

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

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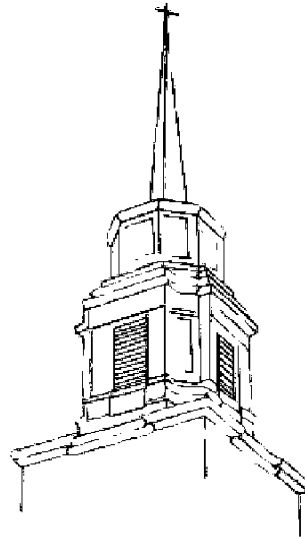
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

Sean Redrow, Director
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 5:12-16

Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-31

Worship Hymnal #1081

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 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**

Monday, April 29, 2019

6:15 PM **John J. Healy (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, April 30, 2019

6:15 PM **Alejandro Lorente**, req. by Family; **Barbara White**, req. by Rosemary Foley

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 2, 2019

6:15 PM **Raymond W. Habib**, req. by Family; **Mary Beth Benison**, req. by Family

Friday, May 3, 2019

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

Saturday, May 4, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Anna Krusas**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Rose and James Riccardi**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 5, 2019

8:00 AM **Robert Jackson**, req. by Donna Hamalainen and Phil Jackson; **Kathleen McGinn**, req. by Lorraine Laurie
10:15 AM **Robert and Helen Moylan**, req. by Family; **Bill Leseman**, req. by Wife Anna
12:15 PM **Paul O'Leary (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Margaret and Michael Hallinan**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

As no doubt many of you have already heard, Deacon Mike Chase passed away on Wednesday of this week. Shocking and sad news for all of us, especially his wife, Molly, his three sons, three grandchildren and three brothers. Our hearts and prayers go out to all of them and to his family at Christ the King parish where he served for several years; to his diocesan family, as well.

Deacon Mike would have celebrated 40 years of marriage and 10 years in the Diaconate this year. Though, he was with us only a few weeks, we will miss him, as well. After serving, happily, at Christ the King, Deacon Mike was looking for a change in ministry. His friendship with Deacon Paul Dacri and his experience of St. John's at Paul's wake and funeral brought him to us. He came with enthusiasm and served us with devotion. Deacon Mike was very happy to be here and I/we were thrilled to have him on the team. It is fitting that we offer prayers for and extend sympathy to one another, as well.

There is something special and significant about dying during Easter Week. We experienced this last year with Fr. Jim and now, again, with Deacon Mike. As St. Paul reminds us: *If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.* Particularly in the Easter Season we celebrate that we have nothing to fear for death no longer has power. Which is not to say that Deacon Mike's death doesn't hurt. The grief is real and must be attended to. This is our prayer, of course. We pray that Molly and the boys; the grandchildren and brothers are given the grace to endure their grief. We pray that all of us will—again—be given the grace to grieve. In order that this process will lead us, lift us, to a new life in Christ.

In today's Gospel passage, as on every Second Sunday of Easter, the Risen Christ offers "Shalom" to those gathered together afraid, in the locked room. The Risen Christ offers—to us, as well—peace, harmony, wholeness and tranquility.

Shalom,

Fr. John Madden

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Quasi modo geniti*, 1 Pet. 2: 2

Op.: # 514 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright
Ps. 118, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his
love is everlasting."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
Comm.: *Mitte manum tuam, et cognosce*, Jn 20: 27
507 O Sons and Daughters
Cl.: # 510 Christ is Alive

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

April 30– 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 \$65,179.00. 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 stjohnsbaptismal-class@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– This Sunday, April 28, 9-10 AM in the Xavier Center.

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

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

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.

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.

GROWTH OF GREEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING will be held on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm at the Green Island Neighborhood Center located at 50 Canton Street in Crompton Park. For more information, please contact Lorraine Laurie at 508-757-8741 or at lorrainelaurie@yahoo.com.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday May 8 in the lower chapel at 9:30-11:00 AM. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. If anyone needs a shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

IRISH TENOR EMMET CAHILL will be live in concert on Thursday, May 30 from 7:30-9 PM at Assumption College Curtis Performance Hall. Emmet is the lead singer of Celtic Thunder and will perform songs from his #1 album "Emmet Cahill's Ireland" along with Irish Classics, Broadway standards, nostalgic favorites and beloved church hymns. Tickets for the concert are \$35 or \$50 with a meet and greet (includes show) or \$100 with a pre-reception that includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and the show. Please visit emmetcahilltours.ticketleap.com/. For more information please contact Bob Spellane at 508-259-7946 or bobspellane@gmail.com. This is a benefit concert that will help the Mercy Center. All are welcome.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, May 28 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.

FR. JIM HOEY GOLF TOURNAMENT— On May 30, St. Mary's Schools will be sponsoring the first Annual Fr. Jim Hoey Memorial Golf Tournament at Kettle Brook Golf Course in Paxton. The tournament kicks off at 12 Noon and concludes with a 6 PM Italian buffet dinner. All proceeds will go towards St. Mary's Athletics. Cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per foursome. Tee sponsors are available for \$100 as well as donations for a raffle and auction. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. Registration deadline is May 15. Please email Athletic Director Robert McAnulty with any questions at rmcanulty@stmaryshigh.org. If you are interested please see the back table after Mass for a registration form that includes all the information regarding the tournament.

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, Cole-slaw, 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.

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 \$11,757.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$600.00	Candles- \$252.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends- \$875.00
Good Friday- \$591.00	Partners in Charity- \$1745.00
Easter- \$6114.00	Flowers- \$74.00
Rice Bowl- \$71.00	

Total- \$22,149.16 Unrestricted- \$19,742.16 Restrict-ed-\$2407.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$200 IMO Mary O'Connor; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 IMO Jonathan Favreau; \$100 MO John and Ruth Kucharski, Josephine Skowronski and Febronia Orzechowicz; \$100 from a friend; \$75 IMO Dorothy Laverty

Expenses— \$13,959.19

Schola (2529.48) Altar (1526.92) Administration (5364.11) Rectory Phone, Cable, Internet (767.08) Church and Church Hall Permits (600.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Funerals (305.60) Partners in Charity (1745.00) Good Friday (591.00)

Food for the Poor:
Income- \$14,795.00
Expenses- \$1834.48

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Deacon Michael Chase, Shirley Ward, Denise Pappas and John Havlicek who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”

—St. Augustine