

"To Preserve The Flame"
SAINT JOHN'S CHURCH

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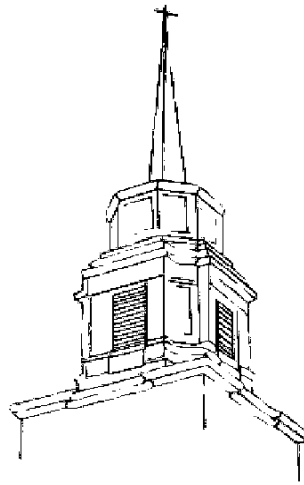
Donna Mastrovito
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Sr. Patricia Murphy, SSJ

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, July 25, 2020

4:15 PM **Francisco Austriaco (Birthday Remembrance)**, req. by Family; **Joann “Joan” Morrissey**, req. by Dave Young
7:15 PM **Dennis Cashman**, req. by Family

Sunday, July 26 2020

8:00 AM **Bill Palmer (12th Anniv.)**, req. by Family
10:15 AM **Deacon Paul Dacri**, req. by Friends,
Joseph P. Gillespie, req. by family
12:15 PM **Carmela and Francesco Luca**, req. by Family
7:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Friends

Monday, July 27, 2020

6:15 PM **Ellen Bergstrom**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

6:15 PM **Juvencio Lorente**, req. by Family

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

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

Thursday, July 30, 2020

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

Friday, July 31, 2020

6:15 PM **Christine Brown (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Sister Ann and Family

Saturday, August 1, 2020

4:15 PM **All Souls in Purgatory and Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.; Health and Intentions for the Family of John and Kerrie Malvarose**
7:15 PM **Frank V. Wright**, req. by Friends

Sunday, August 2, 2020

8:00 AM **Scott Lindberg**, req. by Friends
10:15 AM **Josephine Zalieckas**, req. by Family,
Health and Intentions of Silvia Kiremitjian, req. by John and Kerrie Malvarose; **Ernest Brackett (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family
12:15 PM **In Thanksgiving to Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and Angels and Saints for Interceding**, req. by Isabel Swalec
7:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Elizabeth and Chase Montero**, req. by Family

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Life in the Time of Pandemic has affected everything and everyone. This includes the 2020 US Census. We are happy to be a Community Partner with the Census Bureau. Indeed, there will be a training session here this week for their volunteers. After the 10:15 a.m. Mass on Sunday, there will be enumerators available to assist in completing the census form. They will be in the front of the church and happy to get you counted and to answer your questions. Each day we welcome people to the St. Francis Xavier Center who are known, officially, as “hard to count.” Still, the 2020 Census team has worked to make sure that they are included. We appreciate their concern.

In the first draft of this column, I reflected on next Sunday’s readings. I am leaving for vacation Saturday morning,. Evidently, I am leaving this weekend behind!

This updated and actually relevant reflection comes from Deacon Greg Kandra who maintains The Deacon’s Bench blog:

We tend to complicate our notions of God. But the readings of these last few Sundays suggest otherwise. Could God, in his majesty and greatness, be found in something as humble as a shell, as primitive as a seed, or as ordinary as the earth? Is God something to be caught, like a fish in a net? Maybe. God could be closer than we realize.

Again and again, the Gospel calls us back to the basics. A seed of love. The yeast of compassion. A pearl of humility and hope.

Maybe, Jesus says, we misunderstand what makes God grand—what makes God so wondrous. It’s just that simple. Just that small. And just that overwhelming.

God loves all simple things. For God is the simplest of all.

My prayers that you have a great week. I look forward to being back with you soon. I have already started reflecting on the Sunday readings!

In Christ’s Peace,
Fr. John Madden

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEK'S HYMNS

Int.: Deus in loco sancto suo, Ps 68: 6, 7, 36
(God is in his holy dwelling place...)

Op.: The God of Abraham Praise LEONI

Ps. 119, "Lord, I love your commands."

Prep.: # 572 I Sing the Mighty Power of God MOZART

Comm.: Simile est regnum caelorum, Mt 13: 45, 46

(The Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls...)

722 The Reign of God McKEE

Cl.: # 720 The Kingdom of God LAUDATE DOMINUM

THIS SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

REMINDER:

Holy Communion will be distributed at 11:30 AM on Sunday morning and Confessions will be heard on Saturday at 3:00 PM.

For both, please enter off of Harding Street and proceed behind the rectory and church to the communion station/confessional. Please wear a mask at all times and remain in your vehicle.

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

PARTNERS IN CHARITY - We have received gifts and pledges in the amount of \$74,490. This is 97% of our goal. Thank you for your generosity in this critically important year.

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 are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the St. Francis Xavier Center, the Rectory or left in the back of the church. Thank you.

THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN DAILY LIFE- A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer. The program will begin in October 2020. Each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes long and will include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter's Church in Worcester at 6:30 PM, adjacent to Clark University. Information nights will be held on Tuesday, August 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's lower church, 929 Main St., Worcester, on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 PM at St. John's upper church, and Tuesday, August 25^h at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph's Church, 10 H Putnam Rd. Extension, Charlton. To read about The Spiritual Exercises, information and application forms are available ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com. You can also contact the team by e-mail at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

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 nonprofits 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.

PIETA-WORCESTER is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St. The next meeting will be held August 10 at 7 PM in the church hall. For more information, call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or pieta3@gmail.com.

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.

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 September 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/>.

DAILY MASS ON TV AND THE INTERNET - If

you do not have Facebook and cannot stream the Mass here at St. John's, 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, and 5 pm in Clinton area on Ch. 8. In addition Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary all continue to stream on the Diocesan website, worcestardiocese.org, and can be uploaded for automatic updating on eCatholic websites.

CAR DONATION PROGRAM- It's quick and easy to do. Just visit the Catholic Charities 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!

Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5182.60. We have also received:

Electronic- \$9249.47	Monthly- \$75.00
Restoration- \$81.00	Parking- \$35.00
Stipends- \$390.00	

Total- \$15,013.07 **Unrestricted-** \$14,932.07 **Restricted-** \$81.00

FOOD FOR THE POOR: \$25 from a friend; \$100 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$97.50 from a friend; \$150 from a friend; \$50 from a friend; \$25 from a friend; \$25 IMO Doreen Kaminski; \$100 IMO Sue Moynagh; \$25 IMO Francina Warner; \$50 IMO Phyllis Chaban; \$50 IMO Joan Morrissey

Expenses- \$6611.78

Administration (2710.82) Church Water and Sewer (426.13) Rectory Water and Sewer (1456.77) Ascension Water and Sewer (986.42) Office (108.26) Federal Payroll Taxes (923.38)

Food for the Poor

Income- \$5127.20
Expenses- \$1848.47

There is one collection this weekend. Next weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

Our Parish Community...

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of Jack McKenna, Carlton Haserlig and Fr. Charles Borowski who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Michael Jeffrey Foley who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

Word of Life

“God loves us, treats us with respect, and asks us to do the same with others. ... No one should ever be treated callously or carelessly—everyone should be cherished and protected!”

Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan