

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

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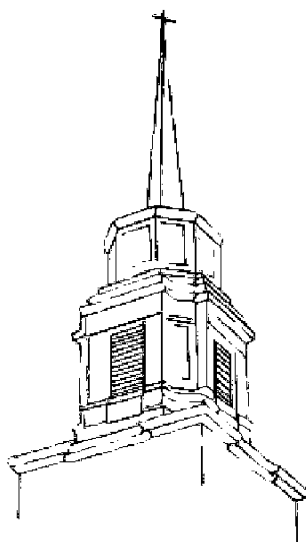
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

Worship Hymnal #1007

Rectory Office Hours:

Tues.-Fri. 9 am - 4 pm
Jimmy Archibald, Manager
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, December 14, 2019

4:15 PM **Carl and Victoria Steele**, req. by Family; **Fr. Jim Walsh and Nicholas Walsh**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Sunday, December 15, 2019

8:00 AM **Mike Falvey**, req. by Sue and Al Johnson;
10:15 AM **Joseph Lane (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Wife Nancy; **Linda Chiras (6 Mo. Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Eunice White (4th Anniv.)**, req. by Family;
Michele Sargent (Month's Mind), req. by Family;
Joshua Kozaczka, req. by Family

Monday, December 16, 2019

6:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Family

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

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

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

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

Thursday, December 19, 2019

8:00 AM **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Children

Friday, December 20, 2019

6:15 PM **Delphine, Thomas, Roger and Peter Gauvin**, req. by Paul Gauvin and Family

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:15 PM **Eleanor Prevoski (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Mary and Joe Paskavitz, Adele and Tony Dailida, Francis and Rose Allelunas**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **M/M Joseph P. O'Coin**, req. by Family;
Cheryl Seymour (Month's Mind), req. by Family

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00 AM **Al Johnson, Sr.**, req. by Family; **Victor Rivera**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Adele Zemaitis**, req. by granddaughter Danute Miner; **Patricia Gaudette**, req. by Ed Bartolomei
12:15 PM **Sally V. Bennett (8th Anniv.)**, req. by son Tommy and daughter Lucia
7:15 PM **Rose and Joseph Pezzella, Michael, Theresa and Alfred Lewis**, req. by Family; **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

When you see Fr. Sebastian, congratulate him. This Sunday, December 15 marks the 1st Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. The first year of anything is the hardest. Remember Freshman Year! This being the case, things bode well for Fr. Sebastian. He had a tremendous rookie year. After a funeral he celebrated recently I had a note from the daughter of the deceased and a call from the funeral director telling me what a great job that he did. Being assigned to St. John's is a true gift, of course. And there is no question that Fr. Sebastian has been a gift to all of us at St. John's. Congratulations, Fr. Sebastian, Ad Multos Annos!

Some helpful information from the Office of Worship:

The Flu and the Liturgy

The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

How flu spreads

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

Period of contagiousness

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick. Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others for an even longer time.

Preventing seasonal flu: Get vaccinated

The single best way to prevent the flu is to get a flu vaccine each season... About two weeks after vaccination, antibodies develop that protect against influenza virus infection. Flu vaccines will not protect against flu-like illnesses caused by non-influenza viruses. The seasonal flu vaccine protects against the three influenza viruses that research suggests will be most common.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Gaudete in Domino*, Phil 4: 4, 5

Op.: # 402 Comfort, Comfort, O My People
Ps., "Lord, come and save us."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 395 When the King Shall Come Again
Eucharistic Accs.: # 304, 305, reciting tone 'Amen',
311

Communion: *Dicite: Pusillanimes*, Is 35: 4
Cl: # 387 O Come, Divine Messiah

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve- Vigil Mass

4:15 PM

10:15 PM Schola Cantorum

Christmas Day Masses

8:00 AM

10:15 AM Lithuanian Choir and Lithuanian Christmas
Hymns will be sung before Mass

12:15 PM Parish Choir

There is no 7:15 PM Mass on Christmas

THE LITHUANIAN CHRISTMAS WAFERS are now available in the sacristy after Mass or at the Rectory Tuesday-Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM for a donation of your choosing.

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB takes the month of December off. The next meeting will be on Monday, January 27 at 7:00 PM in the rectory. The selection for January is "Night's Bright Darkness; A Modern Conversion Story" by Sally Read

BIBLE STUDY- THE PROPHET ISAIAH will meet on Tuesday, December 17, 7-8 PM in the Rectory.

RCIA - This Monday, December 16 at 7 PM in the St. Francis Xavier Center continues the Catechumenate 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, December 28, 2019. 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- This Sunday, December 15, 9 AM in the Church Hall

GRADES 7-9- This Sunday, December 15, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

CONFIRMATION- This Sunday, December 15, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND POT LUCK will take place Sunday, December 22 following the 10:15 AM Mass. All are welcome! Please bring a dish to share.

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 Center. Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT CARD STOCKING STUFFERS- Pick up Hope for Housing gift cards this month this weekend, December 14th & 15th, Saturday 4:15 and Sunday 8:00 & 10:15 Masses. Dunkins, Panera, Stop & Shop and more. Great gifts for family and friends - and help the less fortunate at the same time! Need a reminder? Join the Flocknotes group on the parish website.

CATHOLICISM 101 ADVENT STUDY- The St. John's Adult Faith Formation group will be hosting an online Advent study from December 1st to January 6th using Bishop Barron's "Catholicism 101" video series. Join in and deepen your faith this Advent season! See our page on the parish website or text MAD-DEN to 84576 to join.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, January 28 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.

CATHOLIC GIRLS CLUB IN WEBSTER-

The Catholic Girls Club meets on the third Saturday of the month from October to May. We discuss a female saint or Marian feast day, do a corresponding craft/activity and enjoy a saint-related treat which is nut-free. Our location is at the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Church in Webster, (please use Day Street entrance). The club is open to girls who are ages 6 and up. There will be a "Saint" coloring page for any younger siblings who wish to attend. There are no fees or long-term commitments. On Saturday, December 21 from 2-3:30 PM, we will meet to discuss the life of St. Lucy. You can sign up online and ask any questions to Melissa McDonald kyleandmelissa2004@gmail.com. Please join us and meet some wonderful ladies!

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at 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 \$7352.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$87.00	Restoration- \$90.00
Candles- \$227.00	Parking- \$460.00
Stipends- \$850.00	X-Mas Flowers- \$25.00
Prayer Groups- \$300.00	Holy Day- \$906.00
Retired Religious- \$2253.00	

Total- \$12,550.66 **Unrestricted-** \$10,207.66 **Restricted-** \$2343.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$100 IMO Kevin Casey; 20 IMO Sally Duquette; \$25 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$1000 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 IMO Paul "Mac" McMahon; \$1670 IMO Walter McGovern; \$125 IMO Jim McDonald; \$50 IMO Susan Stearns; \$100 IMO Lolita Catalan; \$250 IMO Rosemarie Teixeira; \$100 IMO Pat Gaudette; \$100 from the Guild of Our Lady of Providence; \$5000 from CountryBank

Expenses- \$18,351.73

Schola (1058.00) Elevator Repair (240.00) Altar (376.61) Administration (7859.58) After School (126.68) Funerals (705.60) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) House (581.84) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) Ascension Electric (729.84) CYC Basketball (1300.00) Retired Religious (2253.00) Church Alarm (118.98)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$11,004.53

Expenses- \$8133.98

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Pete Frates, John Trainor and Carroll Spinney who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Mary did not cry, ‘I cannot, I am not worthy,’ nor ‘I have not the strength.’ She did not submit with gritted teeth, raging, coerced. Bravest of all humans, consent illumined her. The room filled with its light, the lily glowed in it, and the iridescent wings. Consent, courage unparalleled, opened her utterly.” –Denise Levertov