

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

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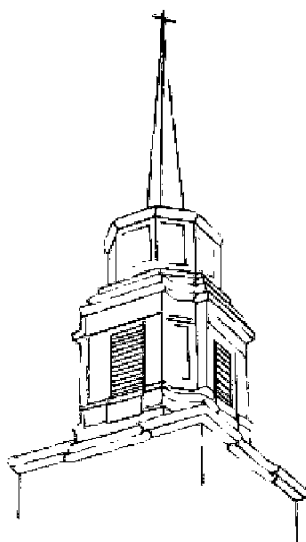
Donna Mastrovito
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Director, After-School Program and Ascension Clothing Center

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

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-3

Mt 3:13-17

Worship Hymnal #1022

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, 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

Monday, January 13, 2020

6:15 PM **Hon. William J. Luby**, req. by Frank Carroll

Tuesday, January 14, 2020

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

Wednesday, January 15, 2020

6:15 PM **Joseph Kane**, req. by Patricia and John Caparso

Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:00 AM **Frank Wright**, req. by Family

Friday, January 17, 2020

6:15 PM **Edou Bellevue**, req. by Family

Saturday, January 18, 2020

4:15 PM **Francisco Luca**, req. by Son and Family; **Catherine Gallagher (27th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 AM **John O'Neil**, req. by Family; **Deceased Members of the Creedon and Bartleson Families**, req. by Family

; 10:15 AM **Rosalynd and Thomas Walsh**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **John and Helen Rosseel**, req. by Family; **Michael Duggan (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **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,

This Sunday, January 12, marks the 10th anniversary of the devastating Haitian earthquake. The intention for the 12:15 p.m. Mass is Britney Gengel. On Sunday, we will join with the world and commemorate the earthquake whose effects continue to wreak havoc in that beautiful and terrible land. At the 12:15 we will gather with Britney's family and friends, our family and friends, for the celebration of Mass. Obviously, it is not a celebration of her tragic death, Since you know I am a crier, I am not embarrassed to say that tears are rolling down my cheeks as I write. Britney's death was, is and always will be heartbreaking. For Len, Cherylann, Bernie, Richie and all her family and friends, for us, her parish family, for those thousands or more, like my own niece, that were touched by her story, it is sad. It always will be.

And, yet, somehow, miraculously, we do celebrate. Our faith in Jesus Christ has opened a place of hope and love. Thanks, principally, to her parents, brothers, family and friends, and sustained by the thousands that Britney has inspired just such a place exists. Brit's Home rises above Grand Goave, Haiti and provides 66 children, indeed the entire town, with spiritual and physical, intellectual and emotional gifts. Those 66 kids, indeed the entire town, did need, do need, always will need us to fulfill Britney's last wish. In this celebration we seek the grace to carry on through the sadness and to keep Britney's memory alive and fulfill our Christian mission.

Our annual parish trip to Brit's Home and to our Sister parish of St. Francois will take place from July 19 – 25 this year. There are poster boards at the entrances of the church which provide some information. We will soon be scheduling an evening information session, as well. Still, if, like me, you have already made the decision to make the trip, please go to the Be Like Brit website to complete an application and reserve a spot on this life inspiring and life changing experience.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Dilexisti*, Ps. 45:8

Op: # 457 To Jordan Jesus Humbly Came
Ps. 29, "The Lord will bless his people with peace."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 456 When Jesus Came to Jordan

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

Comm.: *Omnes qui in Christo baptizati estis*, Gal
3:27

455 The Strong and Gentle Voice

Cl.: # 458 When John Baptized by Jordan's River

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

RCIA - Monday, January 27 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 PARISH CHOIR- Thanks again, and as always to all of the Cantors, Choir, and Schola Members whose time and dedication, spirit, talent, and hard work contributed to the joy and festivity. From the beginning of Advent right through this Baptism of the Lord, they have helped us experience anew and afresh this holy and bright season! Bravo, everyone! You were and are amazing! THANK YOU! But now we start work for Easter! If you're in for learning how to sing all the things we sing – we teach you everything, and mostly provide you with the materials you will need! Just come and sing with us! Choir rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7:00 and Sunday mornings at 11:30 in the Choir Loft of the Upper Church. You're always welcome! – Sean Redrow, Director of Music

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-6– This Sunday, January 12, 9 AM in the Church Hall

GRADES 7-9– This Sunday, January 12, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

CONFIRMATION– This Sunday, January 12, 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.

ST. JOHN'S CYC BASKETBALL team won both their games last weekend and are 2-0. Our next game is at Assumption College in Worcester on Sunday, January 12th at 3:30 PM against Blessed Sacrament

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.

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 or by calling Matt DaSilva at 508-365-1759 or via email at matt@dailershc.com.

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.

ADMISSION EVENTS AT VENERINI

ACADEMY- For students in Preschool through Grade 8, Venerini Academy provides a rigorous, innovative, Catholic, student-centered education that develops the whole child -- academically, spiritually, emotionally, and socially. We will be hosting an *Early Childhood Information Night* on Thursday, January 16 from 6:30-8:00 PM for families looking for Preschool (ages 2.9 - 4) and Kindergarten. Presentations begin at 6:30 and guests should be advised that this event is for parents only. We will also be hosting our *all-school Open House* on Sunday, January 26 from 11 AM- 2 PM for families looking for PreK - Grade 8. This event is open to parents and students. Registration for both of these events is online at www.veneriniacademy.com/ admissions. Contact Katie with any questions at katie.obrien@veneriniacademy.com or 508-753-3210.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

- If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Judy Audette, Victims Assistance Coordinator, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$9921.66. We have also received:

New Year's- \$2253.00	Monthly- \$2498.00
Restoration- \$355.00	Parking- \$145.00
Catholic University- \$393.00	After School- \$25.00
Donation- \$500.00	Free Press- \$39.00

Total- \$16,129.66 **Unrestricted-** \$15,381.66 **Restricted-** \$748.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$985 IMO Dickie Rafferty; \$235 IMO Joyce West; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$1419.82 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$50 IMO Emil Loeffler; \$240 IMO Al Valentino; \$100 IMO Virginia Hughes and Doris Burak; \$300 IMO Eleanor Prevoski; \$120 IMO Walter McGovern; \$200 IMO William and Margaret Deedy and Shirley and Alden Palmgren; \$25 IMO John Trumpaitis; \$25 IHO Green Bay Packers; \$37.50 IHO Rocco and Antonio Froio; \$25 IHO Denise McGinley; \$30 IHO Eileen O'Neil; \$170 IMO Dorothy Evangeline

Expenses- 9630.23

Schola (1125.24) Office (432.62) Funerals (305.60) Administration (4537.16) Clergy Benefits (2014.00) Haitian Apostolate (532.00) House (39.90) Copier (643.71)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$31,967.32

Expenses- \$10,537.03

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Marjorie Habib and Mary Shliapa who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“I know that we cannot please our Creator unless we love him, because he *is* love and wants nothing but love. If we do know ourselves we find this love. Why? Because we see our own nothingness, that our very existence is ours by grace and not because we have a right to it, and every grace beyond our existence as well—it is all given to us with boundless love. Then we discover so much of God's goodness poured out on us that words cannot describe it. And once we see ourselves so loved by God, we cannot help loving him.” --St. Catherine of Siena