

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

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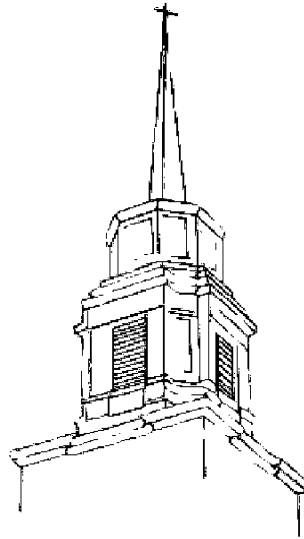
Donna Mastrovito
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Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center

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

Is 66:18-21

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

Lk 13:22-30

Worship Hymnal #1171

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 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

Monday, August 26, 2019

6:15 PM **In Memory of the Boyle Family**

Tuesday, August 27, 2019

6:15 PM **Ifeanyi Menkiti**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Mike Chase**, req. by Friends

Thursday, August 29, 2019

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

Friday, August 30, 2019

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

Saturday, August 31, 2019

4:15 PM **Mary Mitchell (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Husband; **Lt. Gen. Bill Maloney and Jinny**, req. by Frank Carroll
7:15 PM **Christopher Sebring**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 1, 2019

8:00 AM **Jim and Mary Gannon, Tom and Elizabeth Spurr**, req. by Family; **Carol Santa Maria (6th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Richard Houlihan**, req. by Frank Carroll; **Kitty Kinsella**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Thomas Gentile**, req. by Family; **Deacon Paul Dacri (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We are thrilled to welcome Deacon Ed Meilus to our pastoral team. His assignment here at St. John's begins this weekend. Deacon Ed comes to us with plenty of pastoral experience. Most of his diaconal work has been focused on youth ministry. He comes to Temple Street looking for a wider and more varied experience. As we all know, he is going to find it here! Many of you know Deacon Ed, because this is Worcester. Also, because over the years he has been assisting us with the Lithuanian community. He will be able to help even more now that he is with us. I am thankful to Deacon Ed for his willingness to join our team. Plus, I am excited about all the gifts that he brings to our community. Welcome, Deacon Ed!

In these days our minds have turned toward the coming year and resuming our regular activities. The bad news is that this means that summer is ending. The good news is that our regular activities are resuming. Registration for our youth's religious education classes has begun. This can be done online through the parish website. On the weekend of September 7th and 8th, members of the religious ed staff will be at all the Masses. They will make a short presentation after Communion and be available to answer any questions, as well. A central aspect of our adult faith formation is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA. We have begun the process of collecting the names of adults who are seeking on of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. If this is something that interests you, please contact the rectory. If you are aware of someone who would be interested in the RCIA, encourage them to contact the rectory.

Our Bible Study will resume next month. In speaking with Mahri, our Bible Study leader, we are changing the format. As you know, over the past several years we have conducted a lectionary-based study. Which is to say, that we studied the readings for the coming Sunday Mass. It was a helpful and fruitful exercise. Still, we recognize that a change would be good. Our plan now is to have some mini-courses or seminars throughout the year. Each one focusing on a different biblical topic. We need your help. What topic would be of interest to you? I have a few running around in my head, of course, but Mahri and I would like to know what is running around in your heads! Feel free to email me or the parish address, call, or stop me in the street to express your ideas. We will then sort the information and formulate a plan and schedule for this year's Bible Study. I thank you in advance for your input and your participation.

No one likes to see the summer go, but it is great to see what is to come for our parish in the weeks and months ahead.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Inclina Domine, aurem tuam*, Ps. 86

Op.: # 732 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. "Go out to all the world, and tell the good news.",
Mk: 16:15

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 391 City of God

Eucharistic Accs.: # 215, 216, 217, 311

Comm.: *De fructu operum tuarum*, Ps. 104

556 Adoro Te / Hidden Here Before Me

Cl.: # 631 Father We Thank Thee Who Hast Planted

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

September 4– Social Activities, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 16– Haitian Apostolate, 7 PM in the rectory.

September 23– Catholic Book Club 7 PM in the rectory. The book is *The Life of Christ* by Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

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 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.

LEGACY OF HOPE-To date we have raised \$322,775. 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 legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org/donate-now.

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 dhgustowksi@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. If any parishioner wants to receive updates and info from Religious Ed, just sign up for the Religious Education Program in Flocknote and you will get our monthly newsletter.

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!

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 OL 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 Massachusetts Road, Worcester.

PARISH BARBECUE IN WORCESTER- Our Lady of Lourdes Church and Knights of Columbus Pope John XXIII Annual Barbecue will be held on Sunday, September 8 with Outdoor Mass at 10:30 AM and BBQ at Noon. Hamburgers, Hot dogs and Chicken prepared by Paula Jacevicius and her special secret sauce. There will be 50/50 Raffle, Raffle Baskets, OLOL cookbooks, tote bags and Christmas ornaments for sale. Pinatas, face painting, whiffle ball and corn hole/bean bag toss for entertainment. Come join the fun!

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 \$7302.66. We have also received:

Candles- \$282.00 Stipends- \$40.00
Assumption- \$1283.00 Donation- \$600.00
Haitian Apostolate- \$70.00

Total- \$9527.66 **Unrestricted-** \$9527.66 **Restricted-** \$0.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 In memory of Thomas Burke; \$500 from Eat to Give, Inc.; \$100 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$2494.05 from Stop and Shop, Lincoln Street; \$2762.15 from Stop and Shop Grafton St.; \$2384.50 from Stop and Shop West Boylston St.; \$250 IMO Joseph Sullivan

Expenses- \$12,789.05

Administration (3099.75) Altar (268.20) House (400.00) Lithuanian Donation (530.00) CCD (156.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Diocesan Budget Bill- August (8307.60)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$8715.70
Expenses- \$5290.31

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 family of Joseph Goodrich who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

**"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts,
then there is no hurt, but only more love"**

-Mother Theresa