

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

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Donna Mastrovito  
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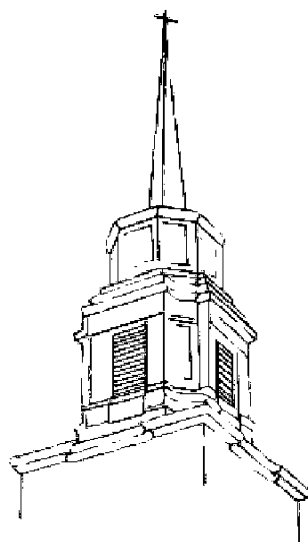
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

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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**

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

Worship Hymnal #1182

**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 22, 2018

4:15 PM **Catherine Granger**, req. by Family; **Joe Olson**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Frances and David Vautrain**, req. by Niece Barbara Thompson; **Richard Carey**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Danute Marcinkevicius, **Allen Piper**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Dorothy Dee**, req. by Lucia Baldowski

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

Monday, September 24, 2018

6:15 PM **Bill Leseman and Alexander Maleskas**, req. by Family

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

6:15 PM **Cristina Olivo and Jose Canizares**, req. by Family

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:15 PM **Benedicta Myefsky (57th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, September 27, 2018

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Friday, September 28, 2018

6:15 PM **Theresa and Alfred Lewis**, req. by Family

Saturday, September 29, 2018

4:15 PM **Stasia and Anthony Savage**, req. by Family; **Mary Genatossio (29th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Patricia Prendiville**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:00 AM **Eugene Foley**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by the Savickas Family, **Andrew Shea**, req. by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCluskey

12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for John Garofoli, Michele Sargent, Paloma Garofoli and Nicolina Pasquale**, req. by Family; **Jane Stanick (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Michael Lewis**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

In today's Gospel passage, Mark tells us that Jesus *taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, 'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'* As you know, Jesus often used the example of a child to make the point of how we can enter the Kingdom of God. As those who attended the Bible Study on Tuesday night would attest, I have trouble understanding this example. I am beginning to suspect this might be my thick-headedness. Which is unfortunate since it is a fundamental aspect of the Lord's teaching – and the way to salvation.

What was pointed out to me is that the fussing a child does is not out of, as the passage from the Letter of James says, *jealousy and selfish ambition*. Rather, it comes from the recognition of their need. It is us adults, like the disciples in the Gospel passage, who argue about who is the greatest. And this is the source of our jealousy and selfish ambition and, therefore *the cause of disorder and every foul practice*. This reality is being played out – and televised – all over the world today. The jealousy and selfish ambition that we find in the government, in the Church, in our hearts has brought disorder into so many aspects of our lives.

Given the human condition, this has been true in every age. Yet, it appears it is more dangerously true in our age than ever before. There is an urgent need for all of us to become more childlike; to recognize more deeply our total need for God; we need to *be the last of all and the servant of all*. Michael Simone, S.J. points out that the term Mark uses for service – *diakonia* in the Greek – is a very specific kind of service. He says *in contemporary culture, the closest analogue to diakonia might be the work of a restaurant's waiters*. Compared to the what we now hear and, unfortunately, sometimes say ourselves, wouldn't it be so much better to hear and say, *My name is John, I will be serving you today!*

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Salus Populi Ego*, Ps. 37 (36): 38, 40, 28

Op.: # 616 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Ps. 54, "The Lord upholds my life."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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

Comm.: *Tu mandasti*, Ps. 119 (118): 4, 5

# 939 Gift of Finest Wheat

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

**September 25**– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**September 24**– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection 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.

**October 3**– Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

**October 19**–Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

### ANNUAL NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE LITTLE FLOWER, ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

will begin this Sunday, September 23 and run through Monday, October 1. The Novena prayers will be included in all the regularly scheduled Masses throughout the nine days. The Novena booklet are included in the bulletin this week. This will afford everyone the chance to pray along together, even if one's schedule does not allow for attendance at the 6:15 p.m. weeknight Masses.

**RCIA**–The first session of the RCIA will be held Monday, October 15 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting begins the Inquiry Stage of the process. Anyone who wishes to inquire about receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist are invited to attend. If you have any questions please call the rectory.

### 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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grades 1-6**– Sunday, September 30, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

**Grades 7-9**– This Sunday, September 30, 11:15AM - 12:15 PM in the church hall.

**Confirmation (grade 10)**– Sunday, September 30 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

**Registration Information**– Grades 1-9 open enrollment is still available on the parish website under the Religious Education tab. Confirmation registrations deadline is October 7. All students must attend the October 14 class in order to be confirmed in 2019.

**2018 PUBLIC SCHOOL ROSARY CRUSADE** is coming to Elm Park in Worcester on October 13 at Noon. For more information contact Joe at 508-459-9687.

**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](http://www.BeLikeBrit.org/gala) or email Cherylann at [Cherylann@BeLikeBrit.org](mailto:Cherylann@BeLikeBrit.org) We hope to see you there!

**THE FILIPINO CHOIR** will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, September 29. A reception will follow the Mass. All are welcome.

### GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

to discuss the proposal for the Wyman Gordon property will be held Wednesday, September 26 at 5:30 pm at the Green Island Neighborhood Center in Crompton Park. For more information please contact Lorraine Laurie at (508) 757-8741 or [lorrainelaurie@yahoo.com](mailto:lorrainelaurie@yahoo.com)

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

**St. John's**– Saturday, September 29, 9 AM and Tuesday, October 16, 6 PM

**Holy Name**– Sunday, October 28 12-2 PM

**St. Peter-Marian**– Sunday, October 28, 1-3:30 PM

**Notre Dame Academy**– Sunday, October 21, 2-4 PM

**St. Mary's Jr./Sr. High**– Wednesday, October 24 6:30 -8:30 PM

### 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 October 10th. If you have any questions, please call Connie at 774-262-2512.

**URBAN MISSIONARIES ANNIVERSARY-** Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope will celebrate its 39th anniversary Saturday, October 20 at 6 pm at the ARC located at St. Joan of Arc Church, 570 Lincoln St., Worcester. Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a buffet of hors d'oeuvres (hot & cold) and desserts. The guest speaker is Stephen DeVincent presenting the "St. Stephen Housing Initiative" program. Donation is \$10/adults and \$5/under 16 and RSVP by October 8 at mail-box@urbanmkssionaries.com or 508-831-7455. Checks can be made payable to Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope, 242 Canterbury St., Worcester or visit urbanmissionaries.com. Please include in the memo the # of people attending/food allergies.

**SHARING HOPE** a bereavement support group for spouses who have lost a loved one, will be held at the Holden Senior Center, 1130 Main St., Holden on Saturday, October 13 from 1-2:30 PM. The "Healing a Spouse's Grieving Heart and Finding Your Way" seminar will assist participants on their journey towards recovery and living fully once again. There is no cost for the seminar but pre-registration is requested. Please contact Miles Funeral home with any questions at 508-829-3272 or email milesfd@aol.com.

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8256.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$320.00	Restoration- \$100.00
Candles- \$272.00	Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$200.00	Donation- \$15,500.00
School Rent- \$4953.00	Day's Pay- \$4103.00

**Total-** \$33,739.66 **Unrestricted-** \$33,639.66; **Restricted-** \$100.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$240 IMO John Belanger; \$575 IMP Paul Darcy; \$15 IMO John Gingras; \$100 IMO Victims of Violence; \$150 IMO Elizabeth Keane; \$50 IMO John Lewandowski; \$25 IMO Lenny Smith; \$100 from a friend; \$1263 from a friend; \$55 from a friend; \$100 IMO George Comptois; \$100 IMO Claire Sullivan; \$100 IMO Bernie Rutkowski; \$105 Imo Jane Stanick

**Expenses-** \$29,049.92

Schola (997.08) Administration (6277.80) After School (210.17) Altar (56.00) Rectory Phone/Cable/Internet (590.68) Prayer Shawl Ministry (108.77) CCD (116.83) House (179.85) Landscape Work (10,000.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Ascension Electric (356.90) Office (651.62) September Budget Bill (7593.00) Postage (1270.00) Church Alarm (111.22)

**Food for the Poor**

Income- \$4848.06

Expenses- \$5355.58

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of John Belanger, Patricia Daly, Jessie Becker and Kyle Lowther who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Jacob Passey, Zachary Labal and Gavin Longchamps who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

### Word of Life

**"How can a heart given up to human affections be closely united to God? It seems to me that it is impossible. I have seen so many souls, allured by this false light, fly right into it like poor moths, and burn their wings, and then return, wounded, to Our Lord, the Divine fire which burns and does not consume." —St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul***