

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

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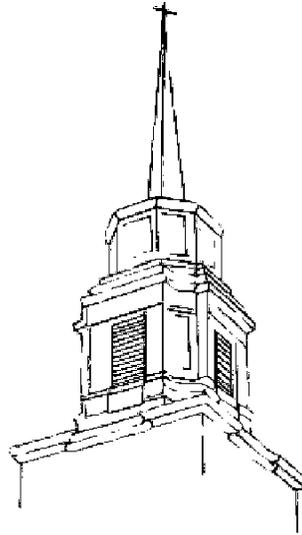
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Worship Hymnal #1186

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, September 28, 2019

4:15 PM **Mary Genatossio (30th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Nicholas (10th Anniv.) and Rose (5th Anniv.) Oliveri**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Frances and David Vautrain**, req. by Niece Barbara

Sunday, September 29, 2019

8:00 AM **Patricia Prendiville**, req. by Family; **Matthew Covello (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Ruth Budney (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Birthday Blessings for John Garofoli, Michele Sargent, Paloma Garofoli and Nicholina Pasquale**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **A Special Intention**

Monday, September 30, 2019

6:15 PM **Mike Lewis**, req. by Family; **Deceases Members of Manuel and Conception Catalan and Family**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 1, 2019

6:15 PM **William E. Zinnel, Jr. (90th Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Bill, Sophia and Family; **Belle and Tim Cooney**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

6:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 3, 2019

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

Friday, October 4, 2019

6:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Harrington House

Saturday, October 5, 2019

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Stasia and Anthony Savage**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Sunday, October 6, 2019

8:00 AM **Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Patricia Belliveau**, req. by Lorraine Laurie
10:15 AM **Eleanor Prevoski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Christine Haig (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Barbara Wyatt
12:15 PM **Fr. Joseph Adamo (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Denise Boucher Garofoli and Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family
7:15 PM **A Special Intention**
The Rosary is prayed each weekday beginning with the Angelus at 5:50 p.m.

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The transformation in the Green Island neighborhood which has taken place during my more than fifteen years living here has been astounding. After Bishop Reilly told me that I was being assigned to St. John's, I took a drive to Temple Street with my friend and yours, "Fr. Frank." His always honest assessment was, "it's desolate down here." It's not desolated any longer. The growth in the neighborhood has been a welcome development. All of us hope that it will continue. If only because the parking revenue that the WooSox will provide the parish will be helpful!

Recently, I have begun to sense that perhaps another transformation is taking place, as well. Compared to some years ago, there seems to be, among a certain segment of people, a less than positive reception of the guests who come to the Xavier Center each morning. This saddens me. It does not surprise me. Today's Gospel passage is The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The one "dined sumptuously each day." The other "would have gladly eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." The challenging aspect of the parable is Jesus teaches that the common separation in this life develops into "a great chasm" in the next. Chasm is a great word. It communicates the transformation which takes place. *Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.*

This is what saddens. A certain segment of people appears to be developing a chasm that could jeopardize their eternal happiness. However, the parable reminds us that there is reason to hope. The hope is that God will send leaders and prophets and angels who will show us the way to His Son. As Paul tells Timothy and us, *Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

This week I received a letter from someone who has made an enormous investment in our neighborhood. I am not sure that the person wants to be identified, but the letter included a most generous donation. It read, in part, *I have been in the area and have seen the line out the door at the food pantry and soup kitchen and it breaks my heart to see so many families requiring a helping hand. Worcester certainly seems to have its share of people in need and while some may see them as a nuisance, I see it as a chance to show your humanity by assisting those in need as well as an opportunity to recite, 'there but for the grace of God go I.' Something I often say to myself.*

Hope is real.

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Omnia Quae fecisti nobis, Domine*, Dan 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps. 146, "Praise the Lord, my soul! (Praise the Lord!)"

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 747 God, Your Knowing Eye Can See

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

Comm.: *Memento verbi servo tuo*, Ps. 119: 49, 50

556 Adoro Te / Hidden Here Before Me

Cl.: # 592 God Has Spoken By His Prophets

RCIA - Monday, October 22 is the first class of the inquiry phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Any one who is interested in receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation is invited to attend. Please contact the rectory office if you have any questions.

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.

THE PARISH CHOIR IS BACK! We will be meeting this Wednesday for our first rehearsal of the year! We sing on Sundays at the 12:15 Mass, and rehearse on Wednesday nights right after the 6:15 Mass at 7:00 in the Choir loft. Come to Mass and then rehearsal! You don't even need to know how to read music to join! Just love singing, be able to carry a tune, and want to learn more about music and faith and how the two work together! We can always use more singers, come give it a try! We provide the other singers, the music and the rehearsal time and space, you just provide the voice and an eagerness for learning and praying in song with a group of fun people! Come talk to one of the musicians after one of the Masses to learn more, or contact Sean Redrow, Director of Music at SPRedrow@aol.com.

THE NOVENA IN HONOR OF ST. THERESE began on Monday, September 23 and runs through her Feast Day, Tuesday, October 1. Prayers will be said at all the scheduled Masses throughout the nine days.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6— This Sunday, September 29, 9 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9— This Sunday, September 29, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

Confirmation— This Sunday, September 29, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center.

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 ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting Wednesday October 9th, 9:30 — 11:00 AM in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome! If anyone needs a prayer shawl, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

A DAY OF PRAYER - Everyone is invited to join us in praying 2000 Hail Mary's in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary on Sunday, October 6. This will be held at St. John's lower church. You may join at any time of the day. We will recite all the mysteries of the holy rosary. Schedule: 10:00 AM - Start of the rosary and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 3:00 PM - Divine Mercy Chaplet (resume the rosary immediately after); 6:00 PM - Benediction; and 8:00 PM - End of the rosary. A free will offering will be accepted to benefit St. John's Food For the Poor program. Also, you may bring your donation of clothing and /or non-perishable food items to the lower church when you come, and these will be given to St. John's at the end of the day. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall throughout the day.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP— Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish will hold its next 6-part series of "A New Day Ministry" beginning Monday, October 21, 1 -2:30 PM in the Parish Hall, 111 Worcester St., West Boylston. For more information or to register (required prior to the start of the sessions) call Renate Isbell (508) 835-3286.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held on Tuesday, October 22 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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE will be held at Elm Park at Noon on Saturday, October 12. "Public prayer is far more powerful than private to appease God and call down His mercy." -St. Louis de Monfort

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD AND SUPPORT PRIESTS' RETIREMENT- Forms are available in the church or online at worcesterdiocese.org to order tickets or to make a donation to the 6th Annual "Celebrate Priesthood – Taste of the Diocese" to be held on Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 5:30 PM at the Atrium at St. Vincent Hospital. Join us for a Gala featuring a wide variety of food, wine, beer and soft drinks from leading restaurants and ethnic parishes. Our open reception format gives everyone a chance to mingle, visit with friends and priests who you may not have seen in years as well as give thanks for the gift of the priesthood in our lives. Can't attend? Donations gladly accepted and opportunities also available online for memorial gifts, sponsorships, advertising, and legacy gifts.

SAINT JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL will be holding an Open House on Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 PM. The Placement Test for current 8th graders will be held on Saturday, October 26. Please visit our website www.stjohnshigh.org or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266, for further information.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY will host fall open houses on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 PM and Thursday, October 30 from 6-8 PM for any girl in grades 7-12.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$10,277.64. We have also received:

Monthly- \$20.00	Restoration- \$57.00
Candles- \$229.00	Parking- \$490.00
Stipends- \$90.00	Days Pay- \$610.00

Total- \$11,773.64. **Unrestricted-** \$11,716.64 **Restricted-** \$57.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$50 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$4,000 from a friend; \$95 IMO Mary Johnson; \$150 IMO Glen Griffin; \$100 IHO 50th Wedding Anniversary of Michael and Maureen Donoghue; \$500 from the PawSox Foundation; \$175 IMO John Dowd

Expenses- \$13,070.53

Schola (922.08) CCD (206.39) Admin (5641.40) Copier (160.78) Church and Rectory Gas (83.80) Ascension Gas (19.00) House (290.35) Federal Payroll Taxes (2219.00) Church Plowing (2000.00) Ascension Plowing (750.00) Preserve the Flame (749.00) Rectory Alarm (109.73)

Food for the Poor:

Income- \$9239.11
Expenses- \$2026.36

YEAR TO DATE- In September, the first month of Fiscal Year 2019/2020 we had a net cash loss of \$12,665.62. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic Schools Appeal.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Paul Letsky, Edward O'Donnell and Beverly Cooper who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

"Perfect families do not exist. This must not discourage us. Quite the opposite. Love is something we learn; love is something we live... Love is born and constantly develops amid lights and shadows. Love can flourish in men and women who try not to make conflict the last word, but rather a new opportunity... This is a great legacy that we can give to our children, a very good lesson: we make mistakes, yes; we have problems, yes. But we know that that is not really what counts. We know that mistakes, problems and conflicts are an opportunity to draw closer to others, to draw closer to God."—Pope Francis