

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

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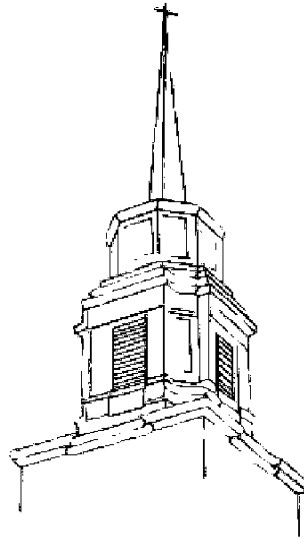
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

Dt 30:10-14

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

Worship Hymnal #1153

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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, July 13, 2019

4:15 PM **Albert Scola (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, July 14, 2019

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

Eleanor Prevoski, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Mary and Joe Paskavitz, Adele and Tony**

Dailida and Francis and Rose Allelunas, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Richard F. Burke (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Family

Monday, July 15, 2019

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

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Thomas Prokopowicz**, req. by Family

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

6:15 PM **William Bresnahan**, req. by Family

Thursday, July 18, 2019

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

Friday, July 19, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Saturday, July 20, 2019

4:15 PM **Albert Gallagher (14th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 21, 2019

8:00 AM **Mary Mac and Bobby Zona**, req. by Family;

Joseph Zalieckas, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife

Helen and Family; **Robert H. and Dorothy M.**

McGinn, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Deacon Mike Chase**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On Sunday, very early in the morning, a group of parishioners will be leaving for our annual parish mission trip to Brit's Home and St. Francois parish in Grand Goave, Haiti. As many of us can attest, they are embarking on a tremendous experience. Given the medical issues I was having earlier in the year, I asked Fr. Sebastian to take my place on the trip. He readily agreed – as he always does. Honestly, I wish I was going. Still, it is wise that I am not. Further, it is a terrific opportunity for Fr Sebastian.

Just this week I was speaking with a young man who suffered a horrific tragedy in the past year. We acknowledged that it is practically impossible not to ask “why.” Yet, healing comes only when we can get to the “how” question. “Now that this has happened, how am I to live?” As we toured the church, I pointed out the picture of Britney in the devotional shrine. The response to her tragic death by her parents, brothers, family, friends and the growing BLB community is such a clear answer to the how question. The young man could clearly resonate with this experience. I pray that he will continue to try and make it his experience, as well.

We hear and speak often about mission and evangelization. With good reason, of course. The evangelizing mission of the Church is the movement from death into new life. The movement that we are called to make ourselves and to encourage, help, guide others to make themselves. Or, more accurately, to surrender ourselves to God's grace and to encourage, help and guide others to surrender themselves.

This weekend we welcome Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng, the diocesan Director of African Ministry. Fr. Enoch comes as part of the Mission Cooperative of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith. He will be speaking to us about the missionary work in his home diocese of Kumasi, Ghana. The second collection at all the Masses will go directly to the Diocese of Kumasi. I have already informed him of the kindness and generosity of the people of St. John's.

Speaking of which, as of the latest report, we are at \$309,000 – or 55% of the goal – in the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. Remarkably, this has come through only 100 gifts – or 9.9% of registered parishioners. This figure will bring more than \$120,000 directly to St. John's. To that end, I have been in contact with a sound system company. We have a proposal of around \$50,000 that will significantly upgrade our present system. We are tweaking the proposal but are about ready to sign the agreement. Thanks very much those who have made this possible. If you have not yet participated, please send in your gift today.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Dum clamarem ad Dominum*, Ps. 55: 17, 18, 19, 20, 23

Op.: # 569 Jesus Shall Reign

Ps. 69, "Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

Alleluia: # 208

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

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 218, 311

Comm.: *Passer invenit*, Ps. 84: 4,

700 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Cl.: # 611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB next meeting is on Monday, September 23 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. The book is *The Life of Christ* by Archbishop Sheen. Have a great summer!

THE FOOD FOR THE POOR CENTER is in need of plastic grocery bags. Anyone willing to donate can drop them off at the Center, Monday-Friday 7-11 AM, at the rectory Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 4 PM or can leave them at the back of the church after Mass. Thank you.

THE LEGACY OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN - Donations are still being accepted and can be turned in at Mass, mailed to the diocese or the rectory or made online. To date we have donations totaling \$309,600.11 (55%!) toward our target of \$554,361. Thank you for your generosity.

SAVE THE DATE - Be Like Brit is having 2 spectacular events in the near future and all are invited to participate. Be Like Brit's Annual Walk (BeLikeBrit.org/walk) will be at Elm Park on Saturday, September 7th and our Annual Gala (BeLikeBrit.org/gala) will be at Mechanics Hall, Saturday November 9th

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to the Diocesan young adult retreat on August 2-3 at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT! If you are looking for a chance to relax and get spiritually recharged, then this retreat is for you. All are welcome! Cost is \$50. To register for the retreat, go to www.neworchester.org/2019-young-adult-retreat. Deadline to register is July 17th.

NOVENA TO ST. ANNE - All are invited to join in the 132nd Novena to St. Anne beginning on July 18 and concluding on July 26th. The theme of this year's Novena is "We are called to holiness each in our own way." During the nine days a variety of celebrants and music ministers - African, Filipino, Haitian and others - that will enhance the liturgies. St. Anne Shrine is located at St. Anne-St. Patrick parish, 16 Church St., Sturbridge. For more information please call 508-347-7338 or visit our website at www.stannestpatrickparish.com.

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 the parish office at 508-278-2226 to register.

IGNATIAN 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 Hinchin at newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website www.ivcusa.org/new-england.

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 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!

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, July 23 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.

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.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES AT MARY HOUSE, SPENCER- Yes, we are open! Mary House, now in its 50th year, is a comfortable countryside farm house with its own chapel and is located at 186 N. Spencer Road in Spencer,. It is open to men and women seeking a place for prayer and quiet. Located about one mile from St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer. For inquiries or reservations call Joyce at 508-885-5450

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7917.66. We have also received:
Monthly- \$7917.66 Restoration- \$243.00
Candles- \$240.00 Parking- \$140.00
Stipends- \$350.00 Legacy of Hope- \$25,100.00

Total- \$35,810.66 **Unrestricted-** \$10,467.66 **Restricted-** \$25,343.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$345 IMO Delon "Skeeter" White; \$100 IMO Leo Skonicki; \$25 IMO Angelina Pepin; \$265 IHO Bill Landen's 90th Birthday; \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$239.40 from a friend; \$156 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$150 IMO Jesse Bergman; \$200 IMO Kassia Smith; \$500 Imo the Leazes Family; \$50 IMO Thomas Looney; \$75 from Employees of Hospital for Behavioral Medicine; \$50 IMO Ronald Rajotte; \$100 IMO James Cavanaugh

Expenses- \$39,743.32
Schola (997.08) Elevator (510.00) CCD (1026.00) Altar (898.00) Administration (2052.19) Ascension Phone (141.48) Ascension Hall Permit (135.00) Clergy Benefits (2014.00) State Payroll Taxes (1059.64) House (513.77) Federal Payroll Taxes (4064.20) Legacy of Hope (25,100.00) Funerals (152.80) Ascension Electric (318.66) Ascension Alarm (116.79) Copier (643.71)

Food for the Poor:
Expenses- \$2837.40

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Jared Lorenzen, Ross Perot, Joseph Sullivan, James Bouton and Elmore Toorn, who have been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Elijah Earl, Mezziah Lee, Malakai Heze and Leland Ezra-Omar Rivera who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"In Martha was the image of things present, in Mary of things to come. What Martha was doing, that we are now; what Mary was doing, that we hope for. Let us do the first well, that we may have the second fully. For what of it have we now? How far have we it? As long as we are here, how much of it is there that we have? For in some measure are we employed in it now, and you too when removed from business, and laying aside domestic cares, you meet together, stand, listen. In so far as you do this, you are like Mary." –St. Augustine