

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

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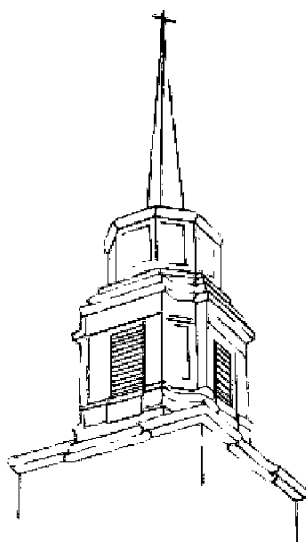
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Ex 17:8-13

2 Tm 3:14-4:2

Lk 18: 1-8

Worship Hymnal #1195

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 19, 2019

4:15 PM **Dorothy Fresolo**, req. by Family; **Bill Abbruzzese**, req. by Family; **Thanks to God for Blessings Received**, req. by Le Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Family

Sunday, October 20, 2019

8:00 AM **Christopher and Patrick Johnson**, req. by Family; **Jonathan Favreau (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Alphonse and Cecelia Bender, Roland Thibeault**, req. by Family; **Katharina Perduta (11th Anniv.) and Catherine McGurl (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Burke, Crawford, Miller, Moran, Pepin and Tringuk Families**, req. by Family; **Barbara Luca (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dan Walsh**, req. by Dave Young; **Jim McDonald**, req. by Family

Monday, October 21, 2019

6:15 PM **Belle Cooney (51st Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

6:15 PM **Theresa and Alfred Lewis**, req. by Family

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

6:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 24, 2019

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

Friday, October 25, 2019

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

Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:15 PM **John Patrone**, req. by Paul Verdini and Family; **Anthony Miner (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Danute Miner
7:15 PM **Joan Jackson (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **In Honor of Phil and Pat Brunelle's 64th Wedding Anniversary**

Sunday, October 27, 2019

8:00 AM **Joe and Joan Crowley**, req. by Family; **Colin Mitchell**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Shirley Wheeler**, req. by Family; **Juozas and Janina Miliauskas**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Martha Scannell Brennan and Elizabeth Brennan**, req. by Family; **Johanna Freeman**, req. by Jan Hardy
7:15 PM **Skip Young**, req. by Family; **Timothy (15th Anniv.) and Elizabeth (6 Months) Brosnihan**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Our Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, November 12 at 7 p.m. in the rectory. As announced previously, we have changed the format this year. Rather than the Lectionary-based study that we have engaged in over the last several years, we are planning a series of mini-courses. Most of you know that our fellow St. John's member and Holy Cross professor, Mahri Leonard-Fleckman leads, moderates, guides the study. Which is to say, she does a terrific job in keeping us focused on the Scriptures! I asked Mahri to put together a "course description" for this Advent's course. She writes:

Do you hunger to learn more about our Mass readings? Do you find the Old Testament harder to understand than the New Testament? Would you like to deepen your prayer life by seeking God through Scripture? If so, consider joining our Advent Bible Study on Tuesday evenings, November 12 through December 17, from 7-8 pm, in the rectory dining room. Our Bible study will focus on praying with and learning more about the prophet Isaiah, who we'll be hearing throughout the Advent season during Mass. Our Mass readings will take small bites out of a long, beautiful, and complicated series of prophecies in Isaiah. These prophecies are key for Catholics. Yet we don't often have the opportunity to place our short Mass readings in the broader context of the book. In our Bible study, we'll have the opportunity to learn about Isaiah as a whole, sink more deeply into our Mass readings for Advent, and grow as a community of faith.

Mahri has been and continues to be a blessing to us. The readings from Isaiah dominate the Advent season. I am very interested in seeing how they fit "in the broader context of the book." Indeed, Isaiah is a dominant figure throughout the Lectionary cycles. Learning more about the book could be this year's best Christmas gift!

We received another update this week from the office of the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. To date we have received donations and pledges totaling \$433,705.11 which is over 78% of the parish goal. This large amount of money comes from 151 donors which is 94% of the number of projected donors. This is an excellent accomplishment. If anyone has any question or concern as the campaign continues, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks for all your generous support.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Introit: *Ego clamavi, quoniam exaudisti me*, Ps. 17: 6, 8
Op.: # 953 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

Ps.: 121, "Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 655 Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ

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

Comm.: *Domine Dominus noster*, Ps. 8: 2ab

940 I Receive the Living God

Cl.: # 631 Father, We Thank You, Who Have Planted

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, October 28 at 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for this month is "Why I am a Catholic: And You Should Be Too" by Brandon Vogt.

RCIA - This Monday, October 21st begins this year's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. Any one who is interested in receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation is invited to attend. This initial part of the process is called the Inquiry Phase. The point being that there is no commitment called for at this time. These first meetings discuss what is involved in the process. 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 LITHUANIAN CHOIR will be singing at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, November 2nd to recognize Velines/All Souls Day. There will be a reception following the Mass at the St Francis Xavier Center. All are invited and welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-9— and their families will meet at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Greek Melkite Church, Hamilton Street, Worcester, on Sunday, October 27 at 10 AM. Divine Liturgy followed by meeting with the pastor.

CONFIRMATION— Sunday, October 27, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center.

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday, October 26 and will join the parish international potluck supper at the St. Francis Xavier Center after the Mass.

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.

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, so get them early! 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.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS— We will once again be distributing Thanksgiving baskets to our neighborhood families in need on Tuesday, November 26 from 11 AM to 1 PM. Anyone who lives in the 01604 or 01610 (Vernon Hill) Zip codes is eligible. Sign-ups will take place, over the phone, from November 5 - November 8 and November 12-15 9 AM to 12 Noon. Anyone willing to donate a basket please email the rectory.

FRENCH MEAT PIE SALE- The Daughters of Isabella, St. Katharine Drexel Circle #1398, are holding their annual French Meat Pie Sale at St. George's Church Hall on Sunday, November 24 from 8 AM - Noon. The cost is \$14.00. Because of the popularity of these pies, the organization is now taking advance prepaid orders. Please call Terry at 508 757-6209 with your order. The deadline for the prepaid orders is Sunday, November 17.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held on this 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.

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.

CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR THOSE

FIGHTING ADDICTIONS- Worcester Diocese Calix Society meeting takes place on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30 AM. (next one is October 19), with the potential for Mass and Adoration either before or after. The location is on the second floor of the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Parish in Webster. Calix is a fellowship that provides Catholic support for those seeking freedom from the slavery of addiction, and for their families and friends who also suffer. A key mission of the Calix Society is to lead members back to the rich sacramental life of the Catholic Church, by "substituting the cup that stupefies with the one that sanctifies." For more information, contact Kyle at 508-887-2225, or via email at krichardmcd@gmail.com.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8320.66. We have also received:
Monthly- \$112.00 Restoration- \$89.00
Candles- \$240.00 Stipends- \$455.00
CCD- \$1838.00

Total- \$11,054.66. **Unrestricted-** \$10965.66 **Restricted-** \$89.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$200 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$385 IMO John Harvey; \$805 from 2000 Hail Mary's; \$100 IMO Graciano and Juzonia; \$100 IHO Benjamin William Riopel; \$50 IMO Virginia Waitonis; \$150 IMO Albert O'Donnell; \$50 IMO John Dowd; \$500 from Eat to Give; \$500 IMO Nick Argento

Expenses- \$8877.65

Schola (839.44) Altar (392.88) Administration (2929.95) Rectory Water/Sewer (1129.74) Church Water/Sewer (188.29) Ascension Water/Sewer (252.34) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Church Electricity (919.26) Rectory Electricity (892.49) Funerals (176.40) Church Alarm (118.98) Office (505.88)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$1880.00

Expenses- \$3471.63

This weekends second collection is for the Propagation of Faith.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Joanna Freeman, Brian O'Connell, Jim Cosenza, Joseph Battelle, Noah and Hanna Wyngowski who have been born into eternal life.

... Welcomes Madelyn Rose Massad and Benjamin William Riopel who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"The tribulation of the end time is like God's rising sap that will make us supple and ready to bear new fruit in a new season—for a new age inaugurated by the Second Coming of Jesus. But unlike the predictable ripening of figs, the end time is God's secret and surprise because it is God's plan for humanity and the cosmos. What we can be confident about is that the harvester Christ, at that future time, will be near 'at the gates,' holding them open for the entry of the faithful into the kingdom. We have the assurance of Jesus' abiding word that this will come to pass." –Sr. Verna Holyhead