

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

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Donna Mastrovito
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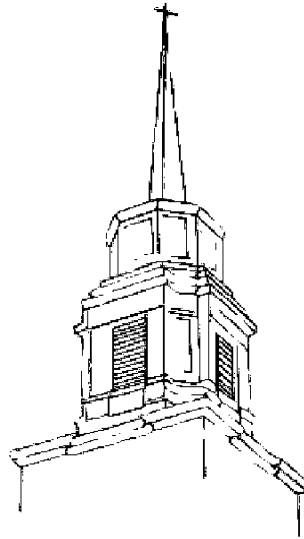
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
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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

JoDt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Worship Hymnal #1173

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, September 1, 2018

4:15 PM **Regina Triboski McKinnon**, req. by Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**

7:15 PM **Amy Hill-Liu** req. by William and Sophia Zinnel and Family

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:00 AM **Tom and Elizabeth Spurr, Jim and Mary Gannon**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Aldona Kibelkstis; **George Smalanskas**, req. by Kathleen Ambrosi

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Monday, September 3, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 4, 2018

6:15 PM **St. Vincent Hospital Anniversary Mass**

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 6, 2018

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Friday, September 7, 2018

6:15 PM **Isabelle Muniz (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 8, 2018

4:15 PM **Alphonse Krusas**, req. by Family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by the Lithuanian Community

7:15 PM **Natividad Catalan**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 9, 2018

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by a Friend

12:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

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

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

Dear Friends,

Our fiscal year runs from September 1 to August 31. Which is to say, FY 17/18 ended on Friday. I am thrilled to offer a preliminary report that we ended the year with a surplus of \$27,187.26. Thank you all very much for your tremendous support of St. John's and the mission of the parish. By any measure, this is an impressive accomplishment, but in these days with the Church struggling as it is, your generosity is even more outstanding. Thank you. We will be preparing an Annual Report in the weeks ahead. When completed, it will be first presented to the parish Finance Committee and then published in the bulletin for all to see. As you know, there were capital projects completed over the course of this fiscal year. We replaced the entire roof and the two side roofs on the church. There was masonry work completed on the rectory. The bulk of this was paid out of the savings that had developed over the years. The annual report will show, then, a shrinking of our savings accounts. They remain significant, though.

I am sure that when the Annual Report is completed I will include my thanks to the people who have been such an asset to me in stewarding our finances. Still, I want to thank now Jimmy Archibald who handles the daily bookkeeping throughout the year; to his father, Jim Archibald who does a monthly check and updating of the finances and to the Finance Committee who offer their expertise, opinions and suggestions. Mostly, of course, I thank you the members of St. John's who give so freely of your time, talent and, in this case, treasure.

Speaking of the struggles in the Church... both the Grand Jury findings out of Pennsylvania and the revelations surrounding Cardinal McCarrick are painful and heartbreaking. This week as nearly the entire nation has celebrated the heroic life of Senator John McCain, what struck me the most about him was that he learned from his mistakes. First of all, the Senator recognized when he was mistaken. Then he honestly admitted them and firmly corrected them. Tragically, the Universal Church has not always done so. The good news, though, is that the local Church has. The letter of Bishop McManus which we published last week stated, *...there is one thing that I can assure you, my dear people of the Diocese of Worcester. We have been and continued to be committed to responding to victims of past abuse and to the protection of our children in our midst today as well as to the reporting of any cases brought to our attention to law enforcement, no matter how many years ago they occurred.* As we continue to pray for those, especially children, who have been harmed, we can take comfort in knowing that in our Diocese, for the past 16 years, there has been vigilant action to prevent such horrific crimes from happening again.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Miserere mihi... ad te, Ps. 86 (85): 3, 5

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Ps. 15, "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Offertory: # 748 What Does the Lord Require?

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311

Comm.: Domine, memorabor, Ps. 71 (70): 16, 17, 18
#950 I Am the Bread of Life

Cl.: # 645 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

September 4– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 21–Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 24– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for September is "The Life You Save May Be Your Own: An American Pilgrimage" by Paul Elie.

RCIA–The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin this fall for any adult who has had their hearts stirred by the Holy Spirit and wish to join the Catholic Church or were raised in the Catholic Church but drifted away before receiving all the Sacraments of Initiation and seek to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. We typically begin the inquiry phase on a Monday in October and will have a firm date in the coming weeks. Please contact the rectory with any questions.

JOHN MCDERMOTT CHRISTMAS CONCERT

You won't want to miss John McDermott and friends joyous Christmas Concert at St. John's Upper Church on Wednesday, November 14 at 7:00 PM to benefit St. John's Food for the Poor. Tickets are \$20 a piece and Seating is limited! A great Christmas gift for family and friends! **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS NOW.** Call Frank Carroll, 800-343-0939, ext. 0110.

HOPE FOR HOUSING GIFT CARDS– Gift cards will be sold starting this weekend and 9/15-9/16 at the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM Masses. You receive the full value of the cards you purchase and the stores donate a percentage to this vital program that supports families in danger of becoming homeless. Its a win-win for everyone! A full listing of card sale dates and details about the program are available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6– Sunday, September 16, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9– Sunday, September 16, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)– Sunday, September 16 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

Registration for all classes is available on the parish website. Please email Dianne if you have any questions at dhgustowski@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS– The Social Activities Committee will be holding the following events:

October– Apple Festival (Date, TBA)

November 3– Mystery Dinner Show

November 14– John McDermott Concert

December 2– Bus trip to Lasalette to see Christmas Lights.

HAM AND BEAN DINNER SHOW– The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a Ham & Bean dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler on Saturday, September 22nd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be served after 4:15 PM Mass and tickets are \$20.00 per person (tickets include show with ham & bean dinner, coleslaw, cornbread, coffee and dessert) Tickets will be on sale beginning the weekend of August 25th after the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813. Get you tickets early, there is a limited number of tickets.

THE LITHUANIAN COMMUNITY AT ST.

JOHN'S will be observing the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva at the 4:15 PM Mass next Saturday, September 8th. The Mass will include a procession with roses to Our Lady and the Lithuanian Choir will sing at this service. A reception will follow the Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be returning to their monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 — 11:00 AM in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome on September 12th. If you have any questions, please call Connie at 774-262-2512.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, September 25 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.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA will be having a bake sale at all Masses next weekend, September 8th and 9th. Feel free to stop by the tables and purchase fresh baked goods.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Do you have a loved one with Dementia? Would you be interested in learning more about Alzheimer's or Dementia? We are here to help, offer support and provide education. There is no obligation to share, you are welcome to come and just listen! The support group will be held at St. John's the first Tuesday of each month, beginning on September 4 at 5 PM. When a loved one develops Dementia, it can be difficult for everyone. Hearing how other people have walked through the journey of caring for a loved one with dementia can be helpful. The group will be facilitated by the Alzheimer Program Director at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Jeanne Pellegrino. Jeanne is a certified Dementia Practitioner and has over 20 years of experience working with seniors and people with Alzheimer's and Dementia. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$14,632.73. We have also received:

Candles- \$236.00	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$600.00	Insurance Claim- \$1379.56

Total- \$16,918.29 **Unrestricted-** \$16,918.29; **Restricted-** \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$370 IMO John Gingras; \$25 IMO Thomas Gentile; \$25 IMO Gail Gully; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Ellen and Joseph Gregus; \$50 IMO Christine Riccio

Expenses- \$13,236.59
Schola (921.00) Funerals (152.80) Administration (2155.66) Ascension Phone (142.29) State Payroll Taxes (973.89) Church Gas (19.00) Rectory Gas (69.86) Ascension Gas (19.00) Envelopes (882.73) Federal Payroll Taxes (4896.00) House (40.00) Office (8.64) Postage (1020.99) Preserve the Flame (400.00) Church Alarm (34.73) Tree Removal (1500.00)

Food for the Poor-
Income- \$3910.00
Expenses- \$4232.66

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Jane Stanick, Andrew Shea, Christopher Sebring, Elizabeth Keane and Sen. John McCain who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Violet May Orsi and Gabriella Abruzzise who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Let the greatest sinners place their trust in My mercy. They have the right before others to trust in the abyss of My mercy. ...Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me. To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask.”

— Jesus' words to St. Faustina as recorded in her Diary