

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

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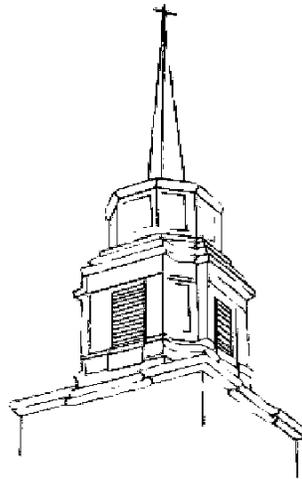
Donna Mastrovito  
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**Director, After-School Program  
and Ascension Clothing Center**

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

**Holy Days**

Vigil 6:15 p.m.  
Holy Day 12:15, 6:15 p.m.

**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

**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, June 13, 2020

4:15 PM **Joe Hickey and Dan Best**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Sunday, June 14, 2020

8:00 AM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

10:15 AM **George Senkavitch, Jr.**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Milton Joseph Pepin, Sr.**, req. by Wife Helen and Family; **Michael Clancy**, req. by Tim and Joyce Cooney

7:15 PM **Fr. Jim Hoey**, req. by Friends

Monday, June 15, 2020

6:15 PM **Thomas Prokopowicz (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **John Gingras**, req. by Family

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

6:15 PM **Eleanor Donovan Courtney**, req. by Chris Eagan

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

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

Thursday, June 18, 2020

6:15 PM **Deacon Michael Chase**, req. by Friends

Friday, June 19, 2020

6:15 PM **Starlene Goodrich**, req. by a Friend

Saturday, June 20, 2020

4:15 PM **For all those who had succumbed to the Covid 19 Pandemic**, req. by Friends

7:15 PM **Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Coin**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 21, 2020

8:00 AM **James Gannon and Joe Crowley**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Family

12:15 PM **Delon White (1st Anniv.)**, req. by Family; **Francisco Austriaco**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Francis J. Polucha**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

On next Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, our seminarian John LaRochelle will be ordained a Deacon by Bishop McManus at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The priestly formation program is challenging, as it should be, of course. It is also long, two years longer than when I went through the seminary. I am not sure that I could have made it through two additional years. Moreover, John recently endured the loss of his father and a battle with COVID 19. Simply arriving at this point in the process would be impressive enough. How much more so, then, that John has been so successful. We have great reason to be proud of him. Congratulations, John – and to your mother, family and all those who have supported you. Be sure of our continued prayers as you serve the Church as a Deacon and continue to move toward priestly ordination and ministry.

Today we gather to celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ – *Corpus Christi*. It goes without saying that since the Coronavirus reached our shores, nothing has been the same. Since so many people are still unable to physically receive the Eucharist, this year's celebration of the solemnity will be unprecedented (there is that awful term again!). We need to find a different way of celebrating this year. In doing so, we do not want to minimize the power which comes in the actual reception of the Body and Blood of Christ. The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist does not have a substitute. If we maintain this focus, then, perhaps, we can deepen our devotion to Holy Communion even though we do not actually, physically receive it. There is, of course, a dynamic nature to the sacrament. If we do not recognize the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, then we will not see his presence in our sisters and brothers in need – and vice versa.

Last Saturday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Norbert who, in 1120 founded the Premonstratensians or "Norbertines." He had a great devotion to the Eucharist and his defense of the real presence led to a significant increase in eucharistic piety. A development which culminated in a vision by Julianna of Mt. Cornillon and the first celebration of the feast in the diocese of Liege in 1246. When the archdeacon of Liege, Jacques Pantaleon became Pope Urban IV the feast was extended to the universal Church.

It is significant that a challenge to the power of the sacrament, the doubting of Jesus Christ's real presence in the Eucharist is what inspired the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Similarly, I hope, life in the time of pandemic which has done so much to distance us from that Presence and from one another can be what inspires a deeper faith in and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Even in these terrible days, we have continued to experience a communion with each other. This unity will only be strengthened when, as we pray at every Mass, *we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of the Church.*"

In Christ's Peace, Fr John Madden

## ***THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST***

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

Introit: Cibavit eos ex adipe frumenti, Ps. 81: 17  
Op.: # 557 O Food of Exiles Lowly, INNSBRUCK  
Ps. 147, "Praise the Lord, Jerusalem." (Spoken)  
Alleluia: # 208 (Spoken)  
Prep.: # 1106 Praise, O Zion, voices raising text: Lauda  
Sion Salvatorem,  
melody PANGE LINGUA GLORIOSI  
Eucharistic Accs.: (Spoken)  
Comm.: Qui manducat carnem meam, Jn 6: 57  
# 556 Hidden Here before Me / Adoro Te Devote, ADO-  
RO TE DEVOTE  
Cl.: # 705 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

### **THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a  
1 Cor 10:16-17  
Jn 6:51-58

**THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION** – in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, Bishop McManus has delegated Pastors in the diocese to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to both those in the high school program and those in the RCIA. To that end, we have scheduled these celebrations at the following Masses:

- **THE RCIA CANDIDATES ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21, AT THE 12:15 P.M. MASS**
- **THE HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27 AT THE 4:15 P.M. MASS.**
- **FIRST EUCHARIST WILL BE CELEBRATED AT A MASS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27 AT 11:00 A.M.**

**LIVE STREAMING**- Sunday Masses will be live-streamed according to the following schedule on the parish Facebook Page:

- *Saturday Vigil: Live-streamed @ 4:15 PM*
- *Sunday Mass: Live-streamed @ 10:15 AM or 12:15 P*

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY** has received gifts and donations in the amount of \$55,015. The parish goal is \$76,600 so we are more than 70% to the goal. Thank you, especially in these uncertain times, for your generosity to this important Annual Appeal of the Diocese.

### **JOIN OUR GENERAL FLOCKNOTE GROUP-**

We encourage you to stay connected through Flocknote during this challenging time and receive Father Madden's weekly messages and other important updates. We encourage you to use the commenting feature on Flocknote to share your thoughts, concerns, and prayers - so our community as a whole can provide support and prayers as needed.

**NOT ON FLOCKNOTE?** Simply fill out the short form on the parish website to connect to St. John's on Flocknote. You can choose which groups in the parish you would like to hear from.

**PLASTIC BAG DONATIONS**— Our Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry is in need of donations of plastic bags for our "to go" meals and various donations that are given out each day. Any and all donations are appreciated and can be dropped off at the St. Francis Xavier Center, the rectory, or left in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### **IGNATIAN VOLUNTEER CORPS (IVC) NEW ENGLAND,**

a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is recruiting volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with non-profits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchin @ [newengland@ivcusa.org](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website @ [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://www.ivcusa.org/new-england).

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -**

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Let God amplify the love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 12-13, 2020 in Medway, MA and Oct 16-18, 2020 in TBD, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### **In Our Catholic Community...**

#### **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.

**CAR DONATION PROGRAM-** Did you know you can donate your car, truck, motorcycle or boat to Catholic Charities and help us help your Worcester County neighbors? It's quick and easy to do. Just visit our website to donate your vehicle online at [www.ccworc.org](http://www.ccworc.org) or call 1-888-CAR-7308 1-888-CAR-7308 to arrange a convenient pickup time and confirmation of your donation from Catholic Charities Donation Angel Program. The car in your driveway can help us to continue to offer many services to children, families and elders in our community so that they may regain home for a brighter future. Thank you!

**VNA CARE** is seeking a compassionate Hospice Chaplain to join its interdisciplinary team. The chaplain provides pastoral care/counseling for those in hospice care and their loved ones as well as spiritual support for hospice team members. Candidates must have the ability to communicate with and relate to a diverse population of patients, families and caregivers at end of life in home and health care settings. As an organization, VNA Care strives to provide its patients, families, and caregivers with the highest level of care by providing the right care with kindness and compassion every day for every person. Requirements: Graduate of a School of Divinity, Seminary or Theological School with training in pastoral care and an understanding of hospice philosophy and practice.

### **Financial Report**

Last weekend we received \$6286.38. We have also received:

Online Donations-	\$20,071.58	Monthly-	\$492.00
Restoration-	\$93.00	Parking-	\$105.00
Stipends-	\$1200.00	Donations-	\$800.00
Catholic Communications-	\$204.00		

**Total-** \$29,251.96 **Unrestricted-** \$29,158.96 **Restricted-** \$93.00

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$40 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$200 from a friend; \$15 from a friend; \$1200 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$500 from Green Day Recycle A Bike; \$600 from Herlihy Insurance; \$100 IMO Jennifer Lamby

**Expenses-** \$12,377.32

Schola (471.00) Altar (725.00) Administration (4797.48) State Payroll Taxes (963.09) Funerals (482.00) Federal Payroll Taxes (1038.71) House (250.82) Lithuanian Wire (530.00) Ascension Electric (1555.49) House (47.80) Catholic Communications (204.00) Church Alarm (117.13) Office (1194.80)

#### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$7848.71

Expenses- \$7476.25

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Jennifer Lamby, Frank Back and William Ballou who have been born into eternal life.

## **Word of Life**

**“It becomes clear that the manna which nourishes the Christian on the journey of faith and which enables hope to conquer cynicism and despair is the commitment to loving service. This is the heart of the teaching of Jesus and it is the deepest meaning of the Eucharistic manna. For the body and blood of the Lord in the Eucharist are a body broken for others and a blood poured out in sacrifice for others. To receive this sacrificial body and blood is to commit oneself unalterably to the loving service that they signify. Thus, a mysterious and wonderful bonding occurs between Jesus and the Christian, not just from receiving the Eucharist, but also from living the love and unselfishness of Jesus.” –Demetrius Dumm, OSB**