

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

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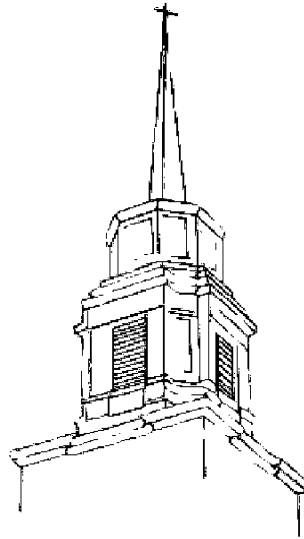
Donna Mastrovito
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

Worship Hymnal #1198

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 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

Monday, October 28, 2019

6:15 PM **Gervais Larochelle**, req. by Ann Marie Sarkisian

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

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

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Thursday, October 31, 2019

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Family

Friday, November 1, 2019– The Feast of All Saints

12:15 PM **Deacon Mike Chase**, req. by Friends
6:15 PM **Anna Leseman**, req. by The Lithuanian Choir

Saturday, November 2, 2019

4:15 PM **Victoria and Carl Steele**, req. by Family; **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.**
7:15 PM **John Harvey**, req. by Ursula and Eleanora Arello

Sunday, November 3, 2019

8:00 AM **James Gannon**, req. by Family; **Evelyn Foley**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **John J., Claire K. and John F. Healy and Paul Rodgers**, req. by Family; **Kenny Beshaw**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Margaret, Eugene and John Gingras and the Coomey Family**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Angela Soule**, req. by Family and Friends; **Anne Bjorkman**, req. by Dave Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Recently, we lost two distinguished members of our parish. Most everyone must know that Brian O'Connell passed away a week ago Friday. He was a member of the Worcester School Committee for 36 years and of St. John's all his life. Brian was baptized here on May 29, 1949. We celebrated his Funeral Mass on this past Thursday. On this coming Wednesday we will celebrate the Funeral Mass of Anne Leseman. She came to us in 2008 when we merged with St. Casimir's. Many of you would know her as the Cantor for the Responsorial Psalm at the Lithuanian Masses. Anna was 103. I told her that she was most likely the oldest cantor in the Universal Church! Brian and Anna were very different personalities, with very different histories and contributed to St. John's or St. Casimir's, the City of Worcester or the United States in very different ways. Still, they could not have been more alike in the depth of their faith. They were united, too, in that it was this faith that informed their lives. We will, of course, miss them both. Yet, they leave us a tremendous example of Christ-like living. In following their example, we are assured of seeing them again.

This week I received a Thank You letter from the Grace, Mary, Kat and Ann at the Central Mass Housing Alliance for our participation in the Hope for Housing Program that they administer. The wonderful people at CMHA do wonderful things for people in need. One of the qualities I like best is that CMHA celebrates victories. We know that in life there are plenty of defeats, especially when engaged with seemingly intractable problems like homelessness. It's important to celebrate the victories. They passed on three stories of how our participation in HFH won the day. Here's one:

Thomas and Jean have three children ages 13, 14 and 15. They are a hard-working couple both working full time and able to pay their monthly bills and provide for their children. This was until there was an accident.

Thomas had a terrible accident which has left him with a severe back injury. Due to the extended absence from work, he was dismissed from his job. Jean continues to work full time, but with the loss of income the family fell behind in their rent by \$677.00. They were faced with possible eviction. Thomas and Jean were directed to CMHA Housing Counseling. Working together with their counselor they were able to use HFH funds to stop the eviction and to save their housing subsidy.

Many thanks to the members of our HFH team. Thanks to all those who support the program regularly and generously. If you are interested in joining HFH so we can expand to more of the weekend Masses, please contact the rectory.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S HYMNS

Int.: *Laetetur Cor quaerentium Dominum*, Ps. 105:
3, 4

Op.: # 534 Come Down, O Love Divine
Ps.: 34, "The Lord hears the cry of the poor."
Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311
Comm.: *Laetabimur in salutari tuo*, Ps. 20: 6
556 Hidden Here before Me / Adoro Te
Cl.: # 606 New Songs of Celebration

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet this 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 - Monday, November 4 at 7 p.m. in the rectory is the next meeting of the inquiry phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Anyone who is interested in receiving Baptism, the Eucharist or Confirmation is invited to attend. Please contact the rectory office if you have any questions.

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS is this Friday, November 1. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 6:15 PM. Holy Day Masses will be celebrated on Friday at 12:15 and 6:15 PM.

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 continue 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 next 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, this Sunday, October 27 at 10 AM. Divine Liturgy followed by meeting with the pastor.

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

LEGACY OF HOPE - 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. If anyone has any question or concern as the campaign continues, please do not hesitate to contact the rectory. Thank you for all your generous support

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 week-end 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.

LASALETTE SHRINE TRIP - The Social Committee is sponsoring a trip to Lasalette Shrine to see the Christmas display and hear Fr. Pat's concert on Sunday, December 1. The bus leaves St. John's parking lot at 3:30 PM and returns at approximately 8:30 PM. The cost is \$15 per person. Dinner is on your own at the Shrines cafeteria. Tickets should be purchased by November 23 and are on sale after Mass or by calling Judy at 508-478-9813.

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, November 26 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.

VOLUNTEER AT NOTRE DAME LONG

TERM CARE- The Pastoral Care Department at Notre Dame Long Term Care is looking for volunteers. We are in need of those who are already commissioned in their parishes as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as people who would help transport our residents in wheelchairs to Mass. If you feel called to this ministry please contact Erin Mahadeo at 508-852-5800 x3125.

MINI FAIR BENEFIT IN WORCESTER- The Guild of Our Lady of Providence will hold its annual Mini Fair on Tuesday, November 12 from 8 AM - 2 PM at the Atrium at St. Vincent Hospital, 123 Summer St., Worcester. Features baked goods, Chinese auction, jewelry, knit and stitched items and raffles. The Guild is a non-profit Catholic women's organization that provides for the needs of children and families. Look forward to seeing you there!

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at www.ccworc.org or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7859.16. We have also received:
Monthly- \$1300 Candles- \$225.00
Stipends- \$695.00 Prop of Faith- \$525.00
School Rent- \$4833.72 Donation- \$700.00
Legacy of Hope- \$50.00

Total- \$16,187.88 **Unrestricted-** \$16,137.88 **Restricted-** \$50.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$7654.70 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$580 IMO John Harvey; \$5000 from the Ruth H. and Warren A. Ellsworth Foundation; \$440 from Rich and Maricelle; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 IMO Jonathan Favreau; \$100 IMO Glen Griffin; \$225 IMO Albert O'Donnell

Expenses- \$19,420.02

Schola (921.00) Funerals (452.80) Administration (5508.20) CCD (22.52) Church Door Repair (316.00) Church Plowing Contract (2000.00) Ascension Plowing Contract (750.00) Church Maintenance (600.00) Ascension Maintenance (150.00) Legacy of Hope (50.00) Marriage Prep (27.50) Deacon Retreat (255.00) October Diocesan Budget Bill (7742.00) Prop Of Faith (525.00) Altar (100.00)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$13,485.00

Expenses- \$2974.08

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Scanlon, Anna Leseman and Willie Brown who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Josephine Red Stimpson, Kaiya Sage Pingitore who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“Belatedly I loved thee, O Beauty so ancient and so new, belatedly I loved thee. For see, thou wast within and I was without, and I sought thee out there...Thou didst call and cry aloud, and didst force open my deafness. Thou didst gleam and shine, and didst chase away my blindness. Thou didst breathe fragrant odors and I drew in my breath; and now I pant for thee. I tasted, and now I hunger and thirst. Thou didst touch me, and I burned for thy peace.” –St. Augustine

