

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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### **Deacon**

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### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

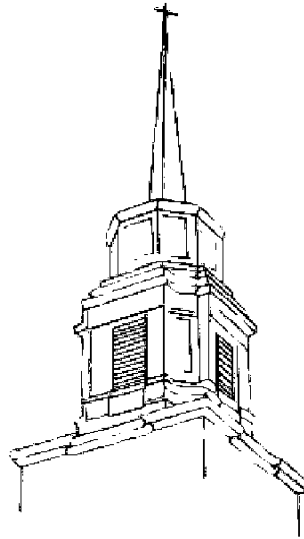
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **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**

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Worship Hymnal #1021

### **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, January 4, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Albin and Anna Zukowski**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends

Sunday, January 5, 2020

8:00 AM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Jennifer Kalinowski (15th Anniv.)**, req. by Dianne Gustowski

12:15 PM **Elizabeth Doyle**, req. by Arlene Abraham

7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, January 6, 2020

6:15 PM **Gloria Hegan**, req. by Family; **John J. (62nd Anniv.) and Claire K. (37th Anniv.) Healy**, req. by Family

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

6:15 PM **Birthday Remembrance for John F. Healy, Ruth Shepard and Sr. Mary Ellen Comiskey**, req. by Family

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

6:15 PM **Robert Hegan**, req. by Family

Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:00 AM **Joan Spliane**, req. by Family

Friday, January 10, 2020

6:15 PM **Charles and Julia (25h Anniv.) Oroszko**, req. by Family; **Christopher Evers**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:15 PM **Paul Boudreau**, req. by Paul and Marje Korpinen; **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Montiverdi and Sons**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **A Special Intention**

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00 AM **Al Valentino**, req. by Bill Gildauskas; 10:15 AM **John Trainor (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family  
**Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Britney K. Gengel (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Francesca Grimaldi (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friend in the Lord,

Happy New Year! As enjoyable as the holiday season is, I must admit that it is very refreshing to be back into a regular routine. The last two weeks I found myself asking "what day is it and which Mass am I doing?" We begin anew by adding a new member to our pastoral team. Mr. Donald J. Pegg is a deacon candidate for the Diocese. Now in his final stage of formation, Don has been assigned to St. John's for his internship. The term runs from January to November 2020. During the academic year, Don will be carrying a full course load so his availability will be limited to six to eight hours per week. Nonetheless, we are very happy to have him join us. Don has known both Deacon Ed and Fr. Conrad for many years. This is Worcester, so I am sure that he knows many of you, as well. Don's wife attends daily Mass regularly here on Temple Street. Obviously, she has excellent taste. I think this must bode well for her husband. Welcome Don!

Today's Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord is an ancient celebration. It is much older than Christmas. For the first Christians, the revelation of God among us was more important than how the birth came about. Rightly so, I think. My thoughts this week drifted to the notion of the Word among us. For me, God is revealed most clearly through the word. Whether it is written by a saint, a theologian, a novelist, a songwriter I experience God with us through words. In fact, each year I place a Word, i.e. a quote, on the cover of my appointment book. Each year, I resolve to pay closer attention to it and try to internalize its revelation more deeply throughout the year. I hope this effort will be more successful in this New Year. Here it is:

"In a sermon delivered in London, the 20<sup>th</sup> century English convert, Ronal Knox reflected on the particular gift of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the Church:

*It was, and is, an overeducated age that needs to sit at the feet of an undereducated saint. We must go to her for lessons in simplicity, because our own brains are tired out and distracted by the multiplicity of the world in which we live; its clashing interests, its jarring battle cries, its irreconcilable philosophies.*

*We have got to learn that the way to God for this or that soul is not through comparing or contrasting all these rival claims upon our intellectual adhesion, making a synthesis of them and reducing them to theology.*

*The way to God lies in turning our backs on these images, shutting our ears to these interruptions, adhering to Him by a simple, personal approach, by cultivating a sense of the intimacy by which he makes himself immediately present to the Christian soul.'*

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## ***THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

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

Introit: *Ecce advenit*, Mal 3:1; 1 Chron 29:12  
Op.: # 448 What Star Is This  
Ps. 72, "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."  
Alleluia: # 208  
Prep: # 452 We Three Kings  
Eucharistic Accs.: # 353, 356, 355, 311  
Comm.: *Vidimus stellam*, Mt. 2  
# 454 What Child is This  
Cl.: # 449 The First Nowell

**THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's** 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

**LEGACY OF HOPE UPDATE**— To date we have received \$445,525 from 161 gifts. Thank you for your generosity.

**RCIA** - Monday, January 6 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 ST. RAFOA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** will be meeting this Wednesday, January 8 at 9:30-11:00 AM in the lower chapel. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to come. If you would like to learn, we could teach you. Anyone who would like a prayer shawl for someone in need, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

**CATHOLIC NIGHT WITH THE RAILERS**— The Worcester Railers are hosting the Diocese of Worcester on Saturday, January 25 at 7:05 PM at the DCU Center with a special puck drop by Bishop McManus. Tickets start at \$14 and every ticket includes a Railers hat! Tickets will be on sale until January 23 at Midnight. Order yours online at [www.railershc.com/diocese](http://www.railershc.com/diocese) or by calling Matt DaSilva at 508-365-1759 or via email at [matt@dailershc.com](mailto:matt@dailershc.com).

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**GRADES 1-6**— This Sunday, January 5, 9 AM in the Church Hall

**GRADES 7-9**— This Sunday, January 5, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

**CONFIRMATION**— This Sunday, January 5, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST**- Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist will begin on Sunday, January 26th at 9:00 AM in the Xavier Center. These classes are for any child who is in second grade or older. If you have not registered your child for these sacrament classes, please complete the application available on the St. John's website. In addition, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, if your child was not baptized at St. John's, to the first class. Also, please note that the schedule for classes is available on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Mastrovito at 508 450 8639 or at [mastrovito21@charter.net](mailto:mastrovito21@charter.net).

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH EVENT IN WORCESTER**- Can't make it to the March for Life in D.C? Let's kick off Respect Life Month locally! "Let Life Live" event to be held at Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish Hall, 596 Cambridge St. Worcester on Saturday, January 11 from Noon-3:30 PM. We will have music from Musicians for Life, speakers, Reps from Problem Pregnancy, Visitation House, Mass Citizens for Life, 40 Days for Life, First Concern and more! For more information call Lynn at 508-612-3999.

**TAIZE PRAYER IN WORCESTER**- All are welcome for Taize prayer- Sacred Music for Vespers on Sunday, January 12, 7 - 7:45 PM. Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox musicians come to together in sacred choir to sing simple, pure music to support peace and respect between all Christians and Non-Christians. To be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster St., Worcester. Social to follow with Mulled Cider and light refreshments. Free to people of all faiths and walks of life. Free will offering gratefully received. Please call or text Will Raymond if you have any questions. Cell/ Text 978-368-3294.

**TRAVELING HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS**- Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on Wednesday, January 15 at 7 PM at St. Luke Church in Westboro. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese.

### **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.

### **FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS IN CLINTON-**

**TON-** The Sacred Music Series at St. John Guardian of Our Lady in Clinton continues with a special Festival of Lessons and Carols on Saturday, January 11 at 7 PM Based on the Office of Matins for the Feast of the Epiphany, this festive ceremony will feature Scripture readings, the singing of beloved Christmas and Epiphany carols, and sacred choral music led by the Upper School Chorus of the Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Still River, under the direction of Michael Olbash. Freewill donations will be accepted at the door for the benefit of First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center of Clinton. This event was a resounding success last year -- help us make it even bigger and better this year! Located at 80 Union St. in Clinton and the church is ramp accessible.

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LAY PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR**

**PRIESTS-** On Friday, January 10 from 7 - 8 PM, a Holy Hour for lay people to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. It takes place on the second Friday of every month. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests.

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Donald Paldino, John "Jack" Gagliastro, David Stern, Don Larsen and Sam Wyche who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Adeline Celine Genatossio who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$9276.66. We have also received:

Candles- \$515.00	Parking- \$70.00
Stipends- \$460.00	Christmas- \$12,266.50
Lith. Wafers- \$177.00	Donations- \$25,465.00

**Total- \$48,230.16 Unrestricted- \$48,230.16 Restricted-\$0.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$445 from a friend; \$250 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$150 IMO Dickie Rafferty; \$100 IHO Adeline Celine Genatossio's Baptism; \$1705 from Christmas Ornaments; \$50 IMO Jonathan Favreau; \$68 IMO M/M Joseph O'Coin; \$100 IMO Mary and Donald O'Neil; \$300 IMO Walter McGovern; \$100 IMO John Clemente; \$1000 IHO Carol Harding; \$50 IMO Al Valentino; \$50 IMO Dorothy Evangeline; \$25 IMO Philip Shea; \$410 from the Filipino Community

**Expenses-** \$15,623.86

Schola (1397.92) Altar (2240.00) Administration (2045.32) Rectory Cable/Phone/Internet (614.20) Ascension Phone (152.23) Church Gas (1068.34) Rectory Gas (2564.00) Ascension Gas (4284.01) Stipends (1510.00) House (1478.95) Plowing and Sanding (725.00) Diocesan Legal Fees (69.44) Preserve the Flame (448.00) Alarm Monitoring (153.71)

### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$3355.00 Expenses- \$2741.88

**YEAR TO DATE-** In December we had an operating cash increase of \$24,069.98. That puts our increase for FY 19/20 at \$87,192.93. Thank you for your generosity to St. John's.

This weekend's second collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

### **Word of Life**

**"With those for whom there is no room, Christ is present in this world. He is mysteriously present in those for whom there seems to be nothing but the world at its worst."**

**- Thomas Merton**