

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

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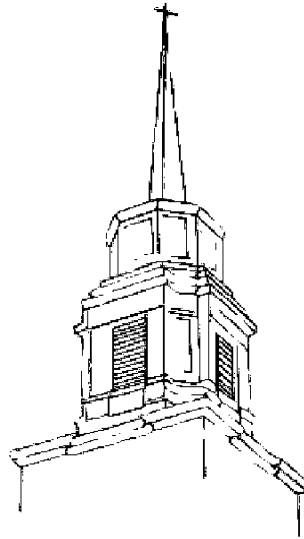
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

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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 7:55-60

Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

Worship Hymnal #1096

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, 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 **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Monday, June 3, 2019

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by a Friend

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

6:15 PM **Michele Flamand**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

6:15 PM **Stephanie LeBlanc (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Stephen Lane (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, June 6, 2019

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Friday, June 7, 2019

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

Saturday, June 8, 2019

4:15 PM **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek, Julia Kasparian, Leo and Helen Matys, Health and Int. of Elaine Kasparian, Lee and Dolores Matys and Family, Barbara and Joseph K.**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 9, 2019

8:00 AM **Denise Pappas**, req. by a family friend; **John O'Neil**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Ryan Quinn (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Juozas and Janina Miliauskas.**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **The Tangney and O'Connor Families**, req. by Family; **Lenny Smith (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Pauline Fresolo (1st Anniv)**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's first reading recounts the martyrdom of Stephen. Since he is the first martyr this is an important event in the history of the Christian community. The same passage is the first reading at a weekday Mass in the Easter season, as well. This year it struck me that Luke includes a sentence in the account that is both remarkable and inspirational: *The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul.* We know that Saul became known as Paul and brought the Gospel to all the nations. What I find remarkable about including this fact in the account is that it was not necessary. The importance and inspiration of the event is that Stephen freely handed over his life, with total trust in God and with forgiveness in his heart toward those who killed him. In so doing, Stephen begins what is one of the most powerful means of witnessing to the Risen Christ. Who was working the coat check is not important. Yet, this is what I find inspirational. Paul, the greatest missionary, participated, if only in a tangential way, in killing Stephen, the Proto martyr. Most groups trying to attract others to their way might be hesitant to offer this type of information, especially when it isn't necessary to do so. Not Luke. And not us. The Way of Christ recognizes that the world is full of evil...and is full of the overcoming of it.

Assumption College asked for our assistance in publicizing a study that the Psychology Department is preparing. It is our pleasure to help:

Social Interaction of Infants and Caregivers

Be part of an important study to understanding the social interactions of infants and caregivers. Social skills develop very early in life and are underdeveloped in children with autism. Help us understand the development of these skills in infants so we can better identify early warning signs of autism

Infants ages 4-7 months and their caregivers are invited to participate and will receive a \$25 gift card as compensation. During the study, you would be videotaped interacting with your infant and fill out questionnaires about your infant's development.

The research takes place under the supervision of Dr. Paula Fitzpatrick at Assumption College Psychology Department, located at 500 Salisbury St in Worcester. Please contact (508) 767-7550 or Jessica.wornham@assumption.edu for more information if interested.

Finally, my thanks to everyone for your attention and understanding over the past few weeks in which we have been sharing information regarding the diocese's Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. This weekend and next have been designated as Commitment Weekends. There are pledge envelopes in the pews. You may drop them in the collection basket or the mail or at the rectory. Donations can be made online or sent to the chancery office, as well. I am sure that it is the proven generosity of the people of St. John's which has placed us in Block 1 of the campaign. I thank you for your prayerful consideration. We will keep you updated on the campaign's progress through this month and in the future.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Exaudi, Domine, vocem meam*, Ps. 27: 7, 8, 9
Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
Ps. 97, "The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 511 The Strife is O'er

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

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

Comm.: *Pater, cum essem*, Jn 17: 12, 13, 15
950 I Am the Bread of Life

Cl.: # 564 Rejoice, the Lord is King

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

June 5- Social Activities Committee will meet at 7 PM in the rectory.

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!

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 CAM-

PAIGN Commitment Weekends are this weekend and next. Pledge envelopes are available in the church. Donations can be turned in at Mass, mailed to the diocese, the rectory or made online at legacyof-hope.worcesterdiocese.org. To date we have 36 donations totaling \$73,755 toward our target of \$554,361. Thank you for your generosity

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will be meeting on Wednesday June 12th, 9:30-11:00am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. If anyone needs a prayer shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172. The shawl makers will be knitting at home for the summer. They will meet again September 11th.

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.

DIOCESAN PENTECOST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MEETING- Celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the birthday of the Church! Join with brothers and sisters from Brazilian, English, Filipino, Haitian, Hispanic, Vietnamese and other prayer groups and communities from throughout central Massachusetts. To be held Sunday, June 9 from 2 to 5 pm at here at St. John's (lower church), 44 . The day includes prayer and praise, Talks on "Experiencing the Baptism in the Holy Spirit" and "Opening to the Gifts (Charisms) of the Spirit." Prayers for releasing the Power of the Holy Spirit in your life! Fellowship and refreshments follow. For more information email ccrworcesterdiocese@gmail.com or call 978-537-7257.

YOUNG ADULT THEOLOGY ON TAP- Join us for the next Theology on Tap on Tuesday, June 4 at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Jose Carvajal, one of our seminarians. The topic will be "Interior Freedom". Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St. in Worcester. Doors open for food and drinks at 6:30. The speaker will begin around 7pm. Open to all young adults ages 18-39.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET - Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 AM for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 PM in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28, and 5 PM in Clinton area on Ch. 8.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, June 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.

IGNATIUS VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC)

NEW ENGLAND, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchey at newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website www.ivcusa.org/new-england.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL, PREK THROUGH GRADE 8

is holding Open House Days for prospective families on Wednesday, June 5th, and Thursday, June 6th, from 9:30 - 11:00 AM and 1:00 - 2:00 PM. We are located at 17 Grove Street, Millbury. Please visit assumptionschool-millbury.org or call the office at 508-865-5404 for more information on what Assumption School offers.

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART 2019-

Join us at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, 596 Cambridge St., Worcester on Thursday, June 20 - Friday, June 28: 7pm to 8 pm, Novena to the Sacred Heart. Homilists in order: Fr. Richard Reidy, Fr. Ed Nicolls, Fr. Eric Asante, Fr. Dennis O'Brien, Fr. Walter Riley, Fr. Mark Rainville, and Fr. Don Ouellette. On Friday, June 28, Feast of the Sacred Heart, principal celebrant will be Bishop McManus.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9735.32. We have also received:

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| Candles- \$297.00 | Parking- \$35.00 |
| Stipends- \$385.00 | School Rent- \$4757.60 |

Total- \$15,209.92 Unrestricted- \$15,209.92 Restricted-\$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$60 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$50 IMO Deacon Mike Chase; \$300 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$764.90 from Our Lady of the Lake, Leominster; \$25 IMO Paul Thomas; \$401 from the Lord of Pardon Prayer Group; \$50 IHO Calum O'Leary's Baptism; \$50 IMO Stephanie LeBlanc; \$50 IMO Mary O'Connor; \$1000 IMO Garrett Spillane; \$100 IMO Joe Morrissey

Expenses- \$15,167.91

Schola (853.64) Administration (5415.94) Altar (130.00) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (643.70) First Communion (1000.00) Church Gas (278.90) Rectory Gas (456.24) Ascension Gas (422.02) Stipends (1090.00) House (185.51) Federal Payroll Taxes (3263.74) Legacy of Hope (287.00) Funerals (152.80) Postage (67.71) Preserve the Flame (681.00) Rectory Alarm (34.71) Mothers Day (205.00)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$7,412.50
Expenses- \$2,663.13

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

YEAR TO DATE- In May we had a cash operating loss of \$1318.20. This leaves a cash operating gain of \$9,731.48 through three quarters of FY 18/19. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Bart Starr and Bill Buckner who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“There is nothing that we can do but love, and dear God—please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as well as our friend.”

—Dorothy Day