

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

### **Pastor**

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Fr. Conrad Pecevich

### **Deacon**

Eduardas Meilus  
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### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

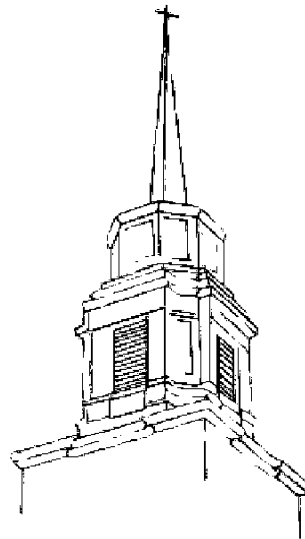
Donna Mastrovito  
Dianne Gustowski

### **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**

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

Worship Hymnal #1124

### **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, 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

Monday, February 17, 2020

6:15 PM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:15 PM **Dan Best**, req. by Friends

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6:15 PM **Carmela Luca**, req. by Family; **John F. Trainor**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, February 20, 2020

6:15 PM **10th Birthday Blessings for Oliver Crowell**, req. by Family

Friday, February 21, 2020

6:15 PM **Michael Clancy**, req. by Bill O'Connor

Saturday, February 22, 2020

4:15 PM **Donald Paldino (Month's Mind)**, req. by Family ; **Joseph and Julia Senckowski and Christine Plouffe**, req. by Family

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

Sunday, February 23, 2020

8:00 AM **Joe Gallatti (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Patrick Johnson and Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Louis A. Boucher (12th Anniv.) and Birthday Blessings for Lorenzo Pasquale**, req. by Family; **John Osodo**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family; **Robert J. Pellegrino**, 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,

Next Friday's Catholic Free Press will carry the official announcement that Fr. Sebastian is being transferred to St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton. The transfer will be effective on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We wanted to let you know before you read it in the paper or hear it on the streets. It certainly is sad news for me. I know how much you loved and appreciated Fr. Sebastian, so I am sure it is sad news for you, as well. On the other hand, I am happy for Fr. Sebastian himself. First because not every priest gets the chance to be on Temple Street! Secondly, because new experiences are invaluable when we are starting out. Finally, because Fr. Jim Mazzone, the Pastor is a great priest; the parish is diverse and active; and Clinton is a terrific town. I've told Fr. Sebastian; they will love you and you will love them!

When I was ill last year, Bishop McManus asked me if I thought Fr. Sebastian could be of help. I said yes but did not realize how much help that he would be. Nor how enjoyable it would be to have him with us. Other realities in the Diocese have precipitated another quick transition. I am confident that Fr. Sebastian will respond in the same wonderful way that he did for me and for our parish. He will be at all of the Masses next weekend and will say a few words. We will have a reception in the St. Francis Xavier Center after the 12:15 Mass so that you can have a chance to speak with him directly.

The first thing that convinced me that Fr. Sebastian was going to be a great minister was how he responded to my leaving for surgery. Thereby leaving him to preach the last day of the Novena. I can still remember what he said to me, "I will be nervous, but I will do it." And he did. This year's 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena of Grace in Honor of St. Francis Xavier will be grace-filled, as well. As always, of course, it runs from Wednesday, March 4 through Thursday, March 12. Many of the usual suspects will be with us! We are welcoming back our old friend, Jeremy Zipple, S.J. who is doing mission work in Belize. We are adding two new Jesuits, Matthew Malone who is President and Editor in Chief at America Media and Keith Maczkiewicz who is in Campus Ministry at the College of the Holy Cross.

Finally, I think that one of the greatest challenges in life today is dealing with mental illness. I wanted to highlight some information that came across my desk. It is from NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness. They are offering a free six-week education program designed for parents and caregivers of children and adolescents living with emotional and behavioral issues. The next class begins on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for more information you can call Robin at 774-239-3263.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. John Madden

## ***THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

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

Introit: *Esto mihi in Deum*, Ps 31: 3, 4  
Op.: # 617 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above  
Ps. 119, "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord."

Alleluia: # 208

Prep.: # 748 What Does the Lord Require

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

Comm.: *Manducaverunt*, Ps 78: 29, 30

# 471 O Sun of Justice

Cl.: # 785 The Church of Christ, in Every Age

### **ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 26TH -**

Mass and distribution of Ashes will be held at 12:15 and 6:15 PM. All are welcome!

### **THE 97th ANNUAL NOVENA OF GRACE IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER** will begin

Wednesday, March 4 and run through Thursday, March 12. Mass and Novena prayers will be held on the weekdays at 9:15 AM, 12:15 and 6:15 PM and on the regular weekend schedule. All are welcome and encouraged to participate in this great Lenten tradition.

**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.

**ST. JOHN'S LITHUANIAN CHOIR** will be singing at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sunday, March 1st to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Casimir. The Choir is planning to sing the *Graudus Verksmai/Lamentations* before the Mass to observe the first Sunday of Lent. A light reception will follow the Mass downstairs in the church hall- all are invited and welcome.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION/EUCHARIST** this Sunday, February 16 at 9:00 AM in the Xavier Center.

**GRADES 1-6**— Sunday, February 23, 9 AM in the Church Hall

**GRADES 7-9**— Sunday, February 23, 11:15 AM in the Church Hall

**CONFIRMATION**— Sunday, February 23, 11:15 AM in the Xavier Center

**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 is 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. Seats are limited, reserve early.

### **LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR 2019**

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence for all who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year. On Week Days of Lent there is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended. Voluntary Self-Denial may include, in addition to fasting, participation in daily Mass, spiritual studies, Lenten Devotions, Stations of the Cross, saying the Rosary, deeds of mercy and kindness. Easter Duty Obligation must be made from the first Sunday in Lent (March 1) through Trinity Sunday (June 7).

### **DEEDS OF MERCY AND KINDNESS:**

**Brown Bag It**— paper bags will be available in the church with a list of the food items most needed in our food pantry. You are invited to take a bag and when filled return it to the statue of St. Therese.

**Baby Bottles and Rice Bowls** will also be available. You are invited to place the money you would have spent on what you "give up" for Lent into the bottle and/or bowl. The bottles support the great pro-life work of Visitation House here in Worcester. The bowls support the great work done by Catholic Relief Services all across the globe.

### **ST. JOHN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONS**

**The Stations of the Cross** are celebrated every Friday in Lent after the 6:15 PM Mass, except on the Friday of the Novena, March 6th.

### **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.

**IRISH FESTIVAL AT ST. JOAN OF ARC-** The Knights of Columbus at St Joan of Arc Parish will hold their 2nd Annual Irish Festival at the ARC, 570 Lincoln St., Worcester on Saturday February 29, 1 – 9 pm. (snow date: March 1) Music By The Fighting Donovans and the McInerney School of Dance Irish Step Dancers; Food all day: Grey Corned Beef Dinner including Corned beef, Cabbage, potatoes, carrots; corned beef sandwiches with Chips; Hotdogs, Hamburgers; Beer, Wine, Soda, Water. Admission: \$15 in advance incl dinner; \$5 At the Door (not including food) Vendor Tables available. Contact Mike O'Rourke with questions at 774-502-6195.

**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.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS-** Join your local National Pastoral Musicians (NPM) Chapter in praying for our priests on Monday, March 9 with Mass at 5:30 PM at Christ the King Parish, 1052 Pleasant St., Worcester. We will join together in word and song for Liturgy, and enjoy fellowship with our parish priests. Light refreshments served after the Mass.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$7893.66. We have also received:

Monthly- \$2117.50	Restoration- \$168.00
Candles- \$229.00	Parking- \$145.00
Stipends- \$700.00	Free Press- \$39.00
Home Missions- \$553.00	

**Total- \$11,845.16 Unrestricted- \$11,124.16 Restricted- \$721.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$20 from a friend; \$75 from a friend; \$50 IMO William Glodis; \$50 IHO St. Jude; \$100 IMO Jean Sullivan; \$50 IMO David Covello; \$25 IMO Richard Luikey; \$20 IMO James Hughes; \$500 from the 200 Foundation; \$25 IMO Marvin Degon; \$100 IMO Cirilio and Matilde Varias

**Expenses-** \$9906.70  
Schola (954.48) Altar (258.89) Administration (2075.68) House (171.50) Ascension Alarm Repair (168.75) Envelopes (744.86) Advertisement (200.00) Maintenance (67.90) Church Hall Repair (966.74) Funerals (305.60) Church Electric (1351.57) Rectory Electric (887.86) Ascension Electric (1137.50) Marriage Prep (27.50) Home Missions (553.00) Church Alarm (117.67)

**Food for the Poor**  
Expenses- \$8988.30

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Michael Clancy and Robert Conrad who have been born into eternal life.

### **Word of Life**

**“Along the way of life, someone must have sense enough and morality enough to cut off the chain of hate and evil. The greatest way to do that is through love. I believe firmly that love is a transforming power that can lift a whole community to new horizons of fair play, good will and justice.”**

**—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**