

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

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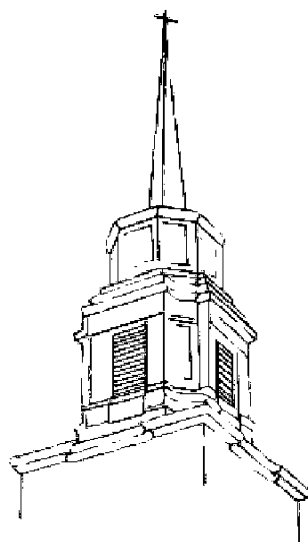
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **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**

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

Worship Hymnal #1162

### **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, 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 Pieniasek, 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 **Stella "Babchi" Hoey (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Family

Monday, August 5, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by St. John's

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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

Thursday, August 8, 2019

6:15 PM **Robert Moynagh (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Friday, August 9, 2019

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

Saturday, August 10, 2019

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, August 4, 2019

8:00 AM **Jim Gannon and Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family; **Mary Johnson**, req. by Village at Ascension Heights

10:15 AM **John Sullivan**, req. by The Sokolowski Family; **Michele M. Morris (7th Anniv.)**, req. by twin sister Margaret Chapman

12:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

You may (or may not) remember that some years ago I felt inspired to begin a movement in the country which would build a group of people who, while driving, would be committed to stopping to allow other drivers to make a left hand turn. Despite the abject failure, to date, of this project, I have embarked on another. Since at least one car and usually more run through every single red light, we need a collection of concerned people who will commit to slowing at the yellow and stopping at the red light.

The Sisters of St. Joseph told us that that anybody could become President. In case they were right, I have been prepared for years to run as a single-issue candidate. If elected I will mandate a daily siesta for the entire country. From 1 to 4 p.m. everything shuts down. We all go home, have lunch with the family and rest. I think that this should be enough to bring a victory. Just in case, though, this summer I have decided to add one more plank to the platform. If elected I will mandate that every new home constructed in the nation includes a front porch.

This is all silly, of course. Still, the point of the parable in today's Gospel reading is – "You can't take it with you." The lesson is clear. Its wisdom is evident. Yet, it remains difficult for us to both learn and to accept. As Monika Hellwig observed, *we are rightly cautioned by this Gospel, for it is characteristic of our culture that we accumulate property as though it were our security.* It is not only our culture, of course, but it certainly has been a consistent part of ours for many generations. More than anything else, perhaps, this is the reason that life now moves at such a dangerous speed.

For our own safety and sanity, we all need to slow down. The problems our society and the world are facing cannot possibly be solved by letting someone else make a turn or stopping at the red light. The fractures we experience cannot be healed by taking a nap or sitting together at the end of the day. But these things are a tremendous help that each day we are being sure to *think of what is above, not of what is on earth.* Thereby becoming *rich in what matters to God.*

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## ***THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

Introit: *Deus in auditorium meum intende*, Ps. 70: 2, 3  
Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  
Ps. 90, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your heart."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require

Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 216, 311

Comm.: *Panem de caelo dedisti nobis*, Wis. 16: 20  
# 923 I Receive the Living God

Cl.: # 564 Rejoice the Lord is King

**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 \$316,775.00 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](http://BeLikeBrit.org/walk)) will be at Elm Park on Saturday, September 7th and our Annual Gala ([BeLikeBrit.org/gala](http://BeLikeBrit.org/gala)) will be at Mechanics Hall, Saturday November 9th

**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).

**DINNER SHOW**- St. John's Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a dinner show with hypnotist Lorenzo Manzi on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Dinner will be served at 5:30 PM, with the show at 7:00 PM at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Dinner will be family style with soup, salad, pasta, chicken, potato, vegetables, rolls & butter, coffee/tea and dessert. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and will be on sale after the 4:15 PM, 8 and 10:15 AM and 12:15 PM Masses or by calling Judy at 508-478-9813. Get your tickets early!

**HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS**- On Friday, August 9 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM a Holy Hour to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester. It will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction, and will be repeated on the second Friday of each month. All are welcome!

**THE CLOTHING CENTER AT THE ASCENSION CAMPUS** will be open regular hours on August 6 and through the remainder of the summer. Any donations next week can be brought to the rectory Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 4 PM.

**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.

**LITTLE AUDREY EVENT** Christ the King Parish, Worcester, will host Bishop McManus Friday, August 9, at 10 AM, for Mass on the anniversary of Audrey Santo's accident. Following the Mass, a nine-hour novena will be held at the Santo home, 64 S. Flagg St., Worcester, from 11:03 a.m.-8 p.m. Each hour will have a specific intention and include the praying of the chaplet to Audrey. The novena ends with Benediction and offering of all prayer intentions.

### **In Our Catholic Community...**

**A MASS FOR HEALING** will be this held Tuesday, August 27 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.

**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!

**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.

**FLEA MARKET/FAIR IN OXFORD**- St. Roch Parish will hold a Flea Market & Vendor Fair on Saturday, August 24 and Sunday, August 25 from 8 am - 3 pm. St. Roch Church Lot is located next to Oxford Common, 342 Main Street, Rt. 12, Oxford. Lots of Shopping! Vendors wanted! \$25 for 10' x 20' space – both days! Call 508-820-6878 or 508-987-8987.

**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.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$14,047.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$224.00	Candles- \$233.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends- \$630.00

**Total-** \$15,204.66 **Unrestricted-** \$15,204.66 **Restricted-** \$0.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$500 from a friend; \$125 from a friend; \$50 IMO Mary O'Connor; \$400 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$10 IMO Daniel O'Neil

**Expenses—** \$5295.67

Administration (2074.44) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (599.91) Church Gas (19.00) Rectory Gas (66.53) Ascension Gas (19.00) Stipends (1370.00) House (320.40) Celebrate Priesthood Advertisement (400.00) Preserve the Flame (380.00) Rectory Alarm (34.73)

**Food for the Poor:**

Income- \$3945.00

Expenses- \$2178.43

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

**YEAR TO DATE**- In July we had a net cash operating loss of \$2808.94. This leaves our cash operating loss at \$393.28 with one month remaining in FY 18/19. Thank you for your generosity to the mission of St. John's.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Francisco Austriaco, David Hatch, Paul Daigneault, Harley Race and Nick Buoniconti who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Matthias Jacoby Mullen who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Word of Life**

**“What is the mark of a Christian? It is to watch daily and hourly and to stand prepared in that state of total responsiveness pleasing to God, knowing that the Lord will come at an hour that one does not expect.”**

**—Basil the Great**