

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

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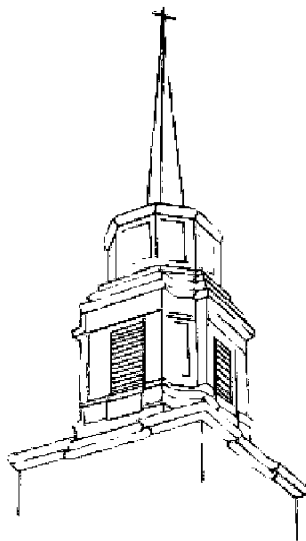
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 14:21-27

Rv 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Worship Hymnal #1090

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 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; **Health and Intentions of Paul Stapinski**, req. by Friends

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

Monday, May 20, 2019

6:15 PM **Mary M. Carroll (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Husband Frank Carroll

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

6:15 PM **John A. Ahern**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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

Thursday, May 23, 2019

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

Friday, May 24, 2019

6:15 PM **Dick Maynard**, req. by Friends

Saturday, May 25, 2019

4:15 PM **Mary O'Connor**, req. by Marje and Paul Korpinen; **Rose Bauman**, req. by a friend; **Lolita Catalan**, req. by the Filipino Choir

7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Sunday, May 26, 2019

8:00 AM **Anthony Boudas (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Ann and Paul Reynolds**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Anthony Charles and Stella Tankievich**, req. by Goddaughter Lorraine Laurie; **Rose Labonte**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Helen Debska**, req. by Lucia Baldowski

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On Tuesday, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. As you know, Matthias was the one chosen to replace Judas as one of the Twelve. It is both a beautiful and important event. What struck me while reading the passage this year was Luke's recounting *there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons that had gathered in the one place*. Imagine, despite all the gloom and doom-sayers, how far and wide we have come since those first days. What is even more remarkable is the vehicle which the Spirit has used to lead us. Today's Gospel passage from John is from the Last Supper. It begins just as Judas has left the Upper Room. So, it follows one of the most poignant exchanges in the Gospel. As you recall, after declaring that one of the Twelve will betray him, Jesus causes a ruckus. Which, in turn, allows He and Judas to essentially have a private conversation. This ends with Judas leaving to do what he is going to do. At which point, the Evangelist tells us: *And it was night*.

Amid this great darkness, Jesus immediately declares: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him...I give you a new commandment: love one another*. This is how the Christian community has grown from 120 to about 2.5 billion persons. Our Christian faith proclaims Jesus as the Light of the World. The darkness cannot overcome Him or any who respond to his call: Follow me. Our celebration of the Easter Season now progresses to the preparation for the promised gift - the Holy Spirit that proceeds from the Father and the Son and is the power and guide who shows to the Light.

My thanks to the Parish Committee members who have been so helpful with the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign that the Diocese and St. John's are undertaking. A special word of thanks to Bob Spellane, Chair and to Cynthia Williamson, David Young, Steve Wallinsky and Mike Testa - all of whom will be saying a few words about the parish aspect of the campaign at the Masses this weekend. As with the video last week, they will be speaking after communion. Next weekend, I will be speaking at the Masses. I have already made my pledge and want to share the discernment process through which the Holy Spirit guided me.

Finally, thanks to all of you. The Partners in Charity office informed me on Friday, that we have exceeded our goal for the diocese's Annual Appeal. I am always very grateful for your generosity to the diocese, as well of course, to the mission of St. John's. In the face of the capital campaign, my gratitude has deepened. I want to be sure to thank Bob Tangney who, once again this year, tracked all the donations and completed all the reports.

In Christ' Peace, Fr. John Madden

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Cantate Domino*, Ps. 98 (97): 1

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. 145, "I will praise your name forever, my king and my
God."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 697 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

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

Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311

Comm.: *Ego sum vitis vera*, Jn. 15: 5

926 I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Cl.: # 496 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 and we have once again exceeded goal! Thank you for your generosity.

LEGACY OF HOPE campaign is underway at St. John's. Commitment Weekends are the last two in June though pledge cards can be turned in at anytime at Mass or they may be mailed to the diocese or the rectory or made online at legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org. Thank you for your generosity

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 held on Monday, June 3rd at Cyprian Keyes in Boylston. To register or for more information, please go to Be-LikeBrit.org/events.

FREE PIANO CONCERT IN CHARLTON- World-renowned piano virtuoso Tony DeBlois will perform a variety of music from his extensive repertoire on Saturday, May 25, 6:30- 8:30 PM at St. Joseph Church, 10 H. Putnam Road Ext., Charlton. Good-will offerings will be accepted.

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 next 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.

THANK YOU- The Social Committee would like to say thank you to all who attended the dinner show with Sarah the Fiddler. The food was exceptional and the entertainment superb. The profit from the dinner show was \$577.50 which was given to put towards the sound system fund. Thank you to all who made this a successful event. Mark your calendar for our upcoming Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, July 14th.

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 June 8, St. Mary's Schools will be sponsoring the first Annual Fr. Jim Hoey Memorial Golf Tournament at Kettle Brook Golf Course in Paxton at 12 Noon. 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.

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 \$9909.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$35.00	Restoration- \$187.00
Parking- \$140.00	Candles- \$242.00
Stipends- \$385.00	Partners in Charity- \$750.00
Donation- \$200.00	Roses- \$323.00
Total- \$12,168.66	Unrestricted- \$10,908.66
	Restricted- \$1260.00

Food for the Poor: \$50 from a friend, \$100 from a friend, \$200 from a friend, \$20 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$500 from a friend, \$50 from a friend, \$25 from a friend, \$1,000 from Eat to Give, Inc., \$300 IMO Betty Brosnihan, \$50 IMO John Trumpaitis, \$50 IHO the Green Bay Packers, \$25 IMO Eileen Woodward, \$140 IMO Deacon Mike Chase, \$50 IMO Mary Ann Auger, \$25 IMO Dori Houston, \$2500 from ACO, Worcester Chapter, \$477.50 Chuck-A-Puck proceeds, \$100 IMO Karen Burke, \$125 IMO Mary O'Connor, \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey, \$50 IMO Russell Hicks, \$25 IMO my mother Phyllis, \$610 from Ava and Alexia, \$25 IMO Philip Shea, Sr., \$100 IMO Shirley McCullough, \$100 IMO David Schwartz, \$25 IMO James Hurlry, Jr., \$100 IMO Stephen Grassechi, \$350 IMO Tommy Gentile

Expenses— \$14,344.60

Schola (914.44) Parish School Assessments (1200.00) Funerals (152.80) Administration (5066.60) State Payroll Taxes (1313.49) Federal Payroll Taxes (953.46) House (179.85) Church Electric (1143.03) Rectory Electric (948.75) Marriage Prep (27.50) Confirmation (405.00) Partners in Charity (750.00) Donation (750.00) Church Alarm (116.79) Office (422.89)

Food for the Poor:

Expenses- \$6326.28

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Richard Maynard, Jr., Jean Vanier and Tim Conway who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Aaleyah Carlie Campanale who has entered the Catholic community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Remain in Me.’ It is the Word of God who gives this order, expresses this wish. Remain in Me, not for a few moments, a few hours which must pass away, but ‘*remain...*’ permanently, habitually, Remain in Me, pray in Me, adore in Me, love in Me, suffer in Me, work and act in Me. Remain in Me so that you may be able to encounter anyone or anything; penetrate further still into these depths... It is there in the very depths that the divine impact takes place, where the abyss of our nothingness encounters the Abyss of mercy, the immensity of the all of God. There we will find the strength to die to ourselves and, losing all vestige of self, we will be changed into love.” -- Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity