

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

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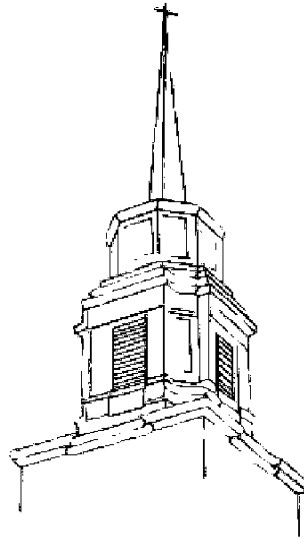
Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

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 18:1-10a

Col 1:24-28

Lk 10:38-42

Worship Hymnal #1156

### **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, 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

Monday, July 22, 2019

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

Tuesday, July 23, 2019

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

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

6:15 PM **Christine (Tina) Brown (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Sister Ann and Family

Thursday, July 25, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott and Gwen Gow**, req. by Family

Friday, July 26, 2019

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

Saturday, July 27, 2019

4:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, July 28, 2019

8:00 AM **Bill Palmer (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Juencio Lorente**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Francis Leazes, Sr.**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **In Honor of St. Francis Xavier**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Today's Gospel passage is the familiar story of Jesus having dinner at the home of Martha and Mary. This is one of the passages that exemplify the truth that the Bible is "the living word of God." Each hearing of the story remains interesting and instructive. Likewise, the liturgy accompanies it with the story of the "Visitors" to Abraham and Sarah. If not as familiar as the Gospel passage, nonetheless it is interesting and instructive. Like Martha, Abraham quickly busies himself serving the three visitors. Like Mary, he comes to discern the divine presence when he hears the prediction of the miraculous birth of a son for him and Sarah.

Sarah's reaction to this prediction is especially interesting. She laughs! As we know, this could be out of joy or in mockery. For the biblical scholars, Sarah is usually seen as doing so in mockery. The context certainly suggests as much. Sarah knows what it takes to conceive and bear a child and, as seen in the longer passage than we read today, knows that neither she nor Abraham are capable at their age of producing offspring. Abraham, too, laughed when the Lord first made the promise to him.

Moving ahead only a few chapters and we read: "The Lord took note of Sarah as he said he would, he did for her what he promised." Fittingly, the child is named Isaac. The name means, "he laughs." As did Sarah! The Lord responded to her first laugh by asking, "Is anything too marvelous for the Lord to do?" Sarah herself responds to this promise fulfilled by proclaiming: "God has given me cause to laugh, and all who hear of it will laugh with me."

At various stages of our own faith journey, we all have had to deal with doubt. At times, a doubt so strong that it mocks God and the promises that have been made to us. It is especially at those times that we must, like Mary, assume the position of a disciple by sitting at the feet of the Lord. It is there that we can remember that nothing is impossible for God. So we might look at the challenges and difficulties of life and laugh.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Ecce Deus adiuvat me*, Ps 54: 6, 7  
Op.: # 837 All People That on Earth Do Dwell  
Ps. 15, "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 839 Only-Begotten Word of God Eternal  
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 216, 311  
Comm.: *Optimam partem*, Lk. 10: 42  
# 656 Jesus, Come! For We Invite You  
Cl.: # 636 Let All Things Now Living

**THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB** next meeting is on Monday, September 23 at 7 PM 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 \$313,375.00 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](http://www.neworchester.org/2019-young-adult-retreat). Deadline to register is July 17th.

**THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE** would like to thank everyone who attended the Annual Picnic last Sunday. God Blessed Us with a beautiful day, an abundance of delicious food, being able to socialize with friends old & new. The Social Committee is wishing everyone a safe/fun summer, looking forward to seeing you at next year's picnic.

**RENOWNED FRENCH ORGANIST IN CONCERT**- Laurent Jochum, on tour from Paris, will be in recital on the historic 1928 Casavant Organ at St. Joseph Church, Worcester on Monday, July 29 at 7:00 PM. There will be a meet-and-greet the artist and reception. All are welcome and invited to attend.

**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 years 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](http://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 Hinchey at [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england).

## In Our Catholic Community...

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be this 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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #88** will be running their annual trip to Saratoga Race Track on Saturday, August 3rd. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person. For more information please contact Paul White at 508-756-5129. All are welcome.

**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

**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](http://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!

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$6977.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$3139.00	Restoration- \$137.00
Candles- \$222.00	Parking- \$315.00
Prop of Faith- \$1115.00	Stipends- \$835.00

**Total-** \$12,740.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11,488.66 **Restricted-** \$1252.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$20 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$50 IMO Delon White; \$820 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$100 IMO Albert Schola; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan

**Expenses-** \$13,554.86  
Elevator (240.00) Schola (907.88) Administration (5846.60)  
Altar (249.00) Church Water/Sewer (355.72) Rectory Water/  
Sewer (1096.00) Ascension Water/Sewer (199.80) Parish Haiti  
Trip (342.00) Maintenance (600.000) Lithuanian Donation  
(530.00) Church Electric (868.54) Rectory Electric (1087.46)  
Prop of Faith (1115.00) Rectory Alarm (116.86)

**Food for the Poor:**  
Income- \$6845.45 Expenses- \$4441.52

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Pernell Whittaker and Elijah Green who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Daniel Reyes, Jacob Jerome Cohn, Liam Francis Fanning, Greyson Theodore Papagno and Landen Thai Ngo who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## Word of Life

**“The parable of the rich man and his bountiful harvest is graphically clear and pointed. Once we pause to think about it, however, we realize that greed can take many subtle shapes... impulsively taking the biggest slice of fresh apple pie, the most comfortable chair in the family TV room, the end of the pew at church to ensure a fast get-away during the last song at Sunday Mass... greed remains one of the seven capital sins and takes many forms, some of them very down home and all too familiar. Jesus is very astute therefore in warning against ‘all greed (v. 15),’ for the physically impoverished can be very greed too!”**

**-- Bishop Richard J. Sklba**