

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

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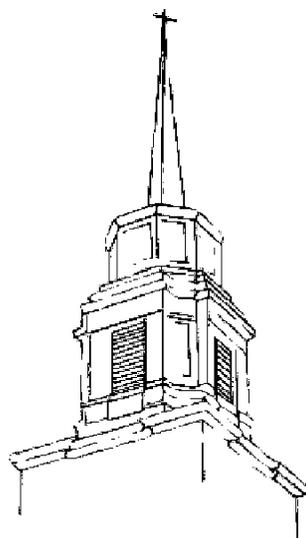
Donna Mastrovito
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Music Ministry

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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

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

Worship Hymnal #1188

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, 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**

Monday, October 7, 2019

6:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

6:15 PM **George Comptois**, req. by Family; **Eleanor Prevoski**, req. by David and Joanne Gaughan

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

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

Thursday, October 10, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Family

Friday, October 11, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Harrington House

Saturday, October 12, 2019

4:15 PM **Dan Martel**, req. by Family; **John Trumpaitis (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Wife Kathy
7:15 PM **Henry, Anne and Thomas Donovan**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 13, 2019

8:00 AM **Eddie Gannon**, req. by Family; **Robert Foley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of Kathy Walsh**, req. by a Friend
12:15 PM **Walter J. Baldowski (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Wife
7:15 PM **Dwight Young**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We experienced yet another spiritually enriching week here on Temple Street. On this past Monday we celebrated the Feast Day of St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the ninth day of the Novena in her honor. Yet another of the lessons I have learned during my years at St. John's is the spiritual power which is contained in a novena. By celebrating them on an annual basis we are able to be filled, little by little, with that power. St. Therese's witness has been named "the Little Way," and it is genius. I pray that the nine days moved all of us a little way closer to becoming "like a little child" and so prepared to enter into the Kingdom of God.

On Wednesday we celebrated the funeral of Paul Letsky. Paul was sober for 34 years, the last ten of which he lived with us at Harrington House. He did not have a large family. We did not expect much of a crowd for the Mass. When asked why he went to so many wakes and funerals, Yogi Berra replied, "So they will come to mine." Yogi was right – about everything if you ask me. The Mass was packed. The people who came were connected to Paul through AA, the Mustard Seed, the St. Francis Xavier Center, daily Mass at Our Lady of Czestochowa and in other ways. It occurred to me that so many came because if it had been any of us, Paul would have come. We look forward to being together with him again.

We also experienced an administratively enriching week, as well. Our donations and pledges to the Legacy of Hope campaign now total over \$425,000. To quote Fr. Charlie: "That's a lot of money." Indeed. Some years ago, the parish council became inactive – to the point of nonexistent. This was my fault. Over the summer, it came to me that the Legacy of Hope committee would be a good starting point for reactivating the council. They all agreed to help. We met this week. It was a great start. The group agreed that 1.) they did not represent the full diversity of the parish membership so will be seeking additional members and 2.) we need updated and more accurate data on the make-up of the parish. So, we are underway.

The parish Finance Committee also met this week. The final numbers for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 were accepted. An annual report is being prepared for the parish and the diocese. I expect to publish it in the bulletin in the next couple of weeks. The budget for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 was also accepted. This was helped enormously by a bequest of \$100,000 that we recently received. Not that there is ever a bad time to receive a gift of that amount, it was particularly timely now. We have a signed contract to replace the sound system. It will cost over \$35,000. As you know the system was part of the parish case for the Legacy of Hope campaign. This gift allows us to go ahead with project even before the LOH money is available. It is also a good reminder that when we are making plans for the disposition of our earthly goods, we should remember St. John's!

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *In voluntate tua, Domine*, Esther 13: 9, 10, 11

Op.: # 689 O God Our Help in Ages Past

Ps. 95, "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 642 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Comm.: *In salutari tuo*, Ps. 119: 81, 84, 86

686 Lord of All Hopefulness

Cl.: # 785 The Church of Christ in Every Age

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 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 rehearse! 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 SPRedrow@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades 1-6- This Sunday, October 6, 9 AM in the Church Hall

Grades 7-9- This Sunday, October 6, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

Confirmation- This Sunday, October 6, 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. Please sign up on the sheets at the back tables if you are bringing a dish to share or just attending.

THE ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting this 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 this 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.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS- The Social Committee will be selling a glass Christmas ornament which has St. John's Church on it. The ornaments will be sold for \$15.00 each. Supplies are limited. The ornaments will be sold after the Saturday 4:15 PM and Sunday 8:00 and 10:15 AM, 12:15 PM Masses beginning the weekend of October 26th or by calling Judy 508-478-9813.

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.

PRO-LIFE BALLOT INITIATIVE– Next Weekend volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop down in the church hall and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies. If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement please contact Joe Godek at jogopapa7@gmail.com or at 508-614-5971. Please visit www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org for more information.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$10,454.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$500.00	Candles- \$285.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$380.00
Catholic Schools- \$444.00	Legacy of Hope- \$1000.00
Novena- \$706.00	Day's Pay- \$200.00

Total- \$10,454.66. **Unrestricted-** \$9010.66 **Restricted-** \$1444.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$375 Imo Glennon Griffin; \$150 IMO John Dowd; \$150 IMO Karen Burke; \$60 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$665 IMO Albert O'Donnell; \$30 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 IMO Dorothy Argento; \$500 from Fallon Community Health; \$1000 from Worcester Hibernian Cultural Foundation

Expenses– \$9596.92

Schola (778.64) Administration (5193.49) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (613.93) Ascension Electrical Repairs (146.00) Stipends (1245.00) Ascension Parking Lot Lines (600.00) House (308.46) Church Alarm (60.00) Catholic Schools (444.00) Legal Fees (88.63) Ascension Alarm (118.77)

Food for the Poor Expenses- \$4,422.58

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Bill Bidwell, John Harvey, Albert O'Donnell, Gervais Laroche, Jessye Norman and Ric Ocasek who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Lia Marie Hooten who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Like the young man who asked Jesus what to do, few of us are prepared for Jesus' shocking invitation to go and sell all... When that loving look of Christ really sets eyes on our soul, we can expect, first, inner turmoil—for we too have many possessions. If we have the courage to stick it out in this loving gaze of God, our hearts will be branded with the Spirit of Life. In that Spirit of the living God we are set on fire with passion and compassion for and in the world. –Marie-Louise Ternier-Gommers