

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

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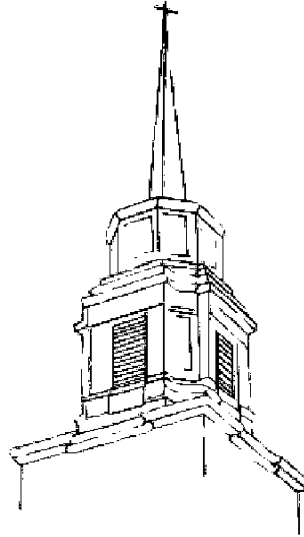
Donna Mastrovito  
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### **Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center**

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**

2 Sm 5:1-3

Col 1:12-20

Lk 23:35-43

Worship Hymnal #1210

### **Rectory Office Hours:**

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm  
Jimmy Archibald, Manager  
[stjohnsworc@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsworc@gmail.com)

### **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 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

Monday, November 25, 2019

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

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

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

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

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

Thursday, November 28, 2019– Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM **For the People of St. John's**

Friday, November 29, 2019

6:15 PM **Rose Pezzella**, req. by Family

Saturday, November 30, 2019

4:15 PM **Deacon Paul Pizzarella (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Carlo Morrissey; **The Bakanas Family and Joan Nichols**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joseph P. O'Coin (11th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Richard Ford**, req. by Family

Sunday, December 1, 2019

8:00 AM **Joyce Murphy**, req. by Family; **Ted and Gennie Laurie**, req. by Daughter Lorraine

10:15 AM **John Jacques (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Genevive B. Powers**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Birthday Wishes for Jonelle Garofoli**, req. by Family; **Carmen Hebert**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Donald Donovan (10th Aninv.) and Susan Brigham**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

We come together to end the liturgical year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. At the very beginning of the year the Funeral Mass of Firefighter Christopher Roy was celebrated here. At the very end of the year the Funeral Mass of Lt. Jason Menard was celebrated here. In this regard, it was a tough year.

Providentially, both New Testament readings, one from Paul's Letter to the Colossians and the other from the Gospel of Luke, link the Kingship of Christ directly to his death by crucifixion. We recognize that death is the product of evil, including the death of Jesus on the cross. Yet, a central part of the Christian faith is, of course, that his death "has unlocked the gates of heaven." This transformation of death into new life is experienced here in his earthly kingdom, as well.

In January we will commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti and the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Britney Gengel's death. A death that has been transformed into a wonderful home and life for 66 children; into employment, housing and community for more than a hundred Haitian families; into life changing experiences for many of us and many more people from other congregations, schools and groups.

We pray that a similar transformation will occur through the heroic sacrifices that we were honored to celebrate to begin and end this liturgical year. Perhaps a deeper and daily respect for the public servants who are just that for all of us. Whether in the fire or police departments, in our schools and hospitals or in the many ways that many people dedicate their lives for the betterment of ours. Perhaps the best transformation we could experience is improving the safety of those who serve us. We pray that the year – and years - ahead neither begin nor end the way this past year has.

In response to an emergency, Deacon Van Nguyen is going to be ministering at St. Christopher Parish. This change will take effect on December 1. The situation will be reassessed after three months on March 1 and a decision will be made how to proceed at that time. As we know, Deacon Van is a dedicated and holy minister of the Word and Table. I ask that you join me in praying for him as he begins this ministry at St. Christopher's.

My sincerest wish that all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you know how thankful I am for this parish community, that is all of you. It is an honor to be the Pastor of St. John's Church. It is a tremendous pleasure, too!

In Christ's Peace,  
Fr. John Madden

## ***OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE***

### **THIS WEEK'S HYMNS**

Introit: Dignus est Agnus, Rev. 5: 12 and 1:6

Op.: # 563 At the Name of Jesus

Ps. 122, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 564 Rejoice, the Lord is King!

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

Comm.: Sedebit Dominus Rex in aeternum, Ps. 29: 10b,  
11b

# 712 The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

Cl.: # 570 To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

**THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB** will meet this 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**— Tuesday, December 3, 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 25 at 7 p.m. in the St. Francis Xavier Center is the final 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 24, 9 AM in the Church Hall

**GRADES 7-9**— This Sunday, November 24, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

**CONFIRMATION**— This Sunday, November 24, 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.

**ST. JOHN'S GIVING TREE ORNAMENTS** will be available at all Masses beginning this weekend. Please return all gifts UNWRAPPED with the ornament tag to the church or the rectory by December 15. We are currently sponsoring gifts for Pernet Family Health Center, The guests of the Free Meal and the Green Island Neighborhood Center. Thank you for your generosity during the holiday season.

**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.

**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 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.

### **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- \$42.00	Restoration- \$97.00
Candles- \$209.00	Parking- \$105.00
Stipends- \$970.00	Donation- \$1700.00

**Total-** \$11,397.66 **Unrestricted-** \$11300.66 **Restricted-** \$97.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$50 IMO Chester Urban; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$30 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$25 IMO Michele Boucher Sargent

**Expenses-** \$18,029.42  
Administration (4181.00) Altar (3083.86) Catholic School Assessments (1050.00) House (144.78) Church Electrical Repair (941.00) Maintenance (750.00) Diocesan Budget Bill November (7375.00) Church Alarm (118.78) Office (385.00)

### **Food for the Poor**

**Income-** \$17675.00  
**Expenses-** \$6292.49

This Weekend's second collection is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

### **Our Parish Community...**

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Leslie O'Donnell, Solange Duquette, Marion Papetti, Lorraine DeLorme and Vera Clemente who have been born into eternal life.

### **Word of Life**

**"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle." - Pope John Paul II**