

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

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Coordinators of Religious Education

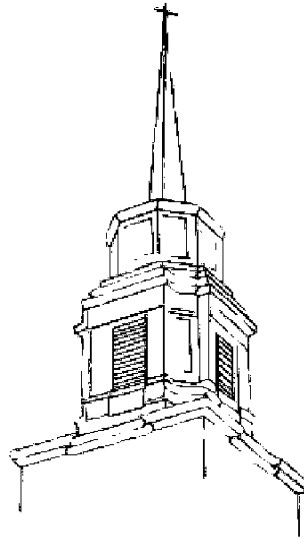
Donna Mastrovito
Dianne Gustowski

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

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

Worship Hymnal #1053

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 visit the parish website
under the "Sacraments" tab

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, April 20, 2019– Holy Saturday
7:30 PM **For the People of St. John's**

Sunday, April 21, 2019– Easter Sunday
8:00 AM **For the People of St. John's**
10:15 AM **For the People of St. John's**
12:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**
7:15 PM **For the People of St. John's**

Monday, April 22, 2018
6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
6:15 PM **Felicidad Oviedo and Eladio Murillo**,
req. by Family; **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Wednesday, April 24, 2019
6:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

Thursday, April 25, 2019
6:15 PM **Judy Boyle Anders (14th Anniv.)**, req. by
Family; **Health and Intentions of Fr. John
Nicholson**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and
Family

Friday, April 26, 2019
6:15 PM **Health and Intentions for Carlene**

Saturday, April 27, 2019
4:15 PM **Daniel (3rd Anniv.) and Mary
O'Connor**, req. by Family; **Joseph Fresolo**, req. by
Family
7:15 PM **Pauline Garbis**, req. by Son

Sunday, April 28, 2019
8:00 AM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Carol
Santa Maria (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **In Honor of the AOH/LAOH Div #36**
12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife
Helen and Family; **Paul Campbell (1st Anniv.)**, req.
by Family; **Leslie John Dudley (5th Anniv.)**, req.
by Family
7:15 PM **Walter Grzesik**, req. by Friends; **Frank
and Mary Paladino and Deceased Members of the
Lopardo and Paladino Families**

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

Easter 2019

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"He is not here; He has been raised!" The angel's
Easter greeting echoes down through the centuries to
bring hope, joy and courage to us all.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is
the single most significant event in the history of the
world. It carries momentous meaning for each of our
lives. For every widow who has wept at a grave, for eve-
ry parent who has mourned a child and for all who
grieve, their tears, mourning and grief will end. For all
who have suffered injustice, betrayal or abandonment,
Christ's triumph over sin, death and evil is cause for
hope, inspiration to persevere, and reason to go
on. Christ's Resurrection was not just for His own glo-
ry. It was for all of His followers that they might share in
His glory not for a day or a season, but forever.

What we celebrate today is the reason we can al-
ways live for tomorrow. Whether we are 8, 18 or 88, it is
literally true that our best days are ahead. This life, with
all its great joys, beauty and wonder, is not always easy,
happy or fair. It is a fallen world but Our Savior has ris-
en. Hope grows in our hearts, confidence builds in our
souls and joy lifts our spirits. The Easter sequence says,
"Death and life have contended in that combat stupen-
dous." At times, like Good Friday, it seems that death
and evil might prevail. But Easter shows that they do
not. In time – God's time – good will definitively tri-
umph over evil, Redemption will wipe out sin, and life
will conquer death for all who believe in and follow Je-
sus Christ. May Easter be the optic through which we
view the whole of life.

Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. May the joy
of Christ's triumph resonate in your heart and may the
realization of that victory guide you and your loved ones
as you journey through this life on the way to Eternal
Life.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I re-
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Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: Resurrexi, Ps. 139 (138): 18, 5, 6

Opening Hymn: # 516 Jesus Christ his Risen Today
Ps. 118, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad"

Sequence: # 1080 Christians, praise the Paschal Victim/Victimae Paschali

Gospel Acc.: # 208 Alleluia

Prep.: # 495 Now the Green Blade Rises

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

Comm.: Pascha Nostrum, 1 Cor. 5: 7, 8

511 The Strife is O'er

Closing: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 23– Bible Study, 7 PM in the rectory.

May 20– Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for May is "American Priest: The Ambitious Life and Conflicted Legacy of Notre Dame's Fr. Ted Hesburgh" by Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C.

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 \$63,434.00. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW BAPTISM PROTOCOL– All of our Baptismal prep is now done online through our website. Anyone interested in having their child baptized should visit the parish website and click on the "sacraments" tab and follow the link to the baptismal request documents. Once the documents are filled out you will be given a date for your baptismal meeting and in that meeting you can schedule your baptism. Please email stjohnsbaptismalclass@gmail.com with any questions regarding this process.

2019 WALK FOR THE HOMELESS 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.

THE BE LIKE BRIT FOUNDATION has 2 fabulous events coming up and they would love for you to join them! All proceeds help to support the 66 kids at Brit's Home in Haiti. Bowling for Brit is Friday, May 3rd at the AMF Auburn Lanes and their Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 3rd at Cyprian Keyes in Boylston. To register or for more information, please go to Be-LikeBrit.org/events

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Reconciliation/First Eucharist– Sunday, April 28, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

Grades 1-6– Sunday, April 28, 9-10 AM in the Church Hall.

Grades 7-9– Sunday, April 28, 11:15AM -12:15 PM in the church hall.

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

will be held at St. John's in the main church on Monday, April 22 at 7 PM for BOTH candidates and sponsors. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday, April 28 a 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul

FIRST COMMUNION will be celebrated at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, May 5. Congratulations to all of our students who will be taking the Eucharist for the first time! All are welcome to celebrate with us.

THANK YOU parents and students for a wonderful year of Religious Ed! Please stay tuned for registration for our annual CATHOLIC CAMP, June 26-30. Our theme is *Tracking Mary*, and is open to grades 1-8. As always, there is no fee to attend.

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.

MADONNA DELLA STRADA AWARDS– IVC New England will be honoring our very own Frank Carroll along with Joe Vallely and Kitty Ryan (Boston), and Sister Angela Daniels (Providence) for lives that reflect the Ignatian values of direct service to the poor, and of working and educating for a more just society. Please join the Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England for its Madonna Della Strada Award Ceremony at Boston College High School on Sunday, April 28 from 4 to 7:30 PM. The evening begins with Mass at 4:00 pm followed by Buffet Dinner and Awards Celebration. Cost is \$100 per person. For more information, contact newengland@ivcusa.org. Proceeds from the evening benefit the work of IVC New England.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this Tuesday, April 23 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 DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA are hosting their Annual Spring Fling Ham & Bean Dinner on Friday, May 3, at 6:00 PM at the Holy Family Parish. Cost is \$10 for Adults and children (under 12) are \$5.00. Menu includes Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Coleslaw, Salad,, Rolls & Butter, Desserts, Coffee & Tea. There will be door prizes, themed baskets, and a grand prize. For tickets and reservations, please call Terry Turgeon 508 757-6209 by April 21.

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER NIGHT AT THE BRAVEHEARTS- All schools, parishes and agencies of the Diocese of Worcester are invited to join in an evening of summertime fun at the ballpark on Friday, June 14 at 7 PM as Dr. David Perda throws out the first pitch as the Worcester Bravehearts take on the Brockton Rox at Hanover Insurance Park at Fitton Field. Post-game fireworks show will complete the evenings of fun. Our group will get free Braveheart hats! Tickets are available by visiting the website at worcesterbraveheartsgroups.com (use password: diocese) or by contacting Sue Saucier at ssaucier@worcesterdiocese.org with questions.

DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NOTRE DAME IN PARIS- Individuals interested in making a donation to help rebuild Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris can do so by clicking on the Notre Dame banner at www.worcesterdiocese.org. The Basilica in Washington DC is coordinating the collection on behalf of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,225.66. We have also received:

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| Monthly- \$2359.00 | Restoration- \$129.00 |
| Candles- \$249.00 | Parking- \$70.00 |
| Stipends- \$790.00 | Summer Program- \$5,000.00 |
| Partners in Charity- \$755.00 | CRS- \$488.00 |
| Easter Flowers- \$509.00 | School Rent- \$4757.60 |
| Free Press- \$39.00 | |

Total- \$26,371.26 **Unrestricted-** \$19,999.26 **Restricted-** \$6372.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$2200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$300 IMO Dick Turcotte; \$100 IMO Ruth Schelin; \$2500 from TD Bank Charitable Foundation; \$150 IMO Joe and Irene Capuano; \$500 IHO Jim Roseel; \$100 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 Imo Steven Egan; \$50 IMO Jim Hurley; \$450 IHO Jordan and Debra O'Connor; \$100 IMO Lolita Catalan; \$25 IMO Sharon Mrugala; \$25 IMO Jean Moynihan; \$25 IMO Dot Laverty; \$825 IMO Mary O'Connor

Expenses- \$23,609.69
Schola (989.44) Admin (6188.19) After School (145.35) Altar (1123.90) CCD (284.12) Church Water/Sewer (711.44) Rectory Water/Sewer (1153.68) Ascension Water/Sewer (310.80) Envelopes (701.28) Maintenance (226.95) Maintenance Contract (600.00) Church Electric (1447.18) Rectory Electric (870.19) Diocesan Budget Bill (7732.00) Catholic Relief Services (488.00) Priests Retreat (395.00) Advertising (125.00) Church Alarm (117.17)

Food for the Poor:
Expenses- \$3013.66

This weekend's second collection is for the Easter Sunday Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Robert Reilly, Shirley Ward and Deacon Bruce Vidito who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Hallelujah, He is risen, Hallelujah!”