

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

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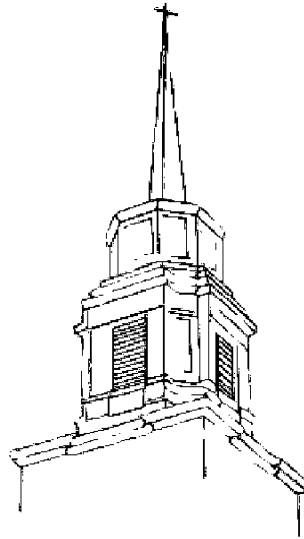
Donna Mastrovito
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Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center

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

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rv 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19

Worship Hymnal #1084

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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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, 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

Monday, May 6, 2019

6:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott and Gwen Gow**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 8, 2019

6:15 PM **Margarito LaCastesantos and Florencia Fuentes**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 9, 2019

6:15 PM **Justin Joseph Horton**, req. by Family

Friday, May 10, 2019

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by a friend

Saturday, May 11, 2019

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Jan and Michalina Pieniasek, Julia Kasparian, Leo and Helen Matys, Health and Intentions of Elaine Kasparian, Lee and Dolores Matys and Family, Barbara and Joseph K.**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 12, 2019

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Alfred Pasquarella (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Stasia Vaitkunas**, req. by Daughter; **Dan Martel**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family; **Nora and Frank Foley, Maureen Donahue**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Catherine McGurl, Katharina and Walter Perduta**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This is First Eucharist Sunday at St. John's. Both one of the most important and most joyous days of the year! Each year we move from Easter Sunday to Confirmation Sunday to First Communion Sunday. It's a tremendous time of the year.

I know that while I was recovering from surgery, Dianne Gustowski listed our Confirmation candidates in this space. I want to add my sincere congratulations to all of them, to their families and sponsors. And, on behalf of all of them and the parish community, I want to extend a special word of thanks to their teacher, Dan Shaughnessy. He did a top-notch job in preparing the candidates for the Sacrament. I know the students appreciated him. In turn, Dan appreciated being with them, as well. A win-win relationship!

This is always a reality with the First Eucharist program, as well. Along with the students, parents and families, I want to thank Donna Mastrovito and her team, Sue Baisul, Carole Cronin, Sisters Carol, Janet and Mary for all their efforts in preparing the students for this Sacrament Most Holy. Congratulations to the thirty-two young people who today will receive the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. They are:

Sophia Angevine, Bria Caldwell, Alexander Campbell

Ethan Campbell, Stella Comforti, Lynnea Dacanay

Ryan Dumphy, Finola Dwyer, Braelynn Everson

Keegan Fisher, Gemma Gagne, Corinne Harrington

Lucy Kempton, Madeline King, Zoe Lonergan

Olivia Lubelczyk, Sofia Mustica, Stella Mustica

Julia Nordahl, Julia Nuzzolilo, Juliet Nuzzolilo

Olivia Perez, Darci Potenti, Benjamin Ramey

Cora Raskett, Michael Richardson, Richard Rivera

Alexia Rondeau, Ava Rondeau, Madysen Smith

William Sturrock, Anthony Valdivieso.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John Madden

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Jubilate Deo, omnis terra*, Ps. 66 (65): 1, 2
Op.: # 566 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Ps. 30, "I will Praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Prep: # 527 I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
(Sunday 7:15 # 371, 372, 373, 311)
Comm.: *Simon Joannis*, Jn 21: 17
#939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Cl.: # 515 This is the Feast of Victory

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet for the summer months. Meetings will resume in September. Have a great summer!

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 \$69,179.00, less than \$7,500 away from our goal! Donations can be mailed to the Diocese or the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

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 a fabulous event 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. The annual Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 3rd at Cyprian Keyes in Boylston. To register or for more information, please go to BeLikeBrit.org/events

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 COMMUNION will be celebrated at the 10:15 AM Mass this 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.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting this Wednesday, May 8 in the lower chapel from 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.

THE CLOTHING CENTER at the Ascension campus is looking for donations of household items such as sheets, pillows, blankets, dishes, towels, etc. All donations can be dropped off to Sr. Pat on Tuesday and Thursdays from 10 AM to 12 PM or by bringing any items to the rectory Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards this mission.

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 bob-spellane@gmail.com. This is a benefit concert that will help the Mercy Center. All are welcome.

THE DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA, ST. KATHERINE DREXEL CIRCLE #1398, is looking for new members and invites all practicing Catholic women age 16 and older to attend our open meeting on May 8 at St. Georges Church on 40 Brattle Street, Worcester in the parish hall. Come and find out all about our organization and the good works the Daughters do for the Worcester Diocese. Chris Toloczko will be bringing the statue of Our Lady of America and telling everyone all about this Lady. Please plan on attending this informative meeting plus talking to our present members. A potluck supper will be provided for all attendees.

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 AD Robert McAnulty at rmcanulty@stmaryshigh.org with any questions. If you are interested please see the back table after Mass for a registration form that includes all the information regarding the tournament.

SAINT JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL will be hosting a High School Preview Day on Wednesday, May 22 at 3:00 PM. To register, go to stjohnshigh.org. or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266, for more information.

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.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,482.82. We have also received:

Monthly- \$60.00	Restoration- \$144.00
Candles- \$331.00	Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$495.00	Easter- \$385.00
Rice Bowl- \$25.00	Free Press- \$39.00

Total- \$12,996.82 **Unrestricted-** \$12,827.82 **Restricted-** \$169.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 IMO Mary Curtin; \$100 IMO Paul Campbell; \$300 from Foxwoods Trip; \$60 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$50 IMO Mary Donahue; \$50 IMO Mary O'Connor; \$20 IMO Deacon Mike Chase; \$100 IMO Bernice Rutkowski

Expenses— \$18,665.00

Schola (778.64) Elevator Repair (750.00) Altar (2395.00) Administration (2074.45) Maintenance (120.20) Ascension Phone (142.95) Church Gas (708.99) Rectory Gas (941.05) Ascension Gas (940.01) Stipends (1300.00) Legal Expenses (1310.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (5085.17) Funerals (152.80) House (40.00) CCD (150.00) Postage (1020.99) CRS (96.00) Preserve the Flame (624.00) Rectory Alarm (34.75)

Food for the Poor: Expenses- \$3036.49

YEAR TO DATE-In April we had an operating cash gain of \$6,807.49. This puts our gain for FY 18/19 at \$10,475.85. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

This weekend's Second Collection is for the Monthly Special Needs.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Joseph Hamilton, Gino Marchetti, John Singleton, Michael True and Peter Mayhew who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Dear brothers and sisters, each day the Lord calls us to follow him with courage and fidelity; he has made us the great gift of choosing us as his disciples; he invites us to proclaim him with joy as the Risen one, but he asks us to do so by word and by the witness of our lives, in daily life. The Lord is the only God of our lives, and he invites us to strip ourselves of our many idols and to worship him alone. To proclaim, to witness, to adore.” --Pope Francis