

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

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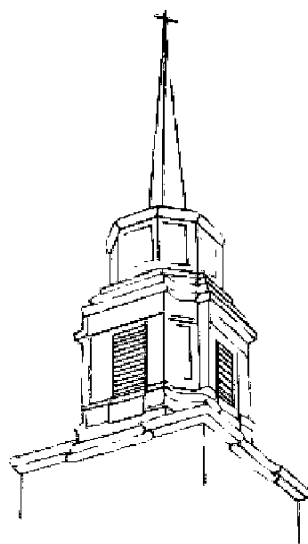
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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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 15:1-2, 22-29

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14: 23-29

Worship Hymnal #1093

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 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, **Patricia Brunelle**, req. by family

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; **Rose Labonte**, req. by Family

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

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

Monday, May 27, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Robert Kelly**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

6:15 PM **Barbara Luca**, req. by Family; **Dorothy Lynch (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

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

Thursday, May 30, 2019– The Ascension of the Lord

12:15 PM **Fr. Joe Adamo**, req. by Friends

6:15 PM **Theodore Skowronski (26th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, May 31, 2019

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail**

Saturday, June 1, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**; **Brian Treadaway**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, June 2, 2019

8:00 AM **Elsie and Jim Gannon**, req. by Family; **Thomas Foley**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Joseph Prendiville (20th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Ralph Tiscione, Sr.**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Sheryl (Romano) Patterson, Fina, Carmen and Nardina Romano**, req. by Carmen Romano, Jr.

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, moves us closer to the end of the Easter Season. In these last two weeks, which includes Ascension Thursday, we are called to prepare for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. It is at this time that Jesus tells the apostles, and us, the shocking truth – *it is better for you that I go! (John 16:7)*. They had a difficult time seeing this truth. As do we. Still, we can come to see that it is good news because it shows that our true home is heaven. For in his return to the Father, which we celebrate on the Feast of the Ascension, Jesus does not abandon us but is our hope. In recognizing that heaven is our true home, we prepare ourselves to “be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Sheila Cassidy reminds us how this gift can inform the way that we live here on earth:

*If we can come to want only what God wants,
then we are in a curious way untouchable;
for the loss of property, of good name, or health,
or even of life holds no fear,
for if that is what God wants,
we will be at peace.*

This week’s Catholic Free Press contains the clergy assignment changes which will take place on July 1st. Typically, I just pay attention to whether my name is on the list. Now, I also check whether Fr. Sebastian’s name is there. Thankfully, neither one is! However, there is one name on the list – Fr. Jim Mazzone – that I wanted to mention for a few reasons. First, he has served for many years as the diocesan Director of Vocations. It is not an easy job. Yet, Fr. Jim worked with passion and creativity. His success, the product of the Holy Spirit, must be considered exemplary. Second, throughout those years Fr. Jim has been a great help to us here at St. John’s. The fact that I have so quickly removed his name from the list of Assisting Priests on the front of the bulletin should not obscure this fact. Fr. Jim was always ready to help and did so, in whatever way needed whenever his schedule allowed. Fr. Jim loves St. John’s, Worcester. Indeed, he directed his annual Partners in Charity gift and this year’s Legacy of Hope donation to us here on Temple Street. Finally, he is becoming the Pastor of St. John’s in Clinton. This pleases me completely. I love Fr. Jim and I love the people of Clinton. I am thrilled for them all. Thanks, “Mazoulo,” and we pray that you will receive many blessings in the “best town by a dam site.”

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Vocem iucunditatis annuntiate*, Is. 48: 20
Op.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Ps. 67, "O God, Let all the nations praise you!"
Alleluia: # 208
Prep.: # 495 Now the Green Blade Rises
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Sunday 7:15: # 371, 372, 373, 311
Comm.: *Spiritus Sanctus docebit vos*, Jn 14, 26
937 Draw Us in the Spirits Tether
Cl.: # 612 Sing Praise to the Lord!

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

June 24—Catholic Book Club, 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for June is "The Election of Pope Francis: An Inside Account of the Conclave that Changed History" by Gerard O'Connell

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

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated this week. The Vigil Mass is on Wednesday at 6:15 PM. Masses on the Feast Day, Thursday, are at 12:15 and 6:15 PM.

ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL—

Thank you to all those who have donated to this appeal. We have surpassed our goal of \$76,600. Anyone who would still like to make a donation is encouraged to do so by mailing it to the diocese or the St. John's Rectory anytime. Thank you so much for your generosity

THE LEGACY OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Commitment Weekends are the first two weekends in June. Pledge cards are available in the church. Donations can be turned in at Mass, or mailed to the diocese or the rectory or made online at legacyof-hope.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.

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

SCHEDULE is available in the sacristy and on the parish website. Please email the rectory if you need to make any changes. Thank you.

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 is open and available on the parish website.

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 bobspellane@gmail.com. This is a benefit concert that will help the Mercy Center. All are 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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this 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.

FULL TIME PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

St. Mary's in Jefferson, MA is seeking a full-time Pastoral Associate. Candidates should have a background in Pastoral Ministry. To Request a job description please contact tbrewer@stmaryjeff.com

RELIGIOUS ED SUPPORT STAFF

St. Mary's in Jefferson is seeking a Religious Education Support Staff person. If you are interested, please contact Maryjane Ciesluk at maryjaneciesluk@stmaryjeff.com.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO HELP IN TV MINISTRY? - Whether you like to operate a camera, or would like to learn audio controls or even how to produce, we have a place for you in TV Ministry. We will train – all you need is a desire to learn and some free time. Call Steve at 508-791-203 9 or email tvmass@charter.net for more information. Great service opportunity for high school or college students and retirees alike!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7885.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$35.00	Restoration- \$171.00
Parking- \$140.00	Candles- \$336.00
Stipends- \$350.00	Donation- \$390.00
Easter- \$5.00	

Total- \$9312.16 **Unrestricted-** \$9141.16 **Restricted-** \$171.00

Food for the Poor: \$50 IMO William Jundzil; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$225 from a friend; \$50 from the Sisters of St. Anne; \$25 IMO Vincent Mitchell; \$100 IMO Vanessa Marcotte

Expenses- \$17,421.94

Schola (822.44) Administration (7077.23) CCD (88.58) Maintenance (600.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) After School (31.39) Diocesan Budget Bill- May (7732.00) Confirmation (360.00)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$1687.32
Expenses- \$6326.28

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekends second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Jane Ducas who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“To love is to live in communion with others, to transmit to them the life and love of Jesus. It is to reveal to them that they are loved, loved by Jesus. In this way we become their friend because we are a friend of Jesus. In this friendship nothing is hidden or secret. Jesus has shared everything he has heard from the Father; all is given.” –Jean Vanier