

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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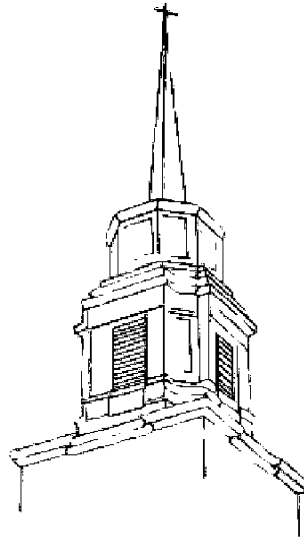
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

Worship Hymnal #1194

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, October 20, 2018

4:15 PM **Jack Keaney (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
Dori Houston (1st Anniv.), req. by Family
7:15 PM **Shirley Nagelschmidt (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 21, 2018

8:00 AM **Jonathan Favreau (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **George Comptois**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by The Savickas Family
12:15 PM **Barbara Luca**, req. by Family; **Walter and Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Monday, October 22, 2018

6:15 PM **The Intention of Maureen Plunkett**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 23, 2018

6:15 PM **Oswaldo Molina and Mery Valencia**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

6:15 PM **Al West**, req. by a friend

Thursday, October 25, 2018

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

Friday, October 26, 2018

6:15 PM **Casimir Bazikos**, req. by Mrs. Wanda Bazikos and Family

Saturday, October 27, 2018

4:15 PM **Victoria Steele**, req. by Family; **Mary and Josepg Paskavitz, Rose and Frank Allelunas, Anthony and Adele Dailida**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Lucy D'Angelo**, req. by a Friend

Sunday, October 28, 2018

8:00 AM **Joe and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Joan Jackson (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Donna Hamalainen and Phil Jackson
10:15 AM **Shirley Wheeler**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Ron and Rasa Chiras
12:15 PM **The Burke, Crawford, Miller, Moran, Pepin and Tringuk Families**, req. by Family; **Marthan Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Skip Young**, req. by Dave Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On Saturday morning at St. Paul's Cathedral there was a Mass celebrating the Twinning Parishes in the Diocese and those, except one, in the Diocese of Les Cayes in Haiti. You might be able to guess who the "except one" is! Our Covenant with St. Francois in Grand Goave, of course. St. Francois is in the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince. Since I had a funeral, Fr. Brice agreed to attend the Mass representing St. John's. Which means that he has now signed from both sides of the Covenant!

The present Pastor of St. Francois, Fr. Elie Dieudonne is, like Fr. Brice, a member of the Clerks of St. Vitor religious congregation. Fr. Elie will be concelebrating some of the Masses this weekend. I know that he wants to offer his gratitude to St. John's for the support that we continue to offer the people and the school at St. Francois. I am sure that we will have the chance to thank him for the opportunity to enter into this relationship with St. Francois and the blessings that we have received through our Covenant. Fr. Brice did amazing work at St. Francoise. He has humbly stepped away and allows Fr. Elie to carry on the challenging mission.

Today's second reading comes from the Letter to Hebrews. As did the second reading the past two week and through until the final Sunday of the liturgical year, the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on November 25th. The Letter to the Hebrews is (one of) my favorite books in the Bible. Today's passage is just three verses long. Nonetheless, it fully captures the Church's doctrine that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. Hebrews always offers us powerful teaching.

In the New American Bible's Introduction to the Letter, we read the following:

The author saw the addressees in danger of apostasy from their Christian faith. This danger was due not to any persecution from outsiders but to a weariness with the demands of the Christian life and a growing indifference to their calling. The author's main theme, the priesthood and sacrifice of Jesus, is not developed for its own sake but as a means of restoring their lost fervor and strengthening them in their faith. Another important theme of the letter is that of the pilgrimage of the people of God to the heavenly Jerusalem.

Now I see why I love the letter so much, it is addressed to me - and to us all!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Ego clamavi quoniam exaudisti me, Ps. 17
(16): 6, 8

Op.: # 531 Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus
Ps. 33, "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 780 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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

Comm.: Domine, Dominus nostre, Ps. 8:2ab

937 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Cl.: # 688 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

October 29— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Wise Blood" by Flannery O'Connor.

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

RCIA—The next session of the RCIA will be held this Monday, October 22 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 is 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 at 508-770-0110.

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!

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, October 27. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, October 21, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, October 21, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, October 21, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

PUMPKIN PAINTING for children will be held on Sunday, October 28th at 11:15 AM in the church hall. This is open to ALL children of St. John's. Just come downstairs after the 10:15 AM Mass to join us.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP- Tuesday, November 6th at 5:00 PM in the Church Hall. 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! 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. The group will meet the 1st Tuesday of each month. Have questions? Feel free to contact Jeanne Pellegrino, at 508-755-8605.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include the show and a dinner of pasta & meatballs, salad, rolls & butter, coffee & dessert. Dinner will be served following the 4:15 PM Mass. Tickets will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8:00, 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy 508 478-9813.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS will once again be given out at St. John's. We will provide a basket to any family that lives within the church boundaries and has a zip code in the 01604 and 01610 (Vernon Hill) neighborhoods. Sign-ups for the baskets will be held **OVER THE PHONE ONLY** from Tuesday, October 30 - Friday, November 2, Tuesday, November 6-Friday, November 9 and Tuesday, November 13 - Friday, November 16 from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, October 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.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP #2 on the Kelley Square Improvement Project will be conducted by MASS DOT on Wednesday, October 24 at 6 pm at the White Room, Crompton Collective at 138 Green Street.

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL will hold its annual Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 17 from 9 AM to 3 PM, 75 Mendon St. Features include, raffles and crafts for adults and children, wreaths, baked goods, food and drink, silent auctions and picture opportunities with Santa.

FAMILY "PRAISE & WORSHIP" EVENT IN WORCESTER- The 13th Annual Diocesan Family Fun Praise and Worship event will be held this year on Sunday, November 18 at 3 PM at Sacred Heart -Saint Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester in the gymnasium. Choirs and musical groups from around the Worcester diocese have been invited to bring their gift of song to this Family Fun Afternoon of praise and worship. This year's theme is: The Coming of the Messiah! We are expecting some of the choirs to perform in their native languages. Songs in Spanish, Polish, Vietnamese, French, Lithuanian, Latin, and English have been sung over the past twelve years at this event. This free concert will be followed by refreshments in the church hall.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

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

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8,123.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$188.00	Restoration- \$66.00
Candles- \$272.00	Parking- \$175.00
Stipends- \$120.00	CCD- \$2137.00

Total- \$11,081.16 **Unrestricted-** \$11,015.16; **Restricted-**\$66.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO John Belanger; \$170 IMO James Murphy; \$25 IMO Chris Sebring; \$100 IMO Milton Pepin; \$50 IMO Inez Conlon

Expenses- \$21,096.57

CCD (18.86) Administration (6208.54) Altar (649.33) Catholic Schools Assessment (1225.00) Church Water/Sewer (164.44) Rectory Water/Sewer (1192.14) Ascension Water/Sewer (910.20) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (140.91) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Church Electric (895.78) Rectory Electric (925.11) October Diocesan Budget Bill (7593.00) Church Alarm (111.26)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$4354.78

This weekend's second collection is for World Mission Sunday. Next weekend's second collection is for The Hurricane Relief Effort.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Henry Cronan, Joseph Battelle, and Catherine Gallivan who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us.... We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." -St. Óscar Romero