

THANK YOU to all the members of our Music Ministry, the St. John's Parish Choir, the Schola Cantorum, the Filipino and Lithuanian choirs, and our Cantors for giving of themselves and their time and talent to make our sung prayer so rich and beautiful during the Advent and Christmas seasons! Your gorgeous music making blesses all of us! We are beginning our new Choir semester. If you would like to join us, please contact Director of Music Sean Redrow at SPRedrow@aol.com or simply come up and introduce yourself after Mass. The Parish Choir rehearses weekly at 7 p.m. in the choir loft, and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. before the 12:15 Mass. We'd love you to come and add your voice to ours!

HOTEL GRACE is looking for volunteers for the night shifts. The night shifts run from 11 PM to 3 AM and 3 AM to 7 AM. If anyone is interested in volunteering for these shifts, please contact Fr. Maden at the rectory. Thank you.

CYC BASKETBALL continues its season this weekend against Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 AM on Saturday, January 21 and St. Peters on Sunday, January 22, at 6:00 PM. Both games are at Mt Carmel. Come out to support Ray Mattress and the team!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grade 1-8— This Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM. Grades 1-6 will meet in the church hall, and grades 7-8 at 11:30 in the church hall.

Grade 9— This Sunday, January 21, 1130 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation— This Sunday, January 21, 11:30 AM –12:45 PM in the Xavier Center.

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist will continue this Sunday, January 21 at 9 AM in the Xavier Center.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 415 PM Mass on Saturday, January 27. There will be no reception in order to allow room for the emergency shelter. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL, PreK through Grade 8, is holding an Open House for prospective families on Sunday, January 28th, from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury. Please visit www.assumption-cs.org or call the office at 508-865-5404 for more information on what Assumption School offers

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will host an Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. There are openings in Grades Pre K to 7. Please visit us on January 28 or call 508-791-6496 for information or visit our website www.stpetercentralcatholic.com. Thank you.

ST. PETER MARIAN JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL is hosting a Winter Open House on Thursday, January 25th, 6:00-8:00 PM at 781 Grove Street, Worcester MA 01605. For additional information or to pre-register contact Julie Kreuz, Director of Admissions, 508-852-5555 ext 114 or kreuzj@spmguardians.org

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY invited all current 6th and 7th grade and transfer students to spend an academic day at NDA through May 1. If you are interested please contact the office of admissions at 508-757-6200 Ext 229 or email admissions@nda-worc.org.

VENERINI ACADEMY PK-3 through Grade 8, is hosting a winter open house on Sunday, January 28 from 12:15-2 PM and Monday through Friday, January 29-February 2 from 9-11 AM. Meet our parents, students, teachers and tour our campus. Please call 508-753-3210 x7310 for more information.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, January 23 at 6:15 PM. After the Mass the Sacrament of the Sick will be administered. Anyone seeking the healing touch of God's love and mercy is welcome.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE RAILERS

- Join us on Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018 for the Diocese of Worcester Night at the Railers. We will be celebrating Trax's Birthday and our Catholic Schools. Come hear students from Our Lady of the Angels School sing the National Anthem, students from Our Lady of the Valley School sing God Bless America and students from St. Anna School sing America the Beautiful! Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will go to our participating Catholic Schools. Also, don't forget to visit us on the concourse and get your Chuck-A-Puck! All seats are in Section 106, which are normally \$25. To purchase your tickets for \$15, visit railers.isportstix.com/order/seats/119/, and enter the Group Code: DioceseWorcester, if prompted. Tickets will be left at "will call the night of the game" window unless other arrangements are made.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND PRAGUE- Our Lady of Czestochowa is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Poland and Prague from July 16-31 with Fr. Richard Polek in the footsteps of St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska and St. John Paul II. The all inclusive cost, with 3 meals a day is \$3290.00. A detailed itinerary can be requested in the parish office at 34 Ward St, or by calling 508-577-5959. To register please call Christine at 508-865-9390.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS- Our 2018 dates are: Men's - February 22-25 & June 14-17; Women's - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8357.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1300.00	Restoration- \$170.00
Candles- \$276.00	Stipends- \$65.00
Donation- \$1362.19	Free Press- \$39.00
Catholic University- \$412.00	Haitian Apostolate- \$50.00

Total- \$12031.85 Unrestricted- \$11,449.85; Restricted - \$582.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$15,702.66 for new van; \$25 IMO Margaret Fortunato; \$25 IMO Yolanda Minichillo; \$270 IMO Stanley Choinski; \$75 IMO Andrew Stencil; \$150 IMO Milton Pepin; \$300 IMO Pat Gaudette; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$500 from St. Mary's, Jefferson; \$100 IMO Barbara Casey; \$50 IMO Jane O'Connor; \$50 IMO Creedon/Bartelson Families; \$100 IMO James Vincent Powers

Expenses- \$12,415.53

Schola (906.80) Admin (2836.46) Church Water/Sewer (214.68) Rectory W/S (1829.46) Ascension Water/Sewer (139.75) Plowing (1666.66) Ascension Plowing (416.66) Litanian Donation (530.00) Church Electric (1550.48) Rectory Electric (940.88) Ascension Electric (1210.46) Rectory Alarm (111.24)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$21,315.00 Expenses - \$3340.50

Today's Second Collection is for The Catholic University of America.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Clarence Gonyea, Joseph Keenan, Keith Aten, JoJo White, Keith Jackson, Dolores O'Riordan, Virgilio Ramos and Tyler Hilinski who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"The first step of humility is unhesitating obedience, which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all... Such people as these immediately put aside their own concerns, abandon their own will, and lay down whatever they have in hand, leaving it unfinished. With the ready step of obedience, they follow the voice of authority in their actions. Almost at the same moment, then, as the master gives the instruction the disciple puts it into practice in the fear of God; and both actions together are swiftly completed as one." -St. Benedict