

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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Donna Mastrovito
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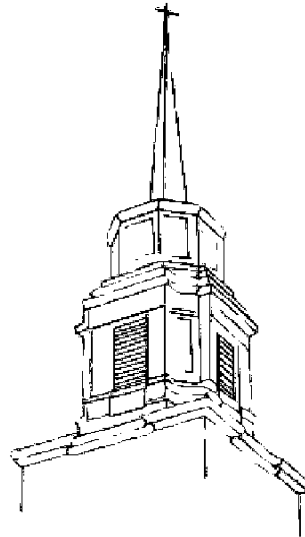
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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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 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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 the rectory 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, January 19, 2019

4:15 PM **Catherine Gallagher (26th Anniv.)**, req. by Family, **Marsha Bisceglia (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00 AM **Dele and Connie Sullivan**, req. by Family; **Deceased Members of the Bartelson and Creedon Families**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joseph and Marie Mastrovito** req. by Family; **Vanda Bazikas**, req. by Goddaughter Gita Sullivan

12:15 PM **John and Helen Rosseel (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Monday, January 21, 2018

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:15 PM **Michael Rahaim** req. by Family

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Thursday, January 24, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Friends

Friday, January 25, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends; **Keith Vaill (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 26, 2019

4:15 PM **Anthony Thompson (12h Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara, **Richard Fresolo**, req. by family

7:15 PM **Peg and Bill McKenna**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Jackie Angers (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Vanda Bazikas**, req. by Goddaughter Gita Sullivan

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

7:15 PM **In Honor of St. Francis Xavier**

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As Christians we have the great grace to be able to begin again...and again...and again. Today we gather having begun – again - Ordinary Time. The Gospel today takes us to the Wedding at Cana. Does the Church's Liturgy begin here to remind us that our final destination is the heavenly banquet? Perhaps, so. Further, it is an event that highlights Mary, our Mother and the Mother of the Church.

Throughout the centuries Mary has gained more and more titles. She has been portrayed in various and countless images. Still, it is Mary at Cana that I find most appealing and compelling. At Cana, Mary simply approaches Jesus to inform him, *They have no wine*. Jesus response – *Woman, how does your concern affect me?* – seems out of character for him. I know that I would be in trouble if I responded to my mother in that way! Yet, Mary does not seem the least bit put off by this response: *His mother said to the servers, 'Do whatever he tells you.'*

The reflections on and images of Mary in the Catholic tradition can slip into a portrayal of her as an overly passive person. It is easy to see how this might have happened – *may it be done to me according to your word*. In the same vein, Mary can be presented as an almost other worldly figure. After all, she was *full of grace*. Here at Cana though we are given a fuller picture of her. I cannot draw stick figures, but I would love to see a faithful and talented artist take a shot at The Madonna at Cana. She turns to the wedding servers with a smirk and a roll of the eyes as well as being grace-filled and seeking only the Divine will, and confidently instructs them and us, *Do whatever he tells you!*

We gather on Sunday to remember that on the first day of the week Jesus was raised up. His victory over death has transformed the ordinary days of our lives. Believing that the week past is the beginning – again – of the week to come, we seek the grace to be obedient to the Lord's will and to do whatever he asks of us.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Omnis terra adoret*, Ps. 66 (65): 4
Op.: # 451 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Ps. 96, "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 656 Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

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

Comm.: *Dicit Dominus: Implete hydrias*, Jn. 2: 8, 9 and 10-11

Cl.: # 905 Let All on Earth Their Voices Raise

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

January 22— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

January 28— Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Dagger John: Archbishop John Hughes and the Making of Irish America" by John Loughery.

February 15— Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

POT LUCK SUPPER— The Social Committee is sponsoring a Valentine Theme Pot Luck Supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center on Saturday, February 9th, following the 4:15 PM Mass. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to bring and share your favorite dish, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the front of the church. Hope to see everyone there.

ST. JOHN'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S 2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, March 16th - Talent Show
- Saturday, May 11th- Dinner Show
- Sunday, July 14th- Parish Picnic
- Saturday, September 21- Dinner Show
- Saturday, October 16- Costume/Halloween Party
- December- LaSalette Shrine Bus Trip (date to be announced)

Mark your calendar, more information will follow on each event.

THE ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL TEAM is off to a great start, 4-0. They play again on Sunday at 3:30 at St Bernard's Church, 236 Lincoln Street. Come and root them on to victory!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist— This Sunday, January 20, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center

Grades 1-6— Next Sunday, January 27, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9— Next Sunday, January 27, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)— Next Sunday, January 27, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

SECOND ANNUAL VALENTINE RED TIE GALA

will be held on Saturday, February 9 at the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Center. Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM and Dancing at 8:00 PM with music by RHYTHM. Tickets are \$45 per person which includes a buffet dinner of Prime Rib or Fish Entrée. Tickets must be purchased in advance by February 2nd. TO purchase tickets please contact Steve Belton at orhfenian@msn.com or 508-757-7862 or Deb Haglund at deborahhaglund@charter.net or 508-756-0788. Tickets are also available at Fiddlers' Green Pub.

THE THIRD ANNUAL GRALL-NEAFSEY LECTURE & 2019 RABBI JOSEPH KLEIN

is happy to present "Jerusalem Re-imagined: The Holy City in War & Peace" with James Carroll on Thursday, February 7, at 4 PM. The lecture will be held at the Tsotsis Family Academic Center Curtis Performance Hall, Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. It is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Prof. C. Gobel at cgobel@assumption.edu.

SAINT PETER MARIAN JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (SPM)

welcomes prospective students and families to meet current students, parents, faculty, staff and coaches on Thursday, January 31st, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. SPM is a Catholic Diocesan school educating young men and women since 1976 in the Roman Catholic tradition. The campus is located at 781 Grove Street in Worcester, MA. Families can pre-register for the Open House by calling 508-852-5555 x 114 or online at spmguardians.org.

ST. PETER CENTRAL CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

will host an open house on Sunday, January 27 from 1-3 PM. There are currently openings in Grades PreK-7. Please call 508-791-6496 or visit us on our website at www.stpetercentralcatholic.com.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, January 22 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT THE RAILERS- Please join us on Saturday, January 26 for Catholic Schools Night at the Worcester Railers as Bishop McManus and Superintendent Dr. Perda drop the puck at 7 PM To purchase tickets please visit railershc.com/catholicschools. Lower level tickets are \$20 and the first 1,000 tickets will receive a Catholic Schools Night/Worcester Railers T-shirt. Upper level tickets are \$15 including a t-shirt while available. After the T-shirts are gone, \$5 will be donated back to the schools. The top selling schools from each size category will get a Railers player appearance at their school and will also have each student invited down to the high five line before puck drop. If you have any questions regarding ticket information, please contact Connor Haynes at the Railers at 508-365-1752.

ADDICTION SUPPORT GROUP MEETING IN WEBSTER- The first Calix Society in the Worcester Diocese (A New Hope) will meet on the third Saturday of every month from 1:30 - 2:45 PM downstairs in the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E Main St, Webster. The Calix Society is a Catholic support group (supplement to AA) for those directly affected by alcohol/addiction, and for family and friends who also suffer from their effects. It is open to all. Call or text Kyle at 508-887-2225 for more information.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8696.66. We have also received:

Monthly-	\$1072.00	Restoration-	\$341.00
Stipends-	\$1550.00	Catholic University-	\$419.00
Transfer from FFTP-	\$2,537.58		

Total- \$14,616.24 **Unrestricted-** \$11,318.66 **Restricted-** \$3,297.58

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$1524 IMO Andrew Stencel; \$10 IMO Theresa Morin; \$885 IMO John McNamara; \$1125 IMO David Schwartz; \$250 IMO Michael Falvey; \$250 IMO Duddie Massad; \$50 IMO John Belanger; \$50 IHO Dolly McKiernan's Birthday; \$25 IMO Homer Robichaud; \$105 IMO Robert Larocque; \$875 IMO James Duffy; \$1500 IMO Phil Murphy; \$660 IMO Britney Gengel; \$35 IMO Nichola Astrella

Expenses- \$13,566.52

Schola (860.20) House (1709.55) Administration (2829.94) After School (113.88) Church Water and Sewer (289.44) Rectory Water and Sewer (1730.52) Ascension Water and Sewer (164.50) Funerals (352.80) Church Electric (3539.15) Rectory Electric (1158.62) Catholic University (419.00) Office (398.92)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$9499.00
Expenses- \$8903.13

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Barbara Moriarty and Eleanor Gregory who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Jesus came to the marriage as a common human being, but as Lord of heaven and earth he could convert the elements as he wished. How beautifully appropriate it is that when he began the signs that he would show to mortals while he was still mortal he turned water into wine. But when he had become immortal through his resurrection, he began the signs that he would show only to those who were pursuing the goal of immortal life...”

– St. Bede