

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

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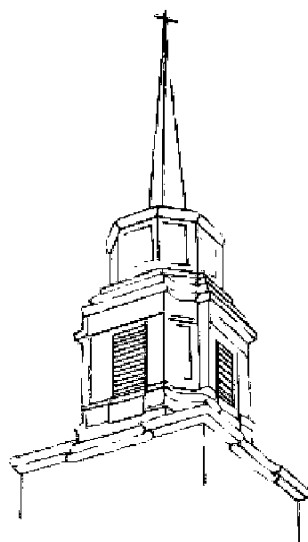
Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

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 13:14, 43-52

Rv 7:9, 14b-17

Jn 10:27-30

Worship Hymnal #1087

### **Rectory Office Hours:**

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager  
[stjohnsworc@gmail.com](mailto: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, May 11, 2019

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by Family; **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek, 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

Monday, May 13, 2019

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

6:15 PM **Victor Rivera and John Tomlinson**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Carlene**, req. by Family; **Miguel Gilardez**, req. by Family

Thursday, May 16, 2019

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

Friday, May 17, 2019

6:15 PM **Richard Galkowski**, req. by Family

Saturday, May 18, 2019

4:15 PM **Maggie Sohigian**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, May 19, 2019

8:00 AM **The Crowley Family**, req. by Family; **Noel Clifford**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Henry Enrikaitis**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Keith Pozzessere (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family; **Barbara Freeman**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Jodi Brenner and Lola Morris**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last weekend, I mentioned in passing that I do not watch CNN, Fox News or MSNBC because I believe that only a partial, bi-ased version of the truth comes from each of their voices. Therefore, they all do more to divide us than to inform us. After Mass, a woman reminded me of the importance of the freedom of the press. I support it totally. Still, every freedom comes with responsibility and my point was/is that today the press does not do well in fulfilling that responsibility. For the many of you who know that Msgr. Scollen and I are close friends, you might see where this thought is headed! Like many people, I am very upset with the treatment he received from the Worcester Telegram this week. What was essentially a simple miscommunication became a four-day attempt to disrespect, discredit and disparage a priest who has done more good over the past nearly 50 years than anybody in the city of Worcester. I called the paper on Wednesday. I had no interest in discussing the situation with them. The paper has its agenda and that alone does it care about and pursue. However, I did want to point out that in the story published on Tuesday and the column on Wednesday Msgr.'s name was misspelled. They told me that the reporter and columnist would "be given three Hail Mary's." I was not amused. I was not joking. I offered my opinion that this was indicative of how the people at the Telegram are fulfilling the responsibility the Constitution affords them. With a diligent investigation? With an unbiased search for the whole story? With an insightful commentary on how this simple misunderstanding might be a vehicle toward a greater unity among us? Unfortunately, not. More of the same "gotcha" journalism that is antithetical to the purpose that the freedom of the press was included in the Constitution.

In the yet another story on the non-story published on Thursday, Msgr.'s name was spelled correctly. This does not give me hope.

Today's Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the gospel passage each year comes from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John's Gospel in which Jesus reveals himself as the Good Shepherd. This year it is being solidified as a significant celebration for my nephew David. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter in 2003, David was baptized. I remember this clearly because in the week leading up to the ceremony, my sister Nora mentioned to me how David, just over two months old, recognized her voice. And at Mass that day we heard John proclaim that "*the sheep follow him because they recognize his voice.*" On Thursday of this week, David received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sixteen years ago, through the waters of Baptism, David became a member of the Good Shepherd's flock. Three days ago, he was sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit that he might recognize the Shepherd's voice more clearly and follow it more faithfully.

This was, and is, my prayer for David. There are so many voices directed at him that it is only by the power of the Holy Spirit will he be able to discern the voice of the Good Shepherd. It is my prayer for all of us.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Misericordia Domini*, Ps. 33 (32): 5,6  
Op.: # 837 All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
Ps. 100, "We are his people: the sheep of his flock."  
Alleluia: # 208  
Prep: # 512 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311  
(Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311)  
Comm.: *Ego sum Pastor bonus*, Jn 20: 14  
# 712 The King of Love My Shepherd is  
Cl.: # 528 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

### 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 \$69,828.00, less than \$6,800 away from our goal! Donations can be mailed to the Diocese or the rectory. Thank you for your generosity.

**LEGACY OF HOPE** campaign is underway at St. John's. There will be a brief video shown at all Masses this weekend along with a brochure that you will find in each bulletin outlining the campaign and what the funds raised will be used for. Donations may be mailed to the diocese, the rectory or made online at [legacyof-hope.worcesterdiocese.org](http://legacyof-hope.worcesterdiocese.org).

**2019 WALK FOR THE HOMELESS** will be held on next 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](http://BeLikeBrit.org/events).

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**SUMMER CATHOLIC CAMP** will take place June 24-28th at the Ascension Campus. Our theme is "Tracking Mary" and is open to all students grades 1-8. Registration will be online and available in the coming weeks.

**THE LORD OF PARDON PRAYER GROUP** will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, May 25. There will be a rosary procession after the Mass followed by a pot luck supper at the Xavier Center. Please bring your favorite dish to share. All are welcome to attend.

**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/](http://emmetcahilltours.ticketleap.com/). For more information please contact Bob Spellane at 508-259-7946 or [bobspellane@gmail.com](mailto:bobspellane@gmail.com). This is a benefit concert that will help the Mercy Center. All are welcome.

**YOUNG NEIGHBORS IN ACTION CAR WASH AND 50/50 RAFFLE**- The St. Rose of Lima Young Neighbors in Action will hold their annual Car Wash and 50/50 Raffle on Saturday, May 18, 9 AM-12:30 PM, \$5 per car donation. This event will be held at St. Rose, 244 West Main Street, Northborough. Rain date is June 8th. Raffle tickets are \$5. These fundraisers benefit our YNIA summer mission service trips.

### **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](mailto: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](http://stjohnshigh.org). or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266, for more information.

**DEACON INFORMATION SESSION**- A Deacon Information Session is being held for men between the ages of 30 and 60 who are interested in or considering a vocation as a Permanent Deacon. This session will take place at the Father Smith Center of St. Anne's Church, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury on Saturday, May 18 from 10 AM to Noon. Light refreshments will be served. No registration is required.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$14,700.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2417.00	Restoration- \$323.00
Candles- \$298.00	Parking- \$250.00
Stipends- \$385.00	Easter- \$110.00
Donation- \$600.00	

**Total-** \$14,700.16 **Unrestricted-** \$14,377.16 **Restricted-** \$323.00

**Expenses—** \$9604.61

St. Francis Xavier Novena (262.50) Schola (1601.08) Administration (2302.74) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Household (34.86) CCD (63.05) Funerals (329.20) Ascension Electric (734.80) Legacy of Hope (637.00) Legal Expense (20.83) Good Friday (333.76) Ascension Alarm (95.68) Copier (621.89)

#### **Food for the Poor:**

Income \$4656.70  
Expenses- \$6707.93

### **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Elizabeth Brosnihan and Edward Pellerin who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Olivia Eve Perez, Juliet Marie Nuzzolilo and Olivia Ann Nuzzolilo who have entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Word of Life**

**“If we pray and act in the name of Jesus the Good Shepherd, then we are already coming to a deeper understanding of all our brothers and sisters, and to more compassion and generosity towards them, and especially toward those who are like lost sheep, those with whom nobody falls in love, and who first need great love, encouragement, and respect before we can expect from them a satisfying response.” –Bernard Häring**