

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

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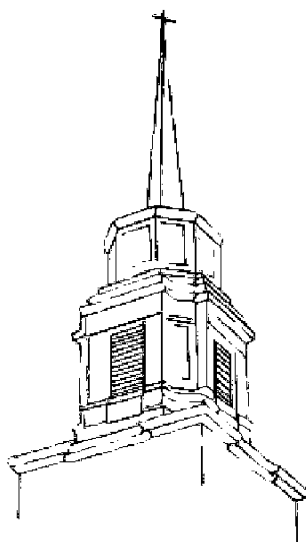
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

Worship Hymnal #1121

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, February 8, 2020

4:15 PM **Bernard O'Brien (50th Anniv.)**, req. by Family ; **Patricia Brunelle (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Paul Letsky**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 9, 2020

8:00 AM **David Covello (2nd Anniv.)** req. by Family;
Jean Lotuff and Norman Brenner, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Frank Riccardi**, req. by Wife Mary; **Kenneth (1st Anniv.) and Antoinette (5th Anniv.) Sullivan and Helen Etre (15th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Barbara Jacques (7th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Pat Casey, Paul and Jimmy Hearn, Jr., req. by Family; Joshua Kozaczka**, req. by Family

Monday, February 10, 2020

6:15 PM **Dr. John E. McAuliffe**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6:15 PM **Winifred Gingras (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

Thursday, February 13, 2020

6:15 PM **Scott Gow**, req. by Family

Friday, February 14, 2020

6:15 PM **Eleanor Boyle**, req. by Family; **Joseph and Rose Lavoie**, req. by Family

Saturday, February 15, 2020

4:15 PM **Jacqueline (9th Anniv.) and Roger (1st Anniv.) Angers**, req. by Family ; **Joseph V. Kane**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Ann Dumas**, req. by Family

Sunday, February 16, 2020

8:00 AM **Joseph and Marie Mastrovito**, req. by Family;
Michael, Lee Ann, and Randy Beaucage, Gloria Dudley, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Family; **Donald Walczak (8th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **Winifred Gingras (5th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Joshua Kozaczka and Boleslaw Burzynski**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

There must be a Kansas City Chiefs' fan or two among us. They will be easy to identify since I am sure they will be sporting the team gear! Still, the Super Bowl did not play out the way many of us had hoped. Fortunately, though, Souper Bowl Sunday was a tremendous success. Thanks to all of you we received donations to our Food for the Poor totaling \$2,540.00. Thanks to the religious education students and to the other volunteers who assisted. Finally, special thanks to Dan and Deb Donovan who - for over twenty years now! - organized the program for us. One source tells me that this is the most we have ever raised. Thanks to everyone - even the Chiefs' fans.

Recently, we received the first parish installment from the Legacy of Hope campaign. Upon the advice of the parish council, we opened a savings account in the Diocesan Expansion Fund dedicated to the Legacy of Hope. In this way, we will be better able to track the money we gained through that diocesan capital campaign. The initial installment was \$50,034.16. We then withdrew \$31,489.47 to pay New England Power and Sound for the new sound system. On Monday, thanks to an initiative from the parish council, an energy audit will be conducted at all our buildings. As you may recall, the parish case for the campaign also included capital improvements. I am no contractor, but I must believe that the space between the doors at the front of the church is not energy efficient. Therefore, I believe the audit will help point out the improvements we can make. The parish council is also working on an updated parish census and a survey. Gathering this information will be helpful in putting a plan together. St. John's, as we all know, is an exemplary Christian community. We are planning on growing the gifts we have received. The council will be meeting on March 3rd at 7 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

You know that Jimmy and I like to include various people in the prayers for the deceased. You may know, too, that I am a Celtic fan and a sinner. However, I am not big enough of either one to have consciously excluded Kobe Bryant from our prayers last week. A couple of people pointed out the oversight, I am sure many more noticed it. I apologize for the oversight. It is important, of course, to pray for the dead. I think, especially, for the young and for those who die tragically. At the morning prayer at the Xavier Center during last week, we did remember Kobe and his daughter, Gianna. Which reminded us to pray for all those who have lost a loved one, especially those taken too soon and tragically. Which, in turn, deepens our belief expressed by St. Paul in Romans 8, 18: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed in us."

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: Venite, adoremus, Ps 95: 6, 7
Op.: # 630 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Ps 112, "The just man is a light in darkness to the upright."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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

Comm.: Introibo ad altare Dei, Ps 43: 4

Cl.: # 610 Praise, My Soul the King of Heaven

THE CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB's next meeting will be Monday, March 23 at 7:00 PM in the rectory. The selection for March is "Wounded Shepherd: Pope Francis and His Struggle to Convert the Catholic Church" by Austin Ivereigh.

RCIA - Monday, February 24 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 on Wednesday February 12 in the lower chapel from 9:30am to 11:00am. All knitters and crocheters are very welcome. Do you want to learn to knit or crochet? We could teach you. If anyone would like a shawl for someone, please call Connie at 508-755-5172.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! The Hope for Housing gift card program has had another successful year at St. John's selling \$9,130 in gift cards in 2019! Since we started the program here a little over 3 years ago we have sold \$36,345 worth of gift cards. For every gift card sold the company or store has donated a percentage to the Central MA Housing to support their vital work in keeping at-risk families in their homes and apartments. This program has been successful only through your determination to use these gift cards to buy your coffee, groceries, medication and more - Thank you for your ongoing support! For those new to the program, upcoming card sale dates and program details are available on the parish website.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-6— This Sunday, February 9, 9 AM in the Church Hall

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

CONFIRMATION— This Sunday, February 9, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center

FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST- Sacrament preparation for First Reconciliation/Eucharist will continue this Sunday, February 9 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 mastrovito21@charter.net.

MUSEUM OF FAMILY PRAYER- St. John's Social Activities committee is sponsoring a trip to a Contemporary Experience of Fr. Peyton's Ongoing Ministry, the Holy Family Ministry, in North Easton, MA. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person and includes Round Trip Transportation, Mass, Admission to Museum (with private tour), Movie, and a Box Lunch. The trip will take place on Sunday, March 29, leaving St. John's at 10:30 AM and returning around 4:30 PM. Tickets should be purchased by March 21 by calling Judy at 508-478-9813. Holy Cross Family Ministries is a family of Catholic Ministries that promotes and fosters the prayer life & spiritual well-being of families throughout the world. They continue the mission of Fr. Patrick Peyton. "The family that prays together stays together" and "A world at prayer is a world at peace"

BE LIKE BRIT AT THE RAILERS- On Saturday, February 29 Be Like Brit will be the Charity of Choice at the Worcester Railers Game thanks to Country Bank! It will also commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the "Miracle on Ice" and players will have special shirts on for the occasion. Be Like Brit has tickets for this event at no charge and they can be obtained by calling the BLB office at 508-886-4500.

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.

In Our Catholic Community...

A MASS FOR HEALING will be held Tuesday, February 25 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

MULTICULTURE NIGHT & BUFFET IN WORCESTER- Sacred Heart-St. Catherine of Sweden Parish will host a Culture Night, Saturday, Feb. 22., after the 4 PM Mass in the parish hall, 600 Cambridge St., Worcester. Parishioners will be serving various ethnic dishes for sampling and sharing some background. The event is free and open to all.

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 \$14,297.36. We have also received:

Monthly- \$1031.00	Restoration- \$346.00
Candles- \$286.00	Parking- \$145.00
Stipends- \$80.00	Free Press- \$78.00

Total- \$16,263.36 **Unrestricted-** \$15,917.36 **Restricted-** \$346.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$300 IMO Frederick Delaney; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$10 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$372 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$500 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$25 IMO Dickie Rafferty; \$25 IMO Marvin DeGon; \$50 IMO The Forgotten Souls; \$550 from Eat to Give

Expenses- \$11,265.21
Schola (1058.96) Altar (660.65) Administration (4694.38) House (474.51) After School (112.23) Ascension Phone (151.77) Clergy Benefit Plan (2014.00) Marriage Prep (55.00) Novena (1400.00) Copier (643.71)

Food for the Poor
Expenses- \$7934.78

This weekend's second collection is to Support the Home Missions.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Kirk Douglas, Donald French and Robert Sadusky who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Leonina Kathryn D'Angelo who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

"Blessed, fortunate, happy are you who are full now, who are sleek and well-fed, because you are strong enough to feed the hungry, to touch empty stomachs with compassion. But blessed only if you have the mind of the hungry, the mind of Christ. Only if you do not take your food for granted. Only if you are uncomfortable as long as one sister or brother cries in vain for bread or justice or love. Only if you experience your own emptiness—how desperately you need the hungry, how far you still are from God. Blessed are the full, if you are always hungry." –Fr. Walter Burghardt