

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

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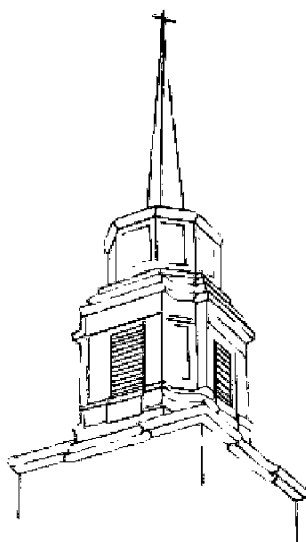
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32

Worship Hymnal #1180

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, September 14, 2019

4:15 PM **George Comptois**, req. by Family;
Alphonse Krusas, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:00 AM **Ray Gleason**, req. by Family; **Peggy Palmer (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **John Belanger**, req. by Family;
Andrew Shea, req. by Sons
7:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Monday, September 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Joe and Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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

Thursday, September 19, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Friday, September 20, 2019

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

Saturday, September 21, 2019

4:15 PM **Joseph and Ann Kirklauskas & Family, Jan and Michalina Pieniasek, Julia Kasparian, Leo and Helen Matys & Family, Health and Int. of Elaine Kasparian & Family, Lee and Dolores Matys & Family & Barbara and Joseph K.**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Family

Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family;
Eugene Foley, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Alan Piper, Carol Curld and Alejandra Getizo**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Throughout the week whenever I entered the kitchen or other common area in the house, the guys in there immediately stopped talking. I suspect that – despite my clear prohibition of the topic – they were talking about the Steelers-Patriots game last Sunday. I use the term “game,” loosely, of course! Today’s Gospel passage is the 15th chapter of Luke’s Gospel. It is, more than any other, the Chapter of God’s Mercy. In reading it, I recognize that I must forgive the guys for their terrible insubordination. Plus, “it’s on to Seattle,” anyway.

A week from Monday – on September 23rd – we begin our Annual Novena in Honor of St. Therese, of Lisieux. We will pray the novena at all the scheduled Masses until her feast day, Tuesday, October 1st. This is a wonderful tradition here on Temple Street and I hope that many of us will be able to gather to seek the powerful intercession of the Little Flower.

As you know, our two annual novenas are very distinct. Beginning with the Saints themselves; Therese and Francis Xavier could not be more different personalities. This distinction extends to how they lived out their Christian mission, as well. Further, the timing of the novenas is instructive in its own way. In the fall, as we start a new year with our parish and other activities, Therese’s Little Way reminds us of the importance of each encounter and event. As we focus on our big plans, she instructs us to notice the quiet, hidden work of God in our lives. The Novena of Grace, as you know, usually falls in the Season of Lent. Then we are reminded of how Francis Xavier’s relationship with Ignatius of Loyola led him to a deep conversion. In Lent, his intercession is especially powerful as we try to put aside the things of this world and open our hearts and minds to heavenly realities.

In between, of course, is the Advent and Christmas seasons. The prophet Isaiah dominates Advent. The liturgy, both on Sunday and the weekdays, presents passages from Isaiah throughout the four weeks leading to Christmas. This year we will be blessed to have a Bible Study focused on Isaiah. This early Christmas gift will begin on November 12th. As the date gets closer, Mahri will publish a “course description.” The plan is for a six-week mini-course. I am sure it will help us to prepare the way of the Lord. Many thanks to Mahri for this gift.

As Luke 15 proclaims – and Pope Francis reiterates – “the Name of God is Mercy.” Whether in Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall; during Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter or Ordinary Time this powerful grace of God is available to us all.

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Da pacem, Domine*, Sir. 36: 18

Op.: # 885 Lift High the Cross

Ps. 51, "I will rise and go to my father."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 963 Our Father, We Have Wandered

Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311

Comm.: *Dico vobis, gaudium*, Lk 15: 10

712 The King of Love my Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 627 O God, Beyond All Praising

ONGOING EVENTS AT ST. JOHN'S

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW? Hope for Housing gift cards are a great way to help prevent homelessness - at no cost to you. Simply purchase a gift card (D&D, Grocery, Panera, CVS, etc) after Mass at St. John's. You keep the card, at full value, and the store donates a percentage to the Hope for Housing program, helping local at-risk families stay in their homes when money is tight. Sales of gift cards will resume in September, starting on the 7th/8th and continuing on the first and third weekends of each month at the Saturday 4:15 and Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Masses. For more info, see the church website or text Dan at 508-405-1615.

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 legacyof-hope.worcesterdiocese.org/donate-now.

CYC BASKETBALL– Any St. John's parishioner ages 14-18 who is interested in joining the team please call/text coach Ray Mattress at 508-612-6007.

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 has been cancelled due to a lack of tickets sold. Refunds have been sent out to those who purchased tickets.

INTERNATIONAL POT LUCK SUPPER-The Social Committee will be holding an International Pot luck Supper on Saturday, October 26th after the 4:15 PM Mass at the St. Francis Xavier Center. There will be more information in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

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.

SAINT JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL will be holding an Open House on Saturday, September 28 at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. The Placement Test for current 8th graders will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019. Visit www.stjohnshigh.org or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266, for further information.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

MASS- Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 20 at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 11 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the reg. form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

2019 WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S will take place on Sunday, September 15 in the Hanover Insurance Office Park, 100 North Parkway, Worcester. Currently Alzheimer's can't be prevented, cured or even slowed. By participating in the walk - the world's largest fundraiser to fight the disease - we can all work to find a cure. For more information please contact Carolyn Leary at 617-393-2147 or caleary@alz.org. Thank you in advance for any and all support.

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Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$11,086.84. We have also received:

Monthly- \$268.00	Restoration- \$238.00
Candles- \$196.00	Parking- \$285.00
Stipends- \$350.00	

Total- \$12,423.84. **Unrestricted-** \$12,185.84 **Restricted-** \$238.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25.98 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$1000 IMO Richard and Eleanor O'Toole; \$50 IMO Joseph Sullivan; \$80 IMO Craig Vaicilionis; \$10 for a favor received; \$50 IMO Russell Hicks; \$50 IMO Maureen Janulewicz; \$50 IMO Dori Houston; \$844 from St. Luke's, Westboro; \$100 IMO Stan and Bernice Rutkowski

Expenses- \$21,111.61

Schola (914.14) Administration (7728.77) Altar (144.00) State Payroll Taxes (1102.78) Ascension Electrical Repair (248.25) Parking Lot Lines (1050.00) House (786.20) Federal Payroll Taxes (2711.74) Alarm (808.70) Maintenance (750.00) Ascension Electric (423.02) Tree Removal (3800.00) Copier (643.71)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$5728.76 Expenses- \$4498.39

This weekend's second collection is the One Day's Pay Collection.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the family of Aldona Grigaitis, Anthony Oliva, Mary SanClemente, John Erickson, Thomas Cullen, Edward Mahoney and Thomas Boone Pickens, Jr. who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“How can a heart given up to human affections be closely united to God? It seems to me that it is impossible. I have seen so many souls, allured by this false light, fly right into it like poor moths, and burn their wings, and then return, wounded, to Our Lord, the Divine fire which burns and does not consume.”

–St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story of a Soul*