

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

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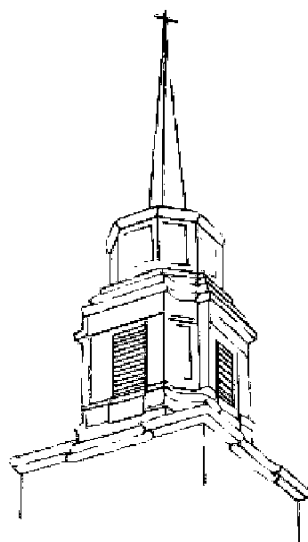
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Sean Redrow, Director
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 48:23-9:3

Mt 4:12-23

Worship Hymnal #1115

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 25, 2020

4:15 PM **Joseph V. Kane**, req. by Family; **Margaret (7th Anniv.) and William McKenna (25th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Anthony Thompson (13th Anniv.)**, req. by Daughter Barbara

Sunday, January 26, 2020

8:00 AM **Marsha Bisceglia (4th Anniv.) and Deceased Members of the Miller Family**, req. by Family

; 10:15 AM **Terry McGurl**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Thomas W. Bennett, Jr.**, req. by son Tommy and daughter Lucia

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

Monday, January 27, 2020

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

6:15 PM **John W. Connors, Jr.**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, January 30, 2020

8:00 AM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

Friday, January 31, 2020

6:15 PM **Josephine Kozlowski**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings for Nancy Leary**

7:15 PM **Joe Hickey**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:00 AM **Alexander "Al" Drisco (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Friends at VAAH; **Cecile Laroche**, req. by Family

; 10:15 AM **Birthday Blessings for Rev. John Nicholson**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Harrington House

7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, 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 26th has been designated by Pope Francis as Word of God Sunday. In September, the Holy Father established that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God" He made the announcement on September 30, the Feast of St. Jerome who said that "ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Included with this bulletin, is information on how you can participate in a yearlong celebration of the Word of God.

Next Sunday, February 2nd is Super Bowl Sunday. For many of you it will have a foreign and uncomfortable feel to it. As if something isn't quite right, that it is not how it usually is. As you know, if I were sorry for you, I would say so. Still, despite this deficit of basic human empathy, let alone Christ-like mercy – that your Pastor certainly should possess – I am happy to say that some of the day will have a familiar feel to it. We will participate again in the annual Souper Bowl for Caring. Many of you know that this is a youth inspired national program to fight hunger insecurity in local communities. One of the fundamentals of the Souper Bowl is that 100% of everything collected stays at the local level. In our case, of course, this is the Food for the Poor program. This year's theme is, all joking aside, what we all believe: ***The Game is Big. Our Mission is Bigger.*** At the end of all the Masses next weekend volunteers will be at the doors of the church with soup pans ready to accept your donations. My thanks to Dan and Deb Donovan for organizing our efforts again this year. We are always looking for youth volunteers to help with the collection. Please contact Deb Donovan at 508-735-9345 to join our team. We want to ensure that, as always on Temple Street, the hungry win.

Though we are now in the Third Week in Ordinary Time, the first reading continues to provide an after glow of Christmas. Indeed, this passage from Isaiah stops just short of the familiar verse: *For a child is born to us, a son is given us.* In its original context, there seems to be an ambiguous reference. It might refer to the birth of a crown prince to continue the line of David when the people are free from foreign oppressors; or Isaiah may have in mind not a particular historical king but the perfect descendant of David who would administer God's righteousness. We are not surprised then when Matthew tells us that in this very "*region of Zebulun and Naphtali*" of which Isaiah speaks is where Jesus begins his public ministry with the challenge to *Repent* and the promise that *the Kingdom of God is at hand.*

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: *Dominus secus mare*, Mt 4: 18, 19
Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
Ps. 27, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 775 You Call to Us, Lord Jesus

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

Comm.: *Venite post me*. Mt. 4: 19, 20

774 Two Fishermen

Cl.: # 720 The Kingdom of God

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.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET - Tune in on Monday through Friday on Charter TV3 on channel 193 at 9 AM for the local Daily Mass on cable celebrated by various priests from around our diocese. Also airs at 4:30 PM in Shrewsbury on Ch. 28.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-6– This Sunday, January 26, 9 AM in the Church Hall

GRADES 7-9– This Sunday, January 26, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

CONFIRMATION– This Sunday, January 26, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST- Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist will begin this 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.

AOH PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held at the Worcester Hibernian Cultural Centre (Fiddler's Green Pub), 19 Temple St., on Saturday, February 1 from 830-1030 AM. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and kids under 10 are free. Breakfast includes choice of blueberry, strawberry, maple syrup toppings, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. All proceeds will benefit the Diocese of Worcester Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, which is the home of seminarians sponsored by dioceses and religious orders who are pursuing a college degree, ESL studies or a clinical pastoral education. For more information or for tickets please contact Steve Bleton (orhfenian@msn.com) or Billie Belton (mrsorhfenian@msn.com) or visit Fiddler's Green Pub.

JOIN THE "BIBLE CHALLENGE" - Pope Francis recently declared Sunday, January 26th to be the "Sunday of the Word of God" - a special day to honor, study and share the Bible. At St. John's we are embracing this call by starting a parish-wide Bible Challenge. Together our goal is to read the entire Bible in one year using an easy to follow plan that requires 20-30 minutes a day to follow. To participate simply join the parish Adult Faith Formation group on Flocknotes stjohnsworcester.org/adult-faith-formation. You will receive weekly email reminders with the readings for each day, along with other resources to help you follow the program and share the experience with the group. Paper pamphlets with the reading plan will be available at the back of the church for anyone who would like one.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held this 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.

UPCOMING CURSILLO DATES- Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our 2020 weekend dates are: Men – February 6-9 & September 10-13; and Women May 28-31 & October 22-25. All Weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Pam Hamilton at 774.239.8909

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING - Have you or someone you know suffered a loss? Join us in a prayerful evening in front of the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, January 29 from 7- 8:30 PM with Fr. Michael Roy at St. Roch Church, 332 Main St., Oxford. All are welcome.

CREATION SERIES CONTINUES IN AUBURN– The *Creation* documentary series will continue this month at North American Martyrs Church on Friday, January 31 at 7 PM with the episode "Respect." Each 30-minute episode will be presented in the parish hall on six Friday evenings throughout the year with discussion to follow. You can find more information about *Creation* at www.saltandlighttv.org. No RSVP is necessary. For more information, please call 508-798-0612 or e-mail nampaish@namparish.com. We hope you will be able to join us for this important series!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$8209.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$32.00	Restoration- \$43.00
Candles- \$145.00	Stipends- \$955.00
Rent- \$4833.72	Donation- \$100.00

Total- \$14,318.38 **Unrestricted-** \$14,275.28 **Restricted-** \$43.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$5,000 from Unibank for Savings; \$50 IMO Creedon/Bartelson Families; \$25 IMO Marvin Degon; \$300 IMO Frank Petrella; \$10,000 IHO The New England Patriots Dynasty; \$50 IMO Joyce West; \$250 IMO Walter McGovern; \$100 IMO the Deceased Members of the Simoncini and Capuano Families

Expenses– \$7753.92

House (594.59) Schola (922.08) Administration (3134.45) Plowing Contract (2000.00) Ascension Plow Contract (750.00) Funerals (152.80) Office Supplies (200.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$11,625.00
Expenses- \$1334.62

This weekend's second collection is to assist Puerto Rico in response to the several earthquakes over the past weeks.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Dina Francisca Ochoa, Jaime Buritica and Morgan Wooten who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“Paul points out that if division in the body is to be avoided, greater attention must be given to the lesser parts, so that they will not be harmed or feel excluded. If they were badly treated they would be destroyed, and their destruction would be the ruin of the body.”

–St. John Chrysostom