

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

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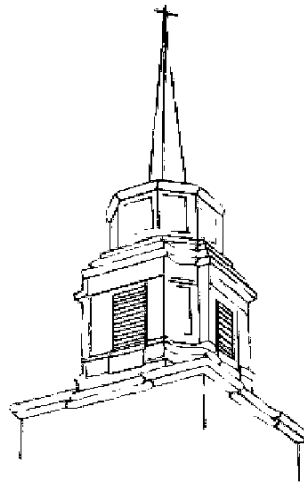
Donna Mastrovito  
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**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](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, 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; **Gail M. Gully (2nd Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Health and Intentions of Elizabeth and Chase Montero**, req. by Family

Monday, August 3, 2020

6:15 PM **Joe Comeau**, req. by Family

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

6:15 PM **In Memory of the Boyle Family**

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

6:15 PM **William A. Leary, Jr.**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Thursday, August 6, 2020

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

Friday, August 7, 2020

6:15 PM **Marge Royka**, req. by Frank Carroll and Family

Saturday, August 8, 2020

4:15 PM **Msgr. Ed Tinsley**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, req. by Friends

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:00 AM **Jim and Elsie Gannon**, req. by Family

10:15 AM **For the Holy Souls in Purgatory**, req. by Isabel Swalec, **Health and Intentions of John Malvarose**, req. by Wife

12:15 PM **Lawrence Seymour (10th Anniv.)**, req. by Family

7:15 PM **Marie Young**, req. by Dave Young

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

Dear Friends in the Lord,

Last Sunday night, some friends/parishioners texted me to see how I was doing. People are genuinely nice to me. I replied that I was in Maine, reading a new biography of Dorothy Day, so doing great! They retorted: "Send the title if you recommend." I, of course, recommend everything written by and nearly everything written about Dorothy. The title is: "Dorothy Day: Dissenting Voice of the American Century." The authors are John Loughery and Blythe Randolph. Though I am not quite finished, I recommend it highly. It is being marketed as the first full-length biography of her in forty years. Unless something changes in the last 100 pages, the book confirms what I have come to believe about Dorothy - she was not perfect, but she is a Saint.

For today, I want to reflect on Peter Maurin. When I was at the NY CW back in 2003/2004, one of the long timers confided to me that "Peter was the saint." Dorothy herself was always sure to refer to him as the co-founder of the Catholic Worker. It is fair to say that Peter was an idiosyncratic person. Still, he had an encyclopedic knowledge of Catholic doctrine and social teaching. It was Peter's "program" that, essentially, became the Aims and Means of the Catholic Worker. Sadly, Peter's decline, cognitively and physically, was painfully long. These days this is a not unfamiliar situation for many where witnessing the process can be nearly as difficult as experiencing it. I thought that Loughery and Randolph captured Maurin well and movingly:

*Peter's death meant rather less to the young people on Mott Street or in Newburgh who hadn't known him in his prime. Dorothy's insistent statements that he was the one responsible for any good the Catholic Worker had done in the world were always taken with a grain of salt. It was obvious to everyone that Peter never would have managed to keep a newspaper or a house of hospitality going, that he was too scattered, too given to wanderlust. Yet Dorothy was right in demanding that primacy be given to inspiration. Without Peter, it never would have occurred to her to start a newspaper, open a house of hospitality, become a spokesperson for a new path in life...*

*Peter could be irritating, exhausting, and confusing, but he was a perpetual reminder that their mission was not at its heart about politics, labor, or even the alleviating of suffering; rather it was about joy in poverty, renunciation, love for all humanity, the examples of the saints and an unreserved commitment to God.*

As is our mission today.

In Christ's Peace, Fr. John Madden

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Int.: *Sitientes venite ad aquas*, Is 55: 1

(All you who are thirsty, come to the waters, says the Lord...)

Op.: # 590 Word of God, Come Down on Earth, LIEBSTER JESU

Ps. 145, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs."

Prep.: # 707 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, KINGSFOLD

Comm.: *Panem de caelo dedisti nobis*, Wis 16:20

(You have given us bread from heaven, O Lord, having all delight in it...)

# 939 Gift of Finest Wheat, BICENTENNIAL

Cl.: # 636 Let All Things Now Living, ASH GROVE

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

Is 55:1-3

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Mt 14:13-21

### **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 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** - is at \$75,095. This is 98% of our parish goal of \$76,600. Thank you for your generosity, especially during this critical time.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's lower church, 929 Main St., Worcester, on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. John's upper church, and Tuesday, August 25<sup>h</sup> 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](http://ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com). You can also contact the team by e-mail at [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto: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 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](mailto:newengland@ivcusa.org), or check out the IVC New England website [www.ivcusa.org/new-england](http://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](mailto: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, [worcesterdioocese.org](http://worcesterdioocese.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](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!

## Financial Report

Last weekend we received \$5319.16. We have also received:

Monthly- \$660.00	Restoration- \$106.00
Parking- \$35.00	Stipends- \$350.00
Donation- \$600.00	

**Total- \$7070.16 Unrestricted- \$6964.16 Restricted- \$106.00**

**FOOD FOR THE POOR:** \$60 IMO Patrick and Christopher Johnson; \$50 IMO Jennifer Lamby; \$25 from a friend; \$1000 IMO Jack McKenna; \$100 IMO Albert Scola

**Expenses-** \$6611.78

Altar (1855.32) Administration (5544.27) House (182.65) Cable/Phone/Internet (630.60) Church Gas (19.00) Rectory Gas (74.86) Ascension Gas (19.00) Church Alarm Repair (276.00) Rectory Plumbing (351.45) Funerals (305.60) Maintenance (77.03) Preserve the Flame (272.00) Ascension Alarm (155.79)

### **Food for the Poor**

Income- \$6622.50 Expenses- \$804.82

This weekend's Second Collection is the Monthly Special Needs Offering.

**YEAR TO DATE**- In July, we had an operating cash loss of \$14,436.12. This leaves our cash gain for 11 months of FY 19/20 at \$79,253.06. Along with a bequest in the amount of \$300,000. Thank you for your generous support of St. John's

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

...Offers prayers and condolences to the families of James Toohill, Bette O'Donnell, Hope Pecorella, Carol Fryc, Mary Staruk, Jane Petrella, Herman Cain and Regis Philbin who have been born into eternal life.

...Welcomes Mia Louise Scola who has entered the Catholic Community through the waters of Baptism.

## **Word of Life**

**“What is the mark of a Christian? It is to watch daily and hourly and to stand prepared in that state of total responsiveness pleasing to God, knowing that the Lord will come at an hour that one does not expect.”**

**—Basil the Great**