

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

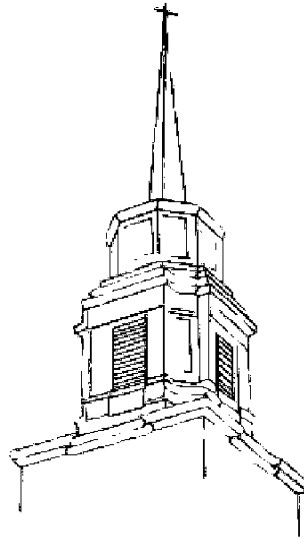
Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

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**

Mal 3:19-20a

2 Thes 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

Worship Hymnal #1207

### **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 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

Monday, November 18, 2019

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:15 PM **Fr. Joseph Adamo**, req. by The Filipino Community

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

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

Thursday, November 21, 2019

6:15 PM **Mary McGovern**, req. by Family

Friday, November 22, 2019

6:15 PM **Paul Tomas and Music Ministers in the Diocese of Worcester**

Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mary V. Lyons (45th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family; **Mary McGovern, Bill Duffy and Bobby Zona**, req. by loved ones

Sunday, November 24, 2019

8:00 AM **Mrs. Jane O'Coin (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Deborah Stitt**, req. by Al and Sue Johnson

10:15 AM **Elizabeth and Paul Mitchell**, req. by daughter; **Josephine Zalieckas**, req. by Family;

**Steven Cancelli (3rd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Tim Morse, Sr.**, req. by Family; **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family

7:15 PM **Bobby Young**, req. by Family; **James and Lena Barry, Eileen Barbieri**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

The Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2018/2019 is included with this bulletin. As I had mentioned a few weeks ago when the Finance Committee approved the report, we had a small deficit during the last fiscal year of \$1,903.61. I am happy to repeat my words of thanksgiving to all the members and supporters of St. John's. As you know, these are difficult days for all churches of all denominations as well as synagogues, mosques, temples and meeting halls. Financial difficulties are a major part of the challenge faced by religious institutions. This reality deepens my gratitude to all those who are so generous to our parish mission. So many of you show your generosity through the time, talent and treasure that you offer in ways large and small, seen and unseen. Together they form a genuine Christian community through which we are all blessed abundantly. Thanks be to God.

Recently, I have been reflecting on how critically important it is to adopt an attitude of gratitude. Reflecting yet again, and hopefully more deeply, about living each day in and with a spirit of thanksgiving. This is not surprising since the national holiday is coming quickly. Yet, the reflection seems also to have arisen out of the tragic events that are a part of life in this "vale of tears." No doubt, you have heard that on Monday the Funeral Mass for Lt. Jason Menard will be celebrated here at St. John's. He was a member of Christ the King parish, but we were asked to host the funeral for logistical reasons.

To me this is indicative of the deeper reality. The City of Worcester will come together to mourn the passing of a hero in Lt. Menard. We will always remember him proudly for his courageous acts on behalf of his fellow firefighters and to save a baby. Still, it is his wife and children, his parents and family, and the WFD that are most personally, which is to say, deeply affected by the death of their husband and father, son and brother.

You might ask what could there possibly be in this situation one would be thankful for? On the one hand, of course, absolutely nothing. The same goes for every funeral. Every funeral brings intense grief to those who are most personally touched by the death. Yet, this is exactly what has the power to draw us together. Those who live in the same geographic area do have a bond. However, it is not a bond nearly as strong as those bound by the experience of losing a loved one. Here lies the source of our gratitude. The promise that in our most difficult moments we are not alone. We can be thankful for this communion. As it is the foretaste of our communion with our loved ones and all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: *Dicit Dominus: Ego cogito cogitationes pacis*, Jer. 29: 11, 12, 14

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps.: Ps. 98, "The Lord comes to rule the earth, to rule with justice."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 391 City of God, Jerusalem

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

Comm.: *Amen dico vobis, quidquid orantes petitis*, Mk. 11: 24

Cl.: # 608 When in Our Music God is Glorified

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— This Tuesday, November 19, 7-8 PM in the Rectory.

OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY MASS AND BREAKFAST will take place on Thanksgiving Morning with Mass at 8 AM followed by our breakfast for those in need at the St. Francis Xavier Center. Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to come as their schedule allows from 7 AM until the conclusion of the breakfast. All are welcome.

RCIA - this 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.

ADVENT RECOLLECTION will be held on the Second Sunday of Advent, December 8. The day starts with the 12:15 PM Mass in the main Church, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall at 1:15 PM. The Advent Recollection talk will be from 1:45 to 2:15 PM, followed by group discussions. Starting at 3:00 PM, there will be some quiet time and prayers in the Chapel, including adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and concluded with Benediction at around 4:00 PM. Fr. Juan Sebastian Sanchez, Associate Pastor of St. John's will be the speaker and will lead the prayers.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

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

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 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.

LASALLETTE 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.

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

## 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.

**JOIN THE CHOIR FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS!-** There's so much great music for Advent and Christmas, and the choir is beginning to look at music of the season! Come join us in singing the most festive music of the year and help make the holidays even brighter! We rehearse on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Loft in Church at 7:00 PM following the 6:15 Mass in the Lower Chapel. We meet on Sundays at 11:30 to warm-up and practice before singing the 12:15 Mass. We'd love for you to join us! If you have any questions please see Sean of Lucie after one of the Masses or contact the rectory.

**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!

**ANNUAL MASS TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN-** You are invited to attend the Pieta annual mass to honor and remember all of our children on Monday, December 2 at 7 PM at St George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. Refreshments will be served following the Mass. Please invite any families who have lost a child. For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com. Sponsored by Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents.

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8274.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$150.00	Restoration- \$215.00
Candles-\$250.00	Parking- \$145.00
Stipends- \$80.00	Donation- \$1555.00
Alcathon- \$1500.00	

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

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$100 IMO Marie Morrissey, \$25,000 from a friend; \$2,000 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 IMO Lee Ann Desy; 25 IMO D. Gilbert Cronin; \$100 IHO our Parents; \$50 IMO Todd Dorsey; \$1200 from the "Annual Appeal"

**Expenses-** \$15,183.19  
Schola (792.84) Administration (1964.35) Altar (278.00) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) State Payroll Taxes (1296.40) House (911.75) Federal Payroll Taxes (4923.32) Rectory Electric (1065.61) Church Electric (1270.29) Office (184.93) Ascension Alarm (360.00)

### **Food for the Poor**

**Income-** \$30,135.00

**Expenses-** \$4849.80

There is once collection this weekend. Next Weekend's second collection is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

## Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Miller, Charles Rogers, Frederick Delaney, Michele Sargent, Zeke Bratkowski, Fr. Louis Gould, Mary Lou Madden and Lt. Jason Menard who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Nicholas Anthony and Nathan Daniel Sanchez and John Emmett Connelly who have entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, 'thank you', that would suffice." - Meister Eckhart**