

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

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Donna Mastrovito  
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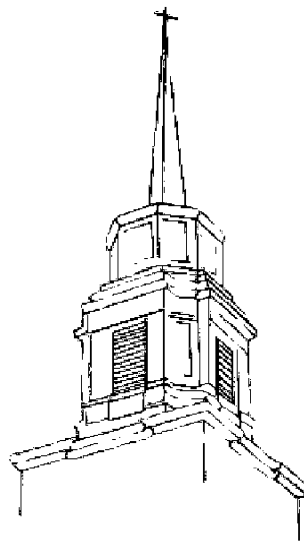
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**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**

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

Worship Hymnal #1203

**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, November 10, 2018

4:15 PM **William and Mary Lynch**, req. by family;

**George Comptois**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Frank Wright**, req. by family

Sunday, November 11, 2018

8:00 AM **Fr. Joe Coonan**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson;

**Maureen Flanagan**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen

10:15 AM **Joseph Nozzolillo (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Jonathan and family; **Deborah A. Johnson**, req. by William and Sophia Zinnel

12:15 PM **Deacon Paul and Patricia Dacri**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Charles Gauthier and the MacDuffie Family**, req. by family

Monday, November 12, 2018

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

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

6:15 PM **Otilia Martinez and Patricia Vera**, req. by family

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

6:15 PM **Thaddeus Skowronski**, req. by Family;

**Bryan Blanchard (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, November 15, 2018

6:15 PM **Kathleen Gallivan**, req. by Family; **Francis Benison (18th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, November 16, 2018

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by a friend

Saturday, November 17, 2018

4:15 PM **Jan and Michalina Pieniazek, Leo and Helen Matys, Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Julia Kasparian, Health and Intentions of Leo and Dolores Matys, Elaine Kasparian**, req. by Family; **Jimmy Duffy**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Emile Dumas, Angelina and Steven Troio**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 18, 2018

8:00 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family;

**George Comptois**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Paul and Elizabeth Mitchell** req. by Family;

**Lorie Halpin and Ellen Shea**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Genevieve B. Powers**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Bobby Young**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As many of you know, on Saturday morning we celebrated the Mass of Christian Burial for our beloved Deacon Paul Dacri. Though I write beforehand, I know that I want to thank all of you who attended his Wake and Funeral. A large part of what Deacon Paul loved about the people of St. John's is the depth of your care for us on staff, for each other and, especially those in need.

Deacon Paul's passing is, of course, a great loss. His ministry and presence here on Temple Street were significant. Deacon Paul had a wonderful liturgical manner. He was a devout man who loved the Eucharist. He offered service at the altar with respect and piety. Deacon Paul's preaching was rooted in his faith. It was a faith that had informed his own life and he proclaimed the hope that it could inform our lives, as well. He directed the baptismal preparation program, spending many hours, day and night, meeting with parents and Godparents. His understanding manner combined with his commitment to the claims of Christian discipleship helped many of them grow in their own faith as they pledged to share the faith with their children and Godchildren. Deacon Paul was a member of the RCIA team, as well. He shared that same sense of understanding and commitment with the adults who were seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church. Deacon Paul maintained relationships with the newly baptized after they become part of our community. Many of whom considered him a friend and a continued helper and guide. Deacon Paul loved being a Deacon; he loved ministering in the Church.

Still, his contribution to us was more than what he did, we treasured who Deacon Paul was. This is especially true for those of us on staff with him. His personality and outlook were a terrific addition to the sometimes crazy goings on around here! Deacon Paul offered a unique perspective which was always helpful to the rest of us.

As great a gift Deacon Paul was to us, it pales in comparison to what he gave to his family. As sad as I am to lose him – especially so suddenly, when he appeared to be on the road to recovery – my deep sympathy goes to his children and grandchildren. Deacon Paul – or, more appropriately Papa – was their Rock. Please pray for them; for his brothers and his sisters. My prayer is that they open their hearts to receive the grace that God gave to Deacon Paul. As you know, he lost his beloved wife seventeen years ago. Patty's illness and death were difficult and tragic. Yet, if his faith wavered at points, it was ultimately made stronger. Indeed, his faith was rock solid. In that Deacon Paul was given a wisdom and empathy he used to help many others – and not only as a Deacon. Indeed, let us also pray he will intercede for us that here at St. John's we continue his legacy of empathetic service. In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## ***THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

### **THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Introit: Intret Oratio Mea, Ps. 88 (87): 3  
Op.: # 723 When Jesus Came Preaching the Kingdom  
of God  
Ps. 146, "Praise the Lord, my Soul!"  
Alleluia: # 208  
Prep: # 720 The Kingdom of God  
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311  
Comm.: Dominus regit me, Ps. 23 (22): 1, 2  
# 712 The King of Love, My Shepherd is  
Cl.: # 805 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

### **ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S**

**November 12**— Finance Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

**November 13** — Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**November 14**— John McDermott Concert, 7 PM in the Church.

**November 26**— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Everything Happens For A Reason and Other Lies I Have Loved" by Kate Bowler.

**December 21**— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

**RCIA**—The next session of the RCIA will be held on Monday, November 19 at 7 PM in the rectory. This meeting continues 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.

**SCHOOL OF JOY**— Due to the bad situation which has interrupted the tourist trade that supports our Christian families in Bethlehem, the birth town of Jesus, our friend, Maysoon Kahir will be visiting St. John's again on this weekend, **November 10 & 11**. She represents 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.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Grades 1-6**— Sunday, November 18, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall

**Grades 7-9**— This Sunday, November 18, 11:15AM - 12:15 PM in the church hall.

**Confirmation (grade 10)**— Sunday, November 18, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

**FILL-A-BAG SUPPLY DRIVE**— The Religious Education students are hosting their annual SUPPLY DRIVE to benefit the guests of St. John's soup kitchen and Visitation House. Brown bags with a list of supplies will be available at all Masses this weekend. If you are able, please grab a bag to fill and return it to the church by Sunday, November 18th. We appreciate your support!

**LASALLETTE SHRINE TRIP**— The social activities committee is sponsoring a trip to see the Christmas display at Lasalette Shrine in Attleboro on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**THE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** would like to thank all who participated in the Italian Murder Mystery Dinner Show on November 3rd. The profit of \$663.00 made from the show, & raffles was given to our own Food for the Poor. Thank you again.

**CHRISTMAS MAGNETS**— The social committee again this year will be selling Christmas Magnets (\$3.00 each) & Ornaments (\$5.00 each). These items will be on sale after Masses beginning the weekend of 11/17 and 11/18. They make great Christmas Stocking Stuffers. The profit from the sale of these items is used to defray the cost of the committees various activities.

**THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting on Wednesday November 14 at 9:30-11:00am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are more than welcome. If you need a shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

A Public Informational Meeting will be held by MassDOT subject on Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 pm at the Worcester

### In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held 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.

**THE FILIPINO CHOIR** will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, November 24. All are welcome and invited to a reception in the Xavier Center following the Mass.

**THE LITHUANIAN CHOIR** will be singing at the 10:15 Mass on this Sunday, November 11th. A reception will follow downstairs after the Mass. All are invited and welcome

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING** will be held by MassDOT to discuss the proposed Kelley Square Improvement Project on Thursday, November 15 at 6:00 pm at the Worcester Academy Performance Center at 14 Marion Ave.

**THANKSGIVING MEAT RAFFLE**, will be held at Fiddler's Green Pub, 19 Temple St., on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 PM. You may win your Thanksgiving Dinner! There will also be a 50/50 Raffle, come join the fun!

### Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8645.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2444.00	Restoration- \$390.00
Candles- \$200.00	Parking- \$145.00
Stipends- \$250.00	Holy Days- \$2083.00
Donation- \$300.00	Social Activities- \$775.00

**Total-** \$15,232.16 **Unrestricted-** \$14,842.16 **Restricted-** \$8390.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$640 from a friend; \$60 from a friend; \$40 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$45 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$125 IMO Patrick Herlihy; \$2000 from Countrybank; \$75 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$40 IMO Geraldine Perreault; \$80 IMO John Trumpaitis; \$125 IMO Catherine Gallivan; \$390 IMO Francis Petty; \$2770 IMO William Scalzulli; \$50 IMO Albertine Voisine; \$50 IMO Christine Haig; \$1100 from the Highland St. Foundation; \$1000 from eh Harp and Shamrock Foundation

**Expenses-** \$11,078.95

Schola (1363.52) Administration (2271.25) Clergy Benefit Plan (1007.00) Envelopes (780.51) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (1840.41) Ascension Electric (514.41) Office of the Diaconate (1400.00) Social Activities (650.00) Office (97.96) Copier (621.89)

**Food for the Poor— Expenses-** \$7450.54

### Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Deacon Paul Dacri, Christopher Curran, Lorraine Rocheleau and Theresa Scricco who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Samantha Lee Silva and Nitalia Sky Vinton who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

### Word of Life

**“We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.”**

**--Dorothy Day**