

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

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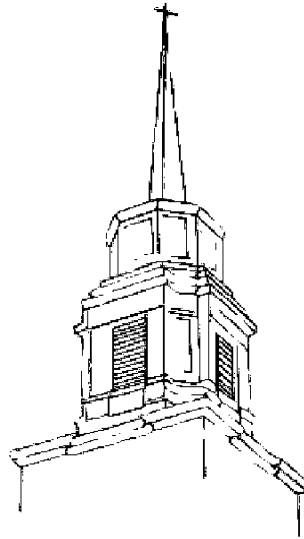
Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

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 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

Worship Hymnal #1159

### **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 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

Monday, July 29, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by St. John's

Tuesday, July 30, 2019

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

Wednesday, July 31, 2019

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

Thursday, August 1, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by St. John's

Friday, August 2, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Mike Chase**, req. by St. John's

Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas and Family, Jan and Michalina Pieniazek, Julia Kasparian, Leo and Helen Matys, Health and Int. of Elaine Kasparian, Leo and Dolores Matys and Family and Barbara and Joseph K.**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Gail M. Gully (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00 AM **Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family;  
**Josephine Zalieckas**, req. by Family  
10:15 AM **Nat Losapio**, req. by Family; **Ernest Brackett, Sr. (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Children  
12:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family  
7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

There is no doubt that many of you remember November 27, 2011. It was the First Sunday of Advent. It was the day we began using the new translation of the Mass parts. The responses, the Gloria, the Creed, the Eucharistic Prayer and other parts of the Liturgy that I have not yet been able to memorize. My siblings have always been invaluable in helping me to see what the laity is thinking and experiencing at Mass and in the Church. On the afternoon of November 27, 2011 my brother Jude called and told me that at Mass that morning he thought to himself – “If they changed the Our Father, I’m leaving!” While reflecting on this week’s gospel passage, Luke’s presentation of the Lord’s Prayer, I was reminded of his declaration. So, it was with a heavy heart and great regret that I called Jude this week to tell him that Pope Francis is changing the translation of the Our Father.

In June it was announced that, after Vatican officials had been studying translations for sixteen years, Pope Francis was changing the translation of the Lord’s Prayer. The officials decided that a mistake had occurred in the current translation “from a theological, pastoral and stylistic viewpoint.” As a result, the Holy Father approved changing the phrase “lead us not into temptation” to “do not let us fall into temptation.” As with absolutely everything in the world today, this decision has been met with tremendous disagreement.

Quite near the top of the list of things that I know little about is the Greek language, so I am not able to hold an educated position on that part of the debate. Yet, the Holy Father commented, “I am the one who falls; it is not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I fallen. A father doesn’t do that, a father helps you to get up immediately. It’s Satan that leads us into temptation, that’s his department.” I strongly agree with the Pope’s reasoning. This rings very true to me. The truth that has become clear to me over the years is that God is not the problem, we are. There is no doubt that temptation and testing come into every life. The falling and failing that is, too often, part of that reality is my fault, not God’s!

This translation change will have the power to bring a change in our image of God as Father. A change for the better, particularly in our relationship with God and our openness to the Father’s abundant grace so freely offered to his children.

Upon hearing what the change actually is, Jude decided that he would stay with us. Me, too – even if I may never be able to memorize the Our Father again.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## ***THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

Introit: Deus in loco sancto suo, Ps. 68

Op.: # 818 Help Us Accept Each Other

Ps. 138, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep: # 700 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Eucharistic Accs.: 214, 215, 216, 311

Comm.: Petite et accipietis, Lk. 11: 9, 10, Mt. 7: 7, 8, and 10

# 610 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank Thee Who Has Planted

**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 Fulton 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 \$313,775.00 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

**GREEN ISLAND INITIATIVE PUBLIC INPUT MEETING** will be held on Wednesday, July 31 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM at the PNI Club - 290 Millbury Street. The City wants people who live, work or own property in the Green Island neighborhood to come and provide community input on federal funds that will go towards improving housing, streets and other infrastructure. For more information call (508) 799-1400.

### **THE CLOTHING CENTER AT THE ASCENSION**

**CAMPUS** will be closed for vacation July 29-August 2 and will reopen regular hours on August 6. Any donations next week can be brought to the rectory Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 4 PM.

### **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 runs every Monday through 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](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.

**ITALIAN FESTIVAL-** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and Our Lady of Loreto Parish Italian Festival will be held Thursday, August 8—Sunday, August 11. Come down and enjoy Great Italian food, live entertainment, rides for the kids, Italian cookies, ice cream, beer and wine garden and more! The address for the festival is 37 Massasoit Rd., Worcester. All are welcome to attend!

**THEOLOGY ON FIRE-** Join us at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Nasonville Rhode Island this Friday, August 9th, for Theology on Fire! Theology on Fire is a Lecture series for Young Adults which meets the second Friday of every month from April to November. Young adults ages 16-35 are welcome to join us for a lecture around a fire in the outdoor shrine. Following the lecture, adoration is held. Finally, the group closes the night by meeting in the Church hall for pizza and community. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet young Catholics from across New England and to grow closer to Christ in community with them! The event starts at 7 PM and ends at 10 PM. The address is 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville RI, 02830. All are welcome.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$5700.25. We have also received:

Candles- \$323.00	Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$110.00	Partners in Charity- \$25.00

**Total- \$6193.25 Unrestricted- \$6168.25 Restricted-\$25.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$40 IMO Elizabeth Brosnihan; \$1360 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$50 from a friend; \$90 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 IMO Thomas Looney; \$500 from Eat to Give, Inc.; \$50 IMO Robert Henry; \$35 Imo Delon White; \$50 IMO Chester Sklarz; \$100 IMO Marie Morrissey

**Expenses— \$18,934.49**

Administration (4409.93) After School IVC (1500.00) Altar (20.00) Diocesan Budget Bill - July (8198.00) Propagation of Faith (3000.00) Church Bell Maintenance (26.56)

#### **Food for the Poor:**

Income- \$4140.40  
Expenses- \$3403.16

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

### **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Daniel O'Neil Robert Sullivan, and Rev. Joseph McKiernan who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Grant Anthony Blancahrd who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Word of Life**

**“God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ... No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly— every-one should be cherished and protected!”**

**Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan**