

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

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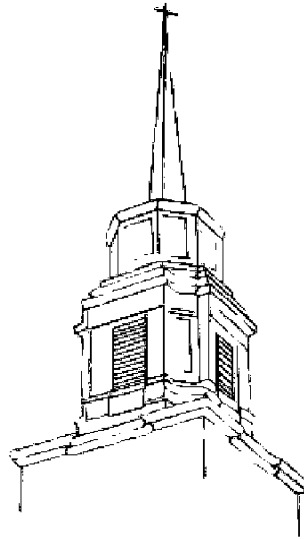
Donna Mastrovito
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Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center

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

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Heb 12:18-19, 22-2a

Lk 14:1, 7-14

Worship Hymnal #1174

Rectory Office Hours:

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

Monday, September 2, 2019

6:15 PM **Stephen Caputo**, req. by Family

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

6:15 PM **Pat Gaudette**, req. by Family

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

6:15 PM **John Scianimanico**, req. by Frank Carroll

Thursday, September 5, 2019

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

Friday, September 6, 2019

6:15 PM **Frank Toscano (1st Anniv.)**, req. by a Friend

Saturday, September 7, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; John Trumpaitis (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Wife, Kathy

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

Sunday, September 8, 2019

8:00 AM **Mary and Joe Paskavitz, Adele and Tony Dailida, Francis and Rose Allelunas**, req. by Family; **Mike Falvey**, req. by Paul White

10:15 AM **Christopher Johnson**, req. by Family; **Michael Errico**, req. by Mary Riccardi

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

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

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

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Father Madden asked me to write a little bit about myself as I begin my diaconal ministry here at St. John's Parish. I am truly blessed, pleased and honored to be able to serve here and make a difference for the people of God here at Temple Street.

I'm at "Worcester Boy" through and through. I was born in Worcester at Fairlawn Hospital after my parents immigrated from Europe in the early 1950's. My home parish was Saint Casimir's and I attended Saint Casimir school for grades K through eight. I spoke only Lithuanian and Swedish at home until I went to school and learned English from the Sisters of St. Casimir. My education continued having graduated from Saint John's High School and from WPI with a BS in chemistry an MS in chemical engineering and an MBA. I worked for over 20 years in the defense industry as a quality/reliability engineer, a department head and program manager.

Many times in conversation the question would come up where I met my wife. When I asked I would tell people "in the woods". Both of us were very involved in scouting (I still am) and we were participating in an international jamboree when we met. She was from Omaha, Nebraska. A really special, faith-filled woman, we were married for 30 years. Terri passed to eternal life in 2013. We have three children. Son Antanas is married to his wife Catherine and they have a daughter, Reilly and are expecting their second child, a son within a week or so. Antanas is a professional musician, a cantor and soloist and also works in the IT industry.

Our daughter Jura is married to Brendan Greeley and she works at the New England Center for Children in Southboro as a manager and service provider for those with autism in their residential program. Our youngest daughter Siggy lives and works in Washington DC leading an organization that advocates for social justice and just wages for those working in the services sector especially those working in restaurants and hotels.

Bishop Daniel P. Reilley ordained me a deacon on December 7, 2002 and since that time I have been working in ministry (having left the defense industry during formation). My previous assignments included diaconal ministry at St. Mary of the Hills Parish in Boylston, St Bernadette Parish in Northboro and St Paul Parish in Blackstone. I served also as the Director of the Office for Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Worcester and also was the director of the Oakhurst Retreat and Conference Center formerly in Whitinsville. Most recently I served as Deacon and full-time youth minister at St. Mark parish in Sutton.

I look forward to getting to meet you and please keep me in your prayers as I embark on this journey of service.

In Christ's Peace,
Deacon Ed

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Miserere mihi Domine, quoniam ad te*, Ps. 86: 3, 5

Op.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine

Ps. 68, "God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require

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

Comm.: *Domine, memorabur*, Ps. 71: 16, 17, 18
949 Take and Eat

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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. We plan on beginning the program in early October. 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 this 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- we have raised \$331,035. 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

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting on Wednesday September 11th at 9:30-11:00 AM in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come! Anyone who would like a prayer shawl for someone should call Connie at 508-755-5172.

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE- An Ignatian directed prayer experience beginning October 1, 2019 is in the final period for accepting applications. This is a wonderful and enriching program. If you are looking for a way to deepen your relationship with God, this may be just what you've been searching for. Information and an application form are available on the website IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com. You can contact the team by e-mail worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462. The 90-minute sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church hall in Worcester adjacent to Clark University. If interested, please send in application ASAP.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, September 24 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.

TRAVELING HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

The Vocations Office is beginning a monthly *traveling* holy hour for vocations. The next one takes place on Monday, September 23 at 7 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

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.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET

Tune in on Monday - 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. Also airs at 4:30 pm in Shrewsbury.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9603.16. We have also received:

Candles- \$205.00	Parking- \$370.00
Stipends- \$600.00	Legacy of Hope- \$150.00
School Rent- \$4844.72	

Total- \$15,772.88 **Unrestricted-** \$15,622.88 **Restricted-** \$150.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$500 in sympathy for all Steelers fans; \$50 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$28.78 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Marie Morill; \$25 IMO Paul Daignault; \$100 IHO Barbara Bateman and Walter Coolidge

Expenses- \$15,989.64

Schola (1307.01) Dumpster (250.00) CCD (157.41) Administration (5515.94) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (599.91) Church and Rectory Gas (89.81) Church Electrical Repair (715.50) Envelopes (949.02) Maintenance (483.50) Federal Payroll Taxes (3173.20) Hall Plumbing (421.66) Altar (610.24) Funerals (152.80) Postage (1029.99) Preserve the Flame (290.00) Rectory Alarm (34.73) Office (323.92)

Food for the Poor:

Expenses- \$4124.71

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Craig Vaicilonis who has been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"In prayer we shift the center of living from self-consciousness to self-surrender. God is the center toward which all forces tend. He is the source, and we are the flowing of His force, the ebb and flow of His tide."

-Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel