

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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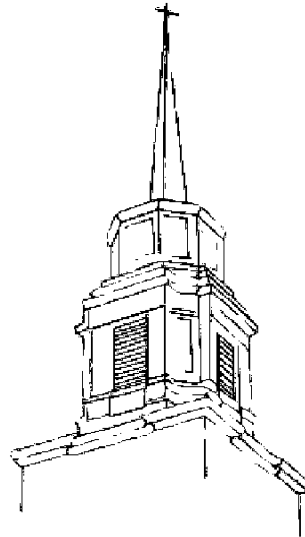
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Is 35:4-7a

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

Worship Hymnal #1176

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 8, 2018

4:15 PM **Alphonse Krusas**, req. by Family;
Zigmas Dabrila, req. by the Lithuanian Choir
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 **Virginia Kennedy Fortin (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Monday, September 10, 2018

6:15 PM **In Honor of St. Francis Xavier**

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

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

Thursday, September 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Friday, September 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 15, 2018

4:15 PM **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek and Family, Julia Kasparian, Health and Intentions of Leo and Helen Matys and Family and Elaine Kasparian**, req. by Family; **Paul V. Murphy (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 16, 2018

8:00 AM **Ray Gleason**, req. by Family;
Matthew Covello, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Peggy Palmer (10th Anniv.)**, req. by family; **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Ron and Rasa Chiras, **Kathy Michelin**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Regina A. Cunic (Month's Mind)**, req. by Lucia M. Baldowski
7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Siluva at the 4:15 p.m. Mass this Saturday. This is one of the most important Lithuanian celebrations of the year. It was Mary's apparition at Siluva in 1588 which led to the rebirth of the Catholic faith in Lithuania. Providentially, given the healing recounted in today's Gospel passage, the first recorded miracle at Siluva was the healing of a blind man.

Saturday's celebration marks an anniversary for us, as well. It was in 2008 that St. Casimir and Ascension parishes merged with St. John's. Ten years out, we have a clear appreciation for the blessing this has been. Certainly, the sadness over the closing remains. Yet, having several opportunities to gather together and celebrate our common faith, along with the Lithuanian culture and language has been an enriching experience for us all. We owe a great deal of thanks to many people and, especially, to Barbara Thompson who spreads the word, convenes the choir and picks up the food; to Sean and Dolores who have – as always – extended themselves in preparing the music and the liturgy for the celebrations throughout these ten years.

You notice that I began by using the first-person plural. This is an "us" situation now. The same can be said for the Filipino community that joined us from Ascension. Quite often I find myself being quite proud to be a part of the St. John's community. At the Lithuanian and Filipino celebrations this is quite true. Like me, I am sure that many of you still do not understand what is being read or sung! Nonetheless, we know faith in action when we see and hear it.

Having moved from those days of sadness and uncertainty in 2008 to the celebrations like this Saturday and the last Saturday of each month is significant. I am sure that Our Lady of Siluva and Santo Nino have been interceding for us. I am grateful that so many of "us" have remained open to the grace that even – especially – sadness and uncertainty can provide.

I am sure that you have noticed the landscape work that has been going on around the property. Like with the Lithuanian language, I am clueless when it comes to landscaping. So I am grateful to the team who came together and created a plan to beautify the grounds. Obviously, things look worse before they look better. When completed the work will be something that we can be proud of and enjoy. Dorothy often quoted Dostoyevsky, "The world will be saved by beauty."

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Iustus es Domine, Ps. 119(118)
Op.: # 689 O God Our Help in Ages Past
Ps. 146, "Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!"
GA: # 208 Alleluia
Prep: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
Eucharistic Accs.: 214, 215, 218, 311
Comm.: Vovete et reddite, Ps. 73(72):12, 13
686 Lord of All Hopefulness
Closing: # 637 Now Thank We All Our God

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

September 11– 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.

October 2– Caregivers Support Group, 5 PM in the rectory.

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 next weekend, 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 the program that supports families in danger of becoming homeless.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

Confirmation (grade 10)– Next 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 are on sale at the Saturday 4:15PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813.

ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL season is about to begin. We are looking for boys who are members at St. John's between the ages of 14-18 to join the team. First practice is Monday, September 10. For details please call Coach Ray Matress at 508-612-6007 or email at raym577@gmail.com.

BE LIKE BRIT GALA– Dance the night away with The World Premier Band at Be Like Brit's 8th Annual Gala; Saturday, November 3rd at Mechanics Hall. This is a fabulous night of fun and all proceeds go directly in helping Be Like Brit and their mission of "Raising the next Generation of Leaders in Haiti" which includes Darwens, St. John's sponsored child. For tickets and/or to become a sponsor, please go to www.BeLikeBrit.org/gala or email Cherylann at Cherylann@BeLikeBrit.org We hope to see you there!

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 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.

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

'FATAL FLAWS' is a film on legalizing physician-assisted death and euthanasia. All are welcome to come and watch this new documentary movie on the dangers of physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia world-wide. The film will be shown in the parish hall of Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, on Tuesday, September 18, at 7 PM. It will be followed by a discussion. The evening will conclude by 90 pm. There is no cost. You can register for the evening at www.witnessforlife.com or by calling 508-754-5361.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE- On Sunday, September 23 from 1 – 4:30 PM, the Diocese of Worcester's Environmental Stewardship Initiative will sponsor the Worcester Catholic Environmental Stewardship Conference at the Hogan Center, College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. On this 5th anniversary year for Pope Francis' encyclical, *On the Care of our Common Home (Laudato Si')*, hear from speakers including Bishop McManus, Fr. William Campbell, SJ and Dr. Katherine Kiel from Holy Cross, Secretary Matthew Beaton of Massachusetts, and a Panel of Parish leaders involved in environmentally responsible programs. Visit environment.worcesterdiocese.org today to register (no cost).

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7927.66. We have also received:

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| Monthly- \$2341.00 | Restoration- \$331.00 |
| Candles- \$276.00 | Parking- \$320.00 |
| Stipends- \$430.00 | |

Total- \$11,625.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11,294.66; **Restricted-** \$331.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$35 IMO Claire Sullivan; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$30 from a friend; \$475 in memory of Jane Stanick; \$775 IMO Robert Moynagh; \$25 IMO Marcia McGlynn; \$1,000 from St. Mary's Milford; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$20 IMO Shirley Rezuke; \$50 IMO Elizabeth Keane; \$25 IMO Edward Trainor; \$20 IMO Sean Donahue

Expenses- \$7424.26

Schola (1057.88) Elevator Inspection (393.75) Administration (2245.33) Stipends (1445.00) Ascension Toliet Repair (898.81) Rectory Plumbing (161.24) Funerals (276.40) CCD Books (766.92) Postage (67.71) Ascension Alarm (111.22)

Food for the Poor-

Income- \$3750.00

Expenses- \$6560.32

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Barbara Caligaris, Andrew Shea, Shirley Rezuke, Christopher Sebring, Matthew Covello and Burt Reynolds who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing.”

–St. Thérèse of Lisieux