

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

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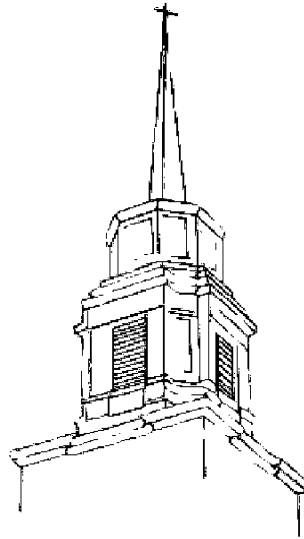
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

Worship Hymnal #1204

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, November 9, 2019

4:15 PM **Mary O'Grady (6th Anniv.)**, req. by O'Grady Family

7:15 PM **Joseph Pezzella**, req. by Family; **Anna Leseman**, req. by Barbara Thompson

Sunday, November 10, 2019

8:00 AM **Fr. Joseph Coonan**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson; **Craig Vaicilonis**, req. by Talent Acquisition Team at UMASS Memorial

10:15 AM **Joseph and Victoria Misilo**, req. by Family; **Anna, Anthony, Mary Jane Dattis and Lucille and Michael Mazzola**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Alice Miller**, req. by Rosemary Foley
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Monday, November 11, 2019

6:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

6:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Gail McAuliffe**

Thursday, November 14, 2019

6:15 PM **Thaddeus Skowronski**, req. by Family

Friday, November 15, 2019

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

Saturday, November 16, 2019

4:15 PM **John and Rose Gerdauskas and Patricia Casavant**, req. by Family; **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Emil Dumas, Steven and Angela Troio**, req. by Family

Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:00 AM **Christine Johnson**, req. by Family; **William E. (58th Anniv.) and Jimmy (1st Anniv.) Shugrue**, req. by daughter Patty

10:15 AM **John Harvey**, req. by a Friend;

Joseph R. Nozzolillo, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Friends

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On Thursday, Hotel Grace was opened for the first time this season. This is the name given to the shelter which is housed in the church hall whenever the temperature falls below 32 degrees. This is the fourth winter that we have hosted the shelter. As always, I hope that it is the last. The deep hope is that Hotel Grace will not be needed. The more realistic hope is that another place can be found. We are fully indebted to Pastor Richie Gonzalez and the people of Net of Compassion for running the shelter. This year we are especially grateful that they cleaned, painted and made repairs in the hall before opening the shelter. Despite all of this, we are housing the shelter in a less than ideal space. Fortunately, a more ideal place has been located. Please pray that the many who have been a part of the Net of Compassion and Hotel Grace can transform that location into a home that is only as permanent as this world. As always, everyone is invited to volunteer this winter. If you are interested, you can text Pastor Richie at 774-578-1128.

This will be the last weekend we will be using the present sound system. It was in place when I arrived on Temple Street nearly sixteen years ago. It was not being referred to as the "new sound system," either. Thanks to your generous response to the Legacy of Hope campaign we are updating the system with the latest equipment. Power Sound of New England began the installation this past week. They will complete it this coming week.

On Saturday, March 28th, the Diocese will conduct its 20th Anniversary Catholic Men's Conference, a real milestone for us since we are the oldest conference for Catholic men in the U.S. Msgr. Tom Sullivan, Pastor of Christ the King parish, has been the instrumental figure in the conference since its inception until the present. Over the years, men from St. John's have attended the conference, but we do not have an official contact person listed. The contact person would be responsible for providing us with the promotional posters and materials and with brochures and registration forms. The Annual Mass & Planning Breakfast Meeting for the parish contacts (at which we do the training) will take place on Saturday, January 18, at 8:00 am (Mass) at Christ the King Parish, 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester. The event will finish up by 10:00 am that morning. If you are interested in assisting St. John's in this way, please contact me. Thank you.

Finally, let me share another "Because of You" story from the Hope for Housing program with my thanks for all your support: *Hanna is a single mother of 2 young children. She was working full-time and able to support the family on her income. Due to circumstances out of her control, Hanna had her hours reduced. She was able to keep up with the rent, but she fell behind on her electric bill. Hanna was directed to CMHA/Housing Counseling. Using HFH funds, a commitment was made to the utility company for \$325 and her the threatened electricity shut off was stopped.*

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Intret oratio mea in conspectu tuo*, Ps. 88: 3
Op.: # 601 The God of Abraham Praise
Ps. 17, "Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 715 Jesus, Lead the Way

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

Comm.: *Dominus regit me*, Ps. 23

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB will meet on Monday, November 25 at 7 PM in the rectory. The selection for this month, continuing a theme, is "Surprised by Truth: 11 Converts Give the Biblical and Historical Reasons for Becoming Catholic" edited by Patrick Madrid.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINS THIS TUESDAY- 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.

RCIA - Monday, November 18 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier Center is the next meeting of the inquiry phase of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program. 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 FILIPINO CHOIR will be at the 4:15 pm Mass on Saturday, November 30. After the Mass, a reception will follow at the St. Francis Xavier Center. All are welcome to join in the celebration.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-6— Sunday, November 17, 9 AM in the Church Hall

GRADES 7-9— Sunday, November 17, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

CONFIRMATION— Sunday, November 17, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center.

FILL-A-BAG SUPPLY DRIVE- The Religious Education students are hosting their annual SUPPLY DRIVE to benefit the guests of St. John's soup kitchen. Brown bags with a list of supplies will be available at all Masses this weekend. If you are able, please grab a bag to fill and return it to the church by Sunday, November 24th. We appreciate your 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 weekend of October 26th or by calling Judy 508-478-9813.

THE ST. RAFQA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will be meeting Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30-11:00 am in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are more than welcome! If you need a prayer shawl for anyone, call Connie at 508-755-5172

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.

ANGELS AUCTION DINNER- Emmanuel Catholic Radio will host its live "Angels Auction Charity Dinner" on Thursday, December 12 from 6 – 9 PM at St. Paul Cathedral (Cenacle). Radio listeners can bid online at 1230radio.com from November 25 through December 11 on great items, holiday gifts and more. Your generous tax-deductible donation will help keep Catholic radio on the air in the Diocese of Worcester. Call 508-767-1230 or email cindy.dorsey@1230radio.com.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held on 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.

OUR FRIEND MAYSOON KHAIR will be at St. John's this weekend, November 9 and 10, representing the School of Joy for slow learning children and over 100 families who make their living through selling their hand carved olive wood religious articles. After all Masses there will be a display of these beautiful hand carved items such as nativity scenes, crucifix, rosaries and many religious statues. Please stop by and look over the carvings that are available and help support this self-help project to keep the children and the Christians living in the Holy Land.

LECTOR WORKSHOP- Current and prospective lectors are invited to a "Lector Workshop: A Resource in Bringing God's Word to Life." This interactive video program features Audrey Sommers, a nationally renowned presenter in lector formation. Ms. Sommers will address the importance of our ministry as lectors and provide speaking techniques and skills to proclaim God's word effectively. This workshop is an opportunity to improve our abilities to serve in this ministry and to meet other lectors. We are also planning to test the new sound system! The workshop will be Sunday, December 1 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the church hall. Sr. Ann Jablonski, RSCJ will facilitate the session. We look forward to your participation. Please call or email the parish office at (508) 756-7165 to let us know that you will attend. There is a letter and a registration form on the back tables of the church for anyone interested.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$7355.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2210.00	Restoration- \$344.00
Candles- \$261.00	Parking- \$320.00
Stipends- \$505.00	All Souls- \$703.00
All Saints- \$886.00	Donations- \$1140.00

Total- \$13,724.16 **Unrestricted-** \$13,380.16 **Restricted-** \$344.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$705 IMO Lee Desy; \$50 IMO Christopher and Patrick Johnson; \$1000 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$50 IMO Mary Ann Auger; \$75 IMO John Harvey; \$150 IMO Anna Leseman; \$50 IMO Larry Falcone; \$100 IMO Albert O'Donnell

Expenses- \$11,354.01

Schola (1407.88) Funerals (329.20) Lithuanian Reception (160.92) Administration (4644.11) Ascension Phone (152.23) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (417.39) Ascension Electric (470.46) CCD Workshop (25.00) Office of the Diaconate (1500.00) Postage (99.71) Bell Maintenance Contract (895.00) Copier (643.71)

Food for the Poor

Expenses- \$4035.25

Our Parish Community...

...Welcomes Jameson John Quinlivan who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Christ has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature."

-Cyril of Alexandria