

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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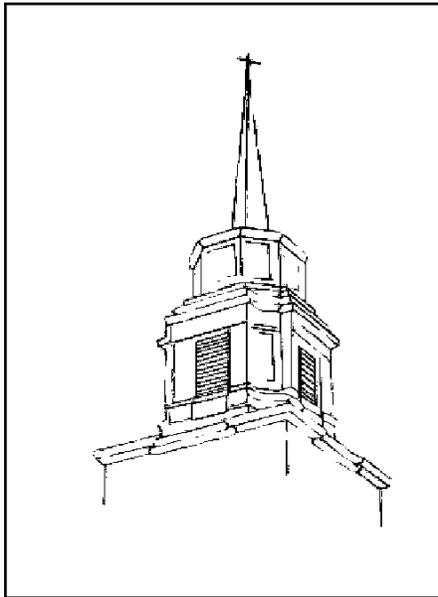
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

Music Ministry

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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

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

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 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

Monday, June 22, 2020

6:15 PM **In Honor of Rich Riley's 69th Birthday**, req. by Family

Tuesday, June 23, 2020

6:15 PM **Lolita Catalan**, req. by Family

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

6:15 PM **Patricia Larson**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, June 25, 2020

6:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Friends

Friday, June 26, 2020

6:15 PM **Carol Iaconi**, req. by a Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, June 27, 2020

4:15 PM **Joseph Morrissey**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Joseph Comeau**, req. by Family

Sunday, June 28, 2020

8:00 AM **Rose and Al Johnson, Sr.**, req. by Family; **Frances and David Vautrain**, req. by Niece Barbara Thompson

10:15 AM **For all Victims of Covid-19**, req. by Family and Friends

12:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Scott and Gwendolyn Gow**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

At the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, this year's Catechumens and members of the RCIA class will be fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Congratulations to Megan Aucoin, Steisy Ayala, Danielle Chin, Taiwana Jakubiak, Brandon Jones, Brendan Shea and Mark Suprenant. As with every other program in the parish, the nation and the world, their journey to this point has been completely different than the path taken by every other candidate in RCIA history. The effect of the shutdown caused by the pandemic is different with each group and program. For those involved in the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults it has affected the depth of their inclusion in our community. One of the delights of participating in their journey is witnessing how the group grows closer together throughout the process. They begin as strangers, albeit with a common goal. As months pass, the seeking of the goal draws them together. Their own unity fosters a sense of membership in the larger parish and universal community. At the Easter Vigil, then, each candidate is fully initiated sacramentally into a community in which they feel they already belong. This dynamic has not been able to develop for this year's group. Yet, the Sacraments they will receive on Sunday – whether Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist or all three – will certainly be valid. They will be, of course, outward signs of inward grace. It is this grace which will help the “new Catholics” to experience a full sense of belonging. Being able to “gather once again in the heart of your Church delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy” will help, too!

This week my Uncle David moved into the house with us. He is on hospice care. I tell you this first to thank you. It is your house, not mine. All these sixteen years I have been most grateful for your allowing me such a nice place to live. Soon after I arrived in 2004, some friends visited. He told me that when they returned to their car she asked, “why can't you get me a house like that!” It is a wonderful building. All of us who reside – and have resided – here are appreciative of your generosity and kindness. My gratitude, and that of my mother and family, has significantly increased this week. Secondly, of course, I tell you so that you will pray for David. My sister, Nora said that she always feels cherished when she is in presence. I know what she means. He is a wonderful person. Pray, too, for all those who are caring for him. Every experience teaches us something. I know that this will teach me lessons God knows I need to learn. Probably about humility (always) and empathy. One thing that I have already learned, and a lesson that Life in Time of Pandemic has taught, too, is that a Home Health aide is a gift from God – and God's servant, as well.

In Christ's Peace,
Fr John Madden

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Introit: Dominus fortitudo plebis suae, Ps. 28: 8, 9

Op.: # 732 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Ps. 69, "Lord, in your great love, answer me."

Alleluia: (Spoken)

Prep: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Eucharistic Accs.: (Spoken)

Comm.: Quod dico vobis in tenebris, Mt 10: 27

686 Lord of All Hopefulness

Cl.: # 627 O God, beyond All Praising

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

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 THIS 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 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 PM*

PARTNERS IN CHARITY has received gifts and donations in the amount of \$55,940. 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.

THE CLOTHING ROOM at the Ascension Campus is closed due to the ongoing Global Pandemic. We are not taking any clothing donations at this time. As soon as we are ready to reopen we will let you know. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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 Hinch newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website @ 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...

SUMMER CHANCERY HOURS- Although the chancery is not yet open to the public, employees have been working in various departments throughout the crisis, both in office and at home. Beginning this Friday, June 19 through August 21 we will be CLOSED on Fridays.

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 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 \$5532.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$160.00	Restoration- \$50.00
Stipends- \$150.00	Donations- \$1000.00
Free Press- \$39.00	

Total- \$6931.16 **Unrestricted-** \$6881.16 **Restricted-** \$50.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$230 IMO Jennifer Lamby; \$1254.80 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend

Expenses- \$14,814.52
Schola (567.84) Administration (3039.45) House (546.94) Rectory Plumbing (268.05) Landscape (600.00) Ascension Landscape (377.77) Lithuanian Wire (530.00) Church Electric (853.75) Rectory Electric (894.72) June Diocesan Budget Bill (7136.00)

Food for the Poor
Income- \$2329.80
Expenses- \$2808.43

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekends second collection is the Peter's Pence Collection for the Holy Father.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Anna Naum, John Nawosacki, Matthew Masterson, Jean Hawley and Jean Kennedy Smith who have been born into eternal life.

Word of Life

“It is good to feel Jesus’ compassionate gaze upon us, just as it was felt by the sinful woman in the house of the Pharisee. In this passage two words persistently return: *love* and *judgment*. There is *the love of the sinful woman* who humbles herself before the Lord; but before that is the *merciful love of Jesus* for her, which drives her to approach him... Simon’s *judgment of the woman* distances himself from the truth and prevents him from even understanding who his guest is. He stopped at the surface... Yet Jesus urges each of us never to stop at the surface of things, especially when we have a person before us. We are called to look beyond, *to focus on the heart* in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God.” —Pope Francis