

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

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Donna Mastrovito  
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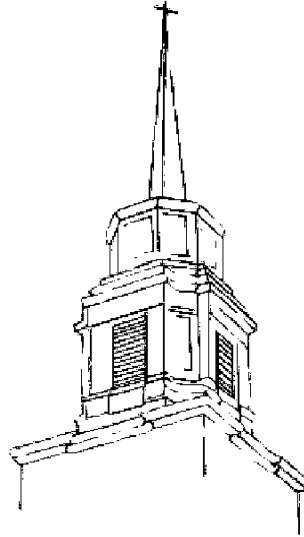
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

**Music Ministry**

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

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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**

Dn 12:1-3  
Heb 10-11-14, 18  
Mk 13:24-32  
Worship Hymnal #1206

**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 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

Monday, November 19, 2018

6:15 PM **James Frazer**, req. by Friends and Family

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

6:15 PM **Carlos Mendez and Francisco Almeida**, req. by Family

Wednesday, November 21, 2018

6:15 PM **Christopher Curran**, req. by Family

Thursday, November 22, 2018

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

Friday, November 23, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by a Friend

Saturday, November 24, 2018

4:15 PM **Josephine Zalieckas (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mary V. Lyons (44th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Mrs. Jane O'Coin (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 25, 2018

8:00 AM **Jerome Thomas Sullivan**, req. by Johnson Family; **Tim Morse, Sr.**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Ralph Tiscione, Sr.**, req. by Family;

**Richard Ford (5th Aninv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Edward Belton (20th Anniv.) and Albin Zukowski**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Enclosed with this bulletin is the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. Thank you all for your generous support of St. John's and our mission. Once again, the annual report reflects the great passion and vitality of the people of St. John's. I could not be more grateful. We did experience a decrease in our savings in FY 17/18 as we used some of it in replacing the main roof and the two side roofs of the church. Yet, when we consider the work done to fix the brickwork on the rectory, the extensive work done on the roof of the Msgr. Tinsley Center and the repaving of the parking lot at the Ascension campus it is remarkable that we needed so little of the savings – just over \$60,000. My sincere thanks to the Finance Committee, to Jimmy who handles the weekly bills and reports and to Jim Archibald who reconciles the accounts and completes the diocesan reports. The help of all of them is invaluable to me and to the parish.

Along these lines, the diocese is kicking off a \$32 million capital campaign named Legacy of Hope in January. It is a four year campaign. Our parish goal is \$554, 000—\$220,000 which will stay here at St. John's. Details will be forthcoming.

As you know, our friend John McDermott returned to St. John's this past week. The Christmas Concert that he and his mates provided was wonderful. During the show I thought to myself, "this is a religious experience!" From Linus' blanket to No Man's Land in December of 1914 to, my favorite, Maybe This Christmas, the night was an uplifting preparation for the Season which is fast approaching. My thanks to Frank Carroll and his team of volunteers for planning, preparing and guiding the evening. My thanks to Sean Redrow and the Schola Cantorum for their pre-show presentation – it set the mood for the night. All of us thank all of you and all our friends who packed the church on Wednesday night. We know that Jesus is the Reason for the Season – and He is the reason for the Food for the Poor Program, too!

By the way, there is a rumor that Boston Red Sox Championship Trophy is going to be at the Xavier Center on this Wednesday morning. Word is that it will be there at 10 a.m. until noon and, perhaps, Manager Alex Cora will be present, as well. I am not denying this rumor. It seems fitting. Cora and his team proved to be not only great at baseball, but great young men, too. It would not surprise me that they would bring the trophy to a group of people who never thought they would ever get close to it. Feel free to join us if you are able. I cannot wait to tell Cora how upset I am that he didn't get Manager of the Year. He definitely deserved it!

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Dicit Dominus: ego cogito cogitationes  
pacis, Jer. 29: 11, 12, 14

Op.: # 391 City of God, Jerusalem

Ps. 16, "You are my inheritance, O Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 403 The King Shall Come When Morning  
Dawns

Eucharistic Accs.: 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: Amen, dico vobis: quidquid orantes petiis,  
Mk. 11: 24

# 626 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Cl.: # 409 Sleepers, Wake!

### ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

**November 20** – Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

**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 this 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.

### WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL CONCERT-

Sean Redrow, St. John's Music Director will be joining Joshua W. Rohde and the WPI Choirs and Orchestra in a World War I Remembrance Concert at Mechanics Hall, 321 Main St., Worcester on Nov. 18, 2018 at 3:00 PM. Dr. Redrow will be playing the organ for the monumental and poignant "Dona Nobis Pacem" of Vaughan Williams along with other works in this program of Memorial music for our fallen heroes. The Concert will be preceded by a lecture at 2:00 about the program and the pieces, and followed by a Reception. Please come to this wonderful memorial event!

**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.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Grades 1-6**– This 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)**- This Sunday, November 18, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

**LASALLETTE SHRINE TRIP**- The social activities committee is sponsoring a trip to see the Christmas display at Lasallette 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.

**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.

**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!

**CAR DONATION PROGRAM**- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at [www.ccworc.org](http://www.ccworc.org) or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

**DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET** -Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 am for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

## 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.

**GINGERBREAD FAIR IN SUTTON**- All are welcome to St. Mark's Chain of Lights Gingerbread Fair on Saturday, December 1, 9:30 AM - 4 PM. Enjoy bake tables filled with delicious homemade treats, wonderful sewing and craft items, lots of raffle baskets, Advent wreaths, a room filled with treasures from our Haiti committee and more. Our kitchen will be serving hot dogs, chili dogs, chili, baked potatoes, grilled cheese sandwiches and gingerbread. The Knights of Columbus will be dishing out delicious fried dough and clam fritters from their trailer. Have a photo taken with Saint Nicholas and his awesome Elf! Sit for a while, enjoy lunch and music and get in the spirit of the Christmas Season. We can't wait to see you there! 356 Boston Road, Sutton.

**WOMEN OF FAITH- MORNING OF PRAYER-** "Expectation and Expectancy: God Whispers in Our Darkness" will be presented by Nicki Verploegen, Ph.D. on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 AM – 1 PM at St. Anne's Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough. This Advent and Christmas how can we allow the voice of God to prepare us for a deeper coming home inside... to ourselves, to our families, and to our God? Our gathering will begin with "coffee and" followed by a presentation, prayer, personal reflection, and discussion. A registration fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration is required by November 30 at [www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org](http://www.WomenOfFaithSSA.org), or e-mail [info@womenoffaithssa.org](mailto:info@womenoffaithssa.org), or phone Ann Williams at 508-481-8176.

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,304.15. We have also received:

Monthly- \$63.00	Restoration- \$170.00
Candles- \$207.00	Parking- \$175.00
Stipends- \$325.00	Holy Days- \$253.00

**Total-** \$12,297.15 **Unrestricted-** \$12,127.15 **Restricted-** \$170.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 IMO Gregory Stockmal and George Senkavitch; \$125 IMO Francis Petty; \$60 IMO William Scalzulli; \$10 IMO Christine Haig; \$210 IMO Anna Petro; \$100 IMO Ralph A. Tiscione, Sr.

**Expenses-** \$21,418.44

Schola (1064.44) Lithuanian Reception (55.83) House (995.58) Administration (6179.17) Prayer Cards (242.95) Ascension Water (90.00) State Payroll Taxes (1164.63) Federal Payroll Taxes (2077.92) Rectory Maintenance (188.00) Church Electric (973.30) Rectory Electric (793.62) November Budget Bill (7593.00)

**Food for the Poor—**

Income- \$3760.00  
Expenses- \$5728.15

## Our Parish Community...

... Welcomes Bryce Brian Givner, Izaiah Andres Alvarez, Giovanni Alexander Patra Manis and Lena Marie Boyle who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**"The tribulation of the end time is like God's rising sap that will make us supple and ready to bear new fruit in a new season—for a new age inaugurated by the Second Coming of Jesus. But unlike the predictable ripening of figs, the end time is God's secret and surprise because it is God's plan for humanity and the cosmos. What we can be confident about is that the harvester Christ, at that future time, will be near 'at the gates,' holding them open for the entry of the faithful into the kingdom. We have the assurance of Jesus' abiding word that this will come to pass."**

**—Sr. Verna Holyhead**