

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

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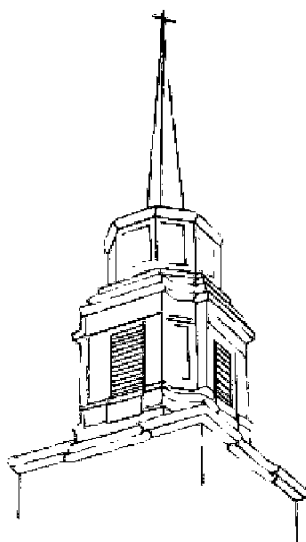
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

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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

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10

Heb 12:1-4

Lk 12:49-53

Worship Hymnal #1168

Rectory Office Hours:

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

Monday, August 19, 2019

6:15 PM **Bill Pugliese and John Gingras**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

6:15 PM **Elna Soule**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

6:15 PM **Paul Gerbus and Ellie Gaudette**, req. by Bob and Donna Mastrovito

Thursday, August 22, 2019

6:15 PM **Birthday Remembrance for Stella "Babchi" Hoey**, req. by Family

Friday, August 23, 2019

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

Saturday, August 24, 2019

4:15 PM **John Michael Cahill, Jr. (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Henry Lusardi**, req. by Frank Carroll

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

Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:00 AM **Rose Johnson**, req. by Family; **Willis "Winkie" Magnuson**, req. by Green Island Residents Group

10:15 AM **Lelia Ryan**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Walter and Katharina Perduta**, req. by Family; **Birthday Blessings for Matthew Garofoli**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Jane (1st Anniv.) and Joe (14th Anniv.) Stanick**, req. by Family

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, each year, a group of parishioners from St. John's travel to Haiti as missionaries with the Be Like Brit orphanage, now known as "Brit's Home." This year I had the opportunity to join the team. In the morning, we helped the Haitians to build a house for a family made up of a mother and her three children. During the evening, we visited the community and played with the children in the orphanage. At night, we prayed together and reflected on the day's activities. There was an element that was always present during the moments of our routine as missionaries: Fire. While building the house in the morning, sometimes the family and the workers cooked their lunch outside using branches. It was impressive that even in the high temperatures during the day, people still gathered around the fire to chat. At night, while we prayed, we could see small fires from the mountains: people were burning all the garbage they had produced during the day. It was the only safe way for them to clean and sanitize their property. In both cases, the fire had two different connotations: in the morning, the fire kept people together when they were sharing a meal. And, at night, fire cleaned the place where they live.

Jesus says in today's Gospel, "I have come to set the earth on fire." (Luke 12:49). It is a very strange message. A few passages ago in the Gospel of Luke, we heard that this Jesus was the messenger of peace. And now, it is as if he is a kind of arsonist. However, the fire he is talking about is closer to the fire that missionaries see in Haiti. It is a fire that keeps us close to our community and purifies us. This purification is not a mere moral sanitization. The fire of Christ, since it makes us closer to one another, can help us to purify our identity and our mission in life: being active children of God. Some would say no to Him, and some could say yes. And that's why the Gospel says that the fire will divide families. However, the goal of God is to keep us together around his light as a family and help us to realize what our missions are.

The parishioners who went to Haiti to build a house, to connect with the Haitian community, to play with the children of Brit's Home allowed God to set their lives on fire as volunteers, as missionaries. They are not different from you and me: We all sit on the same pews, we read the same Gospel every weekend, we eat the same Body and Blood of Jesus... What else can we do to set our lives on fire? What is our mission in life? To whom we can minister next? The only way to feel the fire is to get closer to it. Therefore, I invite you to come to Haiti with the parish next year or to volunteer in another Church ministry so that we all can bring and received the warmth of Jesus' fire.

- Fr. Sebastian

NB The parish Haitian Apostolate will meet on Monday, September 16 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. We will discuss and begin planning for next year's missionary trip.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Protector noster aspice*, Ps 84
Op.: # 689 O God Our Help in Ages Past
Ps. 40, "Lord, come to my aid!"
Alleluia: # 208
Prep: # 761 Take Up Your Cross
Eucharistic Accs.: # 214, 215, 216, 311
Comm.: *Primum quaerite*, Mt 6: 33
939 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Cl.: # 720 The Kingdom of God

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 FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SILUVA- There will be an observance of the feast of Our Lady of Siluva at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday September 1st with St John's Lithuanian Choir. A reception will follow in the church hall after the service. All are invited and welcome to share in this celebration

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SIGNUPS are now open on the parish website for all programs, grades 1 through Confirmation. If anyone is interested in volunteering please email Dianne at dhgustowski@gmail.com Please sign up prior to the first day of classes which is September 15. Grades 1-6 will be at 9 AM in the church hall, grades 7-9 at 11:15 AM in the church hall and Confirmation will be at 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center.

DINNER SHOW- St. John's Social Activities Committee is sponsoring a dinner show with hypnotist Lorenzo Manzi on Saturday, September 21st. 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) will be at Elm Park on Saturday, September 7th and our Annual Gala (BeLikeBrit.org/gala) will be at Mechanics Hall, Saturday November 9th

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA OF MT CARMEL AT OUR LADY OF LORETO- All are welcome to the Miraculous Medal Novena for nine consecutive nights, beginning September 3 through September 11. Our speakers include Bishop Robert McManus, Msgr. Stephen Pedone, Fr. Nick Desimone, Msgr. Francis Scollen, Fr. Dennis O'Brien, Fr. Jim Mazzone, Deacon Paul Audette, and Deacon John Barton. The Church is located at 37 Massasoit Road, Worcester.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be 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.

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS COMES TO

WORCESTER- Christ the King Parish this Fall! For Catholics who wish to know more about their faith, we announce... Our parish will offer 'Pivotal Players,' the highly acclaimed 'New Evangelization' program on Thursday evenings this fall. All are welcome and be sure to invite your friends. The program begins on Thursday, September 12 at 7 pm (with dinner). Each Thursday we will begin with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9:00 PM each evening.

WORCESTER PRISON MINISTRIES BENEFIT-

Join us for an evening of music with *Genesis, Heartstrings, Josh Dougherty, and ShellTheory* on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7 pm at Curtis Performance Hall at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester.. The Benefit Concert will help build "Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel" at Worcester County House of Correction. To purchase tickets at \$25.00 each visit our Facebook page: WorcesterPrisonMinistries or eventbrite.com: Worcester-prison-ministries

GRIEF SUPPORT WORKSHOP- St. Mary Parish, Uxbridge will be hosting "Grieving with Great HOPE," a five-week grief support workshop. This workshop will include video presentations, sharing and prayer. If you have lost a spouse, parent, child (including pregnancy loss), sibling, etc. you may benefit from this workshop. Meeting dates are September 19, 26 and October 3, 10, and 17 6:30 PM - 8:30 pm in the parish hall. Cost is \$18.00 and includes the accompanying workbook. To register please call the office at 509-278-2226.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7497.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1,000.00	Candles- \$227.00
Parking- \$70.00	Stipends- \$620.00
School Rent- \$4822.72	E. Europe- \$594.00

Total- \$14,830.88 **Unrestricted-** \$14,236.88 **Restricted-** \$594.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$35 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$150 IMO Jim McDonald; \$150 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$10 IMO Joan Bailey; \$25 IMO Thomas Burke

Expenses- \$9893.03

Schola (1074.55) Altar (171.32) Administration (4822.58) Office (190.00) Maintenance (600.00) Church Electric (874.45) Rectory Electric (1447.36) Eastern Europe (594.00) Church Alarm (118.77)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$3110.00
Expenses- \$5295.46

LEGACY OF HOPE-To date we have raised \$316,775. We are most grateful for all the donations received to date. Anyone still looking to donate can mail payments to the rectory, the chancery or donate online at legacyof-hope.worcesterdiocese.org/donate-now.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of John Brothers, Janet Rawlston, Clifford Branch, Peggy Collins O'Leary, John Cordiner, Darryl Drake and James Marcus who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

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