

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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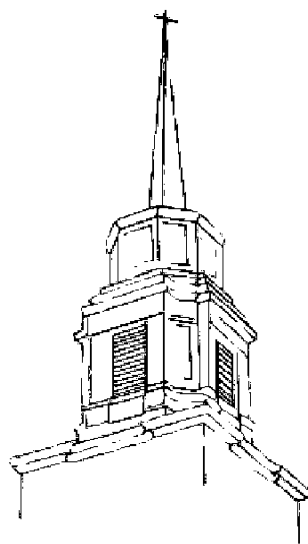
Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4; 4; 14-21

#1117 in Worship Hymnal

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 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**

Monday, January 28, 2018

6:15 PM **Duddie Massad**, req. by Mary Ann and James Bolger

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey** req. by Family

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

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

Thursday, January 31, 2019

6:15 PM **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Friday, February 1, 2019

6:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Rev. John Nicholson**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 2, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Bill and Rita Duffy**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 3, 2019

8:00 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family; **Alejandro Lorente**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Anna Zukowski (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Evidently, we can add to “death and taxes” the Patriots going to the Super Bowl! My memory isn’t what it used to be, but as far as I can remember they go every year. As you know, I have not always paid very close attention to them. Still, in my opinion, though they are both the GOAT, I believe the success is due more to Belichick than to Brady. Though, it is clear that having them both is what makes a trip to the Super Bowl a certainty. Enjoy.

The other certainty on the first weekend of February is the Souper Bowl. This national collection to support local food centers will take place after all the Masses on Super Bowl Weekend, February 2 and 3. Students, parents and teachers from the Religious Education program will be at the doors of the church with soup pots collecting donations. All of the donations will be reported as part of the national effort but will remain here to support our own Food for the Poor Program. Thanks in advance for your support.

The following weekend, February 9 and 10, will be the In-Pew Collection and start of the diocesan Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. The theme for this year’s appeal is Generate Joy. They have come to the right place. The goal for this year is \$76,600 which is the same as it has been for the past couple of years. The reason for the early start to this year’s appeal is that we are in the first flight of the upcoming Diocesan Capital Campaign. The theme for the campaign is Legacy of Hope. There will be more information coming in the weeks ahead. My task now is to put together some committees to assist in the conducting of the campaign. We all love serving on committees. If you wanted to be sure to get your name on one of them, do not hesitate to contact me. Otherwise, if you see me coming or the church number on your caller ID, you have been warned.

In all seriousness, in today’s gospel passage, Jesus sets forth the mission statement of his Church. In following him, we follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit in bringing *glad tidings to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

We know that the above campaigns certainly afford us the opportunity to fulfill this mission. More importantly, these special and monetary events remind us of the importance of our daily and spiritual activity.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Intro: Adorate Deum omnes angeli eius, Ps. 97 (96): 7,
8

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. 19, "Your words, Lord, are spirit and life."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 720 The Kingdom of God

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

Comm.: Comedite pinguis, et bibite mulsum, 2 Esd 8:
10

Cl.: # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

January 29— Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

February 6— Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

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.

ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL—Last week's game was cancelled due to the weather. We will play St. Rose of Lima Saturday night at 7:30 PM and St. Peter's parish Sunday night at 7:00 PM Both games will be at St. Bernard's parish on Lincoln Street.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist— This Sunday, January 27, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center

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

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

Confirmation (grade 10)— This 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, February 25 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.

AMPLIFY NIGHT IN FEBRUARY- All youth in grades 9-12 are invited to the next Diocesan Amplify night at the St. Joseph Parish Center in Auburn on Sunday, February 10 from 5:30-8pm. Join us for an evening of food, games, community, prayer and worship for high school youth! This Amplify will feature a Trivia Night and there will be prizes! Cost is FREE! To register a group or to get more information contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org or you can go to www.neworchester.org/amplify-nights. Deadline to register is a group is Monday, February 3.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8397.26. We have also received:

Monthly- \$269.00	Restoration- \$72.00
Stipends- \$40.00	Parking- \$105.00
Donation- \$15,100.00	School Rent- \$4757.60

Total- \$28,740.86 **Unrestricted-** \$28,668.86 **Restricted-** \$72.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 IMO John McNamara; \$500 IMO Duddie Massad; \$40 IMO Robert Lovely; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$175 IMO Robert Larocque; \$20 IMO Barbara Moriarty; \$325 IMO James Duffy

Expenses- \$25,550.02

Altar Supplies (59.54) Schola (129.24) Administration (6595.29) Rectory Phones/Cable/Internet (594.29) State Payroll Taxes (984.68) House Repairs and Maintenance (2010.61) Federal Payroll Taxes - 4 weeks (4614.95) Advertising (65.00) Ascension Plumbing Repair (262.60) Church Plowing Contract (1666.66) Ascension Plowing Contract (416.66) Lithuanoin Donation (530.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) January Diocesan Budget Bill (7593.00)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$4646.92
Expenses- \$3353.22

Our Parish Community...

... Welcomes Cameron Patrick Conrad and Mason Conrad LaBreck who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Paul points out that if division in the body is to be avoided, greater attention must be given to the lesser parts, so that they will not be harmed or feel excluded. If they were badly treated they would be destroyed, and their destruction would be the ruin of the body.”

–St. John Chrysostom