

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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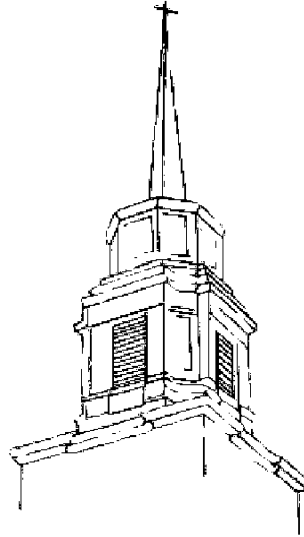
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Jer 31:7-9

Heb 5:1-6

Mk 10:46-52

Worship Hymnal #1197

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 27, 2018

4:15 PM **Victoria Steele**, req. by Family; **Mary and Joseph 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; **Martha Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Skip Young**, req. by Dave Young, **Lawrence Kenney (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by family

Monday, October 29, 2018

6:15 PM **Paul Towle**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

6:15 PM **Andrew Marble and Mike Urban**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 31, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by a friend

Thursday, November 1, 2018

6:15 PM **Mary O'Grady (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, November 2, 2018

6:15 PM **Charles Gauthier and all deceased members of the MacDuffie Family**, req. by Family

Saturday, November 3, 2018

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

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by a Friend

Sunday, November 4, 2018

8:00 AM **Jim Gannon**, req. by Family; **Evelyn Foley**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **William, Theresa and Edward Roix, Andrew Sokolowski, Eva James**, req. by Family, **Zigmas Dabrila**, req. by Grazina Bazickas and Family

12:15 PM **Margaret, Eugene, John Gingras, Bridget and William Coomey and Families**, req. by Family; **John and Eleanor Wallace**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Timothy Brosnihan (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family, **Robert Girard (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It is with great sadness that I tell you that Paul Towle, a resident here at Harrington House, was struck by a vehicle and killed on Thursday morning. He had been living with us in the rectory for a few years. Paul was a very kind man, always helpful, with a listening ear for anyone who needed to talk. Only recently, he had started the process of receiving a pension from a former employer and was looking forward to the opportunity this would have provided him. All of us in the house are shocked and saddened at his death. We ask for your prayers for Paul, his father and family and for all his friends. We are praying, too, for the driver of the vehicle. It was an unfortunate and tragic accident and I am sure the driver is suffering, as well. There is a part of the Cantic of Zechariah, in Luke's Gospel, that I always find comforting in times like these:

*In the tender compassion of our Lord
The dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness
And the shadow of death,
And to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

An announcement from our friend, Mayssoon Khair who visits us every year:

Due to the bad situation which has interrupted the tourist trade that supports our Christian families in Bethlehem, the birth town of Jesus, I will be visiting St. John's again this year on the weekend of **November 10 & 11, 2018**. I represent the School of Joy for special needs children as well as over a hundred Christian families who make their livelihood through the selling of their hand carved olive wood religious articles.

After all the Masses there will be a display of these hand carved items such as Nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the Last Supper and many other beautiful religious statues.

Please look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the children and the Christians present in the Holy Land.

Thank you and God Bless you.

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Laetetur cor quaerentium dominum, Ps. 105 (104): 3, 4

Op.: # 689 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Ps. 126, "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 972 Your Hands O Lord, in Days of Old
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: Laetabimur, Ps. 20 (19): 6
956 Life-Giving Bread, Saving Cup
Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

October 30— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

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

RCIA—The next session of the RCIA will be held this Monday, October 29 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 CON-

CERT— 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@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 28, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, October 28, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— This Sunday, October 28, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

PUMPKIN PAINTING for children will be held this Sunday, October 28th at 11:15 AM in the church hall. All children are welcome.

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.

LASALLETTE SHRINE TRIP— The social activities committee is sponsoring a trip to see the Christmas display at Lasalette Shrine in Attleboro on Sunday, December 2nd. The bus leaves St. John's at 3:30 PM and will return approximately around 8:00 PM. Cost is \$15 per person which includes transportation. Tickets will be sold after 4:15 PM, 8:00 and 10:15 AM & 12:15 PM masses and need to be purchased by November 18th as we have limited seating. If you have any questions, please call Judy at 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 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 PM.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL AT OUR LADY OF LORETO PARISH

will hold its Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, November 10 from 9 am – 3 pm. Come and shop the Country Store, look for Christmas decorations, jewelry booth old and new, handbags and knitted goods. There will be a them basket raffle as well as a Grand Money Raffle. And, of course, lots of Italian food and cookies!. Come and join us for a day of fun at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, November 27 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.

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.

FRENCH MEAT PIES- The Daughters of Isabella will be holding their annual Fund Raiser - French Meat Pie Sale - on Sunday, November 18, 2018, from 8:00 AM through Noon. The cost is \$13.00. Because of the popularity of these meat pies, they are now taking advance prepaid order. Please call Terry at 508 757-6209 with your order. The deadline for prepaid orders is Sunday, November 11. These meat pies are to be picked up on the 18th at St George's Church on 40 Brattle Street or St. Joseph's (Holy Family Church) on Dupont Street. There will be some extra meat pies while the supply lasts. However, they usually sell out.

VETERANS DAY PATRIOTIC ROSARY will be held on Sunday, November 11 at 2 PM at St. Mary's in North Grafton. All are welcome to attend.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$12,344.96. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1897.00	Restoration- \$249.00
Candles- \$276.00	Stipends- \$570.00
School Rent- \$4757.60	World Mission- \$495.00
Day's Pay- \$100.00	

Total- \$20,689.56 **Unrestricted-** \$19,945.56; **Restricted-** \$744.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$40 for the McDermott Concert; \$120 IMO Elizabeth Keane; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$20 IMO Paul Darcy; \$20 IMO James Murphy; \$100 IMO Catherine Gallivan; \$4,000 from West Boylston Food Pantry

Expenses- \$16,545.46
Schola (1993.08) Funerals (305.60) Administration (4604.88) Funerals (305.60) Rectory Cable/Phones/Internet (590.62) State payroll Taxes (1009.96) House (928.44) Federal Payroll Taxes (6009.24) Maintenance (600.00) Copier (8.64) World Mission (495.00)

Food for the Poor
Expenses- \$4001.48

This weekend's second collection is for The Hurricane Florence Relief Effort.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Paul Towle, John Trumpaitis, Msgr. Gilles Roy, Joseph Battelle and Jeannette Pennery who have been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Aden William Barry and Ryan Kneeland who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there... Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odors and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace." -St. Augustine