

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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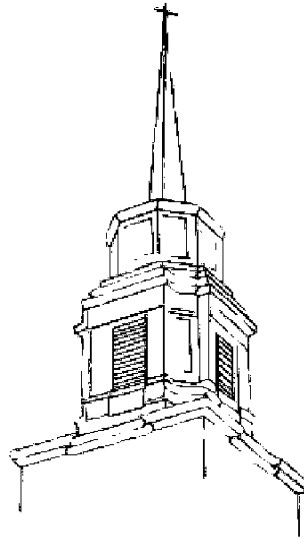
Donna Mastrovito
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**Director, After-School Program
and Ascension Clothing Center**

Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
Lucia Clemente Falco, Asst. Dir.



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

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

#1132 in Worship Hymnal

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
stjohnsworc@gmail.com

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

**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, March 2, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Maureen Taylor (Month's Mind)**, req. by the Tatro Family

7:15 PM **Kay Yarmey and Shirley Nagelschmidt**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 3, 2019

8:00 AM **Betty Gleason**, req. by Family; **Matthew Covello** req. by Family

10:15 AM **Dorothy Fresolo (15th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Christopher Bosowski and Patricia Benoit**, req. by Family;

Duddie Massad, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Gail Gully**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends

Monday, March 4, 2018

9:15 AM **Lorraine Rocheleau**, req. by Lorraine, Sarah and Wayne

12:15 PM **Deceased Members of the Marotta Family**

6:15 PM **Best Friends Adele Dailida and Ann Stanavich**, req. by the Dailida Family

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

9:15 AM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

12:15 PM **Deceased Members of the Madonna Family**

6:15 PM **Cristina Olivo and Jose Canizares**, req. by Family

Wednesday, March 6, 2019– Ash Wednesday

9:15 AM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

12:15 PM **Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family; **Kevin F. Carroll (21st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Thursday, March 7, 2019

9:15 AM **Jack Kelley**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Ann and Thomas Cummings**, req. by Family

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

Friday, March 8, 2019

9:15 AM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Kathleen and Cornelius Flynn**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Janina Tawczynski**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

Saturday, March 9, 2019

4:15 PM **John and Mary Welsh**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joseph Genduso, III**, req. by Frank Carroll

Sunday, March 10, 2019

8:00 AM **Julia Donahue**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Stanley and Stella Kulunas**, req. by Granddaughters

7:15 PM **Lottie Schafer**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

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

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For over 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a sign of the solidarity of the Church in the United States with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. The distance in rural areas and deteriorated roads make it difficult for some communities to have Mass regularly. Language barriers and lack of resources make catechetical materials difficult to produce. We are called to share our faith with all, and this collection is a prophetic and bold way to do so.

Last year, when Pope Francis opened registrations for World Youth Day in Panama, he said, "WYD is for the courageous! Not for young people who are searching only for comfort and who withdraw whenever difficulties arise. Do you accept the challenge?" (Message for the Thirty-Third World Youth Day, February 11, 2018). Pope Francis echoed Jesus' call for young people to encounter one another and to experience the beauty of the Church. We have a responsibility to support them as they grow in faith.

You have helped young people accept the challenge to grow in faith by your ongoing support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America. You have given them the opportunity to grow as leaders and to develop missionary hearts.

The Collection for the Church in Latin America empowers the faithful of Latin America and the Caribbean to deepen their faith and share it with each other and the world. A significant portion of this collection is also used to assist in the ongoing efforts of our own Diocesan Hispanic Ministry, which serves the large number of Hispanic and Latino Catholics who are now in the Diocese of Worcester. It is gratifying to see the life of faith flourishing in these parish communities as their faith life enriches us all.

I encourage you to respond to the theme to "Share your Faith" by supporting the special Collection for the Church in Latin America when your parish takes up the collection. Please be assured of my appreciation for your generous response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Factus est Dominus*, Ps. 18 (17): 19, 20

Opening: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Ps. 92, "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 751 Deliver Us, O Lord of Truth

Eucharistic Accs: # 535, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Cantabo Domine*, Ps. 13 (12): 6

950 I Am the Bread of Life

Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

March 5– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

March 6– Social Activities Committee, 7 PM in the rectory.

March 15– Centering Prayer Group, 7 PM in the rectory.

March 25– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection is "Catholics in America" by Russell Shaw.

THE 96th ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

will begin Monday, March 4 and run through Tuesday, March 12. Weekday Masses will be at 9:15 AM, 12:15 and 6:15 PM. Weekend Mass times will be the same. A benediction with Novena prayers will be held at 2:15 PM on Saturday, March 9. The list of preachers is as follows:

- Monday, March 4
9:15 AM– Fr Charles Armey
12:15 PM– Bishop McManus
6:15 PM Bro. Thomas Fahey, CFX
- Tuesday, March 5– Fr. Fred Fraini
- Wednesday, March 6– Fr. Paul Harman, SJ
- Thursday, March 7– Fr. Jonathan Slavinskis
- Friday, March 8– Msgr. Frank Scollen
- Saturday, March 9– Fr. Peter Folan, S.J.
- Sunday, March 10– 8 and 10:15 AM– Msgr. Jim Mazzone, 12:15 PM– Fr. Armey, 7:15 PM– Fr. Conrad Pecevich
- Monday, March 11– Msgr. James Moroney
- Tuesday, March 12– Fr. Juan Sebastian Sanchez

ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL is underway. The theme for this year's appeal is "Generate Joy". The goal for this year is \$76,600. To date we have collected \$305.00. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist– This Sunday, March 3, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

Grades 1-6– This Sunday, March 3, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9– This Sunday, March 3, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)– This Sunday, March 3, 11:15 AM -12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

CYC BASKETBALL will play a playoff game Saturday night at 6:20 PM at St. Bernard's. If they win they will play Sunday 1 and if they win again at 4:40 for the championship.

FOOD FOR THE POOR FUNDRAISER– For the next three weekends a representative from BJ's (and a St. John's parishioner) will be offering new and renewed memberships at a discounted rate. For every membership BJ's will donate \$5 to our Food for the Poor Program.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 9:30-11 am, in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. If you need a prayer shawl for someone who needs comfort, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2018

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14th year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (March 10) through Trinity Sunday (June 16).

DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:

Brown Bag It– paper bags will be available in the church with a list of the food items most needed in our food pantry. You are invited to take a bag and when filled return it to the statue of St. Therese.

Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls will also be available. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bottle and/or bowl. The bottles support the great pro-life work of Visitation House here in Worcester. The bowls support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass, except on the Friday of the Novena, March 8th.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, March 26 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.

JOIN THE ST. JOHN'S ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION COMMUNITY- For the first time ever, St. John's is offering an online faith formation community for adults in the parish. The goal of this group is to offer online spiritual formation studies that come in the form of an email or text message. Parishioners in the group can participate in the studies and share their thoughts and questions with the group as a whole. This Lent we will kick off our first study using Bishop Barron's popular "Seven Deadly Sins" series. You can join the Adult Faith Formation group by texting the word "Madden" to 84576 on your cell phone or visiting <https://stjohnsworcester.flocknote.com/everyone>

TALENT SHOW- The Social Activities Committee will sponsor a talent show on Saturday, March 16th after the 4:15 Mass in the St. Francis Xavier Center. The cost for show and dinner (sandwiches, chips, pickles, soda, coffee, water and dessert) will be \$5.00 per person. If you perform in the show, there will be no cost to you. The Committee is looking for talented individuals to put on a show. There will be prizes awarded. Please sign the sheets on the back table of the church if you plan to perform or just attend.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

BACH-A-THON- The Worcester Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will present Bach-A-Thon on Saturday, March 23 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Worcester benefiting St. John's Food for the Poor and Abby House. The day begins at 9 AM and ends at 8 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$12,792.77. We have also received:

Monthly- \$30.00	Restoration- \$104.00
Candles- \$319.00	Stipends- \$420.00
Partners in Charity- \$105.00	School Rent- \$4757.60
Free Press- \$196.00	

Total- \$18,724.37 Unrestricted- \$18,515.37 Restricted- \$209.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$125 IMO James Hurley; \$100 IMO Early Joslyn; \$25 IMO Michael Casello; \$50 IMO Ronald Hess; \$1000 from Le Chang Charity Foundation; \$100 IHO Sophie Zaremba's Baptism; \$25 IMO Michael Casello

Expenses- \$21,136.21
Federal Payroll Taxes 4 Weeks (4111.62) State Payroll Taxes (1196.62) Schola (778.64) Administration (3716.34) Funerals (305.60) Rectory Cable/Phones/Internet (653.99) Ascension Phone and Internet (143.21) Clergy benefit Plan (1007.00) Church Gas (1194.62) Rectory Gas (1743.53) Ascension Gas (2089.07) Stipends (1300.00) Envelopes (786.17) Advertising (200.00) Ascension Sidewalk Plow (825.00) House (40.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Partners in Charity (105.00) Preserve the Flame (778.00) Maintenance Supplies (134.30)

Food for the Poor:
Expenses- \$2724.98

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering

Word of Life

“Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness.” –Saint Teresa of Calcutta