

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

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### **Deacon**

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### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

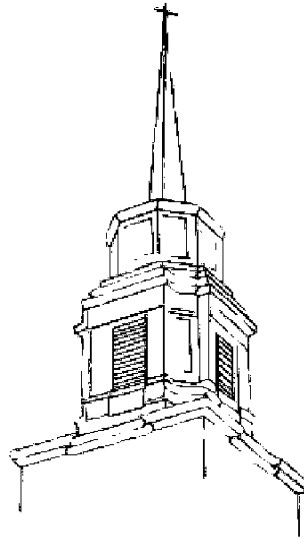
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **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**

Wis 18:6-9

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

Lk 12:32-48

Worship Hymnal #1165

### **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 10, 2019

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

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

Sunday, August 11, 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

Monday, August 12, 2019

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

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

6:15 PM **Henry W. Burak (22nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Wednesday, August 14, 2019

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

Thursday, August 15, 2019– The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15 PM **Paul Johnston**, req. by Family

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Joanne and Al Jozefowski**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Friday, August 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Justin Joseph Horton**, req. by Family

Saturday, August 17, 2019

4:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:00 AM **George Comptois (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **The O'Keefe Family**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson

10:15 AM **Mona O'Dwyer**, req. by Family; **Carol Jones (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Donna Jones

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family; **Lillian Fairbanks (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

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

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Here at St. John we have raised \$316,775 in pledges for the diocesan *Legacy of Hope* Campaign. This is 57% of our campaign goal and comes from only 11% of our parish families. Please keep in mind that this campaign helps us to accomplish many of our own parish needs. 40% of all monies raised will remain at St. John. As we have announced, these funds will allow us to:

- Install a New Sound System for the Main Church. We have already begun this process and hope to have it completed in the Fall.
- Upgrade Organ in Main Church
- Additional, Non-Budgeted Expense for Fr. Sebastian
- Ongoing Capital Expenses for All Buildings

Right now we have the unique opportunity to provide for our Parish's future. We are very thankful for the support we have received from the 106 parish families who have already donated to the campaign. Our hope now is to increase the percentage of participation. To that end, I/we pray that we can count on the support of those who have not yet participated as well.

Our campaign is being conducted on the simple premise that not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice. Every pledge of every amount is welcome and is vital to the success of this endeavor. Please consider a pledge to the best of your financial ability that can be paid over four years. While it is important that we reach our goal, to me it is of far greater importance that we have the participation of every family that calls St. John their spiritual home.

Pledges can be dropped in the collection basket, the mail or at the rectory. They can also be made online at [legacy-of-hope.worcesterdiocese.org](http://legacy-of-hope.worcesterdiocese.org). This is an exciting endeavor. With your help and that of all our parishioners, we will be able to provide for the continued growth and vitality of our wonderful parish and Catholic community.

If you have further questions about the campaign, please call the Parish Office at (508) 756-7165. Thank you for your time, consideration and support as we move forward in our *Legacy of Hope* Campaign.

In Christ's Peace,  
Father John Madden

## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Respice, Domine in testamentum tuum*, Ps. 74: 20, 19, 22, 23

Op.: # 571 Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Ps. 33, "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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

Comm.: *Beatus servus*, Mt. 24: 46, 47

# 939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Cl.: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**—as the summer, regrettably, moves toward its conclusion, we are looking forward to the coming months. To that end, if anyone is interested in serving the parish as a liturgical minister: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Altar Server, please contact the rectory office. Thank you.

**RCIA**—preparations are underway for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Any one who is interested in receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation please contact the rectory office. All are welcome.

**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 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** is Thursday. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:15 PM and the holy day Masses at 12:15 and 6:15 PM on Thursday, August 15.

**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!

**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.

**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

**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!

### **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.

**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.

**DYNAMIC CATHOLIC EVENT IN HOPEDALE-** Come and discover how four life-changing habits can point you towards discovering incredible possibilities for your life. You will leave the event with a personal plan to help you become the best version of yourself. Please join Dynamic Catholic and speaker Jonathan Fanning on Sunday, September 15 from 1-5 PM at Sacred Heart Church in Hopedale. Visit [DynamicCatholic.com/events](http://DynamicCatholic.com/events) or call 859-980-7900 for tickets.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP-** All young adults are welcome to Theology on Tap, Saturday, August 17, at 6 PM at Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd, Gardner, for drinks and dinner and lively conversation in good company. Guest speakers will be Steve and Kim Brown who will be discussing *Why Marriage Matters: the blessings of the sacrament of marriage*. You don't need to be dating or married to join us!

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$9979.56. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1964.00	Restoration- \$290.00
Candles- \$227.00	Parking- \$305.00
Stipends- \$160.00	Donation- \$1800.00

**Total-** \$14,725.56 **Unrestricted-** \$14,435.56 **Restricted-** \$290.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$150 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$25 IMO Eric Schmidt; \$60 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$25 IHO Moe Bergman; \$300 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$225 Imo Joan Bailey; \$1000 donation made by Fallon Health on Behalf of Reliant Medical Group; 100 IMO Paul Daignault

**Expenses-** \$17,010.96  
Schola (1032.88) Altar (54.15) Admin (2059.55) Ascension Internet and Phone (141.48) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) State Payroll Taxes (1197.80) House (32.42) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Maintenance (758.67) Federal Payroll Taxes 3 Weeks (7217.92) Funerals (811.20) Ascension Electric (461.00) Ascension Alarm (118.18) Copier (643.71)

**Food for the Poor:**  
Income- \$2345.64  
Expenses- \$5325.66

This weekend's second collection is to support the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Dolores White, Toni Morrison and Rosie Ruiz who have been born into eternal life.

### **Word of Life**

**“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”**

**— Luke 14:12-14**