

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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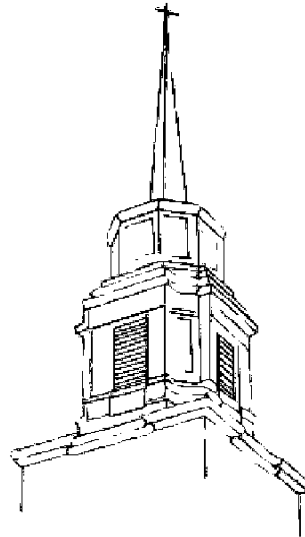
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **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**

Gn 14:18-20

1 Cor 11:23-26

Lk 9-11b-17

Worship Hymnal #1108

### **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, June 22, 2019

4:15 PM **Anthony Genatossio (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 23, 2019

8:00 AM **Rose and Al Johnson, Sr.**, req. by family; **Betty Wroblewski**, req. by Lorraine Laurie

10:15 AM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

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

Monday, June 24, 2019

6:15 PM **Santiago Capul, Jr. and Eddie Austriaco**, req. by Family, **Josephine Skowronski**, req. by Family

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

6:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for Elsie Masiga**, req. by Family

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

6:15 PM **Sirkka Duggan**, req. by a Friend, **John Shea**, req. by family

Thursday, June 27, 2019

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

Friday, June 28, 2019

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

Saturday, June 29, 2019

4:15 PM **Joseph Morrissey**, req. by Family; **Frank Riccardi**, req. by Daughters and Wife

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

Sunday, June 30, 2019

8:00 AM **Robert Pepi**, req. by family

10:15 AM **Zigmas Dabrila (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Deceased Members of the Lithuanian Community at St. John's**, req. by the Lithuanian Community

12:15 PM **The Osodo Family**, req. by Family;

**Yvonne Fucci**, req. by Bill and Sophia Zinnell

7:15 PM **William Bresnahan**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

This week, we were blessed to have the Worcester County Sheriff's Office plant our first ever organic garden. If you didn't notice it has been created out of a small plot land on the Harding Street side of the rectory. The beds were prepared by inmate labor, the organic plants and vegetables were donated from the jail farm (a very impressive operation!) and the fencing installed by their maintenance department. Each week the garden will be tended with clients from their Community Corrections Center. They will be assisted by the men of Harrington House, as well. The garden produce will be used at our weekday meal in the St. Francis Xavier Center, of course. Still, I can easily see that some of it finds its way to our meals in the rectory. This endeavor pleases me very much. It is but the latest in the wonderful relationship that has developed with the Sheriff's Office over the past several years. In the early winter, the office brings hundreds and hundreds of coats to give away to our guests at the Xavier Center. The above mentioned – and impressive – farm at the jail produces an enormous amount of produce and we are but one of the fortunate beneficiaries of this bounty. I am both impressed by and grateful to Sheriff Lew Evangelidis and his staff, especially at the Community Corrections Center for their partnership.

The Commitment Weekends for the Legacy of Hope Campaign have passed, but not the campaign itself. More than a few people have asked me about timing regarding donations to LOH. Part of me thought they were rhetorical since it is well established that we will take any donation for any reason at any time. However, as the campaign rolled out, we may have confused the issue a bit. Perhaps not too badly since we have received over 100 gifts and are more than halfway toward our goal of \$554,361. Nonetheless, let me be clear that there is no deadline on participating in the campaign. Obviously, the sooner that you can participate the better. Yet, we are happy to accept your donation when you can pledge.

Two camps begin this week: Our annual Religious Education Catholic Camp "Tracking Mary" has been moved to Temple Street. It is being held this week and focusing on our Catholic devotion to the Blessed Mother. A summer camp for the students in our after-school program begins on Wednesday. It is being directed by students from Holy Cross. Principally our own Sylvester Dwyer and Cleveland's own Joe Ertle. The whole group of them have done a terrific job in planning and organizing the camp which starts on Wednesday. They have had great community support, as well. Friendly House and Worcester Academy deserve special mention.

Fr. Sebastian is having a wonderful visit at home in Colombia. He returns this week. Just in time since I am leaving for a week's vacation on Saturday. Summer is wonderful. I hope you all enjoy yours.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

## ***THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST***

### **THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS**

Introit: *Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti*, Ps 81 (80): 17  
Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Ps. 110 "You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek."

Alleluia: #208

Prep.: # 937 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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

Comm.: *Hoc corpus, quod pro bonis tradetur*, 1 Cor 11: 24,25

# 556 Hidden Here Before Me/Adoro Te Devote

Cl.: # 615 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

### **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

**ST JOHN'S LITHUANIAN CHOIR** will be singing Sunday, June 30th at the 10:15 AM Mass. We will be having a reception downstairs after the Mass. All are welcome and invited to join.

**THE LEGACY OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** Commitment Weekend #2 was last weekend. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church. Donations can be turned in at Mass, mailed to the diocese or the rectory or made online at [legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org](http://legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org). To date we have donations totaling \$277,100.11 toward our target of \$554,361. Thank you for your generosity.

**4TH ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** will be held on Sunday, July 14 at Lake Park in Worcester at 1 PM. At the Bottom of Hamilton St. is Lake St., take a right onto Lake St. and then take the first left on to Coburn Ave. The entry to park is on left and we will be at the large pavilion. We will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and soft drinks. Come enjoy the food, socializing with fellow parishioners, fun & games. A signup sheet will be on each wall in the entry at the front of the church and on the table in the back of the church. We need an accurate headcount by July 7 for food purchases. Anyone that would like to bring a dessert it would be welcomed. All are welcome, there is no cost.

**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. It is not too late to register for anyone interested. Please visit the parish website to register.

**PARISH CHOIR**— This past week marked the end of the Choir season for the Parish Choir! It's been such an amazing year, and the members of our Choir have all done such wonderful music making that has brought even deeper substance and meaning to our Liturgies all year. We also thank the Cantors and the Schola who will continue singing over the summer. Your time, dedication, talent, and commitment to St. John's is so inspiring! Thank you for bringing us even more deeply into the presence of God again this year!

**DIVINE MERCY SERIES**— St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge will be hosting the ten-part series, "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" which chronicles the inception of the Divine Mercy beginning Monday, July 22 to Sept. 23 from 6 – 8pm. This program will be facilitated by Joan Hauge and Mary Fahey. The book, "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" written by Fr. Michael Gaitley and the accompanying workbook are required. Cost for the program is \$10.00 and an additional \$22.00 for the two books. The program will be held at St. Mary Parish, 77 Mendon Street in Uxbridge. Please contact email: [dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org](mailto:dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org) or call the parish office at 508-278-2226 to register.

**TWO NIGHT MISSION IN WORCESTER & CHARLTON** — Our Lady of Czestochowa & St. Joseph's Parishes are proud to be hosting a 2-Night Parish Mission on June 28 and 29 for the Diocese of Worcester with Fr. James Blount, SOLT, internationally known charismatic preacher, evangelist, and exorcist priest with extraordinary gifts of Healing, Hope, Deliverance and Renewal. This mission will begin next Friday evening, June 28 at Our Lady of Czestochowa, 34 Ward St., Worcester with celebration of Mass at 6:30 PM followed by a talk by Fr. Blount. On Saturday the mission will shift to St. Joseph's Church, 10 H. Putnam Rd., Charlton beginning at 3 PM with a holy hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet, vigil Mass at 4:30 PM, (light refreshments will be served after Mass for a small fee) followed by a talk and healing service by Fr. Blount starting at 6:30 PM. A free-will offering will be taken both nights for Fr. Blount's travel expenses. This event is free but please RSVP to Kim at [KmHarmon111@gmail.com](mailto:KmHarmon111@gmail.com) to ensure an accurate count of those who wish to attend.

## In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be held Tuesday, June 25 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 non-profits 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 [new-england@ivcusa.org](mailto:new-england@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england).

**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 Niccolls, 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.

**THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF GREATER PARIS** will present a Free Concert at Christ the King, Worcester on Tuesday, July 16, 7:15-8:15 PM. Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot (the President of the French Choir Directors Association) forty-five young people and their adult leaders from Greater Paris will inspire you. All are welcome to attend.

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7844.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$63.00	Restoration- \$126.00
Candles- \$281.00	Parking- \$105.00
Stipends- \$730.00	

**Total- \$9149.16 Unrestricted- \$9023.16 Restricted- \$126.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$10 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$50 IMO James Cavanaugh; \$50 IMO Paul and Ann Cotter; \$135.45 from Venerini Academy; \$5,000 from the Herlihy Family Foundation; \$100 IMO Rose Tobia; \$50 IMO Ronald Rajotte

**Expenses– \$18,454.56**

Schola (1691.36) CCD (1007.85) Administration (2982.03) Altar (222.00) Office (253.96) Maintenance (600.00) Parish Choir Dinner (678.15) Funerals (552.80) Church Electric (1018.92) Rectory Electric (911.69) Partners in Charity (375.00) Diocesan Budget Bill– June (8160.80)

**Food for the Poor:**

Income- \$1828.81  
Expenses- \$5512.63

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Ronald Rajotte, Linda Chiras and Virginia Pacheco who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Tessa Helen Chamberlain who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**“It becomes clear that the manna which nourishes the Christian on the journey of faith and which enables hope to conquer cynicism and despair is the commitment to loving service. This is the heart of the teaching of Jesus and it is the deepest meaning of the Eucharistic manna. For the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist are a body broken for others and a blood poured out in sacrifice for others. To receive this sacrificial body and blood is to commit oneself unalterably to the loving service that they signify. Thus, a mysterious and wonderful bonding occurs between Jesus and the Christian, not just from receiving the Eucharist, but also from living the love and unselfishness of Jesus.” –Demetrius Dumm, OSB**