

"To Preserve The Flame" **SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH**

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Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

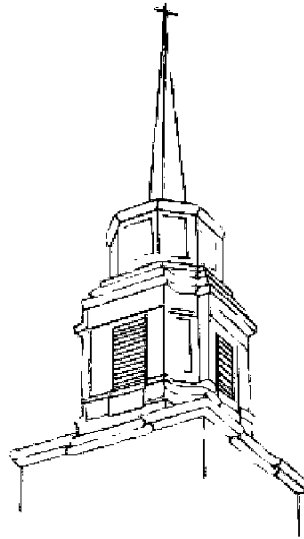
Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

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Jimmy Archibald, Manager

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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

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 17:11b-19

Worship Hymnal #1095

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, May 12, 2018

4:15 PM **Mary Paskavitz, Rose Allelunas and Adele Dailida**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 13, 2018

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **David Covello**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Thomas Duquette (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Paul Campbell**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Family; **Walter and Katharina Perduta, Catherine McGurl**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

Monday, May 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Victor Rivera and John Tomlinson**, req. by Family

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:15 PM **Barbara Casey**, req. by Family; **Miguel Gilardez**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

Thursday, May 17, 2018

6:15 PM **Richard Galkowski**, req. by Family

Friday, May 18, 2018

6:15 PM **Charles Martinelli**, req. by the Mastrovito Family

Saturday, May 19, 2018

4:15 PM **Jimmy and Sophie Groccia, Michael Perri**, req. by Fary and Barbara Morris; **Agnes Triboski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 20, 2018

8:00 AM **The Crowley Family**, req. by Family; **David Covello**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **John Reidy (17th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;

12:15 PM **Mary M. Carroll (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family; **David J. Splaine (32nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in The Lord,

We have just finished another successful year in Religious Education here at St. Johns. Let me say a gigantic THANK YOU to all the parishioners, families, students, and teachers for helping with and encouraging us in the program. Nurturing and educating children in the Faith is everyone's job, and, I must say, St. John's does this exceptionally well. A big shout out to our catechists for being fabulous witnesses to the kids: Rebecka, Adele, Carmen, Dan, Brian, Laurie, Tim, and Joe. Thanks, also, for the many parents and classroom aides that have volunteered throughout the year. We could not have done it without you. Finally, thanks to Donna Mastrovito for coordinating First Reconciliation/First Eucharist again this year. She does a fabulous job!

Here are the numbers: 108 in the regular classes, 39 First Eucharists, and 23 Confirmed. These are the largest classes in the 5 years that I have been here. We are very blessed, indeed. I see more and more families worshipping here at St. John's, and taking active roles in ministry. My goals for the students are these: that they know God loves them, and that Jesus is in the Tabernacle. This is the basis for what makes us Catholic. Having a relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist will sustain all of us throughout our lives, despite the sorrows and challenges we face.

Many people have asked about the cost for our various classes. I'm happy to say, there is no cost for any Religious Ed or Sacramental prep class here. This is thanks to Fr. Madden, who feels it is the responsibility of the parish to fund the religious education of its children. There is a collection for CCD each year in the fall. If you would like to donate to that, look for the envelope in your mailings. If you don't use envelopes, check the bulletin for when that collection is and simply drop your donation in the basket. Or, send it to the rectory and earmark it for CCD. Thanks.

Here is one final thought from me. I cannot believe this is my 5th year running the Religious Ed program. It feels like I just started yesterday. I am so grateful to Fr. Madden and the parish for giving me this opportunity. Recently, I had the opportunity to sit in on a guest lecturer for my friend who teaches at Anna Maria College. Not being able to shy away from a captive audience, I introduced myself to the students and told them my story. It took me until the age of 45 to find my dream job, and it was the job I never wanted. God knows what He's doing, and His timing is perfect, so don't give up. That is a lesson we all can benefit from.

Dianne H. Gustowski,
Religious Education Coordinator

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Exaudi, Domine...tibi dixit*, Ps. 27 (26): 7, 8, 9

Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Ps. 103, "The Lord has set his throne in heaven."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 511 The Strife is O'er

Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311

Comm.: *Pater, cum essem*, Jn. 17: 12, 13, 15

954 Lord, Who at Your First Eucharist

Cl.: # 531 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

May 15– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

May 18– Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory

May 21– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the Rectory.

We continue with the Rediscovering Vatican II series with "Scripture: Dei Verbum" by Ronald Witherup S.S. Holy Cross professor and our Bible Study leader Dr. Mahri Leonard Fleckman will join us.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY is underway. This year's theme is "Faith in Action– Loving God by serving others." The appeal's patron is Dorothy Day, Servant of God. This year our parish goal is \$76,600. To date we have raised \$53,603.00. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this diocesan effort. Donations may be made to St. John's, or by sending directly to the Chancery and also online.

TEAM ST. JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR will once again participate in the Central Massachusetts Housing Alliance, Inc. Walk for the Homeless on Sunday, May 20 at Elm Park, Worcester. To join our team go to www.walkforthehomeless.org. Any questions please contact team captains Linda Murphy (508-987-8304) or Connie Bartelson (774-262-2512).

THE LORD OF PARDON PRAYER GROUP

(Bulusan Mission) will celebrate their Anniversary Mass at St. John's on Saturday, May 26 at the 4:15 PM Mass. Following the celebration of Holy Mass will be the Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary and Mayflower procession. There will be a pot-luck dinner after the procession, please bring a dish or dessert. A raffle will be held to benefit the St. John's Food for the Poor along with games prizes and music. All are welcome to come and enjoy this special celebration.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

OUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMP is going to "Set Sail With the Holy Trinity" as we travel with St. Patrick to Ireland to learn all about God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Camp will be held at Ascension for kids entering grades 1-7 and will begin Monday, June 25th and run through Friday, June 29th from 9 AM to 12 noon. There is no cost for this, so encourage your child to bring a friend! Registration is available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE for 2018-2019 will be released in June. It will be made available on the parish website under the "Religious Education" section.

CYC HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM is forming this summer under the direction of Joe Tomlinson and Tim Morse. There is a max of 16 players per team so if you are interested, please contact Joe at 508-254-9909, or jat651@verizon.net or Tim at 774-329-1848.

COMEDY/DINNER SHOW- The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Comedy/Dinner Show "Jokes My Irish Father Told Me" on Saturday, June 9th at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM with the doors opening at 5:00 PM. A full course chicken dinner, with salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert will be served. The cost is \$30.00 per person, come, enjoy the food, show and a fun filled night. Tickets will be sold after 4:15 PM, 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM Masses or call Judy 508 478-9813.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events (reminder to get your tickets early so you don't miss out):

July 15– Bus Trip to Fatima Shrine in Holliston (Rosary and Picnic)

August 12– 3rd Annual Parish Picnic

September 22– Musical Dinner Show (Sarah the Fiddler)

October– Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3– Mystery Dinner Show

December-Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights, Date TBA.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, May 22 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.

IRISH TENOR EMMETT CAHILL LIVE IN CONCERT, Presented by The Emerald Club, will be held on Tuesday, May 22, 7:30-9:30 PM here at St. John's. Join The Emerald Club for a live benefit concert featuring Emmett Cahill, Ireland's most exciting young tenor. Emmet, the lead singer with the popular Irish music group Celtic Thunder, is on a nationwide tour of the United States and this is his only scheduled appearance in New England in 2018! Emmet will perform selections from his debut album, "Emmett Cahill's Ireland," which reached #1 on Billboard World Music chart. Don't miss this unforgettable evening of songs and stories for the whole family to enjoy! Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at www.Emmettcahill.com. Any additional questions please contact Bob Spellane at bob-spellane@gmail.com or 508-259-7946.

UPCOMING CURSILLO OPPORTUNITIES- Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2018 dates are: Men - June 14-17; Women - 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.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET -

Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$10,317.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2444.00 Restoration- \$302.00
Candles- \$470.00 Parking- \$250.00
Stipends- \$385.00 Partners in Charity- \$1290.00
Haitian Raffle- \$50.00

Total- \$15,508.66 **Unrestricted-** \$13,916.66; **Restricted-** \$1592.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$202 IMO Katherine Foley; \$325 from Rich and Marielle; \$20 IMO Fr. Jim Hoey; \$20 IMO Guy Corso; \$10 IMO Alfred Pasquerella; \$50 from the Sisters of St. Anne; \$50 from a friend, \$284.40 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$160 IMO Kathleen Donahue Jones; \$50 IMO Alice O'Leary; \$75 IHO Normand Bleau's 50th Birthday; \$75 IMO Kathleen Cushing; \$50 IMO Eileen Woodward; \$50 IMO Charlie Hamalanien

Expenses- 12,978.68

Schola (935.20) Ascension Exterminator (100.00) Lithuanian Reception (166.56) Haiti Trip (750.00) Administration (5035.12) Altar (971.05) Clergy Benefit Plan (1006.67) Office (1412.00) Pray Shawl Fundraiser (32.00) House (133.67) Funerals (152.80) Ascension Electric (902.21) CCD Books (91.40) Partners in Charity (1290.00)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$5843.02

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Nancy Gould and Sirkka Duggan who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"Whoever directs their lives toward unity has understood the heart of God... The Communion of Saints, the Mystical Body exists. But this Body is like a network of darkened tunnels. The power to illuminate them exists; in many individuals there is the life of grace, but Jesus did not want only this when he turned to the Father, calling upon him. He wanted a heaven on earth: the unity of all with God and with one another; the network of tunnels to be illuminated; the presence of Jesus to be in every relationship with others, as well as in the soul of each. This is his final testament, the most precious desire of God who gave his life for us. --Chiara Lubich, *Essential Writings*