

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

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Coordinators of Religious Education

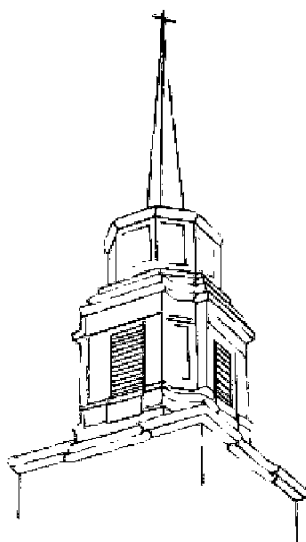
Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

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

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Lk 13:1-9

#1141 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 23, 2019

4:15 PM **Roger Hessel (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Frank Carroll; **Christa Ernst**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen

7:15 PM **Judith Ann Daley (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, March 24, 2019

8:00 AM **The Maclaren Family**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **Joseph Gallati (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joseph and Madeline Nozzolillo**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Philip Delongchamp**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott and Gwen Gow**, req. by Family

Monday, March 25, 2018

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

6:15 PM **Henry S. Kozlowski (26th Anniv.)**, req. by Children; **Andrew Marble and Mike Urban**, req. by Family

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions for Carlene**

Thursday, March 28, 2019

6:15 PM **Michael Brennan**, req. by Family

Friday, March 29, 2019

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

Saturday, March 30, 2019

4:15 PM **Mildred and John Ahern**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, March 31, 2019

8:00 AM **Willis Gould**, req. by Green Island Residents Group, Inc.

10:15 AM **Rudolph Gaudette and Chad Rossi**, req. by Family; **Juozas and Janina Miliauskas**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Genevieve and William Pugliese, Bill Pugliese, Jr.**, req. by Family; **Alexis Lenti (9th Anniv.)**, req. by Frank Lenti and Family

7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

It's hard to believe that this is my sixth year as Religious Education Coordinator. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve the youth and families of our great parish. I do not recall one single day where I dreaded the thought of going to work. I am constantly reminded of God's love and mercy working in all our lives.

I grew up at Our Lady of Czestochowa, and attended the parish school, St. Mary's, from K-12. We were taught by the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, a great Polish religious order. Say what you will about being taught by nuns, but I have many, many fond memories. We were active participants in our faith, not just spectators. There were sodalities, May Processions, Mass, rosaries, service projects, and even prayers and hymns in Polish! It really cemented my love for the Catholic faith, and I try to do the same with the children of St. John's.

Evangelism can be a scary word for Catholics. Often we think of someone standing on a street corner with signs and a microphone inviting everyone to get "saved." We think of door to door missionaries who pass out books and magazines which point out "the truth" about the Gospel and salvation. We remember being threatened with Hell if we do not do specific prayers or tasks required to get us into the Pearly Gates. For me? The best way to evangelize is to simply practice my faith to the best of my ability. I should not have to tell anyone how much I love Jesus. People should see Him in everything I do, and want to be with Him based on my actions, not my words.

Sunday, April 7th at 10:15 AM is our annual Sending Mass for our Confirmation Students. It is an opportunity for us as a parish to send them off with our blessing to be Confirmed by Bishop McManus on April 28th. A reception will follow the April 7th Mass at the Xavier Center. All are welcome. If anyone is able to volunteer to set up, serve, and clean up with us, please contact me.

I ask you for prayers for this year's class, and their teacher, Dan Shaughnessy: Alyssa, Amelia, Andre, Aoife, Ashley, Cedrick, Dante, Dimitri, Dominic, Eleanora, Elizabeth, Hannah, Joshua, Isaiah, Isis, Kayla, Matthew, Matthew, Matthew, Patric, Riley, Ryan, Sara, Sarah, Seamus. May the Holy Spirit flood them with His gifts and grace.

Your Sister in Christ,

Dianne H. Gustowski
Religious Education Coordinator

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Oculi mei, Ps. 25 (24): 15, 16

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. 103, "The Lord is kind and merciful."

Gospel Acc.: # 208 B, "Praise and Honor to you, O Lord
Jesus Christ"

Prep.: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, Amen, 311

Comm.: Passer invenit, Ps. 84 (83): 4, 5

923 I Receive the Living God

Closing: # 645 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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

March 26– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

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 \$54,514.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Our own Sean Redrow is scheduled to play at 3 PM. Sean is also scheduled to play a recital at Trinity Lutheran Church on March 31st at 2 PM. All are welcome to attend.

2019 WALK FOR THE HOMELESS– Join Team St. John's Food for the Poor at the "Kick Off" Party at Coney Island on Wednesday, April 10 from 5-7 PM. The walk will be held on Sunday, May 19 at Elm Park, Worcester. For more information please contact Linda Murphy at 508-987-8304 or Connie Bartelson at 774-262-2512.

DINNER SHOW– The Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler, who is back by popular demand on Saturday, May 11 following the 4:15 PM Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner includes roasted chicken, salad, soup, pasta, potato, vegetable, rolls and butter, coffee and dessert. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. Tickets are \$30.00 Per Person and will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8:00 and 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses. Any questions, please call Judy 508-478-9813.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist– This Sunday, March 24, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

Grades 1-6– This Sunday, March 24, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9– This Sunday, March 24, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

Confirmation (grade 10)– This Sunday, March 24, 11:15 AM-12:15 PM in the Xavier Center.

UNPLANNED– Emmanuel Catholic Radio invites you to a PRIVATE PRE-SCREENING of the new movie, "UNPLANNED" – the story of Planned Parenthood clinic director-turned-pro-life leader Abby Johnson. Showcase Cinemas North Worcester, 6-9 PM, Thursday, March 28. Tickets price: \$20. Space is limited, so reserve your seats today: Call 508-767-1230; Online: 1230radio.com/Donate; or by Mail: Emmanuel Radio, PO Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Bring a group from your Church!

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.

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.

THE LITHUANIAN SCOUTS will be celebrating their annual Spring Festival (Kaziuko Muge) at Maironis Park 52 South Quinsigamond Ave in Shrewsbury on Sunday, March 31, starting at Noon. A Lithuanian dinner with kugali and a chicken dinner will be available and served from 12:30 p.m. There will be vendors present plus the author, Ursula Wong, who wrote about the Lithuanian resistance. The youngsters from the Lithuanian School will provide entertainment. Everyone is invited for an afternoon of fun.

EASTER BRUNCH AT COMPASS TAVERN

This coming Easter Sunday, April 21, our friends at the Compass Tavern are open for brunch with proceeds going to the St. John's Food for the Poor Center. Seating times for brunch are 10 AM, 12 and 2 PM. Brunch includes meat carving station, omelet station, Waffle and French toast station, hot and cold items and more. Cost is \$20.99 for adults, \$10.00 children 12 and under, kids under 6 are free. \$1.00 from each brunch goes to St. John's Food for the Poor.

LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION FOR

WOMEN- The Guild of Our Lady of Providence is hosting a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, April 6 at 9 AM and ending around Noon. "Gather the Dreamers" will be presented by Sister Therese Martin, CSJ at Blessed Sacrament Parish - Phelan Center. Requested donation is \$10 with checks made payable to Guild of Our Lady of Providence. Registration should be mailed no later than March 28 to Sara Howard, 100 Prospect St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$14,327.88 We have also received:

Monthly- \$82.00	Restoration- \$107.00
Candles- \$449.00	Stipends- \$645.00
School Rent- \$4757.60	Free Press- \$39.00

Total- \$20,407.48 **Unrestricted-** \$20,300.48 **Restricted-** \$107.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$800 from Vietnam Vets for the Community; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$205 IMO Joann Brosnan; \$385 IMO Kenneth Sullivan, Sr.; \$50 IMO John Ross; \$1000 from the Spillane Charitable Foundation; \$25 from a friend; \$300 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 Imo James Hurley, Jr.; \$50 IMO Earl Johnson; \$100 IMO Donna Mulcahy

Expenses- \$25,255.20

Schola (921.00) Funerals (276.40) Administration (6288.28) House (227.48) State Payroll Taxes (959.74) Federal Payroll Taxes (4242.32) Ascension Plowing (250.00) Church Sanding (275.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Church Electric (1856.74) Rectory Electric (1169.04) Diocesan Budget Bill (7732.00) Latin America (410.00) Church Alarm (117.20)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$7151.56
Expenses- \$3965.63

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Donna Mulcahy who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. May the Host of God guard us against the snares of evil and the temptations of the world. May Christ be with us. Christ before us, Christ in us, Christ over us. May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore."

-St. Patrick